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Reno YWCA Schedules Training For Black Women

Mrs. Gloria Oberg, new director of the Young Women's Christian Association in Reno, announces a series of free training programs for Black women who are interested in improving their general skills and aptitudes. Aimed at increasing employability through teaching basic information in such areas as filling out application forms, handling job interviews, management employee relationships in a preliminary two-week indoctrination, the total program will then include the option of taking additional two weeks courses designed to assist Black women in preparing for employment as switch board operators, grocery clerks, salad-makers, nurse's aides, and other careers of interest to women.

The specialized courses will be offered in staggered sessions during the summer, to allow each applicant the opportunity to take as many different courses as she may wish. Each course will consist of ten one and one half hour periods, and the YWCA will arrange free child care for those who need this additional service. In August, at the end of the program, there will be a week's general assessment session summarizing results and answering any remaining questions enrollees may have.

Culminating the summer crash-program will be a community wide fashion show with all Black models, the proceeds of which will be used to establish a scholarship to be awarded the outstanding Black high school graduate each year.

Public Transportation

We who drive consider our car a necessity. Why should a public bus service be any less of a necessity to those who cannot maintain a car? We must work toward providing some form of public transportation to all areas of Reno, even if it is only three or four times a day. The important thing is that it be regular and dependable.

Attorney Speaks To North East Outreach

Paul Lamboley spoke to the North-East Outreach at their regular bi-monthly meeting Tuesday March 25, explaining the advantages of an all out effort to effect re-apportionment. According to Lamboley, who is associated with both the American Civil Liberties Union and the Democratic Steering Committee and a strong champion of protecting the rights of individuals, representatives at all levels of government currently live mainly in the South West residential area of Reno.

Pointing out the need for representatives who understand and are available to the districts from which they are elected, Lamboley strongly urged all Outreach members and concerned citizens to support movements to require that representatives be chosen only by their constituents, not by the voters at large.



What's Best For Reno

Clyde Biglieri, is well qualified to represent the people of Reno as Fourth Ward Councilman. His broad background in business development and administration is the type of talent that can best serve the needs of our residents. Clyde Biglieri is a 42 year old native of Reno, the son of immigrant Italian parents. He attended Reno schools and the University of Nevada. His business career began as a corner newsboy for the Reno Evening Gazette and spanned several years with the Pet Milk Company, as the Nevada representative. He was also with the Folger Coffee Company in California where he held key administrative positions during a ten year period. In 1963 rather than relocate in the mid-west, he returned to Reno and formed the Washoe Realty Company where he currently serves as president. Clyde has served as chairman of the Reno Board of Realtors Multiple Listing Service, Director of Visiting Nurses Association, Director of the Nevada Board of Trade, United Fund and Toastmasters. Clyde is married to the former Shirley Van Meter, a member of one of Nevada's pioneer families. The Biglieri's have four daughters; Carol, Sally, Maribeth and Nancy. They reside at 2250 Tybo Avenue in the Fourth Ward.

BLACK STUDENT UNION CHAIRMAN AT UN, RENO

Emerson C. Davis recently elected Chairman of the Black Student Union on the University of Nevada Campus at Reno, is returning to his home in Washington, D. C. for the summer. A history major completing his first year at the University, Emerson is a scholarship athlete whose specialty is track and field sports. He was a stand-out performer in the 440 in his high school career and in college and runs the quarter mile relays.

"I had planned not to return to Nevada," Emerson explained, "But my election as Chairman of the organized Black Students at the University of Nevada, Reno places me under an obligation to return and help the Black Students in their efforts to get together and to establish a more recognized and secure place among the total student body." Emerson cited apathy and lack of true equal conditions as reasons for his prior decision to forsake the Western school. "Discrimination is somewhat subtle here," he continued, "but Black students are not in the mainstream of activities -- not truly a part of the school and its functions."

Emerson remarked that the single course devoted to Ethnic studies (a course featured in the Education department and taught by a young Caucasian lady professor) is a "watered down course." Upon completion of his college studies, he intends to teach history at the high school level and will be active in seeing that the true picture of the Black cultural contribution is fairly presented. Emerson eventually aspires to a legal career.

"Black people are not aware of the power they do have," Emerson discussed. "We tend to vote along party lines, at the moment mostly Democratic, instead of the person who has proven a record of advancing conditions for Blacks." Emerson feels that improvement will come only through organization and working together to develop and use the power that Blacks have as a voting block and in other areas. Non-militant, Emerson states that "I consider myself rational, but continuously frustrated. I know there are many who feel the same. We believe in logical methods of achieving necessary and desired changes, but when they are not forthcoming, sometimes have to resort to more forceful methods."

Boy Scout Troop 20 Plans Camp & Uniform Drive

Boy Scout Troop 20 participated in the local Scout-A-Rama, and all three divisions Panthers, Tigers and Eagles, presented exhibits. This integrated troop has a component of 12 Black youngsters in a troop of 15. Scout Master William Moon recently took the boys on their second over-night outing to Davis Creek. "For most of the boys," Moon explained, "This troop experience has been their first encounter with Scouting and with being away from home and enjoying such out-door activities."

Troop 20 is making a concerted effort to raise money for uniforms and to attend the summer area-wide camp. To date they have had car-washing days, and bottle drives, and plan more efforts of this type to insure their goals.

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