

# Point of View

## Editorial

The stages are being set and the curtains are about to be lifted for Election '86, starring the candidates for various offices to represent the West Las Vegas community, city and state, as well.

Not only in West Las Vegas, but throughout the nation, history has it that it's during the election period that "promises to make it all better, untruths and accusations, mudslinging, underhandedness and bitter back-stabbing, sometimes occurs."

In this time and age, voters have become far more sophisticated and politically astute, and they demand higher ethics and intelligence from their candidates and elected officials. In fact, they have become turned off dramatically by those who have demonstrated unacceptable behavior.

By contrast, the voters of today desire only that their representatives be caring, sensitive to their needs, hard-working, dedicated, honest, able to get things done, make promises only that they can keep and most importantly, after attaining the office that they so diligently seek, work to the best of their ability to represent well, each and every person, never once forgetting who put them there and why.

We call upon all the various candidates seeking offices not only throughout the West and North Las Vegas communities, but our entire city, state and nation, to keep those facts in mind, and to also realize that not only will they be held accountable for their actions, whether good or bad, before or after the elections by the voters, but more importantly, that they can count on their "sentence" being exactly what the voter passes via the ballot box and nothing else.

*"The wise man knows that the laws of God are perfect and unchangeable. He knows that health is maintained by right living, that disease is cured by the right use of remedies; that bread is produced by the tilling of the soil, that knowledge is obtained by study, that wealth is obtained by saving, and battles are won by fighting. To him the lazy man is the unlucky man and the man of luck is the man of work."*

*Frederick Douglas  
U.S.A. Died 1895*

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**Don't Drink  
and Drive**

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## COPING

by

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# THE BLACK MAN VERSUS THE BLACK WOMAN

If you are a regular reader of this column, you probably read a recent column in which I wrote about the responsibilities of the black woman to the black man. I have received so many interesting letters that I wanted to share some of them with you.

Dear Dr. Faulkner: You are a black man and you know as well as I do that the black woman is good for only one thing and that takes place at night, in bed. That goes for everyone of them, too.

Signed by an honest black man  
Dear Dr. Faulkner: I don't know why you feel the woman has any special responsibilities to the black man. We have enough trouble just staying on our own two feet and ahead of the white man. We need a

man to lean on, not to lean on us.

Mary C.,  
San Diego  
Dear Dr. Faulkner: In the past, every time that I met a black woman at a club or downtown, she was so rude that I became disgusted. So, I got me a white woman and she treats me better than any black woman could. I think the brothers ought to wake up. If they want to be happy they should do what I did.

E.E.,  
Toronto, Canada  
Dear Dr. Faulkner: I am so damn sick of hearing about what the black man owes a black woman and vice versa that I want to throw up. You are playing right into the hands of the white man who already thinks that all black people are screwed up. Can't you

find anything better to write about?

Name Withheld  
on Request  
Dear Dr. Faulkner: I don't think that anybody on this earth owes anything to anybody else. We have got to stand on our own two feet. I do not believe that there is a problem anywhere except in people's minds. If people would simply go out and meet other people and be kind to one another everything would be all right for everybody. Then they would be treated nice in return.

Perry,  
Atlanta, GA  
Dear Dr. Faulkner: This whole issue that was brought up by you and by "The Color Purple" really has people's mind's on fire. It really is strange but I know a lot of single, beautiful

women who are lonely. I also know a lot of single men who would do anything to have a good woman. But, guess what, they all have these negative ideas about each other. The men think the women will be rude to the, and the women think the same thing about the men. So they are afraid to even say "hi" to each other. Therefore, these beautiful people spend the lonely evenings at home, looking at TV. It's such a shame.

Vernon,  
Washington, DC  
Somewhere in the above letters is the truth about the "problem." Next: Is There Really a Conflict between the Black Man and the Black Woman?  
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## The Lie In Our Schools

By Alexander R. Jones  
One of the biggest problems facing black America today is the lie that

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor: I've traveled throughout the United States and read many newspapers. Yet, yours are the upmost, get right straight to the viewpoints of the city, community affairs. That is the freedom of the press and speech, I realized it takes much work and long hours to bring forth this kind of newspaper. From the headlines to the Want Ad Section, there is news for all people. I realize your time is limited and everyone's letters are views of various issues and cannot be published nor answered.

My family and I moved into the city because the city has great growing aspects, potential, educational, employment, business, the opportunity to grow and expand with the city that is working for all the people that want to be productive in a positive manner. Even though all cities have some problems, such as crime, housing, employment, educational programs, security, there will never be a perfect city, yet it can be near one with a system of working together, speaking and writing on the various concerns. We are the world, we are the people, to make this a better place to live in. Thank you for your time and may God bless.

Sincerely yours,  
Nathaniel Pride

black children from poor, disadvantaged families, cannot excel in school. This idea is the difference between a good teacher — one who demands that her students produce, and a bad teacher — one who accepts any old thing. It is the difference between happy students proud of their achievements, and unhappy ones, discouraged over their inability to learn.

You don't have to be a Ph.D. to spot a classroom where the teacher has low expectations for her students. At best the kids will simply be seated at their desks with gloomy frowns. At worse they'll be talking, laughing, cursing at the

teacher, while some will be in the bathroom getting high. If black America is to have any future at all, this scene must change, for our future lies with these same children.

Black educator James P. Comer tackled this problem head on, and with dramatic success. Comer's research into the poor academic performance of disadvantaged students led him to the unavoidable conclusion that the fundamental problem in our schools is the belief that some poor black kids just can't learn.

Some 18 years ago, Comer

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