

Point of View

PEOPLE, PLACES and POLITICS

By Joe Neal



Last week I mentioned that I would offer some recommendations on candidates for the primary elections. As I stated in my last week's column, this is being done to preserve the block vote in the black community to maintain its political influence regardless if the candidates win or lose.

The recommendations which will follow are based upon my personal observations, my working relationship with them and my perception as to how these individuals have and will relate to the black community.

HOWARD W. CANNON — For U.S. Senate

Cannon has done an excellent job for Nevada and the nation. I don't recall having been asked by the black leadership of the county to contact Cannon about a vote which had national consequences for black people. He was always there when we needed him. Not so with Mr. Santini. Mr. Santini sided with the Reagan forces on the budget cuts by allying himself with the Bolweevils of the South.

The Conservatives want Cannon and Senator Kennedy this year. These Conservatives should not receive any help from us.

It is important to have one senior democratic person in the Senate because the representatives who will be elected from this state will be new to Congress. The influence of Howard Cannon is needed to assist the new Congressmen.

RICHARD BRYAN — For Governor

Bryan has always been a strong supporter of the black community. We can expect many changes in the way the State government is presently being operated. We will see a great deal more fairness in the way the Public Service Commission handles the rate increase requests for the power companies, something we have not seen in the last four years.

I served with Bryan in the Nevada State Senate before he became Attorney General, and I'm sure he will make us a fine governor.

JIM KOSINSKI — For Attorney General

If we elect Bryan, we need to elect Kosinski for Attorney General. Kosinski was my Vice Chairman of the Human Resources and Facilities Committee. I know he and Bryan would work well together. If Bryan is going to do the things we expect of him, he will need a lawyer he can trust. Kosinski is that lawyer, I highly recommend him.

HARRY REID — For Congress #1

Reid will make a fine Congressman. He was Lt. Governor my first term in the State Senate. As Lt. Governor, Reid presided over the Senate. My experience with him is that he was always fair with me when many of my colleagues were not. Vote for him.

MARY GOJACK — For Congress #2

There are two Gojacks running from this northern Congressional District, which encompasses a large segment of North Las Vegas. Don't confuse the two. Mary Gojack is the best one in my judgement to represent this district. The Conservatives do not want this lady in Congress. We should vote for her. I served with Mary Gojack in the State Senate and I know she will not disappoint you.

BEECHER AVANTS — For Sheriff

Avants should be nominated for sheriff. The com-

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CHALLENGE OF U.S. POPULATION SHIFTS

By JOHN E. JACOB

The United States is well on the way to becoming a truly multi-racial nation and its future prospects are directly tied to whether it manages to include its racial minorities in an open, integrated, pluralistic society.

Already, one of every five Americans is black, Hispanic or Asian. By

Those figures are conservative estimates made by the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy, as reported in the national press. They are in line with other estimates based on census data.

The growth of America's non-white minorities raises profound questions for the future precisely because

white Americans are largely wasted. Disproportionate numbers are poor, unemployed, and suffer inadequate health, housing and education.

The unemployment rate is one measure of their disadvantage. In the second quarter of

And let's not forget that those are only the official figures — if you count discouraged workers who have dropped out of the labor force because they could not find work and people working part-time when they need full time work, minority unemployment is far higher.

The sharp increase in poverty in recent years is also concentrated among minorities. In the past three years well over five million people were added to the numbers of the poor.

A disproportionate number of the "new poor" are black, and the percentage of blacks who are poor has risen to 34.2, while 26.2 percent of Hispanics are poor.

Add to this the fact that the poor and minorities bear the brunt of the sharp budget cuts and you have a setting for trouble ahead since the fastest growing part of the population is

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the year 2000, one in four will be members of those groups.

The black population will rise to about 33.5 million people. Hispanics are expected to number about 23 million, and Asians, about 10.6 million. So the America of 2000 will include some 67 million people who will be non-white. That means a non-white population larger than the total current population of such countries as France, Germany and England.

those minorities have been excluded from full participation and equality in the past and present.

The clear message is that unless those minorities become full participants in the rewards and the responsibilities of all sectors of America's economic, social and political life, this country will be incapable of sustaining its economy or its world leadership role.

Today, the tremendous human resources represented by non-

1982 the official, understated unemployment rate for all workers was 9.5 percent.

But black unemployment was double that, and Hispanic unemployment was almost 50 percent higher than that for non-Hispanic whites. For teenagers, the rates were higher; a majority of black teenagers were out of work.



Alice Key

A funny thing happened this week. I forgot about the column or, rather, I forgot on Tuesday that I was facewith a deadline. It's understandable if you understand me and my total absorption in the political process at election time.

So don't expect much else than political news and observations in today's effort. There is, of course, the big story of the week — that is, the grand opening of Ruby Duncan's Operation Life Medical Clinic which takes place Tuesday, Sept. 7.

The medical clinic is more than just an architectural achievement functionally and extremely pleasing to the eye, it is a monument to the courage, determination and commitment of an exceptional black woman totally dedicated to bettering and enhancing the quality of life of the Las Vegas disadvantaged. Congratulations, Ruby. All the accolades you will receive on Tuesday are more than deserved. Note: The only political thing about this major community event is the number of candidates for political office who are sure to be on hand for the occasion.

Two frankly political events are scheduled for

Sunday, Sept. 12, one of which I shall participate in as a supportive guest — the other is the planned rally for Senator Howard Cannon. And you know how I feel about the Senator and the crying need for him to be returned to the United States Senate for the sake of all Nevadans.

First of the Sunday, Sept. 12 festivities is the "Breakfast in the Park with Bob Cashell" rally to which the public is invited. Bob Cashell, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor is inviting the public to join him at breakfast at the Ethel Pearson Park, Washington and "D" Streets, Sunday, Sept. 12 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. When I tell you that Dorothy Johnson, queen of culinary artistry, is in charge, you know what a treat is in store for Bob Cashell's guests.

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