

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

By Gwen Walker

Thanks to the community for helping us make history on behalf of The Walker African-American Museum & Research Center organizers I would like to say thank you to our Board of Directors: Bobbie Minefee, Willye

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Bennett, Maurice Shourrs, Bobbie Troutman, Margaret Crawford, Tyree Carr, and Shirley Barber; to our members: Angie King, Ivan Johnson, Willie Walker Jr., Michael Walker Sr., Charolette Fuller, and our member and museum photographer Mel Davis.

A special thanks goes to our supporters and sponsors: KCEP, School of African Philosophy, First Western Bank, First Interstate Bank, HCA Architects, Seven Seas Seafood, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas Recreation Dept., Nika's Afrocentric Gifts, Native Son Bookstore, Rod Sewell, Clark County Library District - David Mare, Clark County Library District Volunteers, BW Bookkeeping, Ahem Party Rentals, Pepsi

Cola Company, Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice Newspaper.

A special thanks to sponsor Larry Wilbum of Sight & Sound Center who as always comes to the aide of the community. Mr. Wilbum was gracious enough to provide a tape player and tapes to entertain the crowd.

And thank you to our volunteers: Charles Jenkins, Sigma Beta Club, Rod Sewell, Tim Leath, Philip Benjamin, and Carolyn Clark/Bishop's Wife Boutique.

A very special thanks to B'More Security Company, American Fence Company, our entertainers: Ms. Jeanie Misty, Eddie Coco, KFABS, Oscar Robinson, Dollie McNair.

Thank you to all of our vendors who saw the opportunity

and vision of the museum committee; a special thank you to Rising Sun Gifts from Orange Calif. for believing in the museum's goals by traveling so far to share in this historical occasion.

A financial statement will be ready in the next two weeks and anyone interested can call 647-2242 to review it.

We are preparing for next year's festival (dates to be announced) and we sincerely hope that our local organizations and churches will participate.

We must preserve and promote our history. A great history that will help instill morals and values in our young people and give them a sense of pride in themselves. Once they have pride in themselves they will respect themselves as well as the life and property of others.

I don't quite understand how we can separate the importance of nourishing the physical and mental person before the spiritual person can thrive. I say this because a local minister made the statement to me when I stated how disappointed we were that our churches were not participating in the festival. His response was "the churches duty is not to participate in these types



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of things, their duty is to save souls."

We had a great time at the festival. In attendance to present proclamations were Congressman Bilbray, Councilman Frank Hawkins, Mayor James Seastrand, and Mr. Eric Jordan for Senator Reid's Office.

A proclamation is forthcoming from County Commissioner Gates.

Thank you Mr. Franklin Simpson; our masters of ceremony; Channels 8, 3, and 13; Lillian McMorris, Lee Winston and Mary Ruth Carlton; Review Journal & Sun, Nevada Magazine, Clark County Library District circulator-Newsletter and most of all thank you to the community. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Lastly, but not least, to the staff at city hall; licensing dept., planning, parks, City Council's Office, and the mayor's office. A very special thanks to Ms. Irene Clark, Richann Johnson, Mr. Richard Blue, Rodney Johnson, and Grey Atkins. Also to Rev. Chester Richardson, Rev. Carol and Rev. Cox, and Judge Lee Gates.

We will continue to accept donations; cash and historic collectables. We need volunteers and members, please call 647-2242. Keep an eye out for our upcoming Louisiana Creole Fest, Spring Fashion Show of African Attire and Summer Jazz Festival.

EXCEL
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have enlisted in the EXCEL group and have seen incredible benefit. Former UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian is one of the best well known participants.

Tarkanian, who developed a successful winning tradition as a college basketball coach, has been very successful in attracting former players as well as coaching associates to the EXCEL program. He is said to be adding significant monthly income to his already attractive portfolio.

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African American Reflections

POETRY IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

EDUCATION IS THE KEY

Knowing where I came from and where I've been
And where I'm going is important by all means,
To know I came from kings and queens,
Taken from my land of precious gold,
To be beaten, raped and sold.
Labeled unequal with no rights
Underground escapes, like thieves in the night
Brave women and men who fought for one another
Ignorance was a disease,
Reason was their color
Hear the cries of the children
Hear the crack of the whip
See the women picking cotton with the baby on
her hip.
See the candlelit barn with the children learning
to read
See the underground railroad with the North Star
to lead.
Hear the sorrow of the nation
Poor African souls
Unforgotten history, 400 years long
Education is the key
And with that I will knock
Without this great privilege
the doors will be locked.

Tiffanie Carroll
Age 15
Green Valley High School
Las Vegas, Nevada

COLORS

Don't judge people by the color of their skin,
Because the only thing that matters is what
is within.
Don't let prejudice bring you down,
So put on a smile instead of a frown.
Don't pay attention to what people say,
Just be happy and have a nice day,
Because BLACK or WHITE,
Big or small,
ALWAYS REMEMBER GOD LOVES
US ALL.

Angella Miller
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February 17-20, 1994

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Nicholas J.
Horn
Auditorium

Thursday, Feb. 17

Dedication of the completion
of the Phase IV construction
at the Cheyenne Campus.

5:30 p.m.
Reception
Dedication
Tours

Friday, Feb. 18

6:00-8:00 p.m.
Reception & Art Exhibit
"Issues: Other Than White"

7:00 p.m.
"Chicago" Reception
8:00 p.m.
"Chicago"

A Musical Vaudeville
Tickets \$12
For reservation call
644-7529

Saturday, Feb. 19

7:00 p.m.
African-American History Month
Music and dance program
and a tribute to Dr. Maurice
"Deedie" McGehee
Admission is free.
Reception to follow.

Sunday, Feb. 20

7:30 p.m.
Joe Williams Scholarship Concert
Featuring Joe Williams, Gary
Marshal and Tom Ferguson
Reception to follow.
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