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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.

Our country is going through a crime wave such as we have never seen before. The cause? Many blame our ever-growing drug problem for at least half of the muggings, pursesnatching, shoplifting, burglaries and the senseless, cold-blooded murders. With our estimated one million drug addicts each stealing an average of \$100 per day to support the habit it is costing our country \$36 billion a year plus court and prison costs. In addition, per reports, we are adding 100,000 new addicts a year, mostly young people recruited at our high schools and even grammar schools. At the present growth rate our crime costs will double in less than 10 years.

Is there a solution? Yes, there is: the British drug program. Some 15 years ago Britain wrote off curing addicts and concentrated on preventing the spread of addiction. How? BY TAKING THE PROFIT OUT OF THE DRUG TRAFFIC! Britain registers her addicts and then supplies each with his daily needs FREE, this at less than \$10 per day each for both drug and administration costs. Their program has been working successfully for 15 years with the number of their addicts down to 3500, most of them holding jobs. Recent visitors to Britain confirm their streets are safe day and night.

I believe if enough concerned citizens would write their Congressmen urging that the program be tried out here we could soon get it into operation, thereby saving our country some \$34 billion a year in crime costs and, preventing tens of thousands of youngsters a year from becoming addicts. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose by trying it out.

To help get the program under way I, with the help of friends, am sending this letter to the editors of 250 newspapers and 30 magazines across the country hoping many will print it and that many people will respond by writing their Congressmen. To save you some time and effort I suggest that you cut this letter out, past it on a sheet of paper with your comments, then have photocopies made sending them to President Carter, your Congressmen and a few others. With a few thousand letters going into Washington we can get the program into operation here and hopefully make our streets safe again.

Yours truly,

Reverend William T. Baird

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**LAS VEGAS KNOWS
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Dear Editor:

First of all, I should like to inform you that I have moved, and the listing the phone book is no longer operable. I now live in one of John Davis houses, at 1201 Hart Street. However I always respond to anything to my box. I intend to start traveling pretty soon.

This is to inform you that I am very familiar with Gerovital. Having taken it vociferously. Due to my having a heart attack, and no faith in the constant ministrations of the American Doctors. I have traveled in ten Latin Countries. And Gerovital goes under the name of KH-3. And it is for sale in the streets of most of them. Easier to buy than dinner. Not too expensive, comes in a plastic box of 60 capsules at about 25¢ per. It is not dangerous but, it is evident that doctors in this country, are going to have a field day charging for it. In the Patent boxes that it is sold in, is directions, that are explicit. And it will stop the suffering of the joints of the body due to arthritis, and other reasons that the bones hurt.

I feel that this information should be disseminated among us, because I see so much of it (the arthritis) suffering among us, and ignorance of what to do about most of our ailments. And we refuse to accept the truth of our ailments. And we refuse to accept t

we refuse to accept the truth of our treatment by Doctors. If everybody is well, the Doctor is useless. And will go broke. So, it is in their interests to promote misery. The more suffering, the more money. Also our lack of accessibility to proper treatment, prompts me to urge that the acquaintance of Gerovital be made available to our elderly folk.

"oblige"

Robert L. Hawkins

P.S. Haven't seen the Voice in the usual places, lately. I'll look more diligently. And I intend to prescribe, when I am settled.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SICKLE CELL DISEASE, INC.

The National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, Inc. (NASCD), has appointed Bern Nadette Stanis, co-star of the CBS TV series, "Good Times," as its National Youth Chairman.

As National Youth Chairman, Miss Stanis will serve as a celebrity representative for the organization to help call attention to the many programs and services provided by NASCD and its affiliates around the country. This will include her participation in various fund raising activities and public service announcements. Appointing a National Youth Chairman is the NASCD's first step in developing a new, national publicity campaign designed to demonstrate the important need for community support of their local service programs.

Miss Stanis is 22 years old and has been starring on "Good Times" for the past three years. She has previously donated her time to other charities such as the City of Hope, the Heart Association, and the United Negro College Fund.

The NASCD was recently approved by the U. S. Civil Service Commission for participation in the Combined Federal Campaign.

MARCH 4, 1977 was the first anniversary of the brutal and unmerciful murder of brother Darryl J. Taylor by officers Weaver and Sommers of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Brother Darryl was critically wounded nine times from a moving police vehicle as he fled in fear of his life after becoming the victim of an unprovoked police search, allegedly for possession of a firearm and disturbing the peace. The incident began when the manager of a local snack bar telephoned police saying a man was acting strange in front of the Humdinger Restaurant. Eyewitnesses at the scene reported that nothing unusual occurred to warrant police involvement in a discussion among community people involving God and life which were favorite topics that Darryl J. Taylor frequently discussed with anyone who would listen. After pursuing Darryl J. Taylor for eight blocks by car as he fled on foot bewildered by the sudden appearance of several police cars, Darryl J. Taylor who had no prior history of violence fell lifeless from police bullets only six houses from his own. Neighbors and eyewitnesses heard no verbal warning to halt and many of them stated they too were trying to avoid the numerous police bullets which left bullet holes in many occupied homes on both sides of the street where the Clark County Grand Jury, which has no representation from the Black community failed to indict officers Jerry Weaver and Arthur Sommers when the county coroner's inquest found the officers guilty of gross criminal negligence and turned all evidence over for further investigation. One year later justice has not been done and DARRYL J. TAYLOR'S spirit cries out for justice but who will hear his plea to SAVE THE CHILDREN from these killers and others who are paid to serve and protect, not maim, kill or neglect. "We need Community Control of police now."

For further information contact Committee for Justice for Darryl J. Taylor (702) 648-5181

CHURCH MUSICAL

A musical extravaganza of sacred gospel music will be presented by the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church senior choir on Palm Sunday, April 3, 1977, at 3:00 P.m.

This will be the homecoming musicale for former choir members of the church. The church is located at 1240 West Adams Street, pastored by Rev. E. C. Kline.

Appearing on the program will be soloist Nancy Sharp of the Las Vegas Revival Center, the Love Choir of Las Vegas, with Tony Wright as organist, Victory Baptist Choir under the direction of Fouston Jordan, soloist Luella Ramseur, and many others.

Also present will be State Senator, Joe Neal, Assemblymen Rev. Marlon Bennett and Lonie Chaney (a member of the choir), City Commissioners, Ron Lurie and Roy Woofter, who will make presentations, and former County Commissioner, Aaron Williams.

This musicale will be the first of its kind in the west Las Vegas area, and the public is cordially invited to attend this spiritually filled program.

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