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The Black Family

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—On the National Mall in the shadow of the Washington Monument, a reunion began. Alex Haley spoke of roots and heritage. D.C. Del. Walter E. Fauntroy sang of hope, pride and the impossible dream as approximately 25,000 listeners look on. The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and Coretta Scott King talked of the strength of their families. It was a day for celebration, a day honoring the traditions of the black family.

"Slavery was based on the destruction of the black family," said Fauntroy. "But in a time when our nation is seeing the disintegration of the family, we are the hope. We as a people must enter into a covenant relationship. We must protect and care for one another."

The families that came to share in their past and find hope for their futures cheered Fauntroy. And the momentum of his speech, characteristic of a minister's cadence, did not falter.

"Black fathers, be fathers," he preached. "Black mothers, be mothers, black families, be families -- save the children."

Pavilions were scattered all over the Mall grounds, hosting such topics as the work ethic, black family conversations, family values, health care, women in black history, black men do care and numerous other workshops. The O'Jays sang their hit song Family Reunion and Lou Rawls concluded the three-day celebration on Sunday.

The Family Reunion, held September 12-14, was sponsored by a part of the National Council of Negro Women's (NCNW) 50 year anniversary. Dorothy I. Height, president of the organization said that she was dismayed with mass media's portrayal of blacks as a drug addicts, unwed mothers and high school

CHURCH NEWS

By Mary Wilson
Church Reporter

The Federation of Choirs Anniversary celebration is in progress this week, September 22 - 28 at the Evergreen Baptist Church, 1915 Lexington Avenue. Services will begin nightly at 7:00 p.m. ending with a musical on Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

dropouts. She preferred to examine the positive aspects of the black life, highlighting achievements, demonstrating cultural values and the black historic past.

Though the activity part of the reunion began on Saturday, the celebration actually started at 9:00 Friday morning on Capitol Hill.

Several members of the Black Congressional Caucus were scheduled to speak to the members of NCNW, but the South African sanctions bill was on the floor of the House of Representatives and the Congressmen had to vote. Height called the day historic as the women sat in the House chambers watching the bill being passed.

Lerone Bennett, author, historian and senior editor of Ebony said that the impact of the Reunion "depends on what you do when you leave this place."

"The crisis of the black family is in this tent because we do not know who we are," he said. "We must commit ourselves to the unending struggle to search out facts about the black family. We survived in this country because of the greatness and grandeur of the black family."

Bennett said the solution to the problems facing the black family is to "Go back to the future of the black

Church

The St. Paul Church of God in Christ, 911 North "G" Street, is sponsoring a skating event, October 6 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Crystal Palace, 3901 North Rancho Drive. For more information call Bro. David Blakely at 644-0204 or Sis. Lajuana Hall at 642-7715.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churches are urged to send their services and program announcements, typewritten, to the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice Church Reporter, Mary Wilson, at 1201 South Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104. Articles must be mailed or delivered to the above location no later than Monday noon of each week.



—Wayne Nunnely Named Head Coach of UNLV—

The Las Vegas Branch NAACP hails the naming of Coach Wayne Nunnely as head coach of UNLV by the president of the university, Dr. Robert Maxon. Coach Nunnely is the first Black head football coach that UNLV has ever had. Previously he was assistant and then interim coach before assuming his present position. Like many other colleges and universities in America, both UNLV football and basketball teams are now and have been predominately Black. This writer has always contended that if young Black men and women can excel in playing these sports there is no reason why they should not excel equally in teaching others how to play these same games. Therefore, we salute Dr. Maxon in this historic appointment.

—Nevada's Voters League Sets A Community Meeting—

On November 18, there will be a community meeting held at 940 West Owens at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of regrouping the Nevada's Voters League. The league will serve in the future as a screening and endorsing forum to select candidates to run for public office. The League is the political arm of the NAACP. In as much as the NAACP is non-partisan and cannot select or endorse candidates, the League is left to play that role. The actual organizing was postponed because it was thought best not to give anyone the impression that the upcoming election was being stacked for or against any candidate. When the League is reorganized, a list of issues will be proposed and each candidate will be asked to respond stating whether he or she is for or against the issues identified.

—The NAACP Job Bank Develops Jobs—

If you have been looking for a job and you haven't been able to find one, then you should try the NAACP job bank. First, you should come

into the branch office located at 940 W. Owens Avenue and fill out an employment application. Secondly, you should call for an appointment to be interviewed by one of our employment counselors. Thirdly, if a determination is made that you possess the qualifications that are requested in the job order, then you will be called in for an interview. There is no requirement that you must be a member of the NAACP, nor will you be charged a fee for these services. However, we do ask you to take out a \$10 membership which covers you for one full year. Call 646-1662 any day Monday through Friday after 5:00 p.m. for your interview appointment.

—NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet '86 Is Set—

Sunday evening, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. is the date and time and the Bally Grand Hotel will be the place of the NAACP "Freedom Fund Banquet '86." Tickets for dinner are in the Branch Office. These tickets are available to you for a donation of \$100 or \$50, gold and blue circles, respectively. Your donation is tax deductible and you are called upon only once each year to make a personal sacrifice for the on-going operation of the NAACP. Additionally, advertisement space is available in the Souvenir Journal for only \$100 per page or \$50 per half page. Your advertisement will be seen by more than one thousand people, which is perfect if you have a business or are seeking to be elected to public office. Make your request known for tickets or ads early. Call 646-1662.

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