

Dotti's Doin's

BY DOTTI ALLEN



Las Vegas paid farewell tributes to a well known, well loved young man, known to friends as C.B. CHARLIE BURKES. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with this young man in his field of music. CHARLIE, being loved and respected by fellow musicians will be greatly missed and never forgotten by those who knew him.

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A group of hard working youngsters, combining their efforts to stay out of trouble, are forming a band called The Undisputed Funk. The kids asked me to help them by pleading to readers to donate, if possible, used or discarded equipment not in use to their band. The band is badly in need of a bass amplifier, a lead amplifier, microphones, and various drum parts. Anything you may have in these lines would be greatly appreciated by these youngsters.

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The Mighty, Mighty RAPPERS, will be appearing at the Nellis Air Force Base N.C.O. Club this coming Friday and Saturday August 24th and 25th. at 9:00 p.m. til 1:00 a.m. The group is so well liked at the air base they have been appearing monthly since April. If you haven't checked them out do so. The admission is FREE, and the drinks are super reasonable.

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DINO MARSHALL, son of Panorama columnist ERNI MARSHALL, flew all the way from Phoenix Arizona to spend the remainder of his summer vacation with mom JANICE. DINO, was quite fascinated with the circus acts at the fabulous CIRCUS CIRCUS, and sez, he will really have something to tell the fellas back home.

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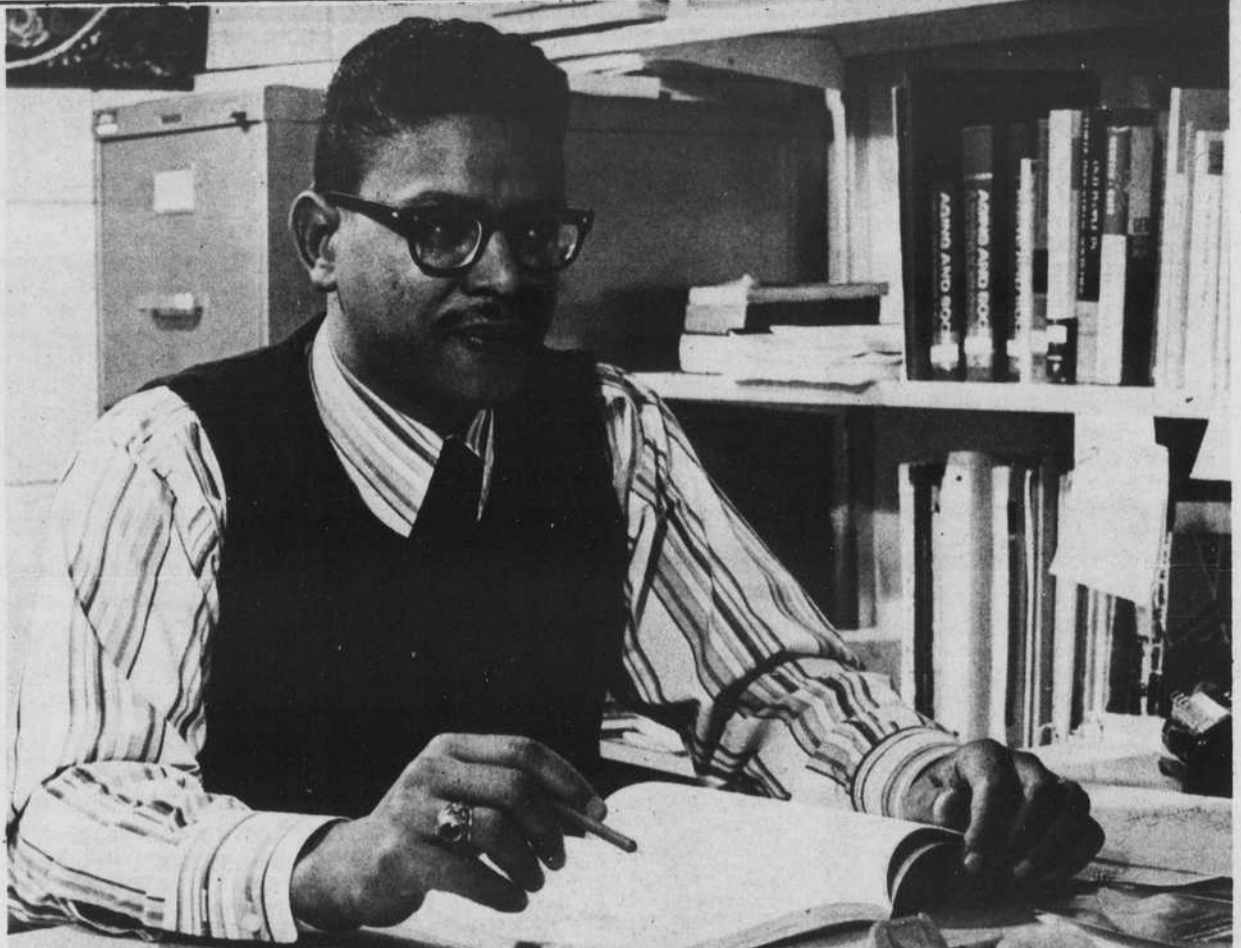
Speaking of the Panorama, RALPH, must have really gotten fed up with the air strip paper office, and the planes leaping over the building cuz' they done moved. Thanks RALPH.

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I walked into one of the local super markets the other day on regular shopping tour and I was busily toiling with the crooked running and happened to glance up at a sign that read "No meats sold after 6:00 p.m.". Wow' what next? and gess what chickens in New York sell for a mere \$2.98 a pound. I think it might be wise if we go to a war surplus store and purchase a large supply of C and K rations if we are to feed our families on the small wages we earn.

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That's all ya'll see you next week.



Louis Labat discovered the depth of the troubles of the elderly in the Alameda County Coroners Office--the end of a tiring road for many.

It was there in Oakland where he saw the effects of chronic illness, suicidal breakdown and poverty. And he came face-to-face with the survivors--husbands and wives in their 70's and 80's--suddenly alone after years of close companionship.

Eight years ago, as a coroner's office clerk in his early 20's, Labat decided to devote his energies, as best he could, to the betterment of the aged. He is doing just that today and teaching others as a specialist in geriatrics on the faculty of the Department of Social Services at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"I must admit, my motive in entering this profession was somewhat selfish," Labat explained in his third-floor office. "I saw the harshness, the torments of old age and was determined that I would never go through a similar experience. I guess that thought still pushes me along."

Labat comes to UNLV from the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned a master's degree from its school of social work. Previously, he had worked for the Alameda County Department of Public Welfare, looking after the elderly inhabitants of the skid-row section of downtown Oakland.

"Social scientists tell us that more than 50 per cent of everyone over age 65 suffers from some chronic ailment--diabetes, arthritis, heart disease. Of course, that statistic doesn't mean a thing until you have seen it illustrated day after day in tenements and hospital wards. It's there where you learn to see and treat these people as individuals worthy of some dignity."

In his first year on the UNLV faculty, Labat is instructing classes on aging and human services. He applies his social philosophy in a pragmatic fashion to his teaching laboratory--the city.

Already, he has assembled the people who work with the area's elderly--nurses, social workers, educators--into seminars and work shops in order to build a streamlined understanding of the problems and how they can be resolved. He is actively putting together a student field placement program with various community agencies and hopes this realistic approach will persuade more students to commit their life's work to geriatrics.

Labat talks about establishing congregate feeding stations to fight malnutrition, free mini-buses for transportation anywhere in town, changes in health insurance and income allotments since most of the elderly must survive on less than \$3,000 a year.

"We must bring the aged back into the mainstream or they will surely degenerate

into loneliness and senility, the products of their realization that they're not needed anymore," he commented.

He cited the tremendous number of retired teachers, nurses and craftsmen who could be employed productively as consultants or tutors to the benefit of all.

The problem of the nation's 20 million old people can be diminished, Labat believes, through a recognition of their potential and their need to be treated as contributing human beings. This is the philosophy which sparks his lectures at the university and all his dealing with the public.

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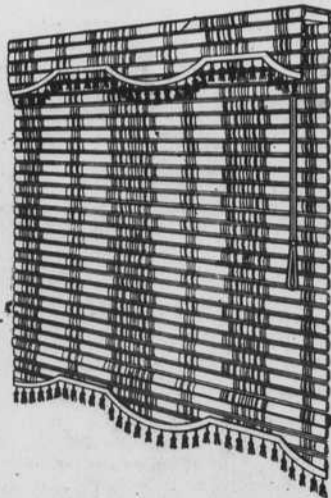
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