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INCORPORATED

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Each week in this column we will attempt to explain to readers, the functions and tasks of the OEDP Committee. We will bring to the readers a profile on the staff and board of directors of SNEDC, Inc. This paper will keep you advised on all Economic Development projects and the progress.

The Las Vegas VOICE, is a very important vehicle in which to bring these news items to the public. If you miss the VOICE, you miss the news.

In parts I and II of this series - composed to enlighten you about economic growth and your local development company as well as answer any questions you might have - upon each conclusion of these articles it was requested that any concerned citizen please contact the Southern Nevada Economic Development Council/Nevada Commonwealth (642-1671) for additional information or input. To date, not one community member has contacted our office, yet there exists community concern regarding the organization. We can only assume the "Project" is understood and all questions are answered because we would hate to think the communities only representing newspaper is not read.

If in fact you are interested in our communities growth, please contact us with any questions or input, which will make our community once more fluent.

1. QUESTION: How many officers and directors do we need?
ANSWER: SBA recommends seven officers and directors.

2. QUESTION: Can a loan be made to assist an SBC which is a non-profit corporation?
ANSWER: Not if the SBC is a charitable institution or other non-profit enterprise; however, this provision shall not be construed to bar a loan to a cooperative if it carries on a business activity for the purpose of obtaining pecuniary benefits for its members in the operation of otherwise eligible small business. Consumer cooperatives are not eligible.

3. QUESTION: How much money can a LDC make on its injection in a project?
ANSWER: The LDC can make a reasonable return on its investment in the project. In computing the monthly payment to SBA/LDC, the LDC can charge a small monthly fee for servicing the loan and can provide for a contingency reserve if necessary, subject to SBA approval.

4. QUESTION: Can the LDC own the SBC?
ANSWER: No. This must be a complete arm's length transaction between the LDC and the SBC. The LDC may either own or invest in the SBC.

5. QUESTION: Can we use the city to put in the streets and sewers and call that "in kind" injection?
ANSWER: This would depend upon the type of arrangement the SBC has with the LDC. There are five types of arrangements. They are:

- LDC relends the money to the SBC.
- LDC leases the property to SBC with option to buy.
- LDC leases the property to SBC with lease-purchase option to acquire title for \$1.00 at the end of the term.
- LDC leases the property to SBC on a straight lease.
- LDC sells the property to SBC subject to loan.

7. QUESTION: How do you figure the cost
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Two Party Corner

by Leonard Mason

Recently, I was at the home of a dear friend and I looked upon their wall and there was a sign which made me feel unwelcome. The sign stated "Politicians and Drunks Not Allowed". I know for the past 5 years I have not imbibed in alcoholic beverages, however, since I was 17 years old, I have participated in politics - electoral, parliamentary, civic and otherwise. I was somewhat dismayed because I am afraid my friend, as many other of the community do not understand the implications of the term politician. From a pure philosophical definition politics is a control and determination of life. Those of us who are not politicians are drunks who do not control their lives, and are inebriated in ignorance. We can look about the community and see that we have not been as a whole, politicians, for certainly we would not have made the decisions which have caused our community its economic and social decays. So to those of you who wish to isolate politicians and drunks, certainly isolate themselves from the total community.

(BACK TO THE RACES) Numerous unannounced Black candidates for the county commission (prospective Black district), pending the forementioned suit by NAACP, shows numerous horses at the starting gate: (1) Self-styled and self-appointed democratic, former Commissioner Aaron Williams; based on his track record, we are calling him "No Show", he will scratch. (2) Willie Neal, bartender of the Jockey Club and big honcho at Elk's Lodge; in this race, he will not muster enough votes nor votes to make a decent show in the primary. (3) Republican Reverend Joseph Prudhomme has personal problems prior to filing, having considerable personal problems, he will be so consumed with resolving them, he will not file. This column is predicting that a whole new race with the advent of a Black district we will see new, stronger and more qualified horses from both parties coming forth.

The whole total arena of politics in Nevada, and particularly Clark County, is now in an upheaval with the attempt purging of the leadership within the Democratic party and the Republican party having an accelerated drive to recruit minorities, particularly Black minorities. There is a great opportunity for the Black political pundit with the sophistication to gain great benefits in the upcoming political season. I feel that we (Black community) have progressed extremely in almost every aspect except economics and politics. Hopefully, we will garner these sophistications to take advantage of the political fluctuations.

The upcoming governor's race shows an array of undeclared candidates which includes Keith Ashworth, Democrat; Robert Rose, Democrat; Jack Schofield, Democrat; State Attorney General Robert List, Republican; Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kenny Guinn, Republican; and County Commissioner Robert Broadbent, Republican. The West Las Vegas vote will be a strong factor in the general election. Hopefully, the Black politicals will similar maturity as the white politicals and not make a total commitment to any single candidate in the primary. Please brethren, let us not lock ourselves into Democratic loser. On that note, a move is already afoot amongst the Black leadership to participate in switch voting for the first time in West Las Vegas history. We see the political progressive sophistication of Black politicians making pre-election alliances with strong Republican candidates. Again, I must restate "Our government can only survive through a two party system. We as a race can only gain through participating in both

parties, whether we vote across the party line or switch our registration."

At last Sunday's meeting Otis Harris, Program Director of SNEDC Inc., and Economic Development Program, was unfairly and unjustly mistreated by Senator Joe Neal, Albert Dunn, Katherine Joseph and the community as a whole.

Mr. Harris has sacrificed, suffered and labored untowringly to bring free enterprise and jobs to North West Las Vegas. No one, including his own board members bothered to come forth and harold this young man's unbelievable accomplishments in planning a viable resurrection of this desolate community.

Many things lie untold in the arguments and bickering between the two factions involved.

Firstly, Joe Neal's program is based on a Socialist Communal Ideology. Based on jobs, welfare and the welfare mother.

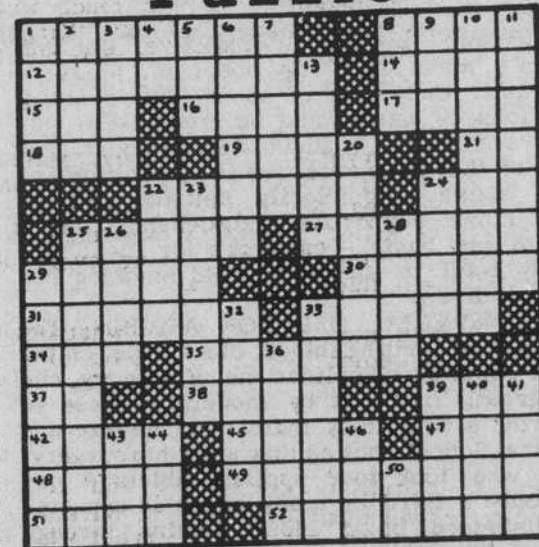
Otis Harris programs will bring about a competitive, viable, free enterprise system that involves the individual, promotes business development, builds industry to the benefit of the entire North West Las Vegas community.

Whereas the two programs are supportive, the two factions have opposing political views. Joe Neal is attempting to foster on the community a socialist communal oriented program.

It must be noted that Joe Neal is regarded as a renegade Democrat and Otis Harris is emerging as the new breed Black Republican.

Unless the two factions can somehow transcend political differences for the development of North West Las Vegas these differences will destroy the future of the area.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Made use of
- Simians
- Cradle
- Vend
- Employ
- Sun
- Leg joint
- Beverage
- Sheltered side
- Six: Roman
- Legging
- Hang back
- Boring tool
- Level
- Give new weapons
- Cast metal
- Hire
- Scoff
- Obtained
- Strainer
- Aluminum: chem.
- Tissue: anat.
- Definite article
- Incline

DOWN

- Adjacent
- Flower holder
- On an ocean
- Exists
- Fleur-de-
- Involve
- Allotted
- Question
- Sty
- Moving platform
- Skill
- Woody plants
- White fur
- Female
- Nearly
- Theater

- Pull down
- Engrossed
- Unique person: slang
- Boat race
- Give up
- Posture
- Air ducts
- Canvas shelter
- Foot part
- Otherwise
- Indo-Chinese people
- Essay
- Wing
- That thing

ANSWERS
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