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Dear Editor:

First I would like to say that I feel that the Las Vegas Voice is one of the poorest means of Black communication that I have ever witnessed. I have been quietly avoiding this letter for the longest, by repeating to myself "don't worry, they'll get better". I only said this because papers don't come any worse. If you have ever heard the story about the straw that broke the camel's back, you should have published it, because the stories you have been printing lately show signs of desperation.

This week's (Friday, April 1, 1977, Volume 14, Number 24) really was that last straw. You had a very good and interesting cover title, "Rebel's Coach Shows Prejudice Towards Lewis Brown". I was really interested, so I looked into your paper (which was a wrong move on my part); I looked over, under, around and through a pile of your papers sitting on my desk. There was no follow up story, no mention, no nothing April Fools Day is the only explanation I could come up with. So I figured out that April Fools Day must be your favorite holiday, because you celebrate it in your papers every week.

I'm not trying to say that your paper is a dud, because paper is only what it is, paper. It's what is on the paper that's dud. The most interesting thing in your paper is the advertising. Your "Ruby Says" column does for credibility what Nixon did for law enforcement, took it off the street and put it in the White House. If someone wanted to hear the "Sermon of the Week", they would have gone to church Sunday. "Happiness Through Health" is a little better, if you want to know how to stay healthy in Boston.

All in all, you must admit that there is room, room for improvement, room for better organization, but you have wasted all of this room on amateurs. Shape up! Because you are all we have.

GREGORY MATHIS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY "ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE"

Editor:

March 16, 1977 marked the 150th anniversary of the Black Press in America, when Rev. Samuel E. Cornish and John B. Russwurm, on March 16, 1927 cofounded Freedom's Journal, the first Black paper. Since that date the Black press has always been an active part in the struggle for "Civil and Human Rights". Providing information on events and activities in the Black community that couldn't be found in the so called establishment press. This is why I find it very disturbing that the Las Vegas Voice didn't cover before or after the Majestic Lady's Fashion Show held on March 13, 1977. The fashions for the show were designed by Phillipa Bolden who is a Sickle Cell Anemia victim herself. Phillipa tired of reaching out for help in her plight and finding none, decided to use what ever skills she had to begin to fight back against this crippling disease. With the aid of her husband and concerned friends she put together this lovely fashion show. To raise funds for a newly founded and much needed organization, United Sickle Cell Anemia Victims Inc. Along with the lovely fashions that were displayed at the show, Elaine Brown the Chairperson of the Black Panther Party gave an elegant speech on the need for Black people to unite around crushing the crippling disease. As Elaine pointed out to the audience of close to 500, "We are here to promote in this community, as we have done throughout the country the idea that there is a disease that is killing Black people, and other people of color . . . which has not recieved the kind of attention and support that other diseases which affect other groups of people more. We think that this is systematic and part of a program to see to it that there is no real research and no real money put into research". As Elaine stated to the large group of press that assembled for her press conference held at our office here on March 14, 1977. "The press if it wanted to can make Sickle Cell Anemia an issue that must be reckoned with." This is where the Voice should have come in, since you do advertised that you are the only Black community news service in Las Vegas, or are you just dealing with a certain segment of our community. It's a shame that the white establishment press was the only media in Las Vegas that covered both the fashion show and the press conference, some of Elaine's statements were covered nation wide. Hopefully in the future the Voice will cover event's that are important to the entire Black Community, and not just print articles that are important to or benefit big Al.

"YOUR'S IN STRUGGLE"
John R. Crear Jr.
Co-ordinator Las Vegas
Chapter
Black Panther Party

FROM THE DESK OF KATHERINE JOSEPH Monday, April 4, 1977 at 7:00 P.M., the second meeting for Urban Planning was held at the Westside Library. Gwyn Brown conducted the meeting assisted by Otis R. Harris, Project Director and community resident H. P. Fitzgerald. Community residents discussed the dislikes and eye sores of the community. Discussions were generated around the expressions of what community residents would like to see developed in the area of bordering Bonanza Road north to Craig Road from Main going west to Tonapah to Interstate 15.

Some desires of the community residents were: (1) a training center; (2) a culture center; (3) manufacturing plants and factories etc.,

Rev. Prudhomme indicated that the Westside Economic Development Plan should continue on with the planning with community input.

Lee Winston will air this open meeting on Channel 10 - Television on Friday at 7:00 P.M.

The next meeting for Community Planning will be held on April 18, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. at the Library. Phase III will deal with what area the community residents would like to start with.

UP-COMING MEETINGS:

Black Businessmen's Association, Inc., - Monday, April 11, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. - Library Urban Community Planning Meeting. - Monday, April 18 1977 at 7:30 P.M. - Library.

Please plan to attend these meetings.

WHERE TO FIND THE VOICE

- Aladdin Hotel
- City Hall info Desk
- Equal Rights Office
- NAACP
- Olgas Beauty & Barber Supply
- Pantry Pride Market
- Men's Fine Cloth Bonanza
- Elks
- CETA
- EOP
- Senior Citizens
- KOKO'S Cleaners
- Friendly Liquor
- Curtis Standard Station
- El-Rio Club
- Hi-View Maraet
- 7-11 Lake Meade 7 & D st.
- Wild Goose
- Cleaners Next to Wild Goose
- Jerry's Nugget
- Silver Nugget
- Leon Shear Magic
- Vages Village
- Carey Park Rental Office
- Sweet Sadies Donuts
- John Davis Tax Service
- Spider Webb
- West Las Vegas Library
- A&M Market Lake Meade Bld.
- Ike's Phillips "66" H&Bonanza
- Moulin Rouge Beauty Shop
- Soul City Restaurants
- Dairy Queen Bonanza
- Hamburger Heaven E&Monroe
- VFW "D" St
- Community Market
- Brown Derby
- Sparks Beauty Shop
- Operation Life
- Mom Bruno's Liquor
- Town Tavern
- Johnson's Malt Shop
- Head-Hunter, 1 & 2
- Rev. Roberson's Record Shop
- Wesely's Barber Shop
- Bruce's Beauty Shop
- Gladys' Beauty Shop
- Burneys Barber Shop
- T-N-T Tee Shirts
- Greyhound Station
- Lady Luck Casino
- Casbah Hotel
- Collins Barber Shop
- Collins Barber & Beauty Sup
- Hamburger Heaven Highland
- Thriftmart Bonanza
- Food Stamp Office
- U-Haul Rentals Bonanza
- Moulin Rouge Hotal
- La Shore's Fashion Cen
- Fashion Center Barber Shop
- W. Side Comm. Eco. Dev. Plan
- Vegas Village, Chyenne Sq
- Lyles AAA Bail Bonds
- Dixons Barber Shop
- Love's Lounge
- Dor's Cleaners
- Hughes Beer Bar
- Gilbert Bros. Liq on Bonanza

- Irving's Barber Shop on Bonanza
- Pearl's Beauty Shop
- Sportsman Barber Shop
- Sauder's Cleaners
- Johnnies TV Service
- Dr. West's Office
- Big Jim's Pool Hall
- Woody's Place
- Larry's Sight & Sound
- New Breed
- M. Josephines Beauty Shop
- Arnold Palmer Cleaners
- Drug Store Golden West S.C.
- "Breck Areas"
- Union Plaza
- Las Vegas Club
- Golden Gate
- Coin Castle
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- Golden Nugget
- Mint
- Sundance West
- Race Book
- California Club
- Fremont
- Uncle Ben's Bar-B-Q
- Mom's Kitchen
- Interden Fellowship Center
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