

Kosinski Files For AG Office

had it. It is most difficult to generate good ideas anymore. On those rare occasions when you do think of something which has not been thought of before it is usually quickly termed worthless.

I have not lived here for too many years but for those years which I have been here I have observed a kind of gradual, consistent erosion of Black men in our "fair" community. It seems that each time one goes through all of the moves, fulfills all of the requirements for a position, does all of the thankless dirty work and begins to become well thought of, suddenly the bubble bursts. Why? How does it happen so frequently? How does the system get away with it time and time again. Is the system blind or cannot the public see? Is it apathy? Is it as one of the victims suggested in another arena, that we are peopled by a bunch of "nutless and gutless" wonders? Do we figure that as long as it is not happening to us that we need not be concerned? "It's none of my business," Leroy said when Jesse's face was pushed into the dirt. Have you seen Leroy lately? No. You know why? Its because his face is now in the dirt and no one gives a What about when it happens to "no one?" There won't be anyone left to care.

Oh well, we'll just keep on cruising along as usual. Thinking that everything is alright as long as we're keeping our heads when all about us others are losing theirs. "Every man for himself, and God for us all." What childish ways we seem to run adult lives. It is no wonder that the system plays and toys with us. Let's get serious "sports fans." The war indeed "is begun."

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Pledging to work for criminal justice reform and the enforcement of ethics in government, State Senator Jim Kosinski, D-Washoe, has filed for the office of Attorney General of Nevada.

The "war on crime" has become a "war of words" between politicians, according to Kosinski, and he plans to establish the attorney general's office as a bridge between the judicial, executive and legisla-



tive branches of government to coordinate the battle against criminals.

The practice of plea bargaining came under attack by Kosinski, who said he would work for the elimination of plea bargaining in cases of violent crimes and drug peddling.

"Plea bargaining has contributed to the loss of confidence in our criminal justice system, specifically law enforcement," he said.

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aware that "constant vigilance is the price of freedom."

I was reminded, again, of the important role of a Black newspaper when I read last week's issues of both the Vegas Voice and the Las Vegas Sentinel. If you missed Lee Walker's "Reflections From The Chairman" in the July 10 issue of the Vegas Voice and/or Billy Rowe's Notebook in the July 8 issue of the Las Vegas Sentinel, I earnestly entreat you to make a point to read what Walker and Rowe have to say. The timing of both articles could not have been better. We need to think about their messages, and we need to act upon them.

Walker's comments on the tragedy of the "slow death of the public advocate, the defender of the disenfranchised" and his expressed regret at the "lack of political sophistication in the community" necessary to overcome the cruel system which permits the abuses that victimizes the truly needy," should be read and should prod us into some unified political activity to protect the community.

In his New York date-lined, syndicated column appearing in last week's issue of the Las Vegas Sentinel, Billy Rowe took us down memory lane to the unforgettable August 28, 1963 March on Washington and the classic stirring Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" address. Rowe noted that the '63 massive, non-violent demonstration resulted in the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill. He also enumerated key legislative goals of that demonstration as "desegregation of public accommodations and vocational institutions, voting rights for minorities, full employment, decent wages and fair employment practices.

Rowe effectively jogged the reader's memory to stress an announcement that Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change, Inc. is planning a week-end program in Atlanta from

Judicial reform is one of the most important issues facing elected officials in the 1980s, he said, and noted that in 1976 Nevadans amended the state constitution to provide for centralized court administration to make the judicial system more efficient and effective.

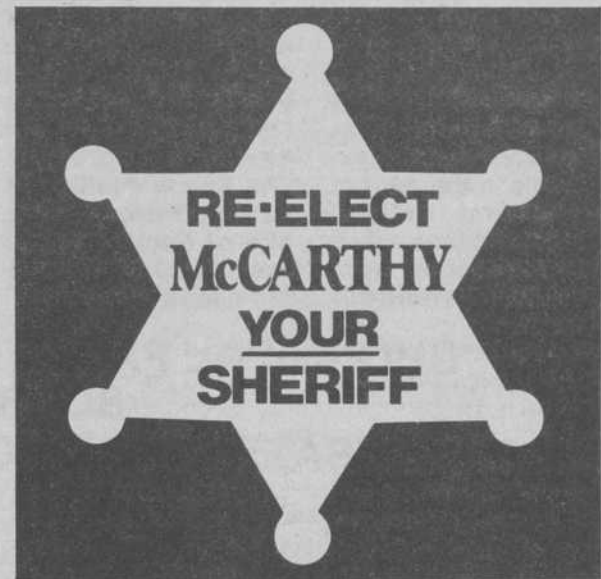
August 27th through August 29th. The Program will include a mass march and rally, a policy conference on crucial social and economic issues, etc.

Rowe saw the "I Have A Dream" Celebration as "an important opportunity to promote voter registration and education and to project the continuing agenda Martin Luther King, Jr. took to Washington in 1963."

It occurs to me that such a commemoration in Las Vegas would be just what the doctor ordered for our Black community. Perhaps some of the local organizations could unify efforts toward staging such a local commemoration. Where is that young man (I believe he is a teacher and a local fraternity chapter president) who staged the Martin Luther King Memorial parade so well?

Our voter registration closes August 14 (30 days before the September 14 primary election), but what a boon such a community event would be for a much desired voter education program!

Interested groups or individuals, please respond to the Sentinel....Count me in and let's "GET IT ON."



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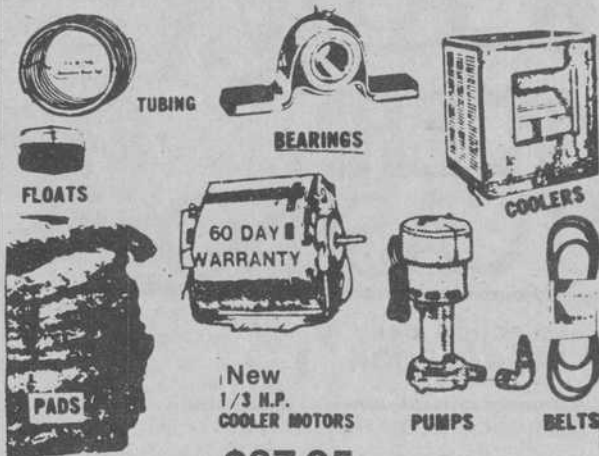
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