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CITY FINES COSMO LOUNGE \$2,000-30-DAY SUSPENSION

COTTONTAIL RANCH CAPER

This informal complaint has been blown completely out of proportion by sensation seeking media.

The informal complaint concerns a black resident of Arizona who, on a trip through Nevada stopped for a drink, turning in at a sign that said "Bar-open 24 hours." They wouldn't serve him that drink. He did not have the knowledge of the other services offered by the establishment.

That is the sum total of this case.

It is ironic that at a time when our highest priority is on equal employment opportunity, that the news media would seize upon an incident such as this as the most newsworthy.

Local T.V. Outlet Moves In Mysterious Ways

One of the leading T.V. Stations, KORK T.V. 3 appears to be giving a new twist to that old adage that a Black man should be seen and not heard.

KORK TV has the only full time Black T.V. Newsmen in the area, but for some unknown reason it has kept him in the background by not upgrading him to be part of the newscasters team. He can be HEARD but not SEEN daily. Only on occasions is he accorded the privilege of being exposed to the viewing public, the same as other members of the news team.

To borrow, if we may, a line for that well known soul group, the Chi-lites "Have you seen him." If not, why not.

Food Service Director's Charges Labeled "OUTRAGEOUS" By EOB

Alice Key, Public Information Officer for the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, said today that EOB officials and staff were stunned at statements attributed to Dwight Turner, acting director of the Clark County Food Distribution service, in a news story yesterday reporting that the EOB had been fired as the delivery service for the County Commodity Food Program.

The news item stating "Food commodity deliveries by the Economic Opportunity Board's Senior Citizen Program were discontinued Thursday after a four-month record of mismanagement and waste was reported to County Administrator Dave Henry," was especially shocking, said Miss Key, considering that it appeared on the very day a scheduled meeting (See EOB page 11)



E. Lyles

Film Premiere.. "Welfare: Exploding The Myths"

The League of Women Voters of Las Vegas Valley announces the premiere showing of its 20-minute color film, "Welfare: Exploding The Myths," at the North Las Vegas City Hall Council Chambers, Tuesday, March 7 at 8:00 P.M. The public is cordially invited.

Concentrating on six familiar myths about welfare ("Most welfare recipients are cheaters," "Welfare takes most of your taxes," etc.), the film rebuts these misconceptions with statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. At the conclusion of the film, a panel including Assemblyman Norman "Ty" Hilbrecht, County Commissioner Myron Leavitt, Rev. Herbert Osman of the Ministerial Association, and Essie Henderson, a member of the Clark County Welfare Rights Organization, will discuss the ideas presented in the film and answer questions from the floor. Mrs. Lavonne Lewis of the League will act as moderator. Coffee will be served following the program.

The film was produced by Thunderbird Film Enterprises under the direction of Mollie Gregory, a League member with a masters degree in Television Arts & Sciences from New York University. It is intended not as a sweeping documentary on the technical aspects of the welfare problem, but rather as an examination of public attitudes toward welfare.

"Welfare: Exploding The Myths" will be available through the League to interested groups in the community for use in their own programs.

The Las Vegas City Commission, in a unprecedented move, voted a 30-day suspension plus a \$2,000.00 fine on the Show Cause Hearing of the Cosmo Lounge.

Commissioner Hank Thornley voted for the revocation of the license, but Hal Morelli, Dr. Coblenz and Mayor Gragson voted No.

A motion was made to suspend the Cosmo license and levy a fine of \$2,000. Morelli, Coblenz and Gragson voted aye-Thornley no.

Defense Attorney DeVoe Heaton asked that they be given 72 hours to file an appeal to the Commission decision in District Court.

The Commission then voted 4 to 0 to grant the request, sitting Friday 3 PM as the date and time to start the suspension.

Many of the spectators upon leaving the Commission Chambers expressed grave concern over what they termed a gross miscarriage of Justice.

One of the most frequently heard comments: How could they do this terrible thing to Elbert Lyles & his family? How could these elected officials ever look or ask for the support and votes from the Black Community?

One spectator stated that in his opinion, the Commission would only render such a bias decision against a Black man.

According to another spectator, he was shocked that 4 men could possibly listen to all the testimony and facts and still come up with such a decision. Because they (the Commissioners) were punishing the Community and Mr. Lyles employees by suspending the license.

Not one person queried thought that Lyles, retired U.S. Air Force Sergeant, outstanding businessman, father, taxpayer, a man the Black Community respected for his contributions, not only to them but to the city, county, state and the nation, would be the victim of outright unequal treatment.

To this writer, one thing stands out very clear. It costs a lot of money to speak out against a white Peace Officers, THAT IS IF YOU ARE BLACK.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Nevada Commission on Equal Rights of Citizens hereby announces that the first Public Hearing to be conducted by this Commission under Governor O'Callaghan's administration will be held on Thursday, March 16, 1972 in the matter of TUCKER versus DIAMOND NATIONAL CORPORATION (CERC #R7-71/72).

The hearing will be conducted in the Nevada State Highway Department Conference Room, 310 Galletti Way, Reno, Nevada, and will commence at 9:00 A.M.

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