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NEVADA'S
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WEEKLY



Racial balance plagues Mabel Hoggard School



Danny Curtis

**Danny Curtis throws support
to Roy Woofter for Ward 3
and Harry Reid for mayor**



Harry Reid



Roy Woofter

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Hoggard changes opposed

The racial battle over Mabel Hoggard Elementary School continued this week when attorney Charles Kellar, representing the Black

parents of the school, filed a brief in opposition to making the school a sixth grade center.

The brief states the most desirable way to prevent the Clark County School District (CCDS) from placing the burden of integration on Black children is to continue it as an elementary school.

The Clark County Board of School Trustees has authorized the change to comply with an order from Federal Judge Bruce Thompson, which states a school can be no more than 60 percent Black. Hoggard has gone over the halfway mark, school officials said.

Many students who attend Hoggard live in the Twin Lakes area of Las Vegas. "By allowing the school district to continue with its plan to turn Mabel Hoggard into a sixth grade center, the children from Twin Lakes would be allowed to attend an almost all-White school again," the brief states.

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Mabel Hoggard

Support urged for BVAN

A community meeting was held Monday, at St. James Baptist Church. The purpose of this meeting as far as we could gather, was to try and bring the Black community together.

This meeting was attended by a number of our most prominent Black citizens. Some of these people at one time or another were deeply involved in our community affairs. However, we must in the interest of fair reporting, say to you that a large majority of these people have not been seen or heard from since the last elections. Which leaves us to wonder if these people are really sincere or are there other motives.

Much discussion was made about the possibility of reviving the old Nevada Voters League. This is another move that leaves us to wonder if their intentions were really to bring the Black community together, or merely an attempt to further their personal ambitions or fortunes.

A few months back another group of young community minded individuals organized a voters association whose membership is open to everyone who believes in the intelligent democratic process. The Black Voters Association has screened all of the candidates who were willing to appear before them and endorsed Harry Reid for mayor and now has endorsed Roy Woofter for city commissioner in Ward 3. All of this leads to the question, if these people are really interested in bringing Black people together, why don't they join BVAN and have one strong organization, rather than try and organize another organization at this late hour, and

endorse candidates that the Black community has already indicated that they will support.

We would like to point out once again that membership in the Black Voters Association of Nevada is not limited to any certain group of individuals. BVAN was merely organized to try and organize the political clout of the Black community and it is actually a take-off of the old Nevada Voters League. The name was changed to remove any astigmatism that may have been attached to that name, and thereby encourage participation by a lot of new people who are interested in a fresh, new, aggressive, and honest approach to community improvement. BVAN's meeting times and places have appeared in this paper on numerous occasions, we also saw the president of BVAN on television on various occasions and he extended an invitation for all interested citizens to come out and participate whether or not they have the joining fee.

Brothers and sisters, we say to you, that if you really interested in togetherness, let's support the organization that was put together with some planning and foresight, and not some outfit that is being thrown together at the last minute to try and further the political and financial fortunes of a few people.

We say to you that if none of the above mentioned things are true, then what possible reason could any of these people have for not participating in BVAN, a organization that is already organized and working.

Black Voters Association of Nevada
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Voter:

Black Voters Association of Nevada (BVAN) was organized this year as a Black community based organization to work for the improvement in our daily lives. Our membership is dedicated to becoming actively involved in areas of community-wide impact; i.e., education, employment, recreation, etc. A membership is open to any interested citizen who embraces our principles for community progress. We encourage your participation in our organization.

We are involved in the political campaigns of today as we realize that to obtain our goals we will have to become a political force.

May we recommend two candidates for the

General Election. We recommend them because they have expressed interest in the progress of our community.

YOUR VOTE WILL HELP ALL OF US!

HARRY REID----MAYOR

ROY WOOFER----CITY COMMISSIONER

PLEASE SUPPORT US AT THE POLLS ON JUNE 3, 1975.

Sincerely,



JAMES WALKER, President
BVAN