

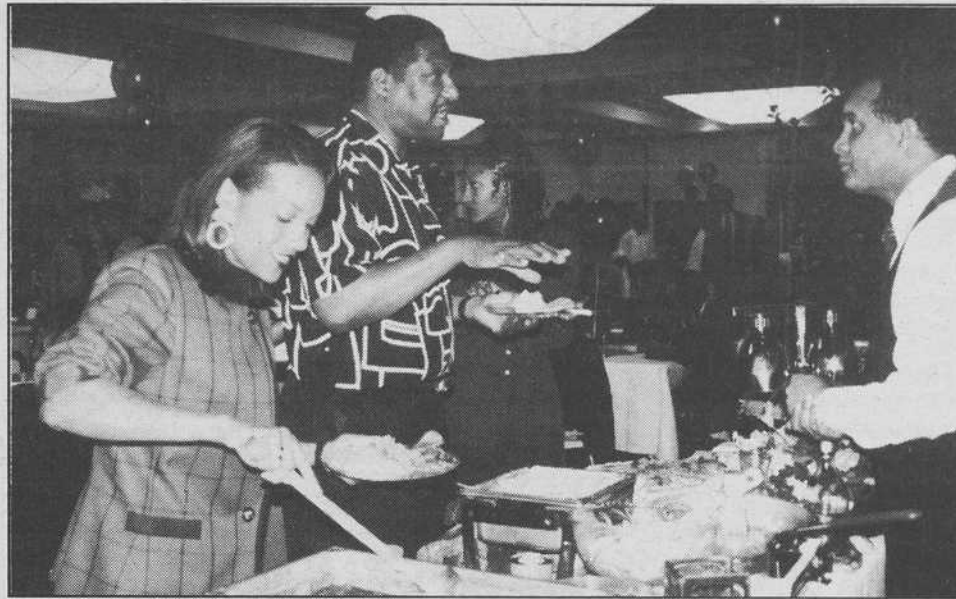
# The Glamorous Life

By Barbara Robinson

The National Conference was definitely the place to be last week. Even though the event is held on Thursday over 400 people attended. Dinner chairman Amy Ahab did her usual excellent job. Rabbi Mel Hecht opened the dinner with a meaningful prayer. A cocktail hour preceded the awards dinner. We were entertained throughout the evening by magicians Collie Foster, Gary Norsigian, Chris Randall, Juggler Tim St. John and Stanley Inferno. Caesar's Palace did their usual excellent delicious visually appealing meal that included a Tomato Illusion or green salad in a peeled tomato, Chicken Transcendental or chicken breast stuffed with vegetables an a lovely spicy cheese, fresh baked rolls and butter. The Abracadabra Chocolate Surprise was a chocolate lovers dream. The dishes' names nicely complemented the Magic theme of the evening. David Copperfield stopped by to say how much he supports the Conference.

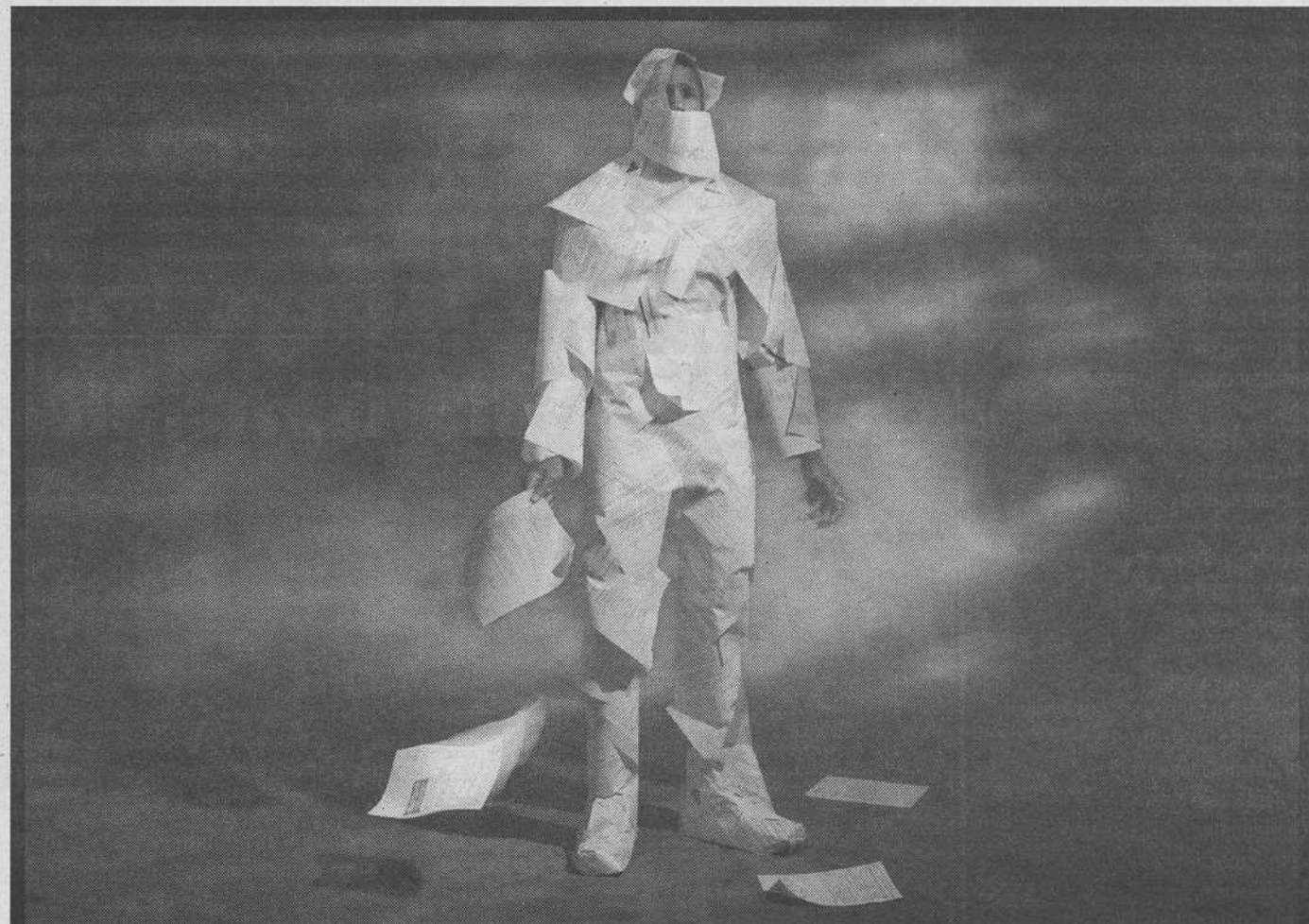
The program while long was emotionally charged. The highlight of the evening was a presentation by Nakatchi Clark who coached the Anytown "Action Teens" a multiethnic group of twelve teenagers whose final song "We Are More Alike Than Unalike" got a standing ovation. The Conference runs Camp Anytown on Mt. Charleston. I saw County Commission Chair Yvonne Gates with her daughter Kamina and astute husband Judge Lee Gates, the wonderful musician "Sweet Louie", Edward Bernstein, chairman of the board, Bessie Bragg, Thalia Dondero, Wendell Williams, Matthew Callister, Marsha and David Washington, Judge Yarchever and Edith Katz-Yarchever, Brenda representing Senator Bryant. You can always tell when it's an election year. I saw Bob Seal, state treasurer who is running for Congress. I saw Brook Compton who is running

for Paul Christianson's seat on the County Commission, Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Pappa, Regent Shelley Berkley, Sheriff Jerry Keller, Kathy Augustine, Ray Rawson among others. The awardees Dora (Harris) La Grande was introduced by Billy Vassiliadis, Richard Steele was introduced by Frank Hawkins, Jean Nidetch was introduced by Dave Washington, John Tait was introduced by Selma Bartlett, Tom Saitta was introduced by Mayor Jan Jones, Dave Griego



Participants of the Gourmet Glazer dig deep into the variety of dishes provided by local chefs and LABSE cooks. Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

was introduced by Chuck Lenzie. This is the sixth year the Las Vegas Association of Black School Educators, LABSE have held their annual Gourmet Grazer. A scholarship fund raiser, The Grazer is the idea of Carole Reedom. The event spotlights the work of the black chefs employed at the various strip hotels. There was a lot of food, and all of it was delicious. I parked my diet at the door as I ate and ate and ate. I saw Yolanda Arrington, Sybil Johnson, Jim Toler, Noreen Thornhill, Maliaka Williams the Rhodes Scholar and her parents Dr. and Mrs. Herschel Williams, LABSE president Gerry Cooper, (See Glamorous Life, Page 16)



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