

The Publisher Speaks



It is rare that there is a unity among black leaders. But I was in Carson City last week and dropped in the Supreme Court Building and watched the landmark argument in *Rosenthal v. State*. Present at the hearing were State Senator Joe Neal and Assemblymen Bennet and Chaney.

The reason our black leaders were present is that Rosenthal has been treated the way we blacks have been treated for many years. The Gaming Commission Chairman said he didn't believe gamblers should be given their constitutional rights. Gamblers should be given the same constitutional considerations that nongamblers are given.

It is too bad that the black leadership of this community can't unite in more things. If we could unite, there would be hope for West Las Vegas to improve its economic standing; there would be a chance for the youths of the black community in great numbers to complete highschool and to gain a college education.

Maybe a problem in the white community; namely, the attempt of a man to get a gambling license, will in some manner bring to the black community the realization that it is possible that there can be unity on this side of town. Let's hope so.

The readers of the Las Vegas Voice, who can spare time for a worthwhile cause, are invited to participate in the programs of the Southern Nevada Literacy Council. The Clark County Community College is cooperating with the work of the Council.

Several volunteer tutors are needed to teach English to the foreign born. The Council's tutors meet with students at a mutually convenient time and place. All instruction is given in the Laubach method.

A tutor training workshop in English as a Second Language will be given Feb. 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. and Feb 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Griffith United Methodist Church, 1701 E. Oakey Blvd.

Rolena Black of Tustin, Calif. will instruct the course. Mrs. Black, who serves as director of the Central Orange County Literacy Council, is the author-publisher of "Dear Arby: A T.E.S.L. Guide."

Scholarships are available for those who need them. Director Evelyn Tingley requests prior registrations by persons planning to attend. For information, Phone Mrs. Tingley at 735-4524, Norma Dutt 384-5255, or the West Side Library at 648-9421.

CHANEY(Continued from front page)

Mr. Albert reports that Lonnie Chaney has obviously done his homework in preparing for this legislative session, because it is dramatically evident in the excellent job he is doing for us in Carson City today. Mr. Albert suggests that if possible, you should travel to the capital and observe firsthand our legislative democracy in action, and also that you become involved by participating in the work of the Chaney Committee right in your own neighborhoods.

The Voice will publish a review of the issues as they come before the legislature, and the actions of our elected representatives in the coming weeks.

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"RAPE HAS BECOME A BLACK CRIME" A BLACK DETROIT POLICEMAN RECENTLY STATED. HE SAID IN ONE 24 HOUR PERIOD EIGHT RAPES WERE REPORTED. ALL VICTIMS WERE BLACK. SO WERE THE RAPISTS.

Just the FACTS

Throughout the past year, the staff of the VOICE has served the community and its organizations in every way they could. Now the VOICE needs the help and support from Black leaders and the different organizations.

The community must realize that this newspaper has responsibilities for secretaries, layout technicians, and salesmen aside from other overhead expenses. These are skilled people that are paid from \$3.50 an hour and up. More money than Blacks have ever made in West Las Vegas, working for Blacks. The VOICE enjoys being a part of the development of the community, but it cannot get the support of its organizations.

We've been working hard trying to bring the news to the community about jobs that the city, county and state have to offer, thus Blacks have had first try at these job openings.

We have given free space to churches, and all the organizations.

We have been to court to fight the county so that we could publish legal notices, which keeps Blacks informed.

We have subscribers from all over the state, nation and the world, and a very few from West Las Vegas.

And we can't get Blacks to subscribe to the VOICE as they do the Sun and Review Journal.

To make the Black area complete, you must support it, and not just use it for your own advantage and drop it when you no longer need it.

This is a community paper, and does not serve only the organizations in it, but the entire community. It needs the support of the community and the community also needs it.

All of these things benefit the community. This is why its a great responsibility for the community to read and support the only voice it has.

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By Charles E. Belle

Delayed Development for Depression

There is too much slack still remaining in the economy to worry about inflation. President James Earl Carter's proposed economic package will give a delayed development stimulus to depression hit areas.

The economic stimulus package provides less than five percent of the total money to be spent to increase public service employment. In fact, only about half of the entire assumed \$30 billion budget boost is to be used during the coming year. The fiscal year of 1977, for which President Carter is concerned about starts on July 1, 1977.

There are 13 civilian federal employees for every 1,000 Americans. The lowest ratio since President Johnson was in office. President James Earl Carter's current problem is former President Ford's budget.

Mr. Ford's budget is in effect now and will be until July unless President Carter can call a halt to it with help from Congress. The Ford budget is big with weapons expenditures. The defense budget of \$110 .1 billion is big on battleships and bombers.

It represents an increase of 12 percent from current spending of \$98.3 billion. The increase in this defense budget in one year is at least twice as much money as President James Earl Carter is proposing for increased public service employment.

During the campaign, President Carter put equal emphasis on two goals (1) creating more jobs and (2) balancing the budget.

The appointment of businessmen to the cabinet is a clear indication of the President's intent at least to balance the budget. The first indication of the sell out on jobs came a few months ago with the long-term unemployment goal.

Blacks and other unemployed were informed that it would take four years to bring down the unemployment rate to four percent. This is to occur at the same time President James Earl Carter is to run for re-election. Labor market experts calculate that reaching this goal, with normal labor force growth, will require the creation of more than 2.5 million jobs per year.

There are at least 7,560,000 people unemployed in this country. President Carter and his advisers adhere to the dream that the private sector will have to create the bulk of the jobs in the long run, but for black folks and the other unemployed, direct job creation is the key in the short run.