

Point of View

GROUND WORK FOR NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The Clark County School Board is about to venture into one of its most important functions. The current Board members may never get another chance to get so involved but their work in this area must be with a well thought out plan and one agreed on by the entire Board.

The Board is about to select a Superintendent to succeed Claude Perkins.

The selection process could be catastrophic, particularly for the children, if it is handled haphazardly.

The selection process was briefly discussed two weeks ago. At that time, the process was not agreed on but will be included in their meeting of Thursday, Oct. 8.

Presently, Trustee Virginia Brooks Brewster is the only current member of the Board who has had experience in the selection process for a Superintendent. And is the only member, to date, who has submitted a memorandum proposing a process that could be considered.

The following is the content of the memorandum submitted by Trustee Brewster:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of School Trustees, Clark County School District

FROM: Virginia Brooks Brewster

SUBJECT: PROCESS SELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: September 24, 1981

It has been stated in many articles published by the National School Board Association, that the single most important function of a School Board of Trustees is the selection of a superintendent of schools. Unification of the process will cause, to

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COMMUNITY REACTION TO MX CANCELLATION

By Ed Brown

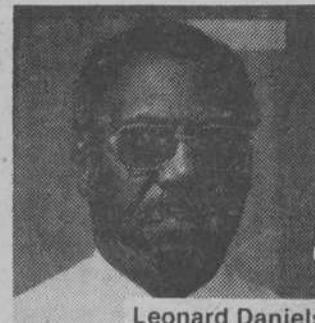
MAN ON STREET

PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS SCRAPPED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE MX MISSILE SYSTEM BEING ESTABLISHED IN NEVADA. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THIS?



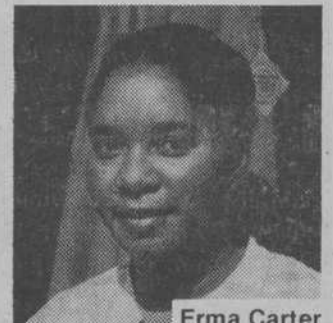
Barbara Duke

"I wanted it to be here. I was very excited about it. It would have been good for the businesses here."



Leonard Daniels

"For the economy here in Nevada, it should have been established here. I think it was politically done."



Erma Carter

"I wish they would have been approved it. It would have meant jobs for so many."



Gretchen Welch

"I had mixed emotions for in a way it would have helped the economy in Nevada, but then again, it seemed kind of dangerous."



Charlie Grubbs

"Big deal. No ifs and ans about it. It didn't matter to me."



Johmus Geran

"I don't like the idea that they cancelled the MX. I thought they should have brought it in here. We need employment. It would have helped."



Eddie Smith

"I feel real good about that. I feel that the MX would have been bad for Nevada. the environment and the population explosion would have been too much."

PEOPLE, PLACES and POLITICS

By Joe Neal



During his campaign M. J. Reagan spoke of the fact that this nation must protect its friends. One friend Mr. Reagan had reference to was the South African government. A government of four million whites who utilize sophisticated war machinery to dominate twenty million blacks.

To the dismay of many black African countries, the Carter doctrine, which was designed to bring about majority rule in South Africa, is being shifted to embracing the policies of the South African government. The Carter administration had established the closest relationship ever with black African countries. That administration played a pivotal role in bringing about the birth of Zimbabwe.

Our government also had the backing of Nigeria. The backing of Nigeria was important not only for the influence that this country exercised on the continent of Africa, but also because, next to Saudi Arabia, it is the second largest oil supplier to this country.

The Reagan people are placing the breaks on the Carter doctrine and are now beginning to aid South Africa in swinging the pendulum further to the right. Mr. Reagan has been quoted as saying that "we cannot abandon this country, which has stood by us in every war we have fought."

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To Be Equal

THE THREAT FROM THE RIGHT

By Vernon Jordan

My hat is off to Yale University President A. Bartlett Giamatti, who stirred a storm by denouncing the Moral Majority and similar groups who seek to impose their interpretation of morality on the rest of us.

President Giamatti correctly described these new vigilantes of the right wing in a speech to entering Yale freshmen.

He said: "Angry at change, rigid in the application of chauvanistic slogans, absolutistic in morality, they threaten through political pressure or public denunciation whoever dares to disagree with their authoritarian beliefs."

He is right. Last year I spoke of those "home-grown ayatollahs" who have politicized their own narrow moral beliefs. Some of those organizations rate politicians on moral

issues, which, by their definition include fighting busing to end segregation and voting for or against a federal Department of Education.



Vernon Jordan

Curiously enough, these moral policemen wound up giving low ratings to Congressmen who are also clergymen while giving high ratings to more conservative Congressmen later found guilty of bribe taking and sexual offenses.

President Giamatti made the important point that the tactics of such groups undermine

the pluralism that is at the base of our values and freedoms.

So their concept of sin grows to include books, movies and art most Americans enjoy, and with that concept of sin comes the urge to censor, to forbid, and to restrict individual choices. All of this is in

lifestyles. The rise of such petty dictators of morality would be just a bad joke if they did not demonstrate political muscle and use sophisticated communications techniques to spread their distorted message.

Worse, they help set the tone for a climate of

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the name of "morality" and "traditional values."

It is not enough to believe in traditional values, in the family, in the flag, in the American system — you have to believe in their definition of those values. Otherwise you are immoral and subversive.

But the real subversives are those who try to force everyone into lockstep, who deny others the right to define their own values and to follow their own

reactionary viciousness. As President Giamatti says, they have "licensed a new meanness of See THREAT, Page 15



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