

# RELIGIOUS LEADERS PERPETUATE SEXISM IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

BUFFALO, NY-Religion and the Black community have long been intertwined in this country. With the recent trial and conviction of Mike Tyson, a disturbing

aspect of this relationship has become prevalent - that aspect being religiously inspired sexism among Black men.

In the recent issue of the

AAH Examiner, the official newsletter of African Americans for Humanism (AAH), AAH Executive Director Norm R. Allen Jr., examines this critical issue in the light of the Mike Tyson and Clarence Thomas incidents.

## MS. VERA NOAD PASSES

Ms. Vera Noad, 91-years-old, mother of well known Ms. Ester "Grace" McGlothen, died Saturday 4/25/92 at her residence 2550 Roval St., North Las Vegas, where she lived ever since her migration to the United States in 1968 from Panama. A native of Jamaica, born in 1901, she was a natural citizen of the United States. She was also a professional seamstress and musician in which was inherited throughout the family. Noad was an active member of the Pilgrim Church of Christ Holyness located at 1515 D Street. She leaves behind to mourn her loss, her devoted daughter Grace, 2 grandsons Van and Gilbert McGlothen, a great-grandson Ratheal McGlothen, and a host of friends and family in Jamaica, Panama, New York, Texas and Las Vegas. The Memorial Service is held at the Pilgrim Church of Christ on Holyness on Saturday May 2, 1992 at 12:00 noon. For more information call Grace 649-4438.

"According to many Blacks," Allen writes, "Tyson's and Thomas' accusers were simply vindictive women who were trying to bring a brother down."

As Black religious leaders rushed to the defense of Tyson and Thomas, the seriousness of the accusations were ignored. "In the case of Tyson many influ-

ential religious leaders hurried to his defense...and the leader of the National Baptist Convention asked Desiree Washington - the complainant - not to hurt Tyson."

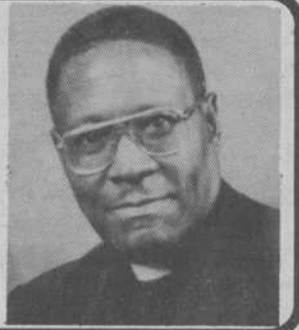
This lack of concern for the rights of the women, Allen suggests, stems largely from the religious influence in the Black

community based on a literal interpretation of the Bible. "Religious fundamentalism and sexism fit together perfectly. And because religion is so influential in the Black community, it should not be surprising that Black religionists have steadfastly defended Black men accused of (See Religious, Page 17)

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## Community Events Calendar

The NAACP will serve as an event Clearing House beginning in May 1992. The NAACP will print in its monthly "The NAACP Today" newsletter a calendar of Social, Political and civic events free of charge.

The reason for offering this service to the public is to minimize the chances where there would be more than one major community event taking place in the Black community on the same day or night. When the public notices our calendar it might choose not to schedule on a date that has been taken. For example, the NAACP FundRaiser was held at Club Rouge the same evening that Delta Kappa Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta held its "This is your life Banquet" at the Gold Coast.

There must be a better way for the community to schedule its events and expect the maximum number of people to attend them.

The more people that attend these community events, the more successful they will be.

This appeal is made especially to the Black Chamber, Martin Luther King Committee, parents and concerned citizens, lodges, shiners, sororities, fraternities, The Louisiana Club, The Fordyce Club, Alumni groups, and churches.

A song writer once said, the more we get together, together, together, the happier we'll all be, because your friends are my friends and my friends are your friends. "In unity there is Strength."

To all groups desiring to participate in this free scheduling of events, all that is required for you to do is send to the NAACP, P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas, NV 89127, your name, date, place, time of event and telephone number.

The deadline for going to the printers each month is on or before the 10th of each month.

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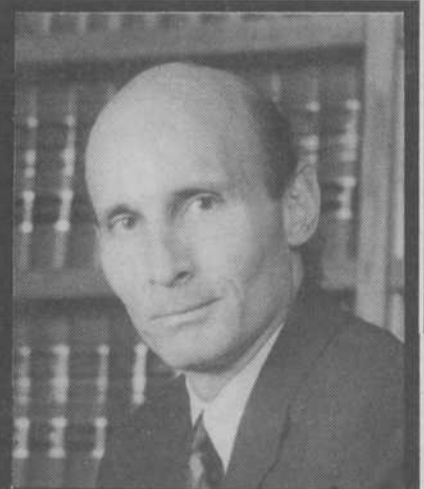
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