

## \$47,700 TO HELP THE HOMELESS

CARSON CITY — Governor Richard Bryan announced today \$47,700 has been awarded to four Nevada organizations to provide shelter for the homeless.

"This money will help organizations serving the homeless continue to provide warm shelter and food during the cold winter months," the Governor told attendees at the annual meeting of the Salvation Army of Northern Nevada.

A five member board, appointed by the Governor, approved the applications of four Nevada organizations which requested financial assistance, and distributed funds according to the number of beds each shelter has:

Salvation Army, Las Vegas, 126 beds, \$22,342; Salvation Army, Reno, 68 beds, \$12,058; Friends in Service Helping (F.I.S.H.), Carson City, 45 beds, \$7,980; Godinme, Inc., Las Vegas, 30 beds, \$5,320.

### 9th ANNUAL SEARCH FOR TALENT ANNOUNCES COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Young people, ages six to eighteen, it's time to prepare for the 1988 9th annual Search for Talent contest. If you sing, dance, play an instrument or perform a novelty act, you can compete in the division contests that begin on March 12 with the Primary Division (ages 6-9) at 1:00 p.m. in the Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North.

The 1987 Legislature approved a total of \$100,000 in state funds for the homeless for 1987-89. It also created the board to award the funds. The \$47,000 will be spent during fiscal year 1987-88; the remaining funds will be awarded for fiscal year 1988-89.

The organizations receiving state funds must be non-profit and have provided shelter for the homeless for at least one year. Each must have 30 beds and agree to serve on nutritious meal each day to its residents.

Members of the board are: Ida Gaines, Las Vegas, chairman; Captain Kenneth Osbourn, Salvation Army, Reno, vice chairman; Thomas Miller, executive director, Catholic Community Services, Las Vegas; Richard Fleckenstein, executive director, Friends in Service Helping, Carson City; and Linda Ryan, administrator, State Welfare Division.

The Junior Division (ages 10-14) will be held on March 19 and the Senior Division (ages 15-18) on March 26.

Entry forms may be obtained at the Reed Whipple Cultural Center or call 386-6211. Forms must be received at least one week prior to the contest for your age group. There is a \$5.00 registration fee per participant.

### NOTICE

Effective February 17, 1988, the Housing Authority of the City of North Las Vegas, will suspend, until further notice, the taking of applications for all Section-8 programs.

Effective February 17, 1988, the Housing Authority of the City of North Las Vegas, will be accepting applications in all bedroom sizes (0.1.2.3.4) for HUD-aided public housing units owned and operated by the Housing Authority of the City of North Las Vegas.

Applications will be taken on WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ONLY between the hours of 9:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M. Please bring verification of income, social security cards, and birth certificates for all household members.

Gustavo Ramos, Jr.  
Executive Director

## NUL Reports 'State of Black America' To Million Viewers

by Larry Still  
NNPA News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.-NNPA- Although the National Urban League's annual State of Black America report focuses on the economic, political, criminal justice, educational and social welfare conditions in predominantly black communities, the message is addressed to all Americans, particularly national leaders, NUL officials emphasized in issuing the volumes recently.

The document released at the National Press Club here was scheduled to be beamed to millions of viewers via the Howard University Black College Satellite system, in cooperation with the National University Telecommunications Network, the Campus Network and the National Education Association Network with commercial and cable television outlets, John Jacobs, NUL president, announced.

The 1988 edition contains 11 papers prepared by the nation's leading authorities in their fields, Jacobs said. It also includes an introduction by Jacobs, a veteran Urban League executive and Howard trustee who listed a chronology of events important to Blacks in 1987.

Six winners from each division will compete in the Area Finale to be held on April 16. The winner in each category will then go on to the Regionale Finals held in May in Bakersfield, Calif.

This program is co-sponsored by the City of Las Vegas Cultural & Community Affairs Division and the Las Vegas Breakfast Exchange Club.

For more information call 386-6211.

The most authoritative report on the status of Blacks, the documented analyses by experts is a widely recognized reference work that examines the living conditions of black citizens compared to white citizens in the nation.

The topics and their authors are: Economics, Dr. David Swinton, Dean, Jackson State University (Miss.); Politics, Dr. Dianne Pinderhughes, University of Illinois; Criminal Justice, Dr. Lee Brown, Houston Chief of Police; Military, Dr. Alvin Schexnider, associate vice-president, Virginia Commonwealth University; Youth, Dr. Bruce Hare, Stony Brook College;

Black Family, Dr. Charles Willie, Harvard University; Education, Dr. Bernard C. Watson, president, William Penn Foundation; Psychology, Dr. Price Cobb, Pacific Management System; Black Attitudes, Dr. Robert C. Smith, Howard University, and Black Students and White Colleges, Dr. Niara Sudarkasa, president, Lincoln University (Pa.).

Several papers discuss the problems of education and job training at a time when public and private funds are being slashed, it is noted. But, surprisingly, despite the growing crisis in drug abuse, the Homeless and Aging conditions, little emphasis was noted in health affairs, according to the preliminary outline of the document.

Dr. Mabel Phifer, director of the Howard Office of Satellite Communications, said the live satellite television hookup means that with the cooperation of the Urban League's 111 affiliate chapters in major cities, "the press conference will be seen by . . . millions" who can directly participate in follow-up activity on NUL recommendations.

The satellite and commercial TV exposure also means that millions of viewers will be able to get a close-up view of how major media handles coverage of important events involving Blacks for all Americans.

League affiliate officials were urged to arrange viewing sessions through their offices at nearby college campuses where the complete press conference report was scheduled for television. Summaries will be available in most black community newspapers. The document is certain to have an impact on the upcoming national elections, said one official.

## Nevada has second largest population gain CENSUS BUREAU REPORTS ON STATUS OF STATES

Florida has passed Pennsylvania as the fourth most populous state, ranking behind California, New York, and Texas, according to 1987 estimates from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

Ranked 10th in 1960 and seventh in 1980, Florida moved past Ohio in 1984 and Illinois in 1986. Texas is the only other state among the top 10 to move up appreciably since 1960, rising from sixth to third.

Florida's 23 percent population gain from 1980 to 1987 is the fourth largest, behind Alaska (31 percent), Nevada (26 percent), and Arizona (25 percent). The 11 fastest growers also include Texas (18 percent); California (17 percent); Utah, New Mexico and New Hampshire (15 percent); and Colorado and Georgia (14 percent).

Florida's gain of 2.3 million people in this decade was surpassed only by California (4.0 million) and Texas (2.6 million).

Population growth continued in all of the industrial midwestern states from 1986 to 1987 as their economies continued recovering from the recession of the early 1980s. However, recurring problems in the farm econ-

omy contributed toward another year of losses in Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, Montana, and Idaho.

Population losses continued in the energy-depressed states of West Virginia, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. Louisiana for the first time showed a loss from the previous year's estimate. Texas grew far more slowly than earlier in the decade.

All the northeastern states grew from 1986 to 1987, with New Hampshire moving among the nation's 10 fastest growing states. The region's population has increased by 1.1 million (2.3 percent) since 1980 after losing in the 1970s.

The South and West, however, continued to have most of the growth, accounting for 15 million of the nation's 17 million increase in this decade.

The table on page 3 shows resident population estimates for July 1, 1987 (provisional), July 1, 1986, and the April 1, 1980 census counts. It shows changes for 1980-1987 by number and percent for the nation, regions, divisions, and states. Additional information will appear in the annual P-25 report on the population of states to be released in 1988.

## CHILD

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help ground our children in reality, give them pride and made them feel they belong. "From the time that they first open their eyes to the world around them, our children need to feel good about being black. A healthy self-image is the most important gift we parents can help give our children. But we cannot give it with bows or ribbons or even designer clothes.

There are several things we can do that cost very little or nothing at all:

- We can read or tell our children stories about Black Americans. The story of Har-

riet Tubman's underground railway to free the slaves, for example, fascinates young children.

- We can give them black images to look at by taking them to quality movies and plays featuring black actors and encouraging them to watch black-oriented television shows like The Cosby Show.

- We can take our children with us when we go to social gatherings or events in our community, so that they can see constructive black leaders in action.

- We can be a role model of pride. Children take their cue from adults. If we are "comfortable in skins," to quote Toni Morrison, they will be too.

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