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Some Latinos Are African Too - Part I



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A few miles back, I attended a law school program in Long Island, New York that consisted of a panel of law school representatives and attorneys.

One of the panelists was an African American law professor from one of our predominantly African American colleges. Another panelist was a New York Based Afro Puerto Rican attorney.

I mention the professor's place of occupation only to point out the severity of the situation within this story.

Throughout the professor's presentation, she continued to refer to multi-cultural students as "minorities." The fact that she worked at an African college didn't seem to matter. In her eyes, people of color were still "less thans."

I found that attitude disturbing. If our

"educators" continue to refer to us as "losers," you can rest assured that many of us will continue to believe it. Yes, there is a lot in a name.

Even some African American psychologists, psychiatrists and counselors (with plenty of degrees) refer to m-c students as "minorities." They, probably more than most, should understand the impact of words and messages on the psyche of people.

On the one hand, she missed the fact that America is only one house within a global village.

She turned to the Afro Puerto Rican attorney and said matter-of-factly that "You look Black, but you are clearly Hispanic according to your name."

The attorney then replied that he was indeed both Black and Latino and that his African roots ran as deep as

Sunset High School - A Second Chance

Sunset High School provides a second chance for secondary school students who have been excluded from day school because of excessive absence during the first quarter of this school year. There are also many Las Vegas citizens between the ages of 16 and 21 who have dropped out of day school for various other reasons. Sunset High School, a fully accredited Clark County School District high school, offers a complete academic and elective schedule from 3:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Unique services are provided for single parents, pregnant teenagers, and young adults who presently hold jobs or who are seeking employment and wish to continue their education at night.

On a space available basis, students who have infants or

that of any African America or Afro Caribbean.

"My first language happened to be Spanish," he said, "while yours is English."

Indeed, many Latinos are African, not all, but enough. Some will say yes if asked, some will say no. The cultural richness of the numerous Latin American nations reflect African, European and Asian roots. These roots are, in western terms, Black, white, red and brown.

It will take more than dialogues like the above mentioned one to rebuild and reclaim cultural links that are deep rooted. It will also take more "prominent personalities" parading as leaders, continuing to speak of "Blacks, Hispanics and other minorities..."

It is as if they were assigned "the Blacks," "the Hispanics," "the Asians," "the Native Americans."

Yes, coalition building between ethnic groups remains vital to our communities' futures. At the same time, it is also important to open one's eyes to deeper cultural roots that run between some of these communities.

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toddlers up to age 5 may utilize the evening child care center located on the school campus. Space is limited and children are accepted on a first come-first serve basis for a nominal fee, usually \$5.00 each quarter. The child is cared for in a well regulated supervised environment while the parent attends classes. In addition to taking classes required for graduation,

the parent/student is scheduled into elective classes that are specifically designed to help them develop skills for living and family care. Parents/students take their lunch break with their child, learning and experiencing correct nutritional practices as they spend this part of the school day together. It is necessary for the parent to contact the school before registering to learn if there is room for the child at the care center.

Pregnant teenagers are enrolled in the young adult center classes. In this setting the students learn important prenatal and post-natal personal health skills and practices. Classes in food and nutrition, child development, field trips to local hospital maternity units and instruction by a registered nurse are program essentials in addition to classes in the basic academic skills and other regular subjects required for high school graduation. Although some students eventually return to their zoned day school, most students choose to remain at Sunset High School to complete their High School education. This decision is usually based on their need to work and their desire to take advantage of the evening child care center services.

Many Sunset High School students have jobs in order to support themselves or to help support their family. The enrollment factor is significant in the Sunset High School curriculum. A vocational coordinator helps students find new jobs, change to better jobs, and schedule classes that are appropriate for the student's area of vocational interest. The vocational coordinator maintains current contact with the employment community and encourages a

CCCC Granted Highest Accreditation by American Dental Association

Paul E. Meacham, President of Clark County Community College, has been notified by the American Dental Association that the Clark County Community College's Dental Hygiene Program has been granted the highest accreditation classification following a site evaluation visit by the Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation. The formal notification was as follows:

"The program in dental hygiene is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council of Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education." The program of classroom instruction and clinical experience is designed to prepare students for licensing as dental hygienists. Dental hygienists are employed by dentists in solo and group practices, governmental health agencies, school systems, hospital and industrial dental clinics, the military services and in dental hygiene education programs. The dental hygiene curriculum is a demanding one, requiring a high degree of individual motivation, good health and stamina, good manual dexterity and an excellent background in biology and chemistry.

Limitations in class size plus increasing popularity of the program have created a highly competitive situation for applicants. For additional information, please call 877-1133, ext. 258.

Doris French School Looking For Regional Invent America! Winner For Third Straight Year

Competition will be keen among student inventors at Doris French Elementary School's second annual IN-

VENT AMERICA! Fair scheduled for March 28 and 29. Inventions will be on display from 7 p.m.

supportive attitude among employers who are willing to hire students who are actively pursuing the completion of their high school education. Students may also earn school credit for time on the job during their period of enrollment at Sunset High School.

Students may enroll at the beginning of each 9 week quarter whether they have or have not been previously enrolled in school. Students transferring from a day school must have an official withdrawal form and a copy of their transcript of grades and credits. Students new to the CCSD must have an immunization record and proof of identity, as well.

Registration for the fourth quarter is scheduled for Friday, March 30th. In-

Rancho High School Class of '70 is having a twenty year class reunion. For information, please call Mikka (Boka) Moon at 451-8997 or Mike Dill at 645-8044.

The Basic High Class of 1980 will hold its 10-year reunion May 18-20, 1990. If you have not been contacted, or for further information, please call 451-2760 or 564-5422.

Interested persons should call the Sunset High School office, 799-4160, for specific registration information.

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