

## THE NAACP AND YOU!



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## Community "Youth Speak Out"

A "speak out" meeting will be held at 1012 West Owens Avenue, in the Nucleus Plaza Center on Friday, June 8, 1990 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The topics under discussion will include, but will not be limited to: Summer Employment, School Drop Outs, Scholarships, Drug Abuse, Teen Aged Pregnancy, Census Count, Voter Registration and Education, Banking, and Get Out the Vote on Election Day.

The lecturer will be a very noted speaker in the person of Attorney Thomas N. Todd of Chicago, Illinois. Two years ago Attorney Todd was the keynote speaker for the Las Vegas Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet held at Bally's Hotel. All those who were privileged to hear Attorney Todd on that memorable occasion were impressed. After the banquet was held, Attorney Todd expressed a desire to return to Las Vegas and speak to our young people.

Current statistics are alarming which show that Nevada is one of the leading states in the nation when it comes to high rates of imprisonment of young Black men. Attorney Todd believes as I do, that we adults must provide a forum where our youth can be heard. We will never know what's on their minds until we stop and listen to them with the intent

of encouraging and loving them.

This "speak out" meeting is sponsored by the Committee to honor me in a Testimonial Banquet on Saturday, June 9, 1990 - 7:00 p.m. at the Dunes Hotel on the Strip.

There will be no admission for the "speak out" meeting and refreshments will be provided for all of our youth. Parents are also invited to come along with their youth. The name of the building where we will be meeting is the Heritage Lounge. High school and college youth - Be There! Be There! Be There!

The coordinators and MCs of this "Youth Speak Out" meeting will be Larry Weekly, the Community Affairs Director of KCEP Radio and Linda Porter, an employee of Sierra Health Services in Las Vegas.

Over 1,000 high school students, from every section of the country, will be in Los Angeles during the 1990 Annual Convention of the NAACP, July 8-12, for the national competition in the NAACP's Afro-Academic, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO).

At the end of the rainbow for these young people is over \$300,000 in scholarships and awards in some 24 categories ranging from architecture to physics.

Selected as finalists after competition in their home cities, the students reflect the depth of the academic and cultural talent that exists in the African American community, according to Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director, NAACP.

The ACT-SO Program, conceived by Vernon Jarrett, a nationally syndicated columnist, was initiated in 1978 and is designed to encourage black students to pursue academic excellence. Regarded as one of the most innovative and productive programs for young people in the country, ACT-SO annually involved well over

Talented Youngsters To Compete  
For \$300,000 in Awards at NAACP Convention

ACT-SO participants and winners who will represent Las Vegas at the finals in Los Angeles this summer are, front row, left to right, Nicole Rogers (Music/Vocal Classical), Dustin Bass, winner in two categories (Drama/ Music Vocal Contemporary), Jill Lindsey (Music/Vocal Contemporary) and Rana Hawkins (Dancer). Top row, left to right, are Kai Wilson (Essay), Regina Calhoun (Painting/Drawing), Uri Clinton (Oratory), Tarsha Toston (Drama), Teombe Pickett (Music/Vocal Contemporary), Channon Crowley (Painting/Drawing), Aneka Williams (Photography), and Lashema Cody (Painting/Drawing).

25,000 students in grades nine through 12.

The ACT-SO awards

presentation will take place on Monday, July 9 at 3:30 P.M., at the convention site,

the Los Angeles Convention Center.

## SUMMIT

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literally go down the tubes. In less than 10 months KCEP has gone through two general managers and the present manager seems to have caused an uneasy presence, not only with the staff of KCEP, but with the general public. As listeners and supporters of KCEP, we must take a stance and keep an eye ever alert to see that it is operated in a professional

manner with professional management. KCEP is a public service radio station and should serve the public to its fullest potential. If the employees of KCEP are unhappy, we need to try to help assure that their working environment is bettered, even if that means new management.

We cannot let our media voices be destroyed. We have a responsibility to support both the Sentinel-Voice

(by subscribing and participating in advertising) and KCEP (by listening and participating in advertising).

We need to make sure that other media in Las Vegas such as the Review-Journal, the Las Vegas Sun and all three TV affiliates depict an accurate picture of African-Americans in the Vegas Valley, and not continue to portray us as gang members, drug dealers, welfare recipients and crack addicts. We must voice our opinions to the editors of these newspapers and news directors of these TV affiliates. Eventually, a change might come about. If we demand respect, we'll get

respect.

Lastly, I attended the seminar titled "Strengthening the African-American Family." From this seminar we learned that we need to educate ourselves about our history and improve our moral and value systems.

Many of us may not know it, but it was mentioned by Rev. A.J. Thompson during his remarks, that Adam and Eve were Black. They are the father and mother of creation. Doesn't that make you feel wonderful, knowing that your ancestors were the first people to exist?

One very important suggestion stood out in this

particular seminar which was the need to gather together as a family for at least one meal a week - whether it be on Tuesday or Sunday, but actually coming together and communicating. Without realizing it, we'll be strengthening the family ties - our true foundation.

My brothers and sisters are to be praised for taking the initiative to make a difference. I look forward to our progress and to the 2nd Annual Nevada African-American Summit next year.

Next year we will not have any other events going on while the Summit is convening - no congregations, no trips to Laughlin, no dances, etc. We will have one choice and that choice will be to attend the Summit and make our contribution for our people. Let's have a vision, for without vision there is no progress, and where there is no vision, the people will perish.

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