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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Recently on television they had a movie about the day-to-day coping with integration at Central High School Little Rock, Ark. The movie has stuck in my mind ever since because it drove home a point that is so sad it goes beyond being tragic.

While the film projected a piece of American history from a viewpoint that only those who were there could realize, it also showed — once again, sorry to say — that there were people who truly did want to improve the situation. That, in itself, shows one of the problems with American journalism.

While the incident was given outstanding coverage at the time back in the 1950s, I'm afraid much of the world felt that everyone involved in running the school felt the way Gov. Faubus did as he stood in the doorway and tried to block the school to those amazingly courageous black youngsters.

That's another thing the film showed — that those kids, while

pioneers with more guts than most heros, were scared, typical teenagers.

But what hit me most while watching that movie was the ugly fact that all those racist white kids weren't projecting their own beliefs. They were parroting for parents who had drummed hatred into those youngsters from the time they were small.

Oh sure, what they did was their own creation. But it came about because the training they received in the home. How utterly sad and frustrating it is to see youngsters, who in other areas of their lives were fine, upstanding children, taught to believe in hatred. For that's exactly what you are talking about when you practice any form of discrimination.

It's such a subtle thing that we all practice to some degree or another. Remarks made by parents about any group, even in passing, are remembered by little children. If they hear a slur then they will believe it is both alright to make such remarks and that the victim of the comment really must be inferior.

When are we going to learn? Since the TV show we're discussing showed the "aftermath" of such teachings, why not have a show that explains how those things come about in the first place.

Sincerely,
Joe Cross

Dear Media Friend:

On behalf of the American Lung Association of Nevada, I would like to thank you for your support and wonderful media coverage for our Special Events (Fund Raisers).

Your contribution proved most helpful in bringing about the success of our endeavors.

For the members of our Board of Trustees and those persons who benefit from the funds raised at our events, may I once again thank you for all your media coverage and support.

I am looking forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Dawn L. Brooks, M.S.
Resource Development
Director

HELP-A-THON FOR BULLOCK RAISED \$8,000

A weekend Help-A-Thon for nightclub owner Ruben Bullock, one of the biggest events to take place in the black community in several years and the first of its kind, reached \$8,000 of its goal as the weekend approached.

The philanthropic effort ran for 31 hours — from 3 p.m. Sunday to past midnight Monday.

Bullock, a bartender at Caesars Palace Hotel, owns and operates the Westside Story on West Owens Avenue, one of the newest establishments in the black community.

The event was organized by concerned community residents to help offset the "astronomical medical bills" facing Bullock and his family and to help boost his business which had been deteriorating during his absence.

BRYANT FINED FOR INCIDENT

Ernest Bryant, 43, former deputy city manager of Las Vegas, who resigned after being cited by police for urinating in a City Hall stairwell, pleaded guilty last week in Justice Court to a reduced charge of trespassing and was fined \$250.

Bryant appeared before Justice of Peace Joe Bonaventure with Tom Burns, his attorney. Burns announced plea negotiations had been completed calling the admission of guilt and imposition of the fine.

Bryant was cited by Metro Police for "immodest behavior" after the Dec. 6 stairwell incident. He was issued a traffic citation in the basement of the city hall garage for allegedly making an illegal turn and causing a minor accident. He then stepped into the stairwell to relieve himself, police said.



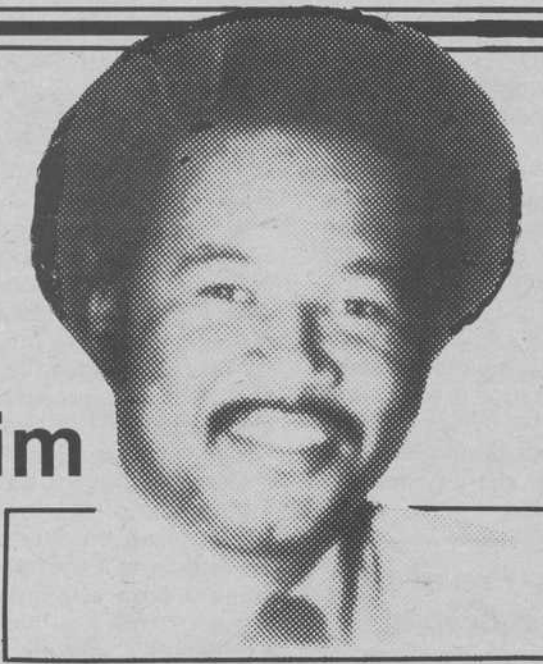
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