

Music Icon Lou Rawls Remembered

Career included giving back

(AP)—Funeral services are scheduled in Los Angeles Friday for Lou Rawls, the velvet-voiced singer who started as a church choir boy and went on to record such classic tunes as "You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine" and "Lady Love."

Rawls died Friday of cancer. Rawls' family and his publicist, Paul Shefrin said the singer was 72.

Rawls' deep, smooth voice was his trademark, and he used it in a variety of genres.

"I've gone the full spectrum, from gospel to blues to jazz to soul to pop," Rawls once said on his Web site. "And the public has accepted what I've done through it all."

A longtime community activist, Rawls played a major role in the United Negro College Fund telethons that raised more than \$200 million. In the 1960s he often visited schools, playgrounds and community centers.

Rawls' introduction to music came in his hometown of Chicago from his grandmother, who loved gospel. He moved to Los Angeles in the mid-1950s to join a



Lou Rawls picks up a Grammy award in 1972, one of three in a career that spanned nearly 50 years.

touring gospel group, the Pilgrim Travelers.

After a two-year stint in the Army, Rawls rejoined the Pilgrim Travelers in Los Angeles, where he sang with his childhood friend Sam Cooke. Rawls performed with Dick Clark at the Hollywood Bowl in 1959,

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and he later he opened for The Beatles at Crosley Field in Cincinnati.

Rawls was playing small blues and R&B clubs in Los Angeles when his four-octave range caught the ear of a Capitol Records producer, who signed him to the label in 1962.

His debut effort, "Stormy Monday," recorded with the Les McCann Trio, was the first of his 52 albums. In 1966, his "Love Is a Hurtin' Thing" topped the charts and earned Rawls his first two Grammy nominations.

He won three Grammys in a career that spanned nearly five decades and included the hits "Your Good Thing (Is About to End)," "Natural Man" and "Lady Love."

But his trademark will always be "You'll Never Find," released in 1976 and written by Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff, architects of the classic "Philadelphia Sound." Rawls also appeared in 18 movies, including "Leaving Las Vegas" and "Blues Brothers 2000," and 16 television series, including "Fantasy Island" and "The Fall Guy."

He is survived by his wife, Nina; and four children, Louanna Rawls, Lou Rawls Jr., Kendra Smith and Aiden Rawls.

The family requested that instead of flowers, donations be made to the United Negro College Fund.

Case Closed on Nightclub's Racist Comment

An Oregon Liquor Control Commission inspector admitted that he once told a downtown nightclub that if it changed its music it would change its clientele but denied saying black patrons belonged in northeast Portland, not downtown.

The findings by the Oregon Attorney

General office were made public last week after concluding an investigation into alleged statements to the owner of the Vue nightclub. No charges will be filed.

Last summer when shootings erupted outside the club and in the downtown Portland vicinity, the establishment de-

cid to stop playing hip-hop music, saying it was following old advice from an OLCC inspector. Since then the club has closed.

Vue Nightclub owner Rami Makboul said he was offended by the statements at the time they were made.



Rev. Al Sharpton (left) and Rev. Jesse Jackson share a word as Bruce Gordon, NAACP president, addresses the 9th Annual "Wall Street Project" Sunday, a four-day economic justice summit entitled "A More Perfect Union: The Quest for Equity and Parity." (AP photo)

Marlins Consider Portland

The president of the Florida Marlins discussed the possibility of the Major League Baseball team moving to Portland with Mayor Tom Potter Monday.

But Marlins president David

Samson got no assurances that local government monies would be available to support the team.

Potter said he feels that most Portlanders could not care less about landing a baseball team.

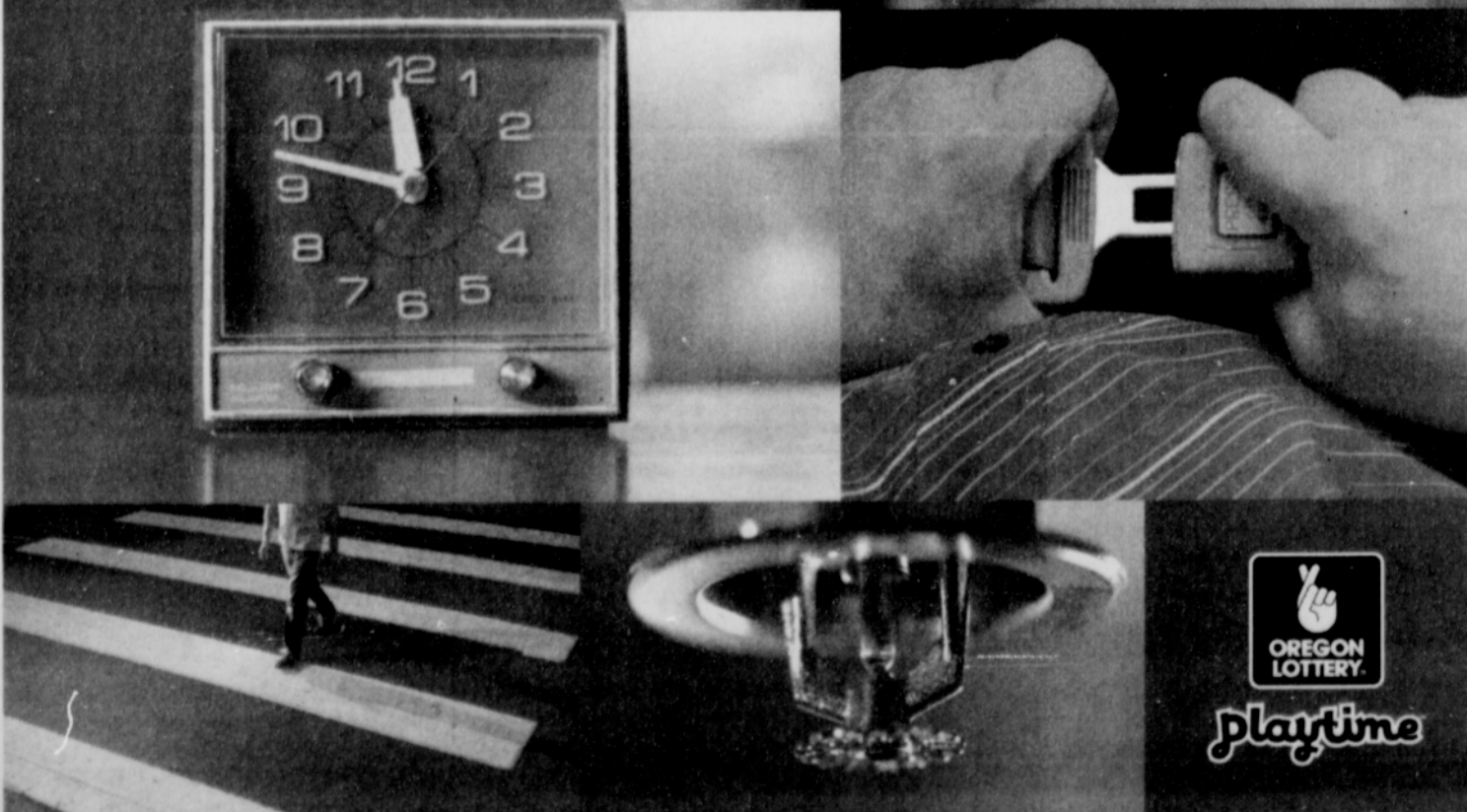
A new stadium plan advanced in the State Legislature in 2003 would have allowed the income taxes from players and other team personnel to be diverted to a fund to pay off construction bonds.



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Rights Conference on Wall Street

Economic justice issues addressed

(AP)—New Orleans residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina must be allowed to return and have the chance to profit from the rebuilding effort, NAACP President Bruce Gordon said Sunday.

Gordon was among civil rights leaders, lawmakers and businessmen gathered at the Wall Street Project, an annual conference in New York created to promote diversity and equity in the financial sector. It coincides with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

"We have to make sure that the housing stock that is recreated is ultimately occupied by those who owned a home before Katrina," Gordon said at a news conference kicking off the conference.

The president of the National Association for the Advance-

ment of Colored People said that 20 years from now "there will be generations of families who will become multimillionaires because they participated in the restoration of the Gulf Coast."

"We need to make sure that the folks who watched their homes washed away are the same ones who have jobs, who run companies, and participate in the economic uplift that I assure you will occur 10 to 15 to 20 years from now," Gordon said.

Gordon, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Alden McDonald Jr., president of New Orleans-based Liberty Bank & Trust, U.S. Rep. Artur Davis, D-Ala., and discussed wide-ranging concerns surrounding the hurricane damage, including financial issues and voting rights for displaced residents.

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