

**THE VOICE
HOPES THE
COMMUNITY
APPRECIATES
THE HONEST
EXPOSURE OF
THE
COUNTERFEIT
TRATORS**



By
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Since Otis Harris and Ruby Duncan have met and have come to an agreement, it should make a lot of white people be surprised as well as a lot of black people.

There will be no more people who are heads of organizations who can promise the white man that he can get so many black votes.

I sincerely feel that in the last five years that I have gotten full cooperation from Otis Harris, Assemblyman Rev. Marion Bennett and David Hoggard, Sr. They have been very concerned whether this newspaper makes it or not. Assemblyman Rev. Marion Bennett has made a long drawn out effort to try and help me and tell me about some of the federal monies which exist that the Las Vegas Voice Newspaper could get a piece of. I am not saying it because he and I are alright, I'm saying it because I have knocked him down as well as anyone else who feels I did the same to them, but he promised me that our difference of opinions on certain things would not be held against the paper because it can help our young people. I could appreciate that because I feel he has been a man in walking forward as well as David Hoggard, Sr.

The first State money that helped me was done by Otis Harris. Some people say that he is an Uncle Tom, but I could say that about all of them. He just showed me that he is a man because he too did all he could and is still trying to help the Las Vegas Voice Newspaper. There will be another election and there will be another vote cast because now we don't need anyone to come to our house and register us from the city or the state or from all other federal grants. We now have two Voter Registration offices in West Las Vegas and they will be there permanently. They are the NAACP and The Las Vegas Voice Newspaper. It just so happens the Voice will come to your house and register you and the reason for that is because we have a lot of elderly people who are cripple and not able to get around as well as some young people in the same predicament. We do not have to go and knock on people's doors because the editor of the Voice newspaper agreed to donate her time to go to each Church on a given Sunday on the Westside to register the people who have not been registered. So far it has been very successful. The man that started it all was Rev. Marion Bennett and the first Sunday registration took place at his church. On last Sunday she visited Rev. L. W. Wilson's church.

We have two offices as well as all of the
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WORKING TOGETHER CAN DO THE JOB

**BLACK COMMUNITIES
THAT CARE ABOUT THE
BLACK FUTURE, SHOULD
HELP IMPOSE ORDER
WHERE NEEDED.**



Just the FACTS

It has come to my attention that Bill Ludwig has been forced to take a MONTH off from the Library. Is this just more of what has been going on for the last year or so? I understand the Library board is determined to get rid of Bill. They are also trying to rid the Westside of a Library, if they have their way.

It is about time the Westside takes a stand if they want a Library. The Library is one of the most essential parts of West Las Vegas.

Where is there a man so dedicated as BILL LUDWIG? I know of no other person who will put up with kids of all ages -- from FIVE YEARS to NINETY YEARS.

All a youngster has to do is to go to Bill and say "Bill, will you -----" and Bill would stop what he was doing to go do whatever was asked of him. Bill also would open the Library mornings (before his regular time) and let CLASSES of School children in the Library, and set up RESEARCH PROJECTS for them to do. When a child would finish the project that was assigned to him, he/she would go back to Bill and beg him to assign them another project. Now, how is this for DEDICATION??

It is understood that the Library will not be the same if BILL LUDWIG should leave. There is a SPEAKOUT on Library issues on May 24. Call and voice your opinions concerning our own West Las Vegas Library.

Any Public Library is OPEN to the Public. But, if the West Las Vegas Library were to close, what will happen to the Westside? The Library is an important part of society.

Call 732-TALK or Watson Jelks, KORK Radio 457-5511 on May 25 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and SPEAKOUT to keep Bill Ludwig on at the West Las Vegas Library -- and to keep the West Las Vegas Library OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!

Youth Unemployment

You can't get a job if there are no jobs to get - especially if you're young. In the United States today, more than three million young people between the ages of 16 and 24 are unemployed. Of these more than 26 percent are black. They are frustrated, angry, often desperate.

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT: A QUESTION OF SURVIVAL, a 60-minute special produced by WNET/THIRTEEN, New York, examines the crisis of jobless youth with correspondent Charlayne Hunter-Gault. It will be distributed nationally by the Public Broadcasting Service, Sunday, June 4, 1978, 10 P.M., ET (Check local listings for correct area broadcast time).

The restlessness of kids without jobs leads to apathy, bitterness and often, crime. There are government programs to help them, but not nearly enough. It's a national tragedy.

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT: A QUESTION OF SURVIVAL lets many of these young people talk candidly and openly about their experiences in a adult, white dominated job market. A highlight of the program is a group discussion with Charlayne Hunter-Gault and young people at the Vocational Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that has been finding jobs for troubled youth for more than forty years.

The program also focuses specifically on the dilemma faced by several different young people who, as Ms. Hunter-Gault states, "have little hope and few remaining dreams":

Darryl Ragsdale, 19, is black and lives in Atlantic City. Through a program funded by the Federal government's Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), he has a job as a garbage collector and is learning the skills necessary to be accepted by a construction union as a painter. But the garbage collection job is temporary, union positions are scarce and Darryl has an 11-month-old daughter to support.

Kevin Kind, 22, is white and lives in Lackawanna, New York, where Bethlehem Steel has laid off more than 3,000 workers. Both he and his father are unemployed. The more than 300 job applications he has filled out
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