

THE COMMUNITY SPEAKS

THE POLICE OR THE GANGS, WHICH SHOULD WE BE AFRAID OF?

by Gwen Walker

Recently I witnessed two (2) NLV Police and three (3) Metro Police brutally beat a young Black man AFTER he was handcuffed on "H" and McWilliams Streets. I yelled to the police to stop kicking and hitting him and to stop violating his rights. I was yelled at and threatened with being arrested for speaking out against their actions.

Rumors have it that the young man was possibly a gang member or a drug dealer. I do not condone this type of thing, but I will not stand by and tolerate the police beating anyone excessively, especially when they are already handcuffed.

After Channel 8 did a news story on the incident, several people have contacted me and told of similar incidents of police brutality, but they were afraid to come forward or did not know how to go about filing a complaint.

We must report all incidents of this type. We cannot let our neighborhoods be policed by some individuals using the same tactics as South Africa's police nor can we subject ourselves to the same treatment as that of the 1960s.

We do want to rid ourselves of the gang and drug problem, but not having our rights violated in the process.

Be aware and prepared

when you go to file a complaint with either police departments and the FBI. You will be *interrogated*. The Metro Police Department will try to intimidate you and will ask you plenty of "what if" questions to try and make you change your story or stretch the questions to make it appear that you did not see what you did. You will be made to feel you are the criminal instead of the witness who observed the police breaking the law. But stand your ground and tell the truth.

The police must realize that we want to work together with them to make our neighborhoods safer, but we will not tolerate police brutality.

I also advise anyone who is being arrested to yell to any bystander your name and a phone number of a relative to help insure you stay in good health after you are taken to jail, and hopefully the police will hesitate before brutally beating you.

Get the policeman's name and badge numbers and car numbers.

Attention! The young man that was brutalized on "H" Street, please contact me. Don't let them intimidate you into not filing a complaint. Stand up and be counted and don't be afraid to speak out.

Vegas Woman Stable After Heart Transplant

A Las Vegas woman received a new heart during an organ transplant operation at a Phoenix, Ariz., hospital Wednesday, where she is reported in critical but stable condition.

Leslie Randolph, 28, received a new heart from an unnamed donor during an operation lasting more than two hours Wednesday evening at Humana Hospital.

The single mother of three is doing "much better than expected," and by Thursday was taken off breathing support systems, said Teresa Gray, director of transplant services for the Arizona Heart Institute.

Randolph was diagnosed two years ago with congestive heart failure, and her condition has worsened since August.

She was out of surgery by about 7 p.m. Wednesday and has seen her mother, Linda, who was staying at a Phoenix hotel.

Randolph's children — Cortney, 6, Ashley, 5, and Aaron, 3 — were staying with family friends for Thanksgiving.

Gray would not release information about the donor, whose heart was given to

Randolph through the Arizona Organ Bank.

The cost for Randolph's surgery was at least \$100,000, with \$70,000 of that raised already by family and friends. The mother of three has been declared disabled, but she must wait 18 months before becoming eligible for Medicare payments.

Donations, which have been pouring in since publicity last month about her need for a heart, may be made to a trust account established at the North Las Vegas Branch of Valley Bank of Nevada.

Sorority To Sponsor Radiothon For Heart Transplant Patient

The Beta Eta Theta Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority will be sponsoring a radiothon to benefit Leslie Randolph, a young Las Vegas mother of three small children who has just received a heart transplant in Arizona.

The live radiothon will be broadcast by KCEP Radio, 88.1 FM on Sunday, December 4, beginning at 2:00 P.M., from the location of the beautiful Moulin Rouge Club, 900 West Bonanza Road, Las

Vegas, Nevada 89106.

Checks are to be made payable to "Leslie Randolph's Trust Account #022489655" — cash donations will be accepted on site by designated persons only. Trust account is with Valley Bank, North Las Vegas Branch. Donations can be made there at any time.

Local celebrities and prominent Las Vegas will be on hand for entertainment and over the air pleas for contributions.

Vietnow to Pay Tribute to Las Vegas Veterans

The Clark County Chapter of Vietnow (a not-for-profit organization) is pleased to present "Britt Small and Festival," (the most powerful voice in America... and his powerhouse all American showband) on Sunday, Dec. 4, 1988 at Chaparral High School, 3850 Annie Oakley Drive, Las Vegas. The concert will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a POW/MIA flag raising-dedication. The guest speaker will be Retired Colonel James "Bo" Gritz, and the theme of the event will be "We Can't Forget."

The public is encouraged to attend this tribute to America's veterans and to show their support for the veterans, in the Las Vegas community. Many dignitaries have been invited and will attend.

Admission is \$5 per adult. Students and children are free. Tickets are available at the entrance. Refreshments will be available.

Be Informed from the desk of Jimmy Johnson

Residents of Zip Code Areas 89101, 89106 and 89030, I hope you have checked on the Red Line that gives a form of discrimination to communities that are trying to survive.

When you call for Auto Insurance in the Las Vegas Valley and they ask the Red Line question of "What is your Zip Code," if you live in the Red Line areas, your premiums are going to be higher, no matter how good your driving record is.

I talked to Larry Schwartz at A-Firestone, and he didn't ask for my Zip Code, but quoted a price LOWER than other insurance companies. He stated that his companies didn't use the Red Line type of discrimination to determine your auto insurance price.

West and North Las Vegas citizens comprise the working class of the city and we must shop around with companies that are part of the solution, not part of the problem.

BE INFORMED. Your money is yours. DON'T PAY FOR DISCRIMINATION.

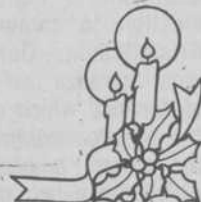
Special Program on Drug Problem to Air on Channel 13

Following a series of segments on the evening news this past week, a special half hour show will be presented by Channel 13 this Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6:00 p.m. titled "Gants and Drugs: the Money of Colors." The program will put together the nine segments previously shown with some additional input and insight from its producers.

The show, which deals with the drug problem in Las Vegas and specifically on the Westside, is an outgrowth of extensive research

done by well-known West Las Vegas and Sentinel-Voice reporter and marketing representative Jimmy Johnson.

In thanking Johnson, Brad Johansen of Channel 13 said, "Thanks for all the help. I hope we all can make a difference and see some solutions come to fruition."



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