

ELKS PRESENT NEAL WITH "LOVEJOY AWARD"

During the Grand Lodge Convention of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, held this week at Bally's, Nevada State Senator Joe Neal was presented the "1992 Lovejoy Award", which is presented annually to a person that has made great contributions towards the advancement of all people.

Neal accepted the award during the Joint Civil Liberties Program on Monday, August 3rd.

At the Grand Lodge Convention in August of 1949 in San Francisco, the Elks established the "Lovejoy Award" in honor of Elijah Lovejoy who was one of the greatest advocates of hu-

man rights of his time.

Previous recipients of the "Lovejoy Award" include: Thurgood Marshall, 1954; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1956; Adam Clayton Powell, 1962; Dorothy Height, 1968; Rev. Leon Sullivan, 1971; Coretta Scott King, 1978; Walter E. Fauntroy, 1982, and Tom Bradley, 1986, just to name a few.

The Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World is a patriotic fraternal Order, the largest of its kind in the United States. Within their jurisdiction they have an active membership of more than a half million who have worked ardently for 92 years for the rights of all people.



SENATOR JOE NEAL



DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE Gov. Bill Clinton (left) met with South African leader Nelson Mandela during Mr. Mandela's visit to New York to address the United Nations. This was during the week of the Democratic National Convention. New York Mayor David Dinkins (right), who headed a black business delegation to South Africa earlier this year, participated in the meeting.

"BEN" & FRANCES HOOKS

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chapters in the armed forces and in prisons, works continuously to end racism in a variety of circumstances and to promote the equality of all races.

Each chapter has committees actively involved in these efforts and many concentrate on the special needs of young people.

Some newer programs include ACT-SO, also called the Academic Olympics, which features national competitions in 24 fields (including chemistry, physics, the arts, etc.) at the high school level. Each year, regional winners compete in a final competition just prior to the NAACP's annual convention.

Hooks reported that, during his tenure more than 60 agreements had been signed between the Association's Fair Share Program and major business organizations around the country. The agreements have channeled approximately \$45 billion into Black-owned businesses.

The NAACP's role in voter registration has produced "spectacular results," Hooks said, and its membership is working to make certain the redistricting required by the 1990 Census complies with applicable law.

"Our Youth and College Division," Hooks said, "which operates the nation's largest secular program for Black youth, has developed numerous important initiatives, including some dealing with campus violence, tutorial programs, 'Stay in School' efforts and voter registration campaigns."

Hooks noted that while the NAACP does much of its work within its own structure, the Association also works with coalitions that have similar goals. For instance, Hooks is the chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, a coalition based in Washington that responds with "speed and effectiveness" on issues of civil rights involving the Presidency, Congress and the Supreme Court.

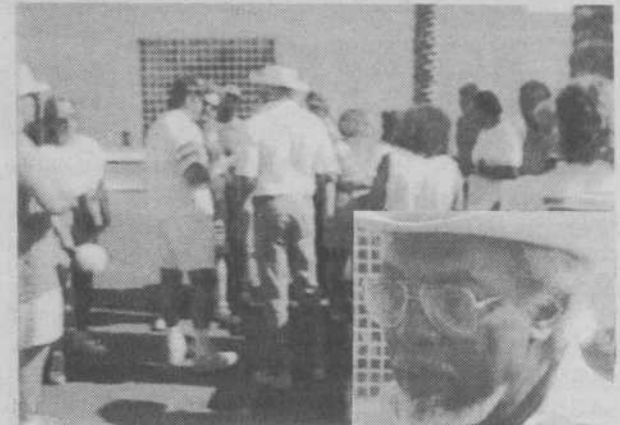
VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE LAUNCHED

"KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE"

Local Labor and Community Leaders formed a coalition and launched a significant "Voter Registration Drive" in Southern Nevada on July 25, 1992. Coordinated by B.J. Thomas - IATSE Local 720, Scott Mackenzie and Hattie Carty - Culinary Local 226 and Bartenders Local 165, the drive was primarily targeted at registering eligible minority voters. The drive commenced at the A.M. and encompassed numerous precincts in the surrounding neighborhoods. They were successful in registering three to four hundred voters.

The various labor and community groups represented were IATSE (Stage Employees) Locals 720, Culinary Local 226, Laborers Local 872, Teamsters Local 631, Bartenders Local 165, The Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, Ironworkers Local 433, Black Cultural Awareness Society of So. Nevada, and The Clark County Classroom Teachers Association. These labor unions and community leaders affirm that this process of registering voters will continue until the General Election deadline which is October 3, 1992. They are identifying and targeting those areas with eligible voters that are not registered.

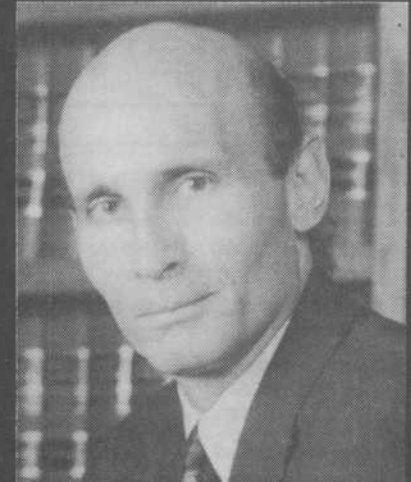
Additionally, there are several alternate methods local Labor Unions and Community Leaders are utilizing in their endeavor to educate the community on political activities and make people



aware of the power in exercising their constitutional right to vote. IATSE Local 720 (Stage Employees) has been instrumental in building, painting, and placing large signs for candidates in the upcoming elections. There was also an impressive fund raiser picnic held on July 11, 1992, which was tremendously successful with many candidates in attendance.

The only way citizens will see a change and make a difference in their representation is through the election process.

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CORRECTION

A cover story and photo in the July 30, 1992 issue of the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice incorrectly listed Jacqueline Martin as the recipient of the Professional Black Women's Alliance's "1992 Rose Award."

The award was actually presented to Jacqueline McKinney.

Our apologies Mrs. McKinney.
CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN!

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