

# BRYAN

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critical and I think, frankly, with some justification to what's happened back there.

**Sentinel-Voice:** Well, I can understand that criticism, but perhaps if the people of the District of Columbia have representation, perhaps that would enable them to do something about helping to rectify the situation.

**Senator:** Well, it may be. As you know, the District has somewhat of a self-government. Twenty years ago the District was totally under the control of the Congress. Today, they've got a mayor and a council which makes many, many, many of the decisions. It's essentially self-governing. What's a shock to you is to see what's occurring. I mean, the streets are falling apart, contracts are given by favoritism. You see a situation that's just in the Mayor's unfortunate situation, is the woman who apparently was a personal friend and may have gone beyond that, gets a contract without any bidding. Just awarded a contract. The road system in the District is absolutely falling apart. The District is failing to provide for the homeless. I mean, there's not a day that comes by that there's not a major scandal. The District financed some kind of a scam in the Virgin Islands, where employees of the

District were sent to the Virgin Islands, charged the District for clothing for wives and sweethearts and the residents of the District are suffering from this sort of thing. I have to say that I don't think statehood really has much of a chance, in my own view. I want to see the District make some improvements. I don't rule out statehood, but I must say I want to see, because frankly, I live in the District and I pay taxes there. I don't mind paying out, I sure wish we were getting a better shake out of what we're paying.

**Sentinel-Voice:** Well, the only issue that I feel is that there are still, as you say, the people of the District who suffer and what could we do then to alleviate that situation?

**Senator:** Well, I think, and of course, though I'm not a voting resident of the District, I think the people need to come up with an alternative, somebody that will promise to go in there and clean house. I mean, it is truly an unfortunate situation, but, I mean, I can tell you, I'm there 5 days a week, other than that one week that we're out (of session) and I mean it is absolutely incredible what's happening. Just to go down to get a parking permit, I mean the stories are absolutely legendary, and I just think that the District needs to prove to the Congress, if you will, that it is fully capable, which I believe

that it can prove, with the change of administration. I have no candidates, it's not up to me to suggest who ought to run. Jesse Jackson's name has been mentioned; that's fine with me. Jesse probably will be a good mayor. But whoever, I'm not suggesting whoever it should be, but I mean, it's got to be done, because I have to say the District's credibility appears to be at a very, very low ebb at this point. So hopefully, and there will be an opportunity to make some changes, I'm sure. To be continued next week.

# CHURCH

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The Zion Methodist Church will celebrate Women's Day Sunday, March 11 at the 11:00 A.M. worship service. Guest speaker will be Ms. June Laverne Long, Esq. of Sacramento, California. The theme will be: Women Networking for Christ.

The public is invited to attend at 2108 Revere Street in North Las Vegas.

Evening Women's Aglow Fellowship will host a dinner meeting on Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 P.M. at Port Tack located on 3190 W. Sahara. Dinner is \$10.00

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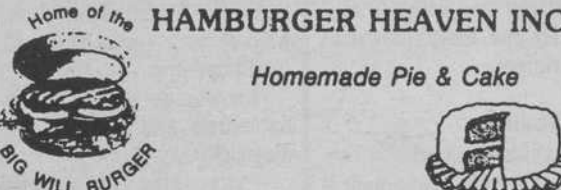
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