

From Our Readers

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I attended the NAACP meeting last Sunday, and got a little hot under the collar when a well known Clergyman got up and pledged a \$1,000 life membership and then said, "Jimmy Gay gave a very impressive speech, but I did not see any money being placed on the table!"

Well, for your information, Jimmy Gay has been a life time member for several years -- besides producing FIVE lifetime memberships from various strip hotels!!!

During the last several years, Jimmy has been awarded at least FOUR NAACP Service Awards for his service to NAACP -- including the Man of the Year Award!!!

I personally know that Jimmy has been responsible, for years, for most of the attendance at all meetings, as he has called me to remind me of a meeting that I might otherwise have forgotten. My feelings are that we need more Jimmy Gay's in the NAACP -- or for that matter, in any other organization.

As to the Clergyman who made the above statement, I say, "I know you have never made an announcement in your church of any NAACP meetings. Why don't you ask your members to join NAACP, and announce any future meetings in your church, come Sunday mounings before a meeting?"

Besides, all the time Jimmy spends for the NAACP -- aside from his own work -- and especially since his last hospitalization -- should make the rest of us feel ashamed. Jimmy also delivers the Las Vegas VOICE to several of the Churches on the Westside -- and even stood in front of the Hotel when the National Broadcasters Convention was in town, and gave each Black present at the convention, a copy of the Las Vegas VOICE. Now, how is that for being Civic Minded?

Keep up the good work, Jimmy, we are all behind you!!!

An admirer of Jimmy Gay



The host and executive producer of the nationally syndicated, new commercial television program, Tony Brown's Journal, meets with Atty. Willie Barrow, Director of People United to Save Humanity (PUSH) in Chicago. The popular Tony Brown documentary show is being renewed for the season.

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side the Shaw residence. Mr. Shaw, reluctant, and fearful, that something was seriously wrong, did not consent to this arrangement. Perhaps LEAA officials are on the right track when they cite local departments for discriminatory policies and other infringements upon the rights of Black people. For too long Black people have been made the victims of legal injustices and reactionary police tactics, and the Shaw incident serves to illustrate this point more clearly.

When law enforcement agencies and bondsmen collaborate with criminals and unsavory types, and employ questionable procedures to attack Black people, THE COMMUNITY MUST TAKE A STAND!!!

It appears that in light of this continued disregard for the rights of Black people that LEAA officials and police monitoring agencies should take a closer look at departments and their policies, and that such an examination might reveal that local departments frequently engage in such practices.

Lastly, it is both the responsibility and the right of local citizens to publicly cite departments and law enforcement agencies and to speak out when such practices are made known. If public concern for the rights of local citizens results in denial of LEAA funds to the area, then that is the price we must pay.

The Black community must no longer sit passively, tolerating such tactics as those used against Mr. Shaw, and only by exercising our right to public outcry can we hope to gain a respect for our people, and put a stop to the war of injustice that is being waged against our community.

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK
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tennis anyone

Diane Fromholtz, another black household name, earned \$20,750 so far this year on the U. S. Tennis Association Women's Tennis tour. She was nine places behind Martina Navratilova's \$164,350. The year is only one-fourth finished for these fine white athletes.

It is time Black America addressed itself to sustaining its ego and purse in the sporting life. Black American athletes have only begun to fight for their economic lives. Cale Yarborough, another white man, for his first quarter of the year has earned \$92,370 on tour as a NASCAR auto driver.

There are 25 million Black Americans and not one of them is making \$100,000 a year driving a race car. It's silly to see one or two sports on TV and suppose that Black Americans dominate the dollars in sports.

Teamwork is still needed by Black America. The NAACP and other Black American community based organizations must work with Black American athletes to achieve peace and freedom for all Black Americans. It's a resource which without us will run dry.

CREDIT UNION
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until we threntened investigation and litigation. I submit that Glen A. Reese misrepresented his position, and activities.

I submit that he personally has been blocking our attempt to have a credit union.

I submit that Ms. Berkeley counceled with him and only mouthed the same words of Reese and used that as a denial.

I submit that there was collusion to abort our credit union effort.

I submit there is a definite effort to deep Blacks from having a Financial Institution on the Westside other than Westside F.C.U. and that fact is borne out by the fact that only one credit union in 25 years is proof enough. (Our organization is integrated with two White and two Black officers).

I submit that the credibility and reputation of some of Las Vegas finest people (The Originators) has been impugned. (See list of officers)

I submit that Thomas F. Hughes is a fit and qualified treasurer. He is treasurer of Southern Nevada Economic Development Council handling millions of dollars and certainly can handle a small credit union.

I submit the effort was to contain Blacks and thus deny credit union financing to the aged and Blacks who cannot obtain credit in many areas although they are qualified applicants.

The L.V.I.A. Board and Body has authorized me to obtain legal assistance and that legal assistance be asked to make personal contacts with both Mr. Swackhammer and Miss Willmore and request dates application was made, what investigations were made and when, why Glen Reese is making decisions although he is not in the Commerce Dept. Why a 3 week application has been held up for 6 months and ask what background, etc. and qualifications Ms. Berkeley has for her job. Our board plans to start litigation to acquire a charter but would prefer not to have a confrontation. A look at our officers and members shows - (President) Rev. Charles Wyatt, Police Officer for 19 years and newly appointed Chaplain at Jean Prison at Jean, Nevada, (Vice President) Cy Newman - K.V.O.V. consultant part owner and former owner, Secretary - (Linda Preuth) Secretary of Southern Nevada Economic Development Council, (Treasurer and Financial Consultant) Thomas F. Hughes treasurer of Southern Nevada Economic Development Council (A state agency) and an impressive list of community workers with highest ethics and reputation.

Miss Berkeley's business address is 401 S. 3rd St. #501, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

Organizations supporting our effort are PUSH, Second Chance, Inc., Puerto Rican Civil Rights Forum (Nevada Chapter).

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