



Community Information

by Al Mitchell

It seems any more around here that too many Blacks are losing faith in their brothers. It seems as though no one cares any more; and its every man for himself. Black, White relations are at an impasse, and everyone, including some of our own people want to blame the Black man for everything. To this I say BULL ----- !!

Come on, Americans, Fess up! Sure there are many ignorant Blacks, but there are many, many more ignorant Whites, and too many of them are leaders of this community. None of them give a damn about the moral issues of racism and prejudicial attitudes, that have helped keep our people down.

White Americans, Las Vegans in particular, have come to accept these wrongs as "A way of life." Any efforts made by a group to break down this wall of ignorance is met with the same hostility as if they were attempting to destroy a national institution. (Maybe racism is a national institution).

Whites are fed up with Black demands, and the pendulum has started its BACKWARD DESCENT.

Meanwhile, back here in Clark County, Civil Rights are in the infancy stages, and it seems the movement will never mature. Most Whites here seem to believe there is no problem. (Clearly a sign of ignorance). They've been doing wrong for so long that it now seems right. They claim to be unaware of any wrong doing. Well, like they always tell us when we appear in their courts, ignorance is no excuse! By ignoring our problems, Whites believe that there is no problem, and the Blacks who complain, or strike back, are over sensitive, or radicals. When in reality by not helping to find the solution, they are as much a part of the problem, as the out and out bigot.

There must be some decent, courageous Whites in the valley who will stand with us in this fight against racism. I keep hoping some of these people will pull their hearts into the issue and face it squarely. I believe then, with the help of decent people, we can effectively fight this problem.

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

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WORDS OF LIFE

Biblical Inspiration For The Week

"Think."—Philemon 4:8

1. *There is no substitute for thought.* Without thinking, we cannot even contemplate God. Nor can we assess—and so feel—the beauty of nature, the warmth of companionship, the true love of ones near and dear to us. Think!

2. *Thought and growth go together.* The measure of a person's true stature is determined by the measure of that person's mind. Those who discipline their thought along creative lines become the world's chief benefactors. Those who "use their head"

bring order, stability, peace, prosperity, health and happiness to our homes. Think!

3. *Thought and freedom are one.* "As a person thinks, so is he or she." Such the celebrated adage or saying goes. A beautiful poem regarding freedom and our own thoughts concerning ourselves ends with the exquisite lines:

"Oppression bends,
The haughty flee
Before the one
Who knows, I'm free!"
Think!



Telling It As It Is by Jimmy Gay

By the time you read this column you will have lived through another 4th of July, (Independence Day). Well, how is the heat serving you? Well, you ain't seen nothing yet BABY!! This is really going to be another sizzler -- and I don't mean allweatherwise!! Politically, educationally, socially, as well as in the field of entertainment, but hang right in there BABY, everything is going to be al-r-r-r-right.

Well, now that June has passed, I do hope that you got the message to read the VOICE is a must for Black Nevadans, so if you should miss reading one issue, you may regret it the rest of your life. You may miss an important event, a friends wedding or party, or even a funeral. You see, the town has grown so fast and spread out, and we are living all over this valley, including Boulder City, Henderson, Virgin Valley, and even Pahrump, so you must remember the VOICE is the only medium to find out what your brother is doing, weather it is good, bad or indifferent. Just remember, yours truly is going to tell it like it is, and I would like for you to know about it too, so watch your steps and where you go and who you see. It could be you next week.

There is an outside chance that yours truly may be again doing a syndicated column for several black newspapers around the country. At one time, this was our bag. Possibly the papers involved would include the Chicago Defender; the Amsterdam News of New York; Pittsburg Courier; the Los Angeles Sentinel; also the Los Angeles Wave; Arkansas Free Press; and of course the weekly Jet. If yours truly finds the time between the completion of my book (From Fordyce to Las Vegas), this may become a reality as early as August 1, 1978. The column will be renamed as was in the 50's and 60's (Breezy News From The Desert). The column will be telling the rest of the world what's really happening in the Entertainment Capital of the World. Who's opening/closing and at what hotel or club, what VIP, Political figure, or athlete that visited our City during the week. Or any new appointments or achievements or advancements by local blacks. We will cover the black scene from stem to stern (laugh). If you think this is a good idea, yours truly will find the time to do it. So let me know by calling the VOICE 648-2615, or dropping a card to 616 No. "H" St., Las Vegas, NV 89106.

As I mentioned, the heat is really on in that Gubernatorial race. It is really shaping up into a dandy. Rumors are flying from all angles and it is going to get hotter and hotter, BABY. The North Las Vegas Justice of the Peace race is going to be a humdinger also -- Keep your eye on that one, and incidentally I mentioned the fact last week that our two Assemblymen were real pros at the political game, but I am not too sure at this point, yours truly has made a few scenes at pretty important affairs lately and neither one was there, but their opponents were. Fellas, be ye damn careful, the tide could turn. You know this community as well as I do. Be there -- Be there -- Be there!!!

The Kenny Guinn affair was quite successful, well attended by all except the Black Community. Of the some 7-800 attendance, there were only 12 of US there. To me, this is a slap in the face of the former superintendent and our newly appointed one. Yours truly happened to know that there are some educators who would never have made the grade if it hadn't been for either one or the other of them, (and you know who you are -- but you weren't there!!!). That AIN'T showing much gratitude BABY, and Don't forget -- what goes around -- comes around. And speaking of very important affairs, yours truly could not have been more disappointed as with the turnout of Dr. Charles I. West's "This Is Your Life" testimonial presented

by the Beta Eta Theta Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority Saturday night at the Frontier Hotel. Would you believe there was only one Dr., one lawyer, and a Judge; One minister, but NOT the one who was supposed to have done the Invocation!! This is bad BABY, this is BAD!!! I have tried to inspire this community, shame this community, and even beg this community into a little togetherness -- but BABY it is tough. I have almost come to the end of the line!! Even the people this man was absolutely responsible for coming to our town and become very successful, did not have the decency to show up. Have we completely forgotten the words appreciation, or gratitude, or just downright being thankful for the success others have received? Don't forget, you may meet these same people on the way down. It could happen to you or to me.

Speaking of the Kenny Guinn affair, Mr. Jesse Scott, Director of Equal Rights Commission did one hell of a roast of Dr. Guinn, and brought up points that even yours truly did not even know -- And say, do you know who Mr. Scott's date was for the affair -- I'm not going to tell you! You will find out soon enough!!

Next week we will give you a run down on future activities for the rest of the summer, including a red hot show package yours truly and the Red Red Fox are putting together. This about wraps it up for this week. See you next week, same time, same place.

Remember, there is still time for us to get together in this community.



The Court's decision in Bakke today is complex, and there may be a tendency to focus on the order that Bakke be admitted to the Davis Medical School. However, the real impact of the Bakke decision is in that the majority of the Court upheld the use of race as a factor in university affirmative action programs. The practical impact of today's decision is to uphold most university affirmative action programs.

Five members of the Court reversed the California Supreme Court's opinion that race may never be considered by a state university in admissions. The other four members of the Court expressed no view on this important constitutional issue. They did not dissent. The Court did order Allan Bakke admitted to the university because five Justices thought that the particular California affirmative action program was unlawful. Four members of the Court thought it violated Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and one member (Justice Powell) thought the California program was too rigid to be constitutional under the 14th Amendment. However, Justice Powell thought that affirmative action programs operated by other universities were constitutional.

Because of the complexity of the issue and the different views of the Justices, many programs may be attacked by rejected applicants. The need now is for careful planning by universities to develop sensitive, intelligent and flexible special admissions programs which will aid Blacks and other minorities in obtaining a fair share of scarce educational resources and comply with today's decision.

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