

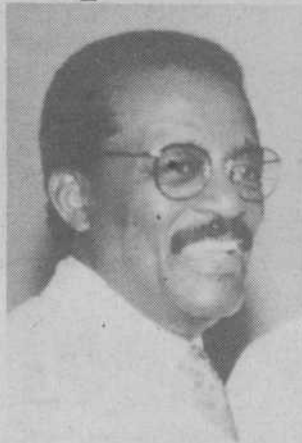
Cochran to speak at banquet

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Celebrity attorney Johnnie Cochran, Jr. will be the keynote speaker at the 12th Annual Scholarship Banquet of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association on Saturday, March 14th at the Monte Carlo Hotel.

Raised in northern and southern California, Cochran completed a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at U.C.L.A. in 1959 and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence at Loyola University School of Law in 1962.

Since becoming a member of the California Bar Association in 1963, he has worked as a Los Angeles Deputy City Attorney, an Assistant District Attorney, and a private-practice trial lawyer in civil and criminal cases, some of them high profile. He specializes in personal injury



JOHNNIE COCHRAN, JR. litigation, entertainment law, public financing, and criminal defense.

During the course of his career, Cochran has received a variety of awards from legal and social groups including the NAACP and the California Association of Black Lawyers.

Much of the highest praise came in response to cases he

took to trial involving civil rights and police brutality. He is currently undertaking a well publicized case against the New York Police Department.

Johnnie Cochran, Jr. has enjoyed a good deal of time in the spotlight, with appearances on television shows including "Headlines on Trial" and "48 Hours," and in several magazines including *Ebony* and *People*.

Since garnering national attention for his performance in the sensational O.J. Simpson trial, he has racked up an impressive list of commencement and keynote speaking engagements.

The scholarship banquet begins at 6:00 P.M. with no-hosted cocktails, followed by a catered dinner at 7:00 P.M. Tickets can be purchased for \$75. For more information, call 585-1862.



David Hoggard, Sr. (left) and Rev. Jesse Scott (right) show their support for Senator Joe Neal's bid for the gubernatorial post at the recent fundraiser.

Neal

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gaming only pays 518 million dollars in taxes a year while citizens shell out 2.2 billion dollars a year in taxes and fees.

"The people cannot bear anymore taxes to pay for growth," Neal said.

Many of his supporters think the gaming tax issue could handicap Neal's bid.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for him," said Mary Sanada, a Democrat who said she is seeking the state controller's office. "He has real integrity and is not afraid to say what he thinks. He won't bend, change or agree with someone just because they have money."

"He (Neal) is a proactive man and has a feel for the common man," congressional candidate Shelley Berkley said. "I know that he is a fair, honest and decent man who will be very outspoken as governor and will be an

advocate for what he believes."

Beside gaming, Neal said he would focus on improving health care and monitoring utility companies' actions in the wake of the recent deregulation of the electric industry.

Neal and campaign manager Andrew Barbano hope that they can string together a win running a poor man's campaign. Neal said any money raised for the election will be used to push his message and political platform. He has also set up a web page, www.neal98.org, to allow voters to get to know him.

"We believe we can win this race," Neal told his supporters.

"He would be one of the greatest governors," community activist Marzette Lewis said. "He has been in the senate a very long time and has an understanding of the issues and knows the law."

Musician's heart sings with charity

By Lee Bloom

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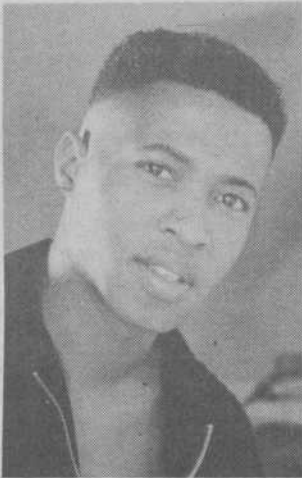
Beginning March 20, music lovers can trek to Henderson's Crocodile Cafe and listen to whispery sounds of self-taught musician Terry Prince.

The Crocodile Cafe is located at 4500 E. Sunset Rd.

Since coming to Las Vegas from New Mexico nine years ago with a friend, the musician has established his own production company, Dharma Ink.

At first a bit ego-driven and stoked by Las Vegas's glitzy allure, Prince came to the "entertainment capital" to find fame and "edging God out" in the process. Death changed that.

Following the loss of a close friend, Prince did an about-



TERRY PRINCE

face, redefining his life's mission. Fame came secondary.

"When you see someone who is young (30 years-old), you realize, 'You know what,

that could be me. (And you ask yourself), Am I living my life the way I want to live it, the way that I know I should be living it?"

Maturity had set in. Prince re-inculcated the values he learned from his family and devoted his life to pursuing "dharma" or purpose.

From there, his talent blossomed.

"I was always the creative one," said Prince, the youngest of nine. Prince said his blessings began to multiply when he gave his life back to God.

Of more than 70,000 applicants, he got the nod to appear on the Oprah Winfrey show where he read from his

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Lyons

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ended its support of the college under an agreement that predates Lyons' difficulties.

"There are some things that we have to do ourselves, and we can't depend on other people to do it for us," he told *The St. Petersburg Times*. "Individual churches are stepping up with donations and things are in the process of turning around. This is solvable."

During NBC's mid-winter board meeting in Los Angeles held in January, Lafayette said Lyons did express frustration at the school's financial condition.

He asked every convention church to take up a collection for the school on March 8, the annual American Baptist College fundraising day. Last year the fund raised over \$170,000.

Kendall Wilson writes for the Philadelphia Tribune.

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