

RELIGION

PRE-CONVENTION GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA PLANNED AS NAACP RETURNS TO HOUSTON

The 1,000 voice Houston Interdenominational Mass Choir, featuring Shun Pace-Rhodes and Derrick Brinkley, is scheduled to appear on Sunday, July 6, 1991 at 7:30 p.m., when the NAACP presents its Gospel Music Extravaganza at the Charles R. Brown Convention Center.

This exciting event, directed by Rev. Julius C. Hope, Director of the NAACP's Department of Religious Affairs, comes the day before the formal opening of the NAACP's 82nd annual convention in Houston.

The five-day annual convention will feature notables from the worlds of politics, education and the arts.

The convention runs from Sunday, July 7th, through Thursday, July 11, and is expected to draw more than 20,000 attendees.

This year's Convention promises to be exciting as the NAACP return to Houston for the first time in 50 years, and the Gospel Extravaganza has proven to be one of the most popular programs presented just prior to the Convention. "We are certain

that this year's presentation will be one of our very best and we look forward to the hall being filled to capacity," Rev. Hope said.

The formal opening of the convention takes place Sunday

night July 7th, at 7 p.m. when Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, NAACP Executive Director/CEO delivers his keynote address at a public mass meeting.

Joining Dr. Hooks on the dais will be the Honorable Kathryn

Whitmire, Mayor of the City of Houston.

Other notable convention activities include a salute to the Tuskegee Airmen, the nation's first black fighter squadron; the always exciting ACT-SO com-

petitions; a black history film festival; and the awarding of the prestigious Springarn Medal — the Association's highest and most coveted honor — to General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

A.M.E. BISHOPS AND GENERAL BOARD TO MEET IN BALTIMORE JUNE 25-28

The Bishops' Council and General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will meet this month in Baltimore prior to the Women's Missionary and Young People's Division (Y.P.D.) Quadrennial Convention. The General Board will meet June 25-26 and the Bishops' Council will meet June 28-July 3 and over 10,000 participants from throughout the United States and 32 countries are expected to attend.

The Quadrennial Convention and the pre-conference meetings are being hosted by the Second Episcopal District of the A.M.E. church. The Rt. Rev. H. Hartford Brookins, bishop of the Second District, stated the

Bishops' Council meeting will focus on key legislative matters and socioeconomic concerns, in addition to its general business agenda items. Bishop Brookins explained that the A.M.E. bishops will address the Brady Bill, the Civil Rights act and other issues such as economic disparity, housing and drug abuse and related crimes.

The Bishops' Council meeting will open with a worship service on Thursday, June 27 at

10 a.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church (1300 Druid Hill Avenue) where the Rev. Frank Madison Reid is pastor.

The week-long convention program will feature international activities, worship services, cultural events, community outreach and health awareness activities and many other special events. The Young People's Division has many activities planned for youth who will be in attendance — spiritual, educa-

tional as well as recreational.

As one of the oldest African-American institutions, the 204-year old A.M.E. Church has pioneered in religion, education and journalism. It continues to make accomplishments in the area of economic development with its travel agencies, credit union, low cost housing and in other areas such as self-help and outreach services and education (primary, secondary, college and theological.)

Church News

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NEW LIFE

TABERNACLE CHURCH

The New Life Tabernacle church has moved to, 2404 E. Stewart Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. Telephone number is (702)387-5433.

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"Come Praising the Lord" with Bro. Prince Dixon of Los Angeles celebrating 51 years of gos-

pel singing in Las Vegas. Special guest — The Starlight gospel singers of Los Angeles and some of Las Vegas' best singers. Saturday, June 29, 1991 at 8 p.m. Come to the New Light Baptist Church, 1165 Lawry St. Rev. John Henry Jr. Pastor, advance tickets \$6, \$7 at the door. For further information or tickets call 642-4345.

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Andre "The Triple Threat" Ward, son of Elder George and Earlene Ward, was selected after a nationwide search, to perform with the Utah Musical Theatre for the summer of 1991 in Ogden, Utah.

The Theatre Department at Weber State University conducted a nationwide talent search, and Ward was chosen the only African-American out of a group of 70.

Andre will perform in four plays.

The dates and productions are:

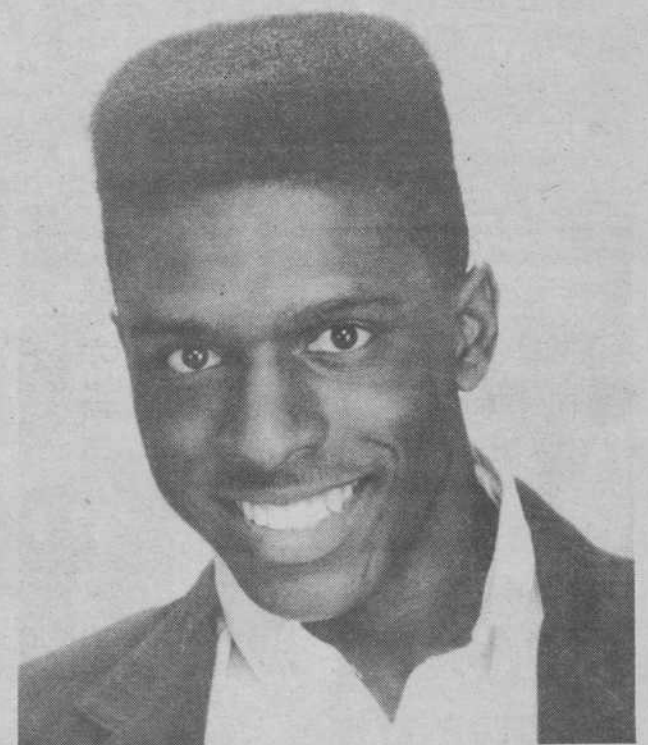
June 27- July 6, "Camelot"

July 11 - July 20, "How To Succeed In Business"

July 25 - August 3, "In The Woods"

August 8 - August 17, "My One And Only"

Ward labeled "The Triple Threat", because of his singing, acting, and dancing abilities, graduated with honors from Bishop Gorman High School of Las Vegas this past June, and



Andre Ward

received the best thespian award.

Although he has received offers from 14 universities

throughout the country, he will be attending Weber State in the fall, and will be studying for a degree in musical theatre.