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Will Campaign Promises Be Fulfilled?

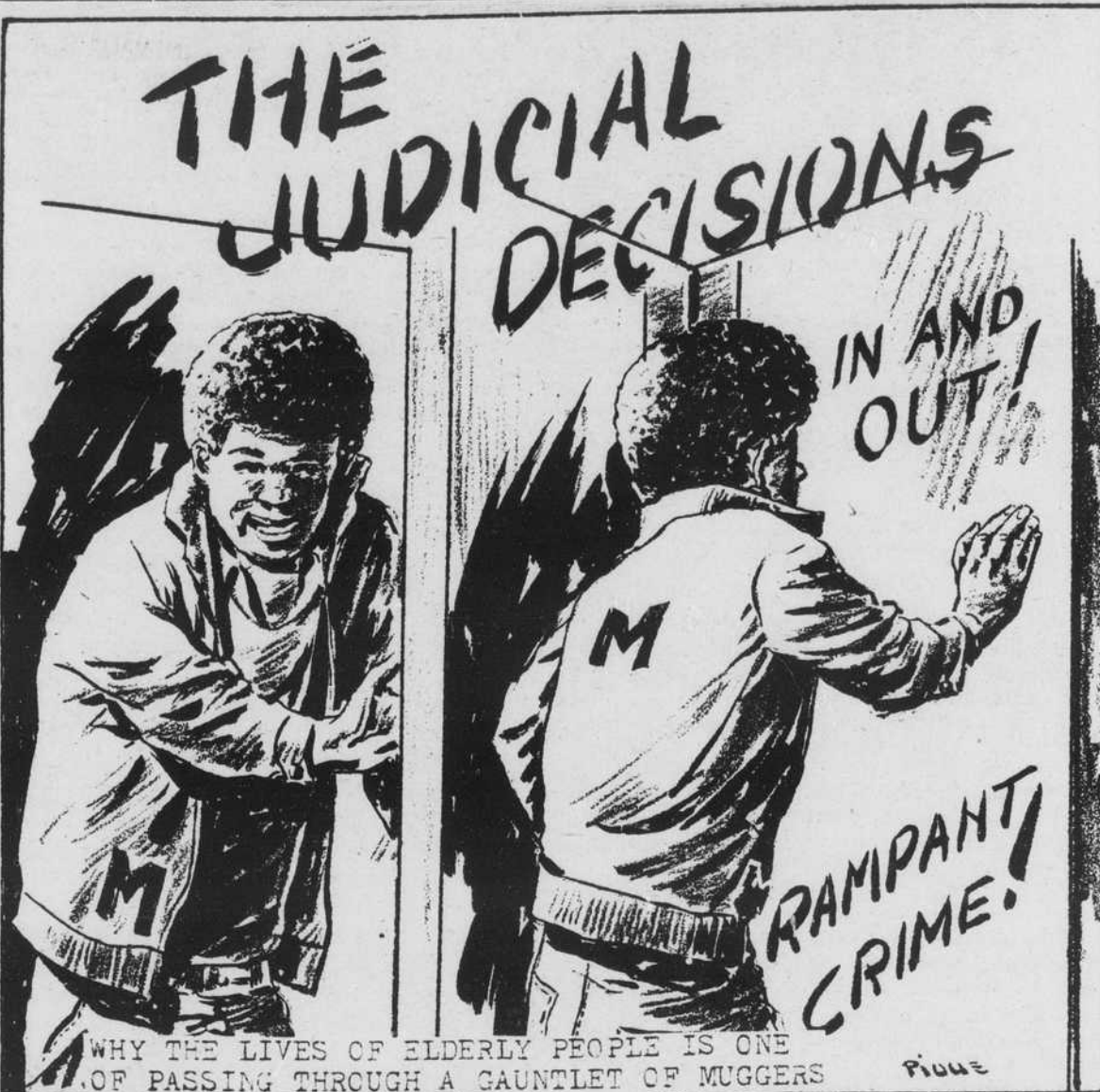
With the convening of the 60th legislative session and the message carried by the State of California and Proposition 13, people of the State Nevada can express considerable time and effort expended toward drastic tax reduction within over state. There is no doubt that this legislative session will endure beyond any in past history. Some 40 assemblymen and 20 Senators will be faced with more complex problems inherent with massive population growth both in the Northern and Southern part of the state.

If we could rely on the fulfillment of half the promises made during the campaign season there would be nothing to worry about. Yes realistically most of us realize that Campaign promises differ from actual performance and effectiveness. We must therefore remain watchful as the session progresses and remind them of their responsibility to the voters.

Use of weapons in the Commission of crimes is increasing at an alarming rate. The local District Attorneys and courts should not have the discretion to plea bargain this type of an offense so that politics and sentiment result in offenders, particularly those of influence and financial means avoid going to prison where they belong.

Driving under the influence accounts for much of the caseload of our court system, and in far too many instances results in death or serious injury to our citizens. While the present maximum penalty for a misdemeanor is 6 months in jail or \$500.00 fine the law seems not to be a deterrent to the intoxicated driver. The legislature should accept the burden of fixing the unalterable punishment for such an offense.

Of course there are many other areas that need legislative attention at this time not the least of which are utility rates, Mass Transit, Air Pollution, welfare abuse and etc. Any of these areas that you are concerned about and desire information you are urged to call your Assemblyman or Senator. The toll free number



WHY THE LIVES OF ELDERLY PEOPLE IS ONE OF PASSING THROUGH A GAUNTLET OF MUGGERS

FIGURE

Just the FACTS

Black Administrators Needed At UNLV

It has come to our attention that our university, UNLV, has chosen to ignore the upgrading of our black faculty as far as tenure, promotion and appointment to administrative positions are concerned. We are aware of the tenure and promotion process at UNLV, and feel that it may be used in a prejudicial manner to hinder blacks and other minorities from getting ahead.

We are not here to promote unrest among our black faculty. However we must question the manner and intention of the tenure and promotion procedures.

We are aware of the fact that there is only one black in an administrative capacity at our university. We believe that this should be remedied as soon as possible. We also believe that there are qualified blacks among the present faculty to hold an administrative position, and that the university would do the black community a favor if it would appoint one of these men or women to a decision-making administrative position.

Our youngsters work hard on the athletic teams to make UNLV look good to the public. It would appear that UNLV could reciprocate by providing them some role-models in the administrative arena of our illustrious university.

UNLV is fast becoming one of the major universities of the nation in terms of scholarship offerings, quality of instruction, and athletic prowess. We urge the university to seriously consider the request as stated above.

Again, we must call the black community's attention to the fact that blacks are not able to get tickets to UNLV basketball games. We feel that since we work to help provide many players in every area of UNLV's athletic program, we should be able to get some tickets to the games to see our sons and daughters play.

We do not feel that we are asking for too much, and that our requests for tickets and some black administrators are reasonable.

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

Watching Blacks Drown You Can Save Us Jimmy Carter

President Carter might want to read an article in the Wilmington, N.C. Morning Star newspaper. A 14-year-old, youth helped pull a drowning woman to shore, and to his dismay discovered it was his mother. While Jimmy Carter is still early in his Presidential years (possible eight he hopes), a serious problem of Black Americans who voted 90% plus for the President, should be shouted out to him for help.

While America's unemployment continues to go down, latest figures fell to 5.8% from six percent in October, Black American and other minorities continue to grow grayer, up from 11.2% to 11.4% during October. Clearly the concern of those with a paycheck is to stop inflation in order to maintain their purchasing power. But Black Americans and others without a job sink even farther behind in the social order when there are no salaries.

Rumors running around Washington, D.C. is that the President will practice an old Nixon trick, hold up already appropriated federal budgeted money. Few people believe the brakes will be on the defense budget, betting is on social, health and educational programs.

President Carter should get a copy of Proposition V approved by a wide margin of the voters of the city of Saint Francis. The San Francisco Transfer Amendment would require that a certain sizable portion of the nation's highly inflated budget for defense expenditures would be removed from the military budget and be used instead to support much needed domestic peacetime programs, such as job development, housing improvements, education and other healthy pursuits geared toward improving the quality of life in this country.

A.W. Clausen, President, Bank America Corporation \$81 billion in assets and parent of the biggest free world bank, wrote, "The most complex and deeply-rooted problem we face today is inflation." President Carter concurs in this concept.

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