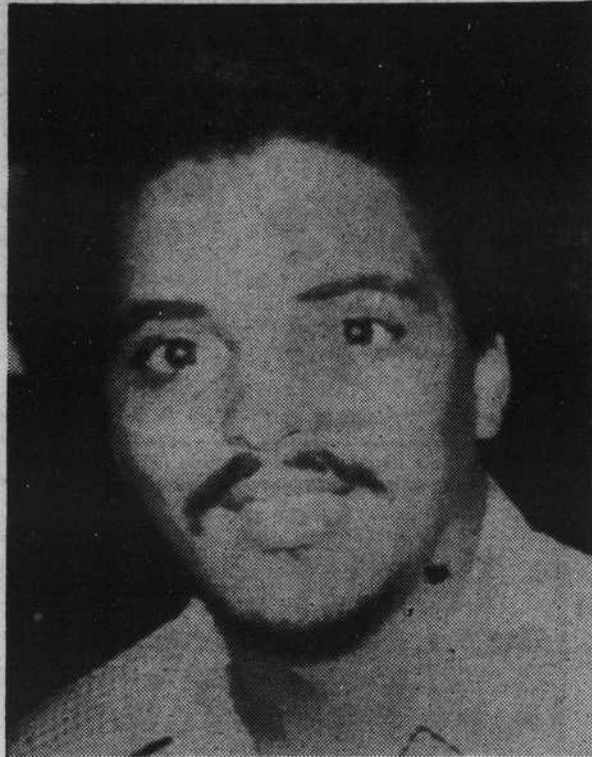


EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK

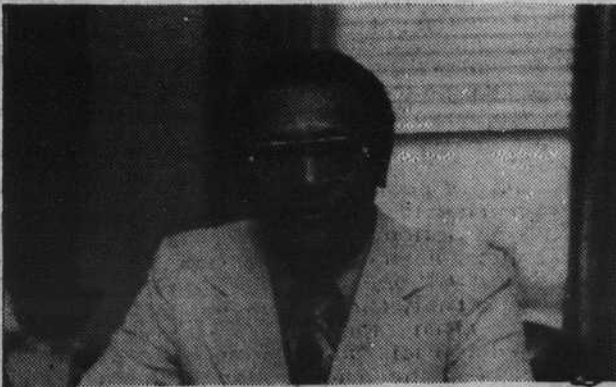


"I WAS THE FIRST BLACK TO WRITE KENO downtown!" -- That's Howard J. Catlett, Jr. who has lived in Las Vegas 10 years (home town is Seattle, Washington). Howard has been working at the Golden Nugget (downtown Las Vegas) for 2-1/2 years. He states "I learned Keno at C.E.P. School - and at the Golden Gate Casino under Red Martindale (1969). Howard and his wife Sandra have four children - Chris, Amber, Erica, and J.J. Ebony magazine gave him a write up because of being the first black to make to Keno downtown. The Catletts live in the College Park area in a new home and Howard says he devotes most of his spare time to the children. He also states "The Golden Nugget is the best place I have ever worked - and I admire my boss, Weldon Russell." --CREED

ECONOMICS:

The NAACP'S New Thrust

The NAACP, best known for its work in the courts, education, housing and labor, has recently entered another area of vital concern -- the economic arena. In recognition of the need to formulate programs and strategies to meet the increasingly complex economic issues confronting blacks, the NAACP's National Economic Development Committee, under the leadership of Charles H. Smith, recently concluded a special meeting of its economic advisors in New York.



Smith, the Committee's Chairperson and a member of the National Board of the NAACP, was chosen by the late Stephen G. Spotswood, former Chairperson of the National Board, to lead the NAACP's new economic thrust. He continues to serve under the present Chairperson, Margaret Bush Wilson, and is generally considered to be a leading contender to replace Roy Wilkins as Executive Director.

From Our Readers

EDITORS NOTE: The Las Vegas Voice will publish your opinion on any subject - praise - complaints - questions - or answers. We do reserve the right to edit, and your letter must be signed with a valid address and phone number for verification prior to publication. We want your letters! At your written request your name can be withheld.

Dear Sir:

Ten weeks after getting business licenses in Las Vegas and in Clark County, Golden Scarab Catering is still unfairly being denied both a license and a hearing by the North Las Vegas police department through their absolute police power control of North Las Vegas new business licenses.

The North Las Vegas City Council should pass an ordinance stopping this power and petition the state legislature to pass a law preventing this license restriction system in other communities.

Repeated visits to the mayor's office and to the police department have brought only a vague promise of a temporary license sometime in the future by the cops. Another week has passed since this last promise by the police department which seems to be tangled up in their own bookkeeping.

As a civic duty in the interest of better business in North Las Vegas the Golden Scarab is alerting all concerned citizens, government officials, news, radio, and TV media, church and civic groups, social organizations, of North Las Vegas as well as similar groups in Las Vegas who should be interested in extending a welcome to new business and industry in the area.

Demand ordinances and laws to stop police harassment of business and industry.

Sincerely,
(signed) Richard M. Brayton
Golden Scarab Catering
1034 N. Rancho Drive
Las Vegas, Nevada - 648-9945

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hi:

This is just a short note for you to please keep on the lookout for needy Senior Citizens to be guests of Pat Ginn at his Second Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Day Dinner (with all the trimmings). Last year, the media came thru beautifully and we hope you'll help once again. I'll keep in touch with you in regards to dates, time and phone numbers.

Thank you,
Sig Sakowicz

TO THE EDITOR:

Life must go on but it is sad when some people do not respect where they come from and the sad news has to come to them through heresy.

Sometimes, I often wonder what a telephone is made for. Ducking telephone calls or not being around at the time of death and our friends that we just met yesterday informs us that our loved one has passed away.

It is going to be hard to live with it on your conscience if you have one...But the for-real people will be around to see all the phonies washed away.

I have a lot of faith in myself - I was around and my friends did not have to tell me that my loved one, whom I know has been so dear to me throughout my entire life had passed away.

I know that I have made a lot of mistakes in my life time, but I am aware of every one of them. I am willing to concede and acknowledge my mistakes.

Some people have yet to get ready to live in this world.

I'll be here when judgment day comes to you all.

Sincerely,
(signed) Lawrence Albert
VOICE Publisher

The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes



BLACK POWER DID IT

Yes the real Black Power put Jimmy Carter in the President's seat. The greatest Black Power is the Vote - the Ballot. Analyzing the election we find that disenfranchised construction workers that switched, Catholics who switched, farmers who found themselves being forced out of business, due to inflation, switched, and most of all, the eighty-eight million employed who found their buying power riddled switched in large enough percentage to help become decisive, switched. The labor chiefs across the country switched and although they had no love for Carter (they preferred Humphrey) because he owed them nothing and they could not claim any allegiance or debt, were forced to make a decision. They could not stand Ford, who had promised to sign a bill allowing full picketing (common situs) and then did not sign it were furious over this duplicity. Thus the powerful COPE organization went to work with other unions and spent \$100,000,000 in an all out campaign to keep Ford out.

But even this was not enough. The tremendous percentage in the polls Carter had just after the Democratic Convention had slipped and the Republicans loosed tremendous funds and an unprecedented onslaught of advertising and all but brought Ford even with Carter at election time!

In came Black Power - the Black Vote. Blacks who had sat on their apathy arose and went to the polls, thus providing the necessary difference.

Look at New York where Carter carried by 275,000 votes. Can anyone deny that the Blacks were the difference? If Carter had not won New York, Ford would have won by 281 to 256 electoral votes. 270 are needed to win. In Ohio Carter won by a mere 4,973 votes. Can anyone deny that Blacks made the difference with it's heavy Black population?

Or take Texas where the difference was only 56,000. If Ford had lost New York but won Texas and Ohio, he would have won 292-246.

But the Blacks were there and they did vote. Jimmy Carter noted that one vote per precinct was the difference. Where is the fellow who said his vote did not count?

Now if Las Vegas Blacks would just unite?

N.A.A.C.P. Presents Their Slate

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE NAACP HAS PRESENTED THE SLATE FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION IN DECEMBER.

OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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