

The Publisher Speaks



The time is here and past due for the Black people to work together to solve basic economic problems within their own community. We can best do this by starting with ourselves. When was the last time you supported a Black institution with your dollar? When was the last time you supported another Black person? How much have you really invested in the development of your community? Do you subscribe to the VOICE Newspaper? Are you a member of a Black organization? Do you contribute in a meaningful way economically to that organization?

When we spend our money, whether it is in church, a social organization, or just plain tax dollars, we have a right to know how that money is being used. Whether it is for our benefit or our detriment. Black people who are in leadership rolls, whether they are the minister of a church, head of organization, or elected official are accountable to the people.

But the only way you can make these people accountable is by supporting that church or organization, or if it is an elected official, be a registered voter.

If you have a vested interest in an organization, church or a politician through contribution, membership, or by voting, you have a right to know whether your trust has been violated. In other words the commitment is a total commitment. Black people have an obligation to support their leader, and the leader ought to be accountable to the people.

If the people do not support their leader then the people are at fault. If the leaders are not accountable then the leader is at fault. If the people cannot make the leader accountable, then that leader ought to be replaced.

If we have this type of involvement within the Black community, it won't be long before City Hall will realize they cannot pit Blacks against Blacks. They will realize that the Black leaders are representing the interest of the Black people. It will no longer be necessary for us to waste time on who is the biggest leader or who in West Las Vegas speaks for the Black people. The point is let us get our house in order in West Las Vegas so we speak with one voice for economic development in our community.

We should be able to speak with one voice to the Banks, Savings and Loan Associations, Hotel Resort Association, Downtown Merchants Association, Chamber of Commerce, and any other entity that we could get to aid us in redeveloping the Black community.

No community is as strong as its business district. That is also true in the Black community. We are expecting great things from all our leaders. The Black community is growing up. We are all catching hell! We

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

STOP FEAR AND TREMBLING IN THE STREETS



Just the FACTS

Nevada is a good 30 years behind times in quite a few of their laws. Maybe, if some of the laws of the state were made more strict, there would be less trouble.

Now, don't misunderstand me. I do not mean all the laws are behind times, but I do mean some of them are quite outdated.

Due to the nature of the income of this state, the gaming laws must be strict, but traffic laws, some of the city and county laws, are just a little outdated.

I know of no other state in the union that has such slack drinking laws. Where else in the United States can you walk down the street with a glass of booze in your hand, and drink while walking down the street? I know of NO other state that allows you to drink while walking down the street.

The Gaming Control Board is doing a good job in scrutinizing the applications for people to work in the Industry, but sometimes the same strict application to other industries should be made the order of the day, rather than the exception.

We, as Blacks, complain that the establishment is against us, but when the Police Dept., Highway Patrol, or other law enforcement agency set out to hire new people, who are the LAST to apply? Our own blacks.

If you are dissatisfied with the way the Establishment is being run, why not apply for jobs in places where maybe you can have a voice in how things are being run.

There are people such as Rev. Charles Wyatt, a Prominate Black Minister, who not only worked for the Police Department for a number of years, but is now devoting his time to work with prisoners by becoming the Chaplain at the new Prison at Jean, Nevada. Now, here is one man that is trying to show that Black's are just as capable of working in law enforcement and still remaining BLACK!

Your color means nothing when it comes to being able to do a job. If EVERYONE would just stop to remember; GOD MADE US IN HIS IMAGE. HE DOES NOT SEE COLOR, JUST WHAT IS IN YOUR HEARTS. DON'T YOU THINK IT IS TIME WE STOP SEEING COLOR?

True, Black is Beautiful. I don't mean for

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BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

James Abourezk, Democrat and junior Senator from South Dakota, has written that the natural-gas-pricing issue was the scene of the first battle in a fight that will determine whether our national energy policy is to be established by 20 oil companies in the sole interest of profit or by 200 million American people in the interest of the nation as a whole.

This over simplification of a serious problem providing low cost energy for everyone including the black and poor, can be explained at least by the lack of a large black constituency in the Senator's State. New York city alone has 40 percent more blacks, about 980,000, than the entire population of fewer than 700,000 people in South Dakota.

These miopic outlooks of well meaning individuals are what confuses an already complex problem of putting low cost electric energy into low income homes. True only about 60 percent of America's 25 million black citizens are concentrated around cities, but this majority makes a difference in our thought patterns.

Low cost natural gas is not the only concern of this country's conscientious citizens. All of a nation's resources must be used to keep the price of fuel at a bargain price for the people, including nuclear power.

Every one million kilowatt nuclear plant, in a normal year's operation, saves the equivalent of 9.6 million barrels of oil, or 2.6 million tons of coal, or 58.3 billion cubic feet of natural gas.

In 1976, the latest year for which data are available, the average cost of generating a kilowatt hour of nuclear electricity was 1.5 cents; by comparison, the average cost of coal-fired generation was 1.8 cents and oil 3.5 cents.

Forty-one other countries have the benefit of low cost nuclear power. The U. S. lags drastically behind with its current nuclear plants accounting for only nine percent of installed generating capacity.

In spite of this, these nuclear power plants produce nearly 13 percent of the nation's electricity. In the U. S. it's an environmental

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