

THE NAACP AND YOU!



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
President
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--NAACP March A Grand Success--

On Monday, June 2, the Las Vegas Branch NAACP, served as host to 20 cross country marchers by meeting them in front of the Hacienda Hotel. The march proceeded on the Las Vegas Strip to the federal building. The marchers went to Club Rouge where they spent the night. Due to a breakdown in one of the buses the demonstration did not form until about 6:30 p.m. because of the three hour delay. The purpose of the march was to point out to America and the world the need for human dignity and against Apartheid in South Africa. The march received good media coverage and the NAACP made a visibility impact on the City of Las Vegas. Additionally, the cities of North Las Vegas, Las Vegas and Clark County all presented resolutions in support of the march. Yours truly was named honorary member of the march for human dignity by Joe Madison NAACP National Director of Voter Education.

"NAACP/McDonald Corporation Job Fair--

This will be the last time the Job Fair will be mentioned in this column before it actually takes place, Tuesday June 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Heritage Hall, 950 W. Owens. If you are looking for a job, you are asked to bring a copy of your resume to the NAACP office, located at 940 W. Owens. If you do not

have a resume then come into the office and we will help you to develop one without charge to you. Invitations have been extended to industry as well as service organizations, asking them to come to the Job Fair and to be prepared to make some job offers that day. This is the NAACP way of helping to lessen the high rate of unemployment in West Las Vegas as well as Clark County generally. Free lunch will be served between 11:00 and 12:00.

--NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet 86'--

NAACP Banquet 86' will be held early in the month of October. Banquet 86' is the Las Vegas Branch's way of underwriting the budget to maintain the day to day operation of the office. The time has come once again for you to make your annual donation to the NAACP. If you did not make your donation last year, you are invited to join those who did as newly recruited "Freedom Fighters", automatically you will become members of Club 100. Upon reading this column and realizing that you have not made your donation towards Banquet 86' then you should immediately mail or bring it to the NAACP office. The mailing address is P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas NV 89127 and the walk in address is 940 W. Owens. Club 100 membership entitles each donor one ticket to attend Banquet 86' and membership in the NAACP if

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Caesars Palace; Margaret Hee, vice president of Far Eastern operations for Caesars World Inc.; and Dolores Owens, executive vice president of Middle Eastern affairs for Caesars World. But the ranks of women in upper management in Las Vegas' gaming industry are not crowded.

After spending just a few minutes with Jones, who is called "J.J." by those who work with her, it becomes obvious why she has been steadily promoted throughout her career and why she does not tell horror stories about racism or sexism.

"I expect respect, I demand it in a business sense and I give it," Jones said. "I don't concern myself with what other people say, I concern myself with how I am treated."

At the start of a recent interview, Jones turned the tables and asked question after question of her interviewer, revealing her insatiable curiosity and innate interest in others.

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--NAACP observes Its 77th Annual Convention--

The dates of June 29 through July 3 have been set for observance of the 77th Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will be held in Baltimore, Maryland. The NAACP is the oldest, largest most respected and feared Civil Rights organization in the world today. Delegates from all fifty states and 2200 branches will be present with their families and friends. More than 20,000 delegates are expected to be in attendance, including 1000 youth. Many burning issues will be before the convention such as Apartheid, Sub Minimal Wages For Youth, Voter Education, Economic Development and Unemployment.

WEST LAS VEGAS HEADED FOR FIGHT WITH CITY COUNCIL ON REALIGNMENT

West Las Vegas leaders Tuesday appeared headed for a confrontation with the Las Vegas City Council over the predominantly black community's attempt to increase the chances of a black councilman being elected.

Councilmen were scheduled to consider an ordinance today that would realign council wards to compensate for rapid growth in northwest Las Vegas.

Black leaders have asked that the ordinance be amended to add four largely black election precincts to Ward 3, which already encompasses much of the Westside.

However, their proposal will not be recommended for council approval by City Councilman Al Levy, who

was charged with reviewing the ordinance.

If the council rejects the amendment, the city faces the threat of a lawsuit from the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"I see no alternative but to go to court," said the Rev. Jesse Scott, president of the NAACP's Las Vegas branch.

Scott said that city ordinance would draw lines between the wards that would "render impossible" the chance that a black person would ever be elected to the council.

Clark County Commissioner William Pearson is the only black who has served as a Las Vegas city councilman. Pearson was appointed to fill

a vacancy in 1982 and lost the seat to the current Ward 3 councilman, Bob Nolen, the black community is entitled to a representative of the council.

They said a black person can win in Ward 3 if the number of black voters there is increased by adding four precincts west of the ward boundary. The precincts fall between Lake Mead Boulevard, Washington Avenue and Decatur Boulevard.

The additional precincts, taken from the rapidly growing Ward 4, would raise the number of black voters in Ward 3 by one-third, to about 40 percent from 28 percent.

In contrast, the proposed ordinance would balance the city's population among the four wards by moving some voters out of Ward 4 into Ward 2 and some of the Ward 2 voters into Ward 1.

The four largely black precincts sought by the West Las Vegas leaders would remain in Ward 4, which has been most affected by the city's growth.

Except for the addition of one precinct partly bordered by Eastern Avenue from Ward 1, Ward 3 would not be affected by the ordinance.

Adding the mostly white precinct to Ward 3 would dilute the percentage of blacks and further decrease the likelihood that a black councilman would be elected, West Las Vegas leaders have said.

Nolen, who said he plans to run for re-election next year, criticized the proposed changes in the ordinance as gerrymandering.

Gerrymandering is a term used to describe the unfair apportionment of voters to benefit one group over another.

"Is it fair to make one ward 40 percent black just to ensure that one segment of the community has someone on the council?" Nolen asked.

By Lisa Riley Roche
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Everyone urged to join legal seminar June 7

The community legal seminar "You And the Law" has been scheduled for June 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Heritage Hall, Nucleus Plaza, 932 West Owens Avenue, Las Vegas, NV.

The following individuals have agreed to address the topics indicated: Johnnie Rawlinson - Civil Rights and Employment Law; John Bailey - Starting a Business or Nonprofit Corporation; Denise Lightford - Workers Compensation; James Porter - Probate; Liz Hatcher - Bankruptcy & Domestic Relations; Monet Woods - Child Support & Paternity; Michael Douglas - Landlord-Tenant; Garfield Cody - Unemployment; Karen Grant - Adult Illiteracy; and Marcus Cooper - Criminal Law & Proceedings.

This seminar represents a much needed beginning in addressing the legal needs of the black community. Therefore everyone who has not previously made a commitment to be present, are urged to do so and join them in this notable event.

Bradley, Deukmejian go for rematch

LOS ANGELES—Republican Gov. George Deukmejian and his Democratic opponent of four years ago, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, defeated political unknowns by wide margins in their respective primaries and will face each other in November in a rematch of their 1982 race.

Deukmejian won 94 percent of the Republican vote against Bill Clark, a politically unknown electrical engineer who did not campaign actively, and Bradley took 79 percent of the Democratic vote against four political unknowns, led by flea market operator Hugh Bagley, who spent 7½ hours of election day in jail for refusing to pay a traffic warrant.

The primary's other top race was over Proposition 51, a complicated statewide ballot initiative which would limit liability claims in multidefendant lawsuits. The measure led 2-1 in early returns.

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