

**THE NAACP AND YOU!**



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**—God Helps Those Who Help Themselves—**

This statement is not found in the Bible, but it sure does sound good and has a little truth in it. The Bible does say if you draw near to me, I will draw near to you. If you make one step, I will make two. In fact, the whole Christian movement is about action, doing and movement. Not just sitting, looking and expecting something for nothing.

There is also some truth in the following statement: We as Black people buy what we want and beg for what we need. Why do some Black people sit around wishing and hoping that someone is going to do for them what God has given them the energy and know-how to do for themselves?

What they need to do is to get up and get with it, because nobody is going to do it for them.

This writer sincerely believes that all of us are guilty of being our own worst enemy.

Namely, we have failed to: -Properly train our children at home to respect their parents and themselves.

-Take our children to Sunday School and Church.

-Take our children to public school and get acquainted with the teacher and principal.

-Help our children with their homework.

-Not allow our children to stay up late at night looking at television.

-Not purchase our children expensive designer clothes

and shoes.  
-Save some of our money and not spend it all on expensive cars, homes, boats, travel, gambling and liquor.

-We must begin to save more of our monies.

-We must attend more school board meetings.

-We must vote on Election Day.

-We must attend County Board of Commission and City Council Meetings.

-We must attend more NAACP Community Meetings.

We must buy more land in Clark county.

-We should join the local churches and seek to find what the Lord wants us to do.

-We must join the NAACP and get our family members, friends, relatives and churches to join also. TODAY!

If you will agree to those suggestions, then we together will soon acquire for ourselves here in Southern Nevada social, political and economic empowerment for ourselves and our children. Let us begin NOW!

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**Justice Department Subverting Public Right to Know**

A former senior Justice Department official told a Congressional panel earlier this month that the Department has deliberately violated the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by improperly withholding information from the public and misled Congress when it sought and obtained new loopholes in the law in 1986.

Quinlan J. Shea, Jr., who headed the Justice Department's Office of Privacy and (Freedom of) Information Appeals during the Ford and Carter administrations, was one of several experts who provided testimony to a House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights hearing called to explore FBI compliance with the FOIA.

In often pointed testimony, Shea, who now heads the Center for Citizen Access to Government Information, made liberal use of Justice Department documents to paint a picture of an agency determined to evade compliance to the FOIA.

Among the documents he cited was a 1982 Justice Department memo, which according to Shea directed the FBI to improperly withhold information requested under the FOIA. He said the memo "is an insult to the American people and displays a contempt for

their right to know what their government is doing that exceeds anything else in my experience."

In other testimony Alex Jones, FOIA Director of the Church of Scientology International, charged the FBI was exacerbating its already large backlog by having FBI field officers refer certain FOIA requests they receive to FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. Jones said the Church, which has been an active user and advocate of the FOIA for over 15 years, has several FOIA requests pending with the FBI which are over 18 months old.

In a dramatic demonstration of the atmosphere of secrecy at the Justice Department and the need for legislative changes in the FOIA, Shea produced two FBI documents concerning the North American Aviation strike of 1941. The documents were released almost in their entirety under FOIA in 1980, but a FOIA request in 1988 for the identical documents netted dramatically different results: in 1980 a total of 15 pages were released, but in 1988, only three heavily edited pages were disclosed.

The Church of Scientology and Shea's Center are engaged in an effort to build a consensus for legislative reform of the FOIA.

**THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS RHETORIC VERSUS REALITY**

By Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins

During his most recent State of the Union Address, President Bush strongly condemned bigotry and racism in all forms. I join with all those who applaud the President for speaking out on this important topic. It is notable when a President is willing to use the "bully pulpit" of his high public office to reinforce our national consensus against the discrimination and inequality which exist in our land.

However, few can deny that sustained, concrete actions are necessary for the rhetorical commitment against discrimination to bear fruit. Unfortunately, a series of actions by the Administration during the past ten months suggest a continuation of many of the more troubling aspects of civil rights policies and positions established during the 1980s.

Last week the Administration urged the Supreme Court to strike down as unconstitutional two long-standing federal policies designed to encourage and increase ownership of radio and television stations by women and minorities. Such a result, coming on the heels of last

year's five Supreme Court decisions narrowing the scope of Title VII (prohibiting employment discrimination), would be unmistakable evidence that a full-scale retreat on civil rights is underway.

It is ironic that an Administration which condemns bigotry also opposes The Civil Rights Act of 1990 which I and over two hundred Congressmen and Senators have introduced. The Act would overturn the decisions of the Supreme Court and reinstate the interpretations that have been on the books for as many as two decades and served us so well.

Two specific sections of the Act have drawn strong opposition from the Bush Administration. First, the Act would provide to all victims of intentional discrimination monetary relief which is presently available only to victims of race discrimination. Despite the Bush Administration's protestations to the contrary, women are not second-class workers; they are victimized by second-class discrimination; and, they should not have second-class remedies. Twenty-six years have elapsed since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was enacted to prohibit discrimination in the workplace, and it is now time to provide tough monetary penalties to eliminate the scourge of intentional, glaring employment discrimination.

Second, the Act would require employers to justify discriminatory employment to justify discriminatory employment practices as "essential to job performance. That is as it should be. Because employers pick which employment practices to use, hire experts to design those practices, and ought to study the impact of those practices on women and minorities, it is only logical that they be required to prove that their employment practices are essential to selecting employees most qualified for the job. Both of these sections of the Civil Rights Act of 1990 are opposed by the Bush Administration.

And who can forget the debacle of the attempted appointment of William Lucas, a former sheriff of Wayne

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An interesting series of four interreligious panel discussions sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Clark County Chapter, has been taking place. Some of the participants are shown above. Pictured, right to left are the Moderator, Aleda Nelson, Rabbi Mel hecht, Father Dave Casaleggio, Talib Masud, Hilda Pecoraro, Marion West and Father Ilia Katre. The final panel discussion will take place Sunday, May 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the St. John Greek Orthodox Church, located at 1229 E. Carson Avenue. The program is free and open to the public.

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