

Be Informed
from the desk of
Jimmy Johnson

Because of my work in the community, it seems some of the top issues that I'm working on have upset people. Business owner, police, ministers, gang members and concerned citizens are inquiring who I work for and why I'm investigating our community.

UNDERSTAND THIS: If we as a community don't change our self-esteem and image, then all of our ancestors who delivered us into this world, slaved for this nation, died in wars and civil rights battles with the KKK, scrubbed floors and toilets, cooked and cleaned the Masters' houses, farms, factories and casinos, and cleaned their children, so that we as a people of the children of color could one day in the 20th Century be able to send our children to school, get a career, not a "job," and give our children the love and education that was denied us for centuries, then they will have worked and died in vain. And if some of us don't sleep well at night, then let's get up and do what's right.

For those that need ammunition for my character assassination, maybe this will help: I was born and raised on the campus of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama and my schools had Black teachers and students. The city had a majority of Black-owned and operated businesses, including banks, stores and the VA Hospital. Our role models were Black and educated — the mayor, sheriff, firemen, doctors, nurses, lawyers, pilots, ROTC, bands, girl scouts, boy scouts, coaches, entertainers and strong families. We worked together to educate the community to grow with pride. One of my first jobs was cleaning up the George Washington Carver Museum and showing first run movies to the mental patients in the VA Hospital, who were not allowed to leave the wards. I spent ten years in the Boy Scouts and the Air Explorers.

I then received the dreaded letter that changed the future I had planned: "Greetings, this is Uncle Sam and we want your a-- in Vietnam." I joined the Navy and rode submarines for a year, and through their technical training, I found myself, at the age of 19 with one finger on the button to blow up the world, and by the age of 20 I told the government I didn't want to destroy the world, and Uncle Sam sent me to the psychiatrist to see what was wrong with me. I then moved around the country working for the government until I decided to come to Las Vegas over 11 years ago. I found the city very separated by culture. I started studying the effect of education and economic denial.

If you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem. There are some very smart people here with the solutions and they have been character-assassinated into being non-effective in the community. Those of you who know what I mean, please come back — we need your help.

If this isn't enough, please call me at the *Sentinel-Voice* newspaper — 383-4030. Let's stop paying for discrimination and start cleaning up our image.

BE INFORMED. It's time for everybody to come together. We know the problems. Stop being the overseer; that job has been returned to its form of "status quo."

GOVERNOR APPOINTS SAM HEAD TO STATE JOB TRAINING COORDINATING COUNCIL

CARSON CITY — Governor Richard Bryan announced that Sam Head, chairman of the Clark County Minority/Women Business Council, has been appointed to the State Job Training Coordinating Council (SJTCC).

As chairman of the Clark County Minority/Women Business Council, Head is responsible for the development and implementation of a Minority/Women Business Enterprise Program. In his position as Economic Development Specialist for the Clark County Manager's Office, Head coordinates Community Development Block Grant-funded projects.

"Sam's experience in economic development and his extensive involvement in community and civic organizations will be an asset to the council," said Governor Bryan.

Head is actively involved with the Uptown Kiwanis International Club, the Minority Economic Development Task Force, the National Forum

for Black Public Administrators, and the American Society of Public Administrators.

The SJTCC plays an advisory role in the development of state and local job training policies and programs related to the Job Training Partnership Act. It also plays a key role in promoting coordination of state employment and training programs with education, public assistance and economic development efforts. Various segments of the population — business and industry, public agencies, community based organizations and labor — are represented.

The State Job Training Office works directly with the SJTCC. Involved in both organizational and programmatic activities, the State Job Training Office administers funds and monitors job training programs throughout the state.

The Governor's Job Training Partnership Act provides

Street-Naming Panel Sought

Las Vegas city officials are seeking people who would be interested in serving on a committee to rename streets in West Las Vegas.

The Las Vegas City Council last week approved a proposal to change the names of the lettered streets A Street through H Street as a way of instilling pride in the community.

Mayor Ron Lurie said the suggestion to change the street names came at a recent town hall meeting in Councilman Bob Nolen's ward.

Anyone wishing to serve on the committee or having suggestions for the street names should call Richard Blue, executive assistant to the city manager, at 386-6501.

funds to establish programs that prepare youth and unskilled adults for entry into the labor force and to afford job training to individuals who have special training needs in order to obtain productive employment.

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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 - Mrs. Bonnie Junioel, 2nd Vice President
 - Mr. James Gay, 3rd Vice President
 - Mrs. Teola Williams, Treasurer
 - Mrs. Ida Gaines, Secretary
- The January Branch Meeting will be held Sunday, January 15, 1989 at 3:00 p.m. at Zion Methodist Church, 2108 Revere St.

NAACP Holds Jubilee Days

The reason for Jubilee Days is just to remind every Black and every white person how cruel and inhuman slavery was. "Those who forget history are subject to repeat it." Accordingly, the NAACP will stage two events to celebrate the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln setting the slaves free on January 1, 1863.

First there will be a community rally held at Doolittle Center, Lake Mead and "J" Street, on Saturday, January 7, 1989 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. A contest will be held from among Jr. and Sr. High School students ages 13 to 18. The questions

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NAACP Election Held
The Las Vegas Branch NAACP held its Bi-Annual Election of officers and executive committee members for the years of 1989 and 1990. The following officers were elected:
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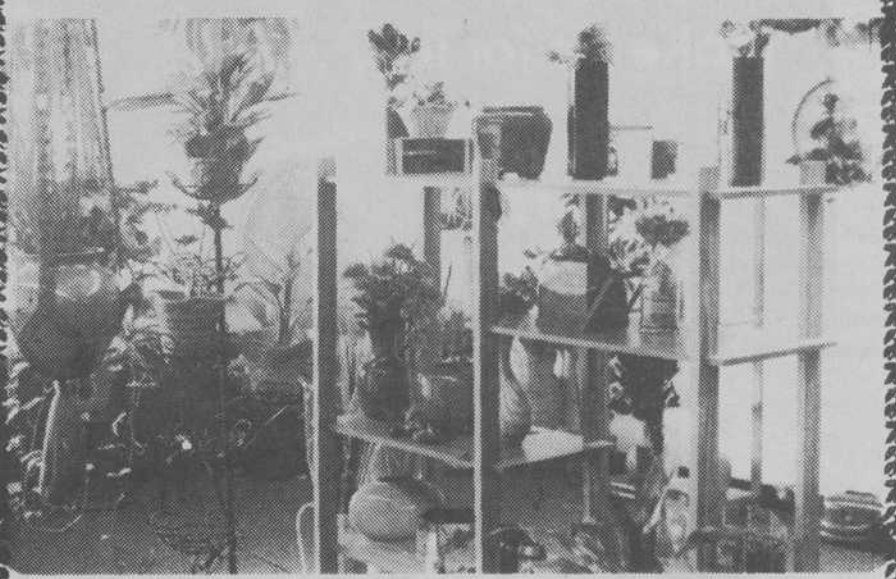
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