

"A FEW BITS"

by Lee Walker

ONE BIT: First, it's the individuals that suffer. Second, the small businesses, following soon thereafter the big businesses and finally that nation finds itself in economic chaos.

Will somebody out there call the President and tell him that — that the nation is the United States of America. Who kows? It might have slipped by him.

TWO BITS: The Big "B" is reflecting its presence again. The Rev. Joseph Lowery has been arrested recently for stopping traffic during a demonstration. Sounds like old times are here again. Meaning, people suffer . . . people demonstrate . . . and their (our) leaders are jailed . . . "Let's not go for it!"

THREE BITS: The race that many thought would be easy for Gov. List, will not be easy as once projected.

I predict that the margin of votes will be narrower than the votes between Cannon and Santini. Yet, I will not attempt to predict the winner, because they are running neck and neck. The advantages of each candidate are fairly simple to recognize: Gov. List has the biggest campaign chest; and of course, Richard Bryan is a Democrat. Need I say more?

FOUR BITS: Elmo Smith is a wonderful guy. He is also owner of Nevada Teleco (a communication company). I am sure he must be a communication experts, if it's expected of him to do what he has asked me to aid him in doing.

OK, brace yourself. Shhhh . . . He asked me to assist him in getting the MANY different egos of the Westside Community together. Guess what. I agreed to help him in any way I can, because we all know it's been needed for a long time.

ANOTHER BIT: KCEP will be on the air soon. Letters will also be mailed soon, asking for your donations soon. And by all means . . . if you do not donate, it will be OFF the air (again) soon.

Black Chamber Directors Meet

The new Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce directors held a breakfast on Thursday at Love's Coffee Shop, 500 W. Owens,

to discuss their upcoming objectives and goals.

Also discussed were individuals to be considered as guest speakers in the

upcoming chamber's monthly meetings, which are to be held the first Friday of every month.

NAACP Presidential Candidate Speaks Out

On speaking with the VOICE this week, Lubertha Johnson, a candidate for local NAACP Branch President, warned that "now is the time to come to the aid of our NAACP."

Referring specifically to our local community, she stated that the only way to inject new vitality into our Branch is for us — ALL OF US — to do our share to make it what we know it should be.

Apathy, criticism of the other fellow and lack of personal involvement will never do the job.

The time is very near, she said, for proving our sincerity and concern for establishing a structure for winning that war against racism.

"In the month of December someone will be elected to serve as Chapter president," she said. "It is important that a competent, dedicated person is elected, but even more important that a sufficient number enlist for the duration by taking out a membership now, coming out to vote and participating in the fight by sharing the work to be done."

A \$10.00 membership is required for voting and must be secured 30 days prior to election, which will be held early in December.

"Las Vegas is unique in that the overcrowded, unsightly and degrading conditions existing in so many cities is not evident here," she continued. "This means that there is a real chance that with a determination to set a course for advancement as implied in the name of our organization, we can win perhaps even in the not too distant future."

"The future belongs to those who can rise above personal aggrandizement, unconcern for our fellow man, apathy and unwillingness to make even the smallest sacrifice to create a better world for ourselves and those who will follow after our demise."

Mrs. Johnson stated, "I sincerely believe that we here in Las Vegas-land can and will join together to reach the goals of those who dreamed of reaching the promised land and made the supreme sacrifice to make those dreams a reality."

Editorial

The Nevada tax shift has been ruled unconstitutional by District Court Judge Howard Babcock.

Judge Babcock ruled that the entire tax package passed by the 1981 Nevada Legislature and signed by Governor Robert List violates the principles of the Nevada Constitution, thus setting aside, unless overruled by the Nevada Supreme Court, a law which shifted the burden of Nevada's taxes from the homeowner to the sales taxes.

Most of us are aware that the basic tax package proposed by Governor Robert List did not or has not accomplished what it was supposed to have accomplished. Instead of the sales taxes increasing with the visitors bearing a large share of the load, the reverse has been the case. The number of visitors to our state has decreased, therefore taxes have not come up to projections.

In his reluctance to call a special session of the Nevada Legislature and deal with the tax issue and the waning economy, Governor List has decided to cut all budgets that receive monies from the state to a "bare bones" budget. Possibly a noble idea, but in his desire to keep his promise to lower taxes, the good governor has forgotten, or shall we say overlooked, the fact that in order to accomplish his goal, working people have been released from their jobs. With no other jobs available the unemployment rate has risen to double-digit figures, thus reducing their ability to pay sales taxes, thus decreasing the amount of revenue going to the state, thus necessitating more lay-offs, more bankruptcies, more people losing their homes, etc.

The entire economic system in Nevada has been disastrously interrupted, with seemingly no one in power wanting to step forward to correct the problem during this voting year.

The tax shift may have been great politically, but in reality, it was unworkable from the start. Any clear thinking honest person could see an enormous amount of frustrating loopholes, probabilities, and devastating effects on the Nevada economy from the very beginning.

Let's be careful who we send to Carson City this time, and not let anyone tell us that the problems of Nevada are linked directly to the national economy and Reaganomics. Nevada has always stood on its own "two feet."

VA NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO — "Am I eligible for a VA-guaranteed home loan?" That's a question that Veterans Administration regional office employees are asked on a daily basis.

The GI home loan program was established in 1944 for veterans with other than dishonorable discharges. Active duty service people were added to the program in 1966. Eligibility requirements for veterans and service members is based on certain minimum periods of continuous active duty service.

Also eligible are spouses of service personnel who have been missing in action or listed as a prisoner of war for more than 90 days, and unmarried surviving spouses of veterans who died as a result of service or service-connected injuries.

The main purpose of the GI home loan program has been to help veterans finance the purchase of homes, at a favorable rate of interest, with little or no down payment. The guaranty, in effect, takes the place of cash down payments, encouraging private lending institutions to make loans they otherwise may not be willing to make.

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Entry blanks are available for the Miss North Las Vegas pageant Oct. 16, the first step on the way to the Miss America pageant.

Entrants must be a resident of North Las Vegas, a full-time student at Clark County Community College, a graduating senior at Rancho High School or have been employed in North Las Vegas for the last six months. Each contestant must have a sponsor.

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