

To Whom Does It Belong? The West Las Vegas Power Structure Part VI

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This is a continuation of a series of articles presented over a 12-week period giving an overview on the West Las Vegas POWER STRUCTURE. At the end of this series, the SENTINEL-VOICE will print in its new magazine, BRONZE LAS VEGAS, the complete series in this new venture for Las Vegas and Nevada.

This article finds us halfway through the 12-week series dealing with "The West Las Vegas Power Structure." Along with brief discussions with three young residents of the community, we'll refocus on the first six weeks, give suggestive solutions to some of the more critical problems facing both the West Las Vegas community and its leadership and preview where we intend to focus the second half of this series — what we'll be seeking and from whom.

"Yes, I feel strongly in the belief that we've got some good leaders, but they'll be great ones on the horizon."
Dave Williams

"Last year's NAACP was a classic example of the direction we were headed as a community."
Jeff Hankins

"We've got to get on some very influential boards throughout the city. That, plus gaining the highest education possible."
Ricky Sampson

Some "quotable quotes" and lists of suggestions given in the first six weeks:

1. "Let's become more unified!"
2. "We've got to come together more collectively. All factions in the West Las Vegas community and "sing the same song."
3. "If we DO more instead of talk more, we'll accomplish more."
4. "We've got to have more community meetings, not held on a crisis basis, but on a community basis."
5. "One person can make a difference, if he stands for something good."
6. "I see young people becoming involved, so much so to the point that they will be more dedicated to the cause."
7. "Anyone who has a gleam of circumstances and willing to DO something about it and articulates those views is always assured of a leadership role."
8. "We've just got to learn to trust one another more."
9. "We need more face to face meetings with our elected officials."
10. "We shouldn't be criticizing our leaders if we don't do a thing to make things better ourselves."
11. "No one side of a city can live in luxury while the other lives in depression."
12. "I don't see enough young blacks grooming themselves for leadership roles."
13. "During the next ten years, we'll be working for one cause. It's happening now!"
14. "I just can't stress enough the importance of education."
15. "There's no doubt about it. Leaders are born."
16. "Without unity, forget it!"
17. "Where there's unity, there's strength."
18. "The educational leadership structure could be definitely doing more."
19. "Personally, I'm tired, but I can't let go until I see someone both capable and strong taking hold."

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300 Concert Ducats Stolen By Bandits

The promoter of The Gap Band concert and UNLV officials warned people not to purchase tickets to last Friday night's event from scalpers.

They might be stolen tickets.

Michael Schivo of Michael Schivo Productions was held up at gunpoint last Thursday afternoon and had his briefcase stolen. It contained \$6,000. About 300 reserved seat tickets to the concert, valued at \$12.50 each, were taken from the store.

Metro Police said Schivo was at Larry's Sight and Sound, 811 Owens Ave., when two men entered the shop at 12:29 p.m. and stuck a gun in Schivo's back.

Nothing else was taken in the caper, police said. The maroon briefcase had the letters MSP on it.

John D. Wennstrom, general manager of UNLV radio station KUNV, said he had been advised to warn persons over the air about purchasing tickets to The Gap Band concert from scalpers.

The concert was to benefit radio stations KUNV and KCEP.

Wennstrom said Larry's Sight and Sound was one of four ticket outlets for the concert. The other three were Tech Stereo, the Record Gallery and the UNLV Consolidated Students box office.

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