

## Reno Mayor Seeks Negro On Urban Renewal Board

Reno -- Mayor Roy Bankofier said Monday he will seek to fill a vacancy on the Reno Urban Renewal Board from the city's black community.

A group called the Afro-Americans for Black Liberation was organized a week ago and asked officials to include blacks on city boards, including Urban Renewal.

The opening was created when Harry Linnecke, named to the board last week, declined the post because of a possible conflict of interest over property owned by his family.

Bankofier said he has one Negro under consideration and wants names of others who might be inter-

ested. He said as vacancies occur on city boards he will look to minorities as well as the white community "to get someone who will serve who is qualified by interest, desire and knowledge."

There are about 4,000 Negroes among the 120,000 persons in the Reno area.

## Ga. Death Penalty Live s

Atlanta, Ga. -- An attempt to abolish capital punishment in Georgia went down to sudden defeat last week.

Two black legislators, Rep. Bobby Hill of Savannah and Rep. Julian Bond of Atlanta, tried to amend the Bill of Rights of the state's proposed constitution, now under consideration by the Georgia House.

The amendment, authored by Rep. Hill and co-sponsored by Rep. Bond, would have changed a sentence in the Georgia Bill of Rights so it would read: "No person shall be deprived of his life. No person shall be deprived of liberty or property without due process of law."

By a vote of 125 to 13, the House voted to retain the present language which reads: "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

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## JAMES BROWN AT SCHOOLS

The nation's No. 1 soul brother, James Brown, as a farewell to his two-week Las Vegas appearances, will make special in-person appearances at Rancho, Vegas and Western High Schools Monday, January 26th. He will appear at 11:30 a.m. In an effort to encourage a continuance of school, Brown has recorded a hit record "Don't Be A Dropout." He hopes his recorded messages will penetrate.

His high school appearances follow a pattern of involvement which has become a Brown accomplishment at every opportunity. His personal accomplishments



prove "it can be done." He is one of the most wealthy men in his profession, and he has created dozens of jobs. That, in itself, is encouraging.

## Grand Opening

Willie Howard has announced the grand opening of Willie's Discount Furniture Store in the West Owens Shopping Center at 938 W. Owens.

The store has many interesting departments offering a wide variety of goods and services. Their main items, however, are furniture and appliances at discount prices.

A gift department includes candies, of all types, ceramics, flowers and decorative decor. A fully stocked hardware department, a complete glass service to care for table tops, mirrors, and screen windows are included.

A while-you-wait key service is also available. And many exciting bargains are offered to mark Willie's grand opening celebration.

## Annual Meeting For Credit Union

Rev. C. C. Smith, president of the Vegas Central Credit Union, 958 West Owens, advises his body, Saturday, January 24 they will hold their annual meeting at their headquarters. Refreshments will be served and a movie shown. They will also elect their new Board of Directors.

A new service being added, on each Wednesday, are new Credit Union hours from 5 till 7 p.m. This will be a mid-week time for deposits and/or withdrawals. During the same period a member of the Legal Aid Society will be on hand to assist with legal problems.

The Union did not reveal the number of members they have, nor the total amount of their deposits, or debits.

## Just the Facts

by Rollo S. Vest

There is a vast difference between "Soul Radio" and "the Soul of Radio." Or maybe some people are not supposed to know that.

R-S-V

True friendship is the gift of God, says a card, sent out by Gip and Bernice Roberts. And you know? -- they ain't wrong!

R-S-V

For years, I have listened to and admired Louis Prima. Now, I wonder if I was right. The manner in which he builds his performance to a crescendo, authorizes the curtains to be dropped and leaves Timmie Rogers alone to hold the audience and re-activate their interest seems most unprofessional. I suggest this abrupt halt be remedied and afford the bartenders, waitresses, and cash registers a chance for a bit more action. Besides, I think this would afford Sands Lounge patrons an extra opportunity for some added enjoyment. Right?

R-S-V

Just talked with Ches Washington. He is publisher of the Central & Southwest News, out L.A. way, and plans to attend the Publishers convention. Well I remember Ches from the roaring and blazing days of the Courier, and his impact on the growing of Joe Louis into popular acclaim, and into the heavyweight championship of the world. He was a pile-driver and must still be a force. I will be happy as hell to see him, believe me.

R-S-V

Just today I received a Xmas card from dancer Queenie Buckner. The song says: Xmas will be a little late this year. And Queenie is not the late-type.

R-S-V

One of my old and dear friends is no longer with me. He is Clarence Gatcliffe, who taught many a kid to swim during his 35-years at Brewster Community Center. I am sure he will continue to do a good job wherever he is going.

R-S-V

Prophet Jones is said to have predicted America will experience peace and prosperity during the new year. He is said to have had over 90% of his predictions come true since he started his trend in 1942.

R-S-V

The Detroit school teacher who spent much of her own money (for years) to introduce cultural artists like Marian Anderson, Dorothy Maynor, Carol Brice, Leontyne Price, William Warfield and Todd Duncan is now promoting "Concerts In The Sky." Nellie Watts is her name.

R-S-V

We still cannot nail down the rumor that says Bob Bailey will be a potent and important candidate in the coming elections. And I wonder if his stepped-up community activities are any indication.

R-S-V

Notices, this week, came in re Julian Bond. And there has been much talk of both he and Adam Clayton Powell following the Shirley Chisholm example. And I'm not the least surprised with the growth of the Chisholm-image. She could be a wang of an item to again be presented. What do you think?

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