



Community Information

by Al Mitchell

What's happening? I'll tell you! We are systematically being isolated in our community. We get bad rumours, and bad press. When we go out of our community we get bad treatment, and now our city fathers have decided we don't even need equal representation, as if they haven't denied enough already.

We are systematically being turned against our own brothers. We see ourselves trapped in a has tile enviroment, ridiculed by the same society we try to escape to. And we turn our hate in on one another. Each trying to be better than the other.

When will we realize one is no better than the other, and the progress of our nation as a whole tables precedence before all matters.

We must recognize our enemy. It is ignored. The white community is ignorant of our needs as human beings. We must then, find ways to enlighten them, by whatever means necessary.

A class action suit will be filed against Clark County, and evidence will be provided to prove our claims. The racism and discrimination will be exposed so that all can see. Then we can deal effectively with the problem, and undo the harm it has alone to the progress of all minorities.

Please write me P.O.Box 4530 N. Las Vegas, Nevada, 89030.

If you have a grievance and would like to do something about it, or if you, or someone you know have been discriminated against on their job let me know!



Telling It As It Is

by Jimmy Gay

Hello There:

Remember, June is read the VOICE month. Let's know what is going on in the Black Community. I do hope things are going well for you. Now, that school is closing this week, the next thing on the agenda will be vacations! And if your body and mind is as fatigued as yours truly, you are as ready, BABY, as I am. And, incidently, this is just what the old boy will be doing for the next few weeks, and if you should visit 1325 No. Main St., and you fail to see the smiling face, for some reason, you will know the old boy is taking that most deserving time off, that he has accumulated over the past 12 months.

As I told you last week, I would give you a blow-by-blow description of yours truly trying to do the thing that he enjoys most, "Trying to promote Black people." A couple of weeks ago I had a call from a very good friend in Toledo, Ohio. He was all upset that he had a nephew who had gotten himself into a little trouble in our fair city. He needed a lawyer -- and a good one -- the best that we had in town and preferably a WHITE one! It was at this juncture that yours truly had a few choice words for my friend's preference, and then of course, with both barrels, we let him know that we had the finest black attorney's this side of Philadelphia, and could stand shoulder to shoulder with any of them. In fact, I mentioned to him that four of the six black attorneys are graduates of Howard Law School, our finest, in the Nation's Capitol, where they had access to the Congressional Law Library. I mentioned to him, and would like to mention to my readers, one of the four has the esteemed honor of being the No. 2 Student to ever graduate from this institution. Now, this friend had heard good reports on one of the four Howard men, and called him by name, and said, "How about him?", so yours truly had no alternative but to contact the one my friend knew of, but as no surprise, he was too busy to handle the case, so we decided to go with another of the Howard grads. He accepted the case, and I convinced the family he would give them the very best juedis prudence guidance that money can buy. Well, the Eastern couple arrived in the greatest city of them all, contacted yours truly, I made the necessary arrangements for the couple to see the attorney; picked them up by limousine, and took them to the office of one of our fine members of the Nevada bar. We talked for a few moments. Our Howard graduate gave the Easterners his retainer fee, which was pretty good in my way of thinking; there was very little satisfaction of the outcome of the case on the part of the attorney (in fact a little cold) and may I say to you, in our trip back to the Hotel, yours truly almost had to eat his words as to how great our local black attorney's are. All yours truly can tell you, this young defendant had to spend Mother's Day incarcerated. The attorney has half of the retainer fee, the case will come up at a later date, and yours truly will keep you informed as to the outcome.

Well, last week was a hectic week for yours truly with taking part in two memorial services on Memorial Day -- the First Annual for the Fordyce Club was well attended, but not as much as we would have liked to have had. I would like to say, for our President, Mrs. Juanita Simmons; Vice President, E. M. Winfrey; Secretary, Mrs. Owedia Winfrey; and the rest of the officers, as well as a few faithful members, are really trying to tell you Fordyce people, it is time to get together. We are trying to reach you socially, religiously, or however. Let's get together. We did it in Fordyce -- let's do it here.

On Saturday, it was an extreme pleasure for yours truly to serve on a panel of a workshop given by La Femme Dues, at the University of

Nevada at Las Vegas, the organization that promotes the annual Cottilian and the Kappa Alfa Psi Fraternity. It was one of the most interesting workshops yours truly has ever attended. The Military was there, and there were people from various agencies -- The Atomic Energy Commission -- and of course it was indeed a pleasure to have had to work with panelists, George Sherman, Atomic Energy Commission; and one who we are very proud of, who has gone away, obtained his law degree, and returned to his native Las Vegas to practice, Booker Evans. Welcome back, Booker, we know you will be as great a lawyer as the state has ever known. And may I say that Professor Theron Goynes gave one of the finest speeches of his career to this young group. Along with the fun side, there was a serious side of the speech that certainly should have got home to all of us.

Thanks again to these fine organizations for asking yours truly to be a part of this annual workshop.

Of course, the rest of Saturday afternoon was a sit in by all of us from NAACP. We hope it was effective.

This just about does it for this week, see you next week, same time, same place.

Don't forget June is Read the VOICE month. Please know what is going on in the black community. It is only through the VOICE that you will know.



V.I.P. Corner

by Kenneth Carson

Hello VOICE Readers

John Wayne cried for his country. Remember, we saw him on TV for his country.

Dr. MacMillan cried for his country. Remember, we saw him on TV for his country.

One man is white and famous throughout the land, and he received praise and bumper stickers (God Gless John Wayne).

One man is black and well thought of and known in his state, and he got laughed at and ignored.

My country tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land of our fathers, pride makes you want to run and hide.

Land of Prejudice, hatred and bigotry. My Country tis of thee. Sweet land of liberty -- for whom?

Prejudice always rears his ugly head. In the high offices of the land, I am better than you, you can't tell me what to do or how to run this country.

In the middle office of the land you can't tell me what to do or how to run this state.

In the lower office you can't tell me what to preach, if you don't believe in my God you don't believe in anything and the people, if you don't have as much money, you're nobody and nobody if you don't have the right color at the moment it's needed, what's left?

Race, Creed or Color; this is my Country.

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE THAT SOMETIMES MEAN THE MOST. SHOW HER YOU CARE.

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