



Community Information

by Al Mitchell

Dear Readers,

This week I want to talk about something that is a problem to all of us. The problem of racism and job security. First I'd like to ask you, how secure are you in your job? While you think about that let me tell you about something from my personal experience.

Somewhere there is an unwritten rule that states: In the State of Nevada, County of Clark, and City of Las Vegas, a Black man must take all the insults, plurs, and general B.S. that his co-workers want to give him. He must grin and bear it because if he dare speak up against such practices he is labeled a radical and a trouble maker. Once this happens he is usually singled out and fired at the first opportunity.

You know White people always say if you want anything in this life you must be willing to fight for it. But the moment you take up for yourself you become a marked man. For four and one half years, I have been fighting racism and prejudice within the Clark County Fire Department. There have been many battles, too numerous to mention in this column. I won some and lost some, but today I lost the war. Certain officers on the department have tried to get my job on at least three different occasions. Well, today they won. There is no love lost, but I am only one brother. Each Black man on the department suffers the same problems of racist attitudes, stereotyping, and prejudging. I am calling on each of you to help put an end to these practices in Southern Nevada, so each and every Black man or woman can work with pride and dignity in his or her job without fear of retaliation for expressing what they beleive. We can stop this kind of treatment by making our elected officials get on up and go to bat for our rights on the job. If anyone else has had similar problems write me a letter addressed to P.O. Box 4130, N. Las Vegas. Let us try to gain proof of these practices and take them before our officials and bring pressure on them to bring pressure on employers and get the pressure off us.

I am writing this article to those who think they don't need the system or that they don't need to go up against people who manipulate the economic and political policies in this town. This article is to those who think they have it made. Let me say this, so long as one, just one of our brothers and sisters suffers under the inequality of these practices, we all suffer. We need all of our collective brain power, concern, and money. We need to take an attitude of concern for Blacks on the basis that every since our ancestors came, we've all been in the same boat, and until the last chains are completely broken and these shackles on our progress as a nation of truly gifted people are destroyed, not a single Black man or women can find real peace in America.

I truly hope some of you gifted people will read these words and hear where I'm coming from. When you do, sit down and re-evaluate the situation in our community, then try to think what you can do to help. Start attending some of the meetings and if nothing else give up a few of those precious dollars for the sake of a precious human mind. If we only worked toward understanding our particular situation everyone will benefit. There will be no losers.



V. I. P. Corner

by Kenneth Carson

The membership drive for Second Chance, Inc. is underway. We have talked to a number of people about this program, and everyone agrees this is a good program. Crime is everyone's concern. We need your support.

The Nevada Department of Prisons became a Constitutional entity upon Statehood and developed from the Territorial Prison. For 100 years the Nevada State prison consisted of a simple facility for the housing of convicted adult felons. That facility, which we know today as the Maximum Security Prison, expanded throughout to meet the population need as the state grew.

In the mid 1960's an additional facility was built in Carson City to house medium security inmates, and a facility separate from the maximum security prisons for female offenders. Expansion to accommodate additional population in the 60's and 70's was confined to expansion of the Women's prison and the medium security facility.

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

We had a good time over the weekend, kids. A disco dance was given Friday and Saturday. The Marcus Production will be D Jing again this Friday and Saturday, so come on over at the Game Store in the Golden West Shopping Center; 10 until ??

GOOD IDEA:

Parking lot car sale last weekend in the Golden West Shopping Center. More of this is needed and was welcomed.

STYLISTIC VOYAGES

This show is put together by Rudy Jackson and you know he does his best, and that's not saying enough, because he puts his heart into his work. I will be there, so come on out and let us see you there. In the VIP Box will be two lovely people: Mrs. Ruby Duncan and Mrs. Emily Walker of Los Angeles, and other friends.

Summer is coming to Las Vegas and so is "Stylistic Voyages" Fashion and Entertainment Revue to The New Town Tavern and Casino, 600 West Jackson Street, June 3, 1978, 10:30 p.m. - Headlining the revue will be "The Hills Fashion, Ltd. of San Diego, California - Emily Walker, and the Hollywood Toasters" - Page 1 Productions, "Front Page Maniguns" - and introducing "Tiffany's 12 of Las Vegas, Nevada a newly formed arts of fashion and beauty with training seminars for ladies and men who desire to learn. A highlight of the evening will be the honoring and paying tribute to "Operation Life" and it's "Executive Director, Mrs. Ruby Duncan" who along with a very competent staff has worked to improve the meaning of being a human, who wants the rights to live and enjoy "The fruits of the earths goodness."

Emily Walker, the owner of Emily Walker's School of Charm in Los Angeles, California paid the city of Las Vegas a visit during March 78, and was shown the building which houses the staff of Operation Life, read the Community Press and expressed a deep desire to honor Mrs. Ruby Duncan and the Operation Life Staff for its outstanding community services. There will be some 150 to 200 persons touring from Los Angeles and San Diego who will visit the Westside of Las Vegas, a part of their Stylistic Voyage (there will be an open house visit for them to see the Operation Life Building plus other things of interest on their tour - (not just a glamor and glitter setting of Las Vegas). Why?

Because the black people who visit Las Vegas never leave any of their gainings or spending monies directly in West Las Vegas. West Las Vegas need the tourist dollars first hand and not in "pay checks only" to the persons who remain dwellers of the Westside and work in the "Arena of lick and fortune." Perhaps they will reign in the spirit of time that is growing among the black people who are aware of the need to work together and help create a strong band of unity and get along with the business at hand of improving and causing a change in the heart of Westside Las Vegas. Stylistic Voyages into Las Vegas is needed on this side of town. Remember and tell a friend, the community can only be as strong as the people in it.

King, The Meat Man

Roast and Toast

Dr. Kenny C. Guinn, superintendent of the Clark County School District for the last nine years, will be honored with a "roast and toast", Friday, June 30, at the MGM Grand Hotel, according to Charles Fleming, president of the Las Vegas Press Club.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Easter Seal Society of Nevada to help maintain treatment centers for crippled children and adults in Las Vegas and Sparks.

Fleming will co-host the dinner affair with Connie Larsen, representing the Nevada Easter Seal Society.

Guinn leaves the superintendency June 30 to become vice-president with Nevada Savings and Loan Association. Before becoming superintendent, he was associate superintendent for school facilities and held several other positions with the Clark County School District.

The Nevada Easter Seal Society, which will receive the proceeds from the June 30, banquet, provides hands-on physical, speech and occupational therapy to children and adults crippled for any reason. Ninety-six percent of the money raised at the roast and toast will stay in Nevada to help Nevada residents directly, while the other four percent goes to the National Easter Seal Society.

Tickets will go on sale at several locations, May 25.

SECTION 8

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF CLARK, NEVADA

The Housing Authority of the County of Clark, Nevada, is desirous of creating an application pool for the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program.

This program is for persons of limited means and provides assistance to such persons towards payment of their rent.

Certificates of Family Participation are limited and will be issued only on a first come first serve basis as they become available.

For information please call 451-8041.

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