

**Be Informed**  
from the desk of  
**Jimmy Johnson**

Be informed that the only industry or jobs available on the Westside have to do with the sale of a controlled substance. A prime motivator for capitalism in the Black Community. When a community has the problems that our Westside community has, the powers "that be" seem to think that we are unaware of what's happening in our lives.

Why are there no Blacks on North Las Vegas Nasty Boys or Metro's Gang Unit? We need people who understand our needs and speak to us, not down to us. Why are there non-Black lawyers and Bailbondsmen who only like gang members and drug dealers for clients? "They're the only ones with money."

Why are there certain places in our community where you can find beautiful aisle and counter displays of these items:

- Razor blades—for cutting cocaine and crack
- Choir Boy scrubbing pads—for laying the crack on to smoke it
- Grain alcohol or Everclear or 151—for burning crack
- Q-Tips cottons swabs—for cleaning and lighting the crack pipe
- Matches and lighters—to keep the smoke flowing

Most of these items have a 20% to 30% mark-up in price.

Brothers, Sisters, Mothers and Fathers, if these items are found in your home or trash cans, please get the loved one that needs you some help. They are no longer contributing to our community. They are depending on someone who doesn't care about them.

Check to see if Green Valley, The Lakes or any other parts of Las Vegas have these items on display in their community.

Why can't our city build us Teen Centers, Adult Training Areas and help us with K-12 schools in our neighborhood? We can all see that Sixth Grade Centers are part of the problem, not part of the solution.

We have AIDS houses in our community that are right in the middle of a lot of crack dens. These houses have been burglarized three times and there's nothing left to steal. We as a community must collect the knowledge and pass it on. Let our families know about paying for discrimination. We need to know what a red line zone means, what a gang member is, what a character assassination can do to a community, and what an educational system that doesn't acknowledge any positive role models for Blacks, can do to us.

As a friend of mine told me, can you imagine what Las Vegas would be like if one Thursday morning all the maids and porters called in sick for four days? The hotels won't give other minorities the keys to rooms or back doors without two security guards per person to keep watch on them. As a culture, Blacks are the largest in Las Vegas. So hotel owners, if your maids and porters are to watch, clean and take care of the millions of dollars in property of your customers, be a little more respectful and stop checking purses and bags when they punch out after work. That's degrading!

Be informed that K-Marts on Rancho and Washington and on Las Vegas Boulevard North are administering street corner justice on Blacks who are accused of shoplifting. It seems the employees and security guards are beating Blacks, then calling the police. Smith's Food King is in the middle of a racial discrimination problem. Stop paying for discrimination.

**the Public is invited to attend these events.**

**Bring your entire family so that we can learn together more about our ovr history.**

**"If you don't know where you came from,  
then you don't know who you are  
or where you are going."**

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**NAACP Jubilee '89 Celebration**

**Schedule of Events**

Saturday, January 7, 1989

Doolittle Recreation Center  
West Lake Mead and "J" Street

10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**DRAMA - Depicting the Role of Blacks in American History**

**CONTEST: Knowledge of Blacks during Slavery, Reconstruction, the Share-Cropping Era and the NAACP**

Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third Place Winners

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Sunday, January 8, 1989

In the Moyer Student Union on the UNLV Campus

3:00 p.m.

**MUSIC: Federation of Choirs - Meister Singers**

**SPEAKER: Dr. Paul Meacham, President, Clark County Community College**

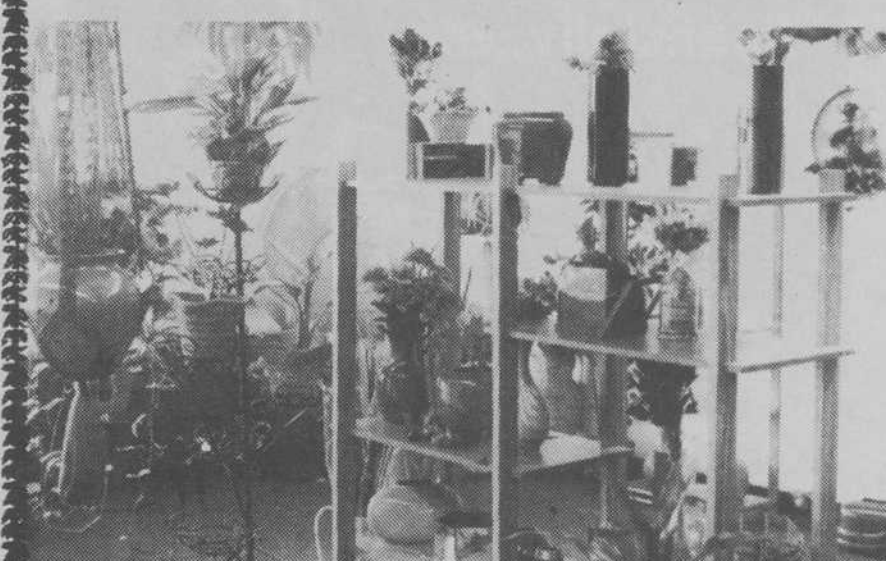
**MC: Mr. Ray Willis**

All Pastors, Churches and Choirs are invited to participate in this Jubilee Celebration. Churches are encouraged to come to UNLV in buses or auto caravans. Pastors and Preachers are invited to wear their clerical gowns.

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