



*Editorial*

*By Dorinda Baker*

The trial for Freddie Martin Walker has been rescheduled for June 5. Freddie not only got a new trial date, but a new Judge and a new lawyer.

Jeff Sobel, the original attorney for Freddie just was never ready for trial, so Joe Bonaventure was named as the new attorney for Freddie and will go before Judge Joe Pavlikowski.

In asking to be dismissed as the attorney Freddie, Sobel said he felt he might be called as a witness in the case. He also said "In addition, certain adverse publicity concerning movant's handling of this case and . . . Walker would be prejudiced by movant's continued representation of him", to which he attached copies of two newspaper items about the mistrial to his motion.

There seems to be some misplaced understanding in this trial. Just what is meant, I don't pretend to understand, but know that it just does not seem fair that an attorney, who had 8 months to prepare for a case, and claimed the District Attorney brought in a surprise witness that was named from the out set in statements which Sobel had in his possession.

This seems to be the type of representation the Blacks are getting all the time - not just in the court rooms, but in everything they do! Their jobs are jepordized, just because they are black! - Their children don't want to attend some of the schools - all because there are some people (mostly white) who do not seem to want the Blacks to progress.

I feel that people are people - regardless of RACE, COLOR, or CREED! If a person is qualified for a job, hire him - DON'T look at the color of his/her skin - hire them because they are qualified!

There are hundreds of Blacks with higher qualifications for certain jobs than others, but they are not hired - because they are BLACK! What is this world coming to? If there are certain tests to be taken and the four highest scorers are all black and the one in the #5 position gets hired because he is WHITE, this is discrimination! I don't care what other people say - if a man/woman is qualified - Hire Him!

Granted, there are a lot of people that can't fit into these categories - of being at the top of a list! But they are qualified for other jobs - give them a chance.

Since I have been in Las Vegas, I have been aware that this state is about 30 years behind the times as far as equality goes.

In some cases, the blacks worst enemy is THEMSELVES! You can't get ahead if you don't try. Young people MUST get their education DON'T drop out of school! Remember, you are the leaders of the future. Let's get out and see that our young stay in school! You can't help yourselves!

We, of West Las Vegas must make the rest of Las Vegas realize we are people, to be treated as people. NOT pushed aside because we are black!

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**BUSINESS IN THE BLACK**

By: Charles E. Belle

The new prison at Jean has been officially dedicated and there are already some 150 inmates there with a total capacity of 350.

This new prison looks more like a large Condominium Apartment building rather than a prison. Ed Pogue is the Warden and our own Rev. Charles Wyatt has now been named the Chaplain.

Rev. Wyatt resigned from the police force on Wednesday, just short of 20 years as a Juvenile Officer. Rev. Wyatt is the Pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church here on the Westside. He stated, "I'm tired of being a policeman. I'm a minister first. You get this police syndrome after awhile. Don't get me wrong. Being a policeman has been good to me. Its been a source of income and this is how I earned my living. But I'm a minister first. Nevertheless, it's work in the line that I want to do."

Now, it's time to turn in his pistols (they belong to Metro anyway) and start carrying his Bible. This is a job he has been praying for for years and a job in which he beat out some tough competition.

When asked about his feelings of entering the prison walls, where many of the inmates were placed ther by him, he replied, "I put a lot of people in jail and I have written a lot of tickets. But I never misused my authority. No one can come forth and say I misused or abused my authority. I have a rapport with people." This does not sound as though he is worried about being inside the fence with the inmates.

He added, "This is one of my enjoyments in life, trying to work with this type of character. You don't have an angel in this type of character. You have the hardcore, the lonely, the misfit, the rough. But they are the type that needs the help."

The facility at Jean cost \$11.8 million and is located about a mile off Interstate 15 behind the small community. This is the first new prison in Nevada since the mid 1960's. Even though the prison was dedicated last

Edward M. Kennedy, Senator from the commonwealth of Massachusetts carries the charisma of the Kennedy clan from coast to coast. The Honorable Senator Kennedy addressed a capacity audience last month at the Commonwealth Club of California on the subject of Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) and nuclear arms control. These non-violence treaties for peace reflect the thinking of all the Kennedy brothers.

The SALT talks in the second of a projected three stage approach to accomplishing peace between the U. S. and USSR without a hot or cold war are in danger of delay of defeat in the U. S. Senate. Senator Kennedy sees a delay or a defeat as a mistake. The course of the country is certainly of great concern to all Americans. black and white.

Committed to international, as well as, domestic peace, the commonwealth Senator is unlikely to be able to devote his able attention to equitable civil and economic rights of Black Americans without the rapid concurrence of the SALT II agreement by the Senate. the Senate.

Any left leaning voters looking for strong leadership might keep the Senator in mind. Traveling with tow bodyguards as grim reminders of his brothers' blood, Senator Ted Kennedy keeps the faith.

In the normal rhetorical questioning of speakers before the Commonwealth Club, Senator Kennedy flared up at the still high unemployment in the country. He told the gathering of the nation's need to attack unemployment. "We haven't really made a dent in unemployment," declared the obvious successor to the late Senator Hubert Humphrey.

Senator Edward Kennedy looks good, tall, rudishly tan, handsome with slightly curled full head of hair. Full faced and bold as his brothers, a bull candidate for black and other poor Americans. Alas, President James Earl Carter, Jr. has him pushing his program for world peace while Black America waits in the wings.

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