RENO HAPPENINGS



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Shooting investigated

RENO—The fatal shooting of a young man in his southeast Reno home Monday remains under investigation, although Reno police said he apparently shot himself.

Mark L. Bush, a 27-yearold diesel mechanic, was pronounced dead at the scene at 4300 Huston Drive. Police, firefighters and paramedics had responded to a shooting report there at 5:30 a.m.

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Airport birds in for a scare

Officials at Reno Cannon International Airport are using a shotgun aproach to scare away migratory birds that are flocking to the area and threatening aircraft.

"We're not going to kill them, we're going to scare them," said Rich Peacock of the Washoe County Airport Authority. He said blank rounds will be fired in hopes the noise will scatter the birds, mostly Canada geese.

Washoe County clerk files for re-election

Judi Bailey of Sparks filed for re-election Monday as Washoe County clerk, a post she has held for seven years.

Bailey was appointed county clerk in 1979 to fill the unexpired term of Alex Coon. She was elected to the post in a special election in 1980 and two years later won a four-year term.

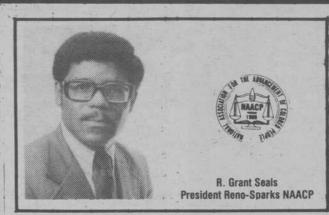
She began her career in the clerk's office in 1970 and was appointed chief deputy in 1977.

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The Color Purple

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For a black viewer, "The Color Purple' immediately brings forth as you sit there, a cringing feeling: "this picture is embarrassing; can I defend it?" But as I sat there and continued viewing the film. I saw I couldn't break away. I had planned to get popcorn after the first ten minutes to avoid the line which formed in the lobby before the beginning of the picture. Looking at the first ten minutes would give me time, I hoped, to absorb the main plot

But 1 stayed until intermission and my wife and I still had no popcorn. As the film had worn on, I said, "East of Eden" had involved incest and I was not similarly affected. I thought the simulated sex was poorly done, but it always is. My preference would be that movies not involve explicit sex at all. But I've lone since recognized that Jack Valenti wasn't ringing me up when he rated or approved movies.

But I was still saying how many times had I seen the child members of families least endowed with looks embarrassed by other members of the family into not smiling; into covering up their smiles and as so their faces, as did Celie. But this happens in some families and not in others. Neither I nor my wife had anything in our growing up experience to reflect the kind of Character that Albert was. But isn't that the point, this movie does not reflect anybody's particular experience. particularly Black people! Are not whites thinking this is typical of Blacks?

But think of it like this: If whites can get you thinking in so-called stereotypes then they've got your mind locked into symbols of the problem instead of the problem. The problem is access to jobs, to positions, to financial security, to free enterprise, not what we think they may think about us. We have allowed ourselves to think this way for so long that the pioneering black actor died a few weeks ago before we as blacks have taken a serious look at his talent rather than the roles he played. The same goes for Alice Walker, the author of the book "The Color Purple" and the talented actresses and actors who played in the

Suitcase a false alarm

Sparks police used a bomb truck to take a suspicious suitcase from Karl's Hotel Casino Monday before discovering it contained only clothes.

The hotel evacuated several rooms until the suitcase was removed, said security shift supervisor Roger Bahr.

A hotel official noticed the suitcase at about 5:30 p.m. in an outside alcove where an alarm had sounded earlier in the day. He notified hotel security which called police.

Alerted that it might be a bomb, explosives specialist Dan Kelly took no chances. He took it to an uninhabited spot in Spanish Springs and discovered it contained only clothes, police said.

2 appointed to boards

CARSON CITY—Lorraine Perry Hunt, owner of the Bootlegger Restaurant in Las Vegas, was named Monday by Gov. Richard Bryan to the state Tourism Commission.

Bryan also named Leo Wilner, executive director emeritus of the Jewish Community Center in Las Vegas, to the state Board of Medical Examiners.

Walker apparently wrote a masterpiece. And it is a masterpiece because it is good drama. And good drama among other things plays on a lot of raw emotion, personal motivations and the social consequences of actions based on these emotions and motivations.

If one judges the movie on perceived stereotypes, then it may not pass muster. If it is judged as good drama, then it deserves all of its accolades.

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