

# KCEP's gospel personalities to enter Hall of Fame

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Two radio personalities at KCEP-FM, the so-called Power 88, have been nominated for induction into the Nevada Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame.

Paul E. Gentle "Brother Paul" and Alice Tugwell are being recognized for years of service and dedication to the industry. Both have worked in radio for 20-plus years. Induction ceremonies, with dinner and presentation of trophies, will be held Saturday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Green Valley Ranch Station Resort and Spa, 2300 Paseo Verde, in Henderson.

"I really can't describe it. There are no words for this high honor," said Tugwell. "I like what I do and I like my audience."

"Feels great," Gentle said. "It's a great acknowledgement, something I didn't plan on. It's great to be recognized for what you do in the community."

"I thank God for the talents and the opportunity to use my talents each week to minister on the radio," Gentle



*'Brother Paul'  
and  
'Sister Alice'  
welcome  
induction*



said. "It's really a challenge to stay on top of the music and a challenge playing what the community likes."

Gentle spins the "latest and very best of gospel music" Sundays from 5 to 8:15 a.m. Tugwell plays the music from 2 to 5 p.m. each second and fourth Sunday.

"I'm elated to see them obtain this honor," said Ray Willis, former KCEP station manager. He remembers when Power 88 was a 10-watt station. Willis led the station to its current 5,000 watts.

"Gentle was a stalwart for

the station," Willis said. "He has grown right along with the station. Sister Tugwell has been a consistent trooper. Both have expanded the needs of gospel music (in the community)."

Tugwell is a native of Las Vegas and has worked for Macy's Department Store (which bought out the Broadway Department Stores) for 37 years as a sales specialist. She began her radio career in 1978, when she played gospel music for KVOV-AM-1280 before moving over to Power 88 in 1981. Also known as "The New Urban

Legend," the station is located at 330 W. Washington Ave.

"Broadcast has given me an opportunity to serve the community. It excites me to talk about it," Tugwell said. "I minister to our senior citizens and those who enjoy that kind of music."

"That kind of music" for

her is Mahalia Jackson, Lee Williams and the Jackson Southerners. Tugwell calls it "that good ole down home music."

"I'm very happy for them," said KCEP station manager Lee Winston. "It's a fitting tribute to them. Brother Paul is like a rock. He is the cornerstone of KCEP's gospel music. Sister Tugwell has been involved in gospel music and church activities for many years. They are both rooted in the community and that is why they have been committed to broadcasting. They warrant this accolade."

Gentle is a native of San Francisco who moved to Vegas in 1978. He was raised in his grandfather's church, Greater New St. John Baptist Church, where he sang in choirs and was involved in church activities. He holds an Associate's degree from

Cuesta Community College in San Luis Obispo, Calif. received a Bachelor of Science degree in social work from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

Gentle's radio career began in 1979 at UNLV's KUNV-91.5 FM. He switched to Power 88 in 1983. He currently works for the Department of Juvenile Justice Services. He is a licensed social worker and has POST Academy certification as a juvenile probation officer.

"The message is in the music and the music uplifts and encourages many people," Gentle said.

Gentle and wife, Audrey, have been married 12 years. They have a son, Eric, 11. Tugwell has a daughter, Hattie Maurice Gatlin, a grandson, Taylor LaMarr Denson. For more information, call (702) 794-4994.

## Shooting victim has no insurance Doctors say man, 19, will need more operations

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An incidental shooting by a North Las Vegas police officer, responding to a second report of gunshots being fired, has left one man in the hospital fighting to regain normal life. His family is in grave despair over the prospect of what the future entails.

Lamar Kiles, 18, the father of a five-month-old son, was "mistakenly shot" by a North Las Vegas (NLV) police officer on the morning of Aug. 13. Moments before he was shot, Kiles was holding the child.

Police are saying officer Robinson Reed was faced with a life-threatening judgment call before firing his 12-gauge shotgun at Kiles. The shotgun blast shattered Kiles' pelvis.

Kiles remains unconscious and in critical condition at University Medical Center. There, doctors have told his family that he must undergo a series of surgeries and has little chance of ever walking again. He is likely to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair, doctors said.

Reed, a seven-year veteran who has received service commendation for extraordinary dedication and volunteering in police outreach programs, was on paid administrative leave while the department investigates the shooting. Reed and five other officers responded to the scene of shots being fired, allegedly by opposing gangs members.

Justin Roberts, police public information officer, refused further comment Wednesday.

Kiles' family, however, remained steadfast that he was an innocent bystander, who left his father's residence at the Judith Villas

complex to investigate a commotion outside a window.

"My brother is an upstanding young man," said Sherita Thomas, 29, the victim's sister. "I watched him practice and play football with my husband's Nevada Youth Sports League team. That tragic night has shattered his dreams."

"He was the unfortunate victim of a shooting which was not his fault," said Angela Tatum, an aunt. "Not every young man should be viewed as a member of a gang. My nephew was not a gun-toting thug."

Police recovered two weapons the morning of the shooting, but have yet to link the weapons to Kiles. One gun was found about 15 feet from where Kiles was shot, police said.

Michael Harris, 19, was arrested on suspicion of shooting into an occupied structure.

"I'm sorry my brother was involved in this incident," Thomas said during a news conference. "Lamar was one of many by-standers trying to see what's going on."

According to the sister and aunt, Kiles was rushed to University Medical Center and immediately underwent several operations. The bullet destroyed his pelvis. Kiles will need more operations and medical attention. He doesn't have any health insurance. The family is in need of financial help and donations from the community to help offset rising medical bills.

Kiles had recently signed up for selective service and was studying culinary arts at Community College of Southern Nevada.

"I told him to always go to college," Tatum said. "I was grooming him to take over my banquet facility."

## Wine, spirits group savors sweet smell, taste of success

By Lés Pierres Streater  
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About 100 people met at the MGM Grand Resort & Casino to celebrate the 43rd anniversary of the California State Package Store and Tavern Owners Association.

Cal-Pac, based in Inglewood, Calif., was formed in 1960 to address discriminatory hiring practices by wholesalers and distributors who generated 38 to 40 percent revenues in minority communities but employed 3 percent or fewer African-Americans, failing also to reinvest in communities that contributed to corporate profits.

The meeting was held Saturday.

One of the many features at the conference was a morning session: "Overcoming Racism in the Food and Beverage Industry." The keynote speaker was Attorney Thomas N. Todd, a civil rights and education activist from Chicago. There, he was founding vice president of Operation P.U.S.H. (People United to Save Humanity) under the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"We cannot allow the forces of evil to overtake us and control our destiny," Todd said. "We are facing many crises in the black community. The black family is under siege. Black men are either in jail, committing suicide, or being killed by gangs or drugs. Black females are heading households and raising children alone. We need to come together as a collective voice to address some of these issues."

In reference to the problems we face in the liquor industry, Todd stated, "Money is America's God and America's God is money. We have allowed others to convince us that supporting an industry that causes great harm to our people while a few individuals are rewarded financially is acceptable in our community. At some point, we must come together and have a dialogue that challenges this notion and educate our-



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Chicago attorney-civic activist Thomas Todd keynoted the Cal-Pac conference.

selves about being our own worst enemy."

"There are forces outside the black community that are using some black people, especially in the Hip Hop music world, to undermine the institutions we have counted on in the black community for our strength, our black churches and the black press," Todd said.

"What we must do in this war is challenge not only those who are outside but those present in our community who are willing to be paid to curse God, call our sisters and mothers 'B's' and 'H's'. Since it's about money, we need to challenge those misguided individuals and put the whole struggle in perspective so that they can understand that what they are doing is a

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