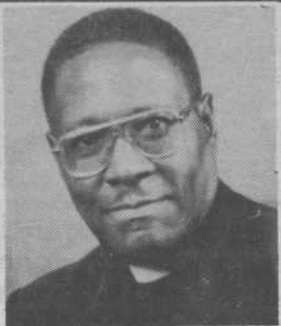


THE NAACP AND YOU!



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
President
Las Vegas, NAACP



NAACP STAGED A GREAT FUNDRAISER

A full house was present on Monday night, May 18, 1992 to witness a very successfully NAACP Office Building Fundraiser which was held at the Moulin Rouge Casino located at 900 West Bonanza.

The program began at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. Carlton Booth of KCEP radio serving as Master of Ceremonies, calling upon me as Branch President to bring words of welcome while greeting the receptive audience.

On hand was Jim "Mudcat" Grant, a 20 game winning pitcher of the Cleveland Indians of the American League. Mudcat gave a detailed report on his stay in baseball and how he had to fight racism daily.

The program was enlivened by the talented singing of Mr. Terry Bradford. Recording artist and National Star Search winner of all male vocalists. His renditions were both thrilling and entertaining.

Governor Bob Miller's remarks were both reassuring and informative. Governor Miller said that he too was thoroughly disgusted by the innocent verdict in the Rodney King case. However, that verdict did not give anyone the right to kill, mame or destroy other people's property. The special guest speaker and the one that everyone had been waiting for was Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, NAACP Executive Director/CEO.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY REV. JESSE "MA" HOUSTON (Prison Mission Pioneer)

By Gwen Walker

Rev. Jessie "Ma" Houston was born in Blackman, LA in 1899 and reared in Arkansas. "Ma" Houston was stricken with polio at an early age; and spent most of her childhood in wheelchairs and on crutches. In 1925 she and her husband moved to Chicago and she began her writing to lonely service-men although a semi-invalid.



GWEN WALKER

When one of them was put in jail she visited him, thus her prison mission started and lasted over 50 years.

"Ma" Houston was a welcomed sight in many Illinois prisons spreading hope and courage to the inmates. She was the "First" woman allowed to minister to prisoners on Death Row in Illinois. Rev. "Ma" Houston touched so many with kindness, counseling and hope. She helped the prison outpost of operation breadbasket which later became "PUSH."

She served on the Governors' correctional advisory panel of Illinois. She died in 1980.



Rev. Jesse "ma" Houston

In memory of her crusade to help others, a center was named in her honor (Sept 10, 1980). Her physical handicap did not deter her devotion to ministering to prisoners.

We have our very own prison ministry pioneer; prophetess Amanda Irving at Moments of Miracles Church and Prison Shelters at 811 W. Madison Avenue.

Dr. Hooks challenged his predominantly Black audience to be very careful in not letting the system make them think that they have arrived and had made it socially, economically or politically while reminding them that they are still Black and need the NAACP more than ever. Dr. Hooks ended his message by encouraging his audience to give substantially to help the local branch of the NAACP to rebuild its branch office that was recently destroyed by fire.

Through the able assistance of the audience, Dr. Hooks helped the branch to received more than \$14,000 dollars in donations to build a new NAACP office somewhere in West Las Vegas.

That is the first phase of raising \$30,000 in our building program. Anyone who did not get a chance to make a donation or a pledge is encouraged to mail it to the NAACP at 4887 Las Vegas, NV 89127 or to the Westside Federal Credit Union 418 Madison Ave. Las

Vegas, NV 89106.

All pledges should be sent in immediately so that proper accounting can be made of all the NAACP Building Fund monies.

Your prayers and participations are needed in these challenging days ahead. Please don't sit back and do nothing. Call me at 648-6155 or 648-6222 and offer your help - May God Bless You.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THIS YEAR'S NAACP FREEDOM FUND BANQUET

I _____ agree to pay \$ _____ per month
or in _____ installments. In _____ check _____
cash or until \$100.00 is paid.

Address _____ Phone _____

All those who qualify to attend the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on or before October 2, 1992 will receive a surprise gift.

TO REMEMBER...TO BE REMEMBERED

Memorial Day Services

Palm Mortuary will be conducting their Twenty-Seventh Annual Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 25th to continue their tradition of honoring our American Veterans. The general public is cordially invited to attend this community event. Join us to celebrate this holiday and to honor the memory of our patriotic veterans. "When you plan to visit one of our Memorial Parks during the Memorial weekend, consider starting or ending your visit at one of our services," says Ned Phillips, Community Relations Director for Palm Mortuary. "The services can set the tone for the memory of your loved one, and can uplift your patriotic senses as well."

There will be one service in Las Vegas this year. It is scheduled **REV. MILTON BRUNSON AND THE THOMPSON COMMUNITY SINGERS HAVE THE #1 GOSPEL ALBUM**

My Mind Is Made Up (Word/Epic Records) by Rev. Milton Brunson and The Thompson Community Singers is currently the #1 album on the Billboard Gospel chart across the country.

It is an important and influential album, especially in light of current events. As the outspoken leader of the award-winning, 55-voice Thompson Community Singers, Rev. Milton Brunson feels that this new album makes a clear spiritual and social statement. The choir was founded over 40 years ago to offer the young people in the Chicago area an alternative to the streets. "Our church specializes in preparing young people for leadership and many former choir members have experienced dramatic personal challenges and gone on to pursue careers as doctors and lawyers and other professionals," Brunson proudly states.

My Mind Is Made Up is the third traditional Gospel album is a row to reach the #1 chart position. This album succeeds Shirley Caesar's, He's Working It Out For You (which featured The Thompson Community Singers). With this type of music consistently making its way to the top of the charts Brunson firmly believes that contemporary Gospel is not all there is. "Traditional Gospel music has

lasted longer and will stay around longer because it touches the soul." My Mind Is Made Up was recorded live at the 2,500 member Christ Tabernacle Baptist Church, of which Brunson is the pastor. Contributing to the sound are some of the "young turks" of Chicago's bustling Gospel scene, Richard Gibbs, Percy Bady, Darius Brooks and Kevin Brunson.

to begin at 9:00 a.m. in the downtown Palm Mortuary Chapel located at 1325 North Main Street. There will be light refreshments beginning at 8:30 with a chance to mingle with various Government Officials prior to the program. The service in Las Vegas will be directed by the American Legion Post 8 and Honor Society 40/8.

In Henderson, there will be a service this year at 11:00 a.m. in the Palm Henderson Mortuary Chapel at 800 South Boulder Highway. The VFW Basic Post No. 3848 and Auxiliary will be participating along with other Henderson Organizations.

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head such an organization. Reverend Huddleston was honored by former President Ronald Reagan, for his achievements. Sam's autobiography, five years to life, will be made available at the church. All are invited to hear this dynamic speaker. The service will be at 6:00 p.m. The church is located at 2075 North Lamb Blvd., on the corner of East Lake Mead and Lamb Blvd. Call 438-0333 for additional information. ★ ★ ★

Alpha & Omega Church announces the Second Annual King & Queen drive & Baby Contest. It will take place at the New Town Tavern, 600 W. Jackson St. Las Vegas, NV., May 28, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. All choirs, groups, soloists are welcome to join us. Refreshments will be served, pictures also will be taken. For more information see Bishop Frank Gaston, Pastor, 3100 E. Lake Mead Blvd., #14 North Las Vegas, NV 89030 or call at 649-6775.

Transportation provided.
Come and Praise the Lord

LAS VEGAS BLACK TAVERN ASSOCIATION Thank You For Your Support In The Success Of The Tuesday Round Robin

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| <p>SEVEN SEAS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE
646-4688
808 W. Lake Mead Bl.
April 21, 1992</p> | <p>NEW TOWN TAVERN
647-3995
600 Jackson Ave.
April 28, 1992</p> |
| <p>FRANK HAWKINS SPORT LOUNGE
647-3350
717 N. Rancho Dr.
May 5, 1992</p> | <p>OUT OF BOUNDS SPORT LOUNGE
648-0120
901 W. Owens Ave.
May 12, 1992</p> |
| <p>MOULIN ROUGE
648-5040
900 W. Bonanza Rd.
May 19, 1992</p> | <p>HERITAGE LOUNGE
646-6995
940 W. Owens Ave.
May 26, 1992</p> |