

The Publisher Speaks



The Publisher of the Las Vegas VOICE Newspaper would like to thank all of our 55,000 black readers for all that they have done to help us to get the paper through another year. Now the time has come that the staff and myself should wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It is too bad that one of our black elected officials is being prosecuted without any help from our own community. I know his Christmas cannot be as merry and prosperous like other black officials but I do believe that he will get a break. I know that all of our black leaders in the community and the other part of town will see him through.

For so many years we promised to make the VOICE newspaper a community newspaper, and we have tried to do our best to do so. It is not always that what I write everyone agrees with me, but I would still try and reach the minds of all of the people in the community and let them know that we have a good circulation throughout the community and other parts of the state that we also try to reach. Up to now, we have been very successful. Some of the people in the community used political power, federal funds, grants and any other weapon they can get to destroy a group of people that is working in the community to help themselves.

You see, we have done our very best to reach the needs of our people in the community at our own expense. We are not fortunate enough to be aided by the federal government but for the years this newspaper has always had to struggle and fight for his share of the pie. Whereas many others can get federal money to aid them and try to destroy something that has been some service to the community and our people of the community. I hope that assemblyman, Lonie Chaney, Marion Bennett, and Senator Joe Neal try to get themselves together and support our only black newspaper in the whole state of Nevada.

I begin to see what some of our white power structure is trying to do to us with the help of some of our own people that are supposed to be leaders in the community.

Please let us pull ourselves back together and have a prosperous new year.

From the Las Vegas VOICE Newspaper Publisher, Lawrence Albert.

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WHITEY COULD, FOR ALL INTENTS, AND PURPOSES PUT HIS GUNS AWAY. WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO KILL OURSELVES BETTER THAN HE CAN. NOW WE SEND EACH OTHER DEATH IN SMALL BAGS.

CLAYTON RILEY
LIBERATOR



BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

Just the FACTS

Groups on the Westside have parties, affairs, dances, balls, dinners, etc. and proceed to go to Strip hotels to hold their functions.

This does not seem right. There are several places on the Westside where such functions could be held.

The Moulin Rouge has a nice room where these functions could be held - and New Town Tavern has a large room, with an excellent restaurant right on the premises. The couple that run the restaurant would be more than happy to prepare either a dinner, a buffet, or even hors d'oeuvres in order to make your affair a little more sophisticated.

I am sure there is someone at the Moulin Rouge who would be glad to accommodate any organization in planning such an affair. If not, there are some excellent caterers on the Westside, or close to the Westside that would be glad to assist you.

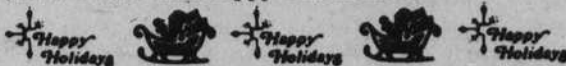
Let us stick together and build up some of the businesses on the Westside rather than take our business outside to some Strip hotel. Not only would you be aiding the Westside, but your overhead would more than likely be reduced somewhat.

The Beta Eta Theta Sorority held their First Annual Black & White Ball at the Frontier Hotel on December 14. This is just one incident where a Westside organization went to the Strip to hold their affair.

On the other side of the coin, there was a dinner to honor Rev. Albert Duan, which was held at the New Town Tavern. Now, this shows some progress.

Why can't more organizations follow in these steps and utilize the Westside?

The Publisher and staff of the Las Vegas VOICE wish to extend Christmas cheer to all of their friends and customers. We wish you the Merriest of Christmases and urge everyone to attend the Church of your choice. Have a safe and happy Christmas.



The last time I was loose in Louisiana I was guffing down gumbo at Dookie Chase Restaurant in New Orleans. Hmmm--ain't that sumpin'. Now I hear a call from brother Sherman N. Copelin, project manager of Superdome Services, Inc. a minority service firm for the superdome, in distress.

Copelin claims Hyatt Corporation, the hotel chain hailing from my state of California, wants to cut off black heads. Copelin has already begun legal proceedings to contest Hyatt's right to cancel Superdome Services and sever their black employees.

Hyatt Corporation operates a chain of 52 hotels (51 under the name Hyatt) in 23 states, as well as, 11 motels in some seven states. The equal employment opportunity practices of its 23,200 employees has not been challenged by Black Americans in the past.

Hyatt Corporation is hiding behind two black faces according to Copelin. These two are to replace the black owned firm which employed more than 3,000 people last year.

Rumors are that racism is running through this black rip-off in more ways than one. New Orleans for the first time has a black elected mayor. Superdome Services, Inc. is the reportedly only minority firm with a sizable state contract.

Hyatt Corporation which also runs gambling businesses in Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas, Nevada has even the federal government investigating the firm. The Hyatt Corporation, whose president recently assigned amid charges by the company's special counsel of financial improprieties, has been under a separate and much more extensive investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission for the past year.

Jay Pritzker is the president and chairman of the Hyatt Corporation. The Pritzker family owns 34 percent of the hotel chain's common stock. While these charges are aside from the conflict caused Mr. Copelin and Superdome Services, Inc., it's clearly cause for concern when considering the sour source of an outfit boasting social responsibility while trying to cut blacks out of the profit picture.