

LAS VEGAS VOICE

EDITORS VIEWPOINT

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9-POINTS

1. THE LAS VEGAS VOICE will now inform its readers of trends and changes in Nevada's Political arena in order to encourage a more realistic use of the vote.
2. THE LAS VEGAS VOICE shall be guided only by facts, and by logic, never by coercion, nor by emotions, nor by sentiment.
3. THE LAS VEGAS VOICE shall never step back from the fear of printing the truth.
4. THE LAS VEGAS VOICE vows to undertake all logic avenues of endeavor to protect its readers from exploitation.
5. THE LAS VEGAS VOICE will launch a reader education program designed to elevate the position of its readers in every facet of life.
6. THE LAS VEGAS VOICE will once and for all clear the atmosphere of the stench produced by the political prostitutes.
7. THE LAS VEGAS VOICE shall offer its total facilities to all those with established integrity who are honestly striving to achieve Human Dignity for all citizens.
8. THE LAS VEGAS VOICE employ its total potential and regard in order to guide the youth of West Las Vegas and prepare them for tomorrow's leadership.
9. THE LAS VEGAS VOICE intends to pave a new road of understanding leading from this community and straight to each and every office of those who are considered to be Nevada's decision makers.

OATH-REALITY-&-MEMORY

I, Phil Waddell do hereby solemnly swear to serve this paper within the framework upon which it was founded back in 1963 by Dr. Charles I. West and I intend to walk the streets of this Community with courage and with a firm conviction that a newspaper must serve the best interest of all its citizens.

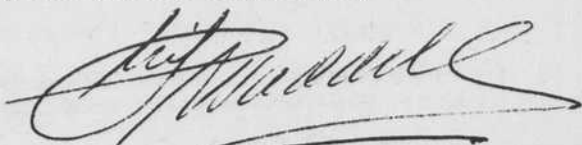
What surprises many in this Community is the fact that I accepted the position of Managing Editor of the Las Vegas Voice when it is well known, I was hardly ever in accord with Lawrence Albert who has been the Publisher of this paper for the past 6 years.

Our differences be what they were, have been cast upon the winds of time, and both of us have arrived at the Arena of Understanding, that if this Community is to survive in today's mounting changes and trends, together means a darn sight more than APART.

Thus I have accepted the position offered to me by Lawrence Albert and he is respectful of my decision, thus once again, The LAS VEGAS VOICE becomes Community property.

I sign this, not for the sake of signing, I do so in the memory of the late Rev. Prentis Walker who gave the best years of his life to West Las Vegas.

Sleep well my dear friend for now, we shall finish the job, for you have taught us well.



Phil Waddell
Managing Editor
Las Vegas Voice Newspaper

The Party Is Over

It's time to pull back the curtains and let the COMMUNITY sunshine in----It's time to turn on the lights and erase the shadows that have darkened this COMMUNITY----It's time to shut off the same old music that the citizens of this COMMUNITY have been forced to dance to for so many years----IN SHORT---"The Party Is Over".

For many, this will simply be a case of "Let the doornob of the COMMUNITY meet you where it didn't greet you."

Now it's clean-up time----Time to toss out the gathering of pretenders who sought to sit upon the throne of this COMMUNITY'S human dignity----Time to punch holes in the bright colored balloons that were filled with nothing but hot air----Time to wash and shelf the glasses that toasted promises that were never kept----Time to trash can the paper plated that were held by those who loved to eat high on the hog while a concerned COMMUNITY blessed the crumbs on their families table----It's now the time to open the windows wide and shout in words loud and clear for all citizens of this COMMUNITY TO HEAR----"The Party Is Over".

This should come as no great surprise to "A CHOSEN FEW" who have for so long viewed the citizens of this COMMUNITY as pawns in their game of "self rise."

THE PARTY IS OVER and it's time to say goodbye for the DAWN has awoken to herald the COM-METH of a brand new day, and you the readers of the LAS VEGAS VOICE NEWSPAPER can rest assured that there will be other parties in WEST LAS VEGAS with one major difference--EACH OF YOU WILL BE AN INVITED GUEST.

**Minority,
A Word To Shun**

Effective as of this issue, the LAS VEGAS VOICE will shy away from using the term "minority" as a synonym for Black People.

The term "minority" has been bastardized to the extent that it has caused BLACK PEOPLE to receive less than an equitable share of available resources.

Since the LAS VEGAS VOICE is refocusing its endeavors on the needs of this community, we certainly want it to be understood by all parties so concerned that we do share the concerns of others classified as minorities, however, we cannot at this time support additional BLACK energy expenditures supporting allocations based on "minority" needs.

Other ethnic and religious groups have piggy-backed on our real and conceptual thrusts and like parasites have walked away with resources authorized by Congress and allocated by the President intentionally to benefit BLACK people. The present day system has created widening of the socio-economic gap between BLACK people and non-BLACK people.

Our journey as a people through the years of assigned definitions such as nigger, colored and Negro to the point where we affirmed our personhood in blackness, suggest that we cannot allow our uniqueness to be swallowed up in the assigned term "minority."

Our status in America has been determined by ideological, economic, cultural and socio-psychological factors, therefore it is important that we not be "re-identified" to the extent of "re-inventing" the barriers to our progress.

**THE
BLACK
VOICE**

It is to be understood that the Las Vegas Voice is fully aware of each and every person who has struggled for so many years to uplift the whole of the this community. In the weeks to come this paper will pay tribute to each of them in a very fitting and special manner. The remainder of this column is DIRECTED to those who have kept this community's DREAM FROM HAVING ANY CHANCE TO BECOME A REALITY!

We take this means to inform them that NO LONGER shall the citizens who dwell in West Las Vegas be forced to group in front of a mirror that fails to reflect an image. NO LONGER shall the citizens who dwell in West Las Vegas be forced to stand in line in hopes of receiving an equal share of HUMAN DIGNITY. NO LONGER shall the citizens who dwell in West Las Vegas be forced to sign, seal, lease and deliver their self pride to those WHO COULDN'T CARE LESS.

Leadership from this day on, regardless of organization, political or religious ties hereafter must project THEIR INTENTIONS to all in this community.

The Las Vegas Voice Newspaper shall press for the establishment of THE WEST LAS VEGAS BOARD OF ADVISORS which will be a crosscut of citizens who live IN THIS COMMUNITY who can, will and shall honestly and sincerely serve and represent this entire community.

When a major problem surfaces in this community that calls for the immediate attention of some agency within City Government, it is absolutely uncalled for, to have every Mary, Jim and Joe jump in a car and play "SOUND-OFF." across town.

If you the readers of this newspaper can grasp the value of a WEST LAS VEGAS ADVISORY BOARD, and it's known from one end to the other end of this State that this board has your full support, the results will transform this community into a flower of growth and beauty.

Again to those of you who have given so much to this Community, we extend to you a very warm and personal thank-you on behalf of our citizens, and the rest of you have until 12 noon on Friday to finish your prostituting tap-dances, because after that, WE'RE PULLING THE PLUGS ON YOUR MUSIC MACHINES.

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