

## THE NAACP AND YOU!



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## -THE GREAT WHITEWASH-

That's the best way to describe the recently held coroner's jury on the case of Charles Bush who was choked to death while in the custody of Metro Police on July 31, 1990.

It was enough to turn one's stomach to sit as I did for two days and to watch the law-and-order boys, or better still, the good ole boys mete out their sense of justice, even right in the presence of many who are trained in the law.

It was a great white wash because all of the players of this hoax misnamed a coroner's jury were white. The good ole boys made sure that the jury was all white. The hearing officer who was selected by them - the district attorney's office - was white. The two lawyers representing the district attorney were white. The officer serving as baliff or runner was white. And the court reporter was also white. The memory of Charles was a black one in that setting.

This charade began with Atty Koot from the District Attorney's Office questioning Charles Bush's girl friend as if she had murdered someone. She was forced to

admit some very intimate sexual relationships she had engaged in. As soon as the time came to examine the police officers who are alleged to have committed this murder, Atty Koot did not ask them a single question. He was as quiet as a church mouse.

Some of the friendly witnesses of Mr. Bush were not called to testify, such as his friend at whose house he had attended a party the night before his death. Nor did the hearing officer call the person Bush's girlfriend was told had heard Mr. Bush cry out, 'Why are you doing this to me?' The great white wash was ended with the hearing officer refusing to ask all of the questions that were given to him from the audience in the courtroom.

The Committee making plans for the NAACP protest parade on the Strip, Saturday, September 1, 1990, will meet at the NAACP office, 940 W. Owens, every Monday at 6:00 P.M.

All tax deductible contributions for the Legal Defense Fund can be made payable to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and mailed to P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas, NV 89127.

## Assemblyman Williams to Host NBCSL Meetings in Las Vegas September 7-9

Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams will host two committees of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) in Las Vegas Sept. 7-9. NBCSL will convene its 15th annual 1991 national convention in Las Vegas.

The two delegations are headed by State Sen. Regis Groff, D-Col. and Assemblywoman Gwen Moore, D-Calif. Groff chairs NBCSL's by-laws committee and Moore heads a special committee of former NBCSL convention chairpersons.

"Assemblyman Williams serves on the by-laws committee," Groff said, "and we're delighted that he accepted the responsibility to host this very important final session before we meet in December." The Colorado State Senator said decisions made during the Las Vegas meeting would shape the organization for years to come.

NBCSL has nearly 500 African-American lawmakers from 43 states and the Virgin Islands. Groff, one of the NBCSL founders, said one of the major issues under consideration is expanding the number of committees and executive officers and completely overhauling the organization's policies and procedures.

"When NBCSL was first organized some 14 years ago, we could all meet in a phone booth, now that the organization has grown in number and national prominence it is time for a redefinition."

Groff said the by-laws meeting will be held in conjunction with the past chairpersons meeting chaired by Moore. She was named by NBCSL president to develop set policies and procedures for conducting NBCSL national conventions and other general member-

ship meetings. The Las Vegas convention will be the first to be conducted under the new rules.

"When we were much smaller," Groff said, "it fell largely to the local caucus to develop the program and the agenda. We tended to focus the national convention on local issues."

He said he had suggested to Moore, and she agreed, that the two meetings should be held jointly. "Both committees had to report to the national organization in December and some of the members of the by-laws committee are also former convention chairs, including Moore. It just made sense to hold the meetings together." The Colorado Senator also noted that the decisions of the convention committee may also impact the by-laws.

Groff anticipates the 1991 convention will draw the largest delegation of African-American legislators in NBCSL history. "Not only has Williams strongly promoted the idea for three years, but we're coming on the eve of the 1992 elections and Las Vegas is an exciting city.

## WILSON

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table and curable. What is needed is a comprehensive education program that would provide residents with nutrition information, descriptions of symptoms and information about where help is available.

Perhaps the most important question in this discussion needs to be addressed on the federal level. Medical care should be available to all citizens regardless of economic status. The implementation of some type of national

## Candidates to Speak to Community on August 29 at West Las Vegas Library

In life we do things for ourselves, for an organization, for our relatives and friends, and sometimes we do something for the good of the community.

The goals and objectives of the political forum being held on Wednesday, August 29, 1990, 7-9 p.m. at the West Las Vegas Library, with assembly candidates from Districts 6 and 7 will be for the community to hear the platform of the seven candidates on the issues of education, transportation, and employment. After having the views of the seven candidates, the concerned citizens who attend the public forum will be better informed and able to make an intelligent decision on who would best represent their views.

The purpose of the forum is to provide the community the opportunity to make the decision on who will represent them best. The structure of the forum will be to give all seven candidates

the opportunity to express their views. All candidates will be afforded an equal opportunity to do that.

People in the community who attended the forum and who vote, will make a difference. We all are created equal, it's what we say and do that makes us different. The purpose in putting together this forum is to expose in putting together this forum is to expose the community to the candidates and their views and get the community involved in the decision making process. 8,000 flyers were passed out, radio and newspapers are running Public Service Announcements. There is no reason for the community not to be there.

If there are concerned citizens in our community and they care about our community, then they should make sure they attend. They can make a difference if they want to...Do...you???

Mr. "Chips"

## AASAC STARTS AN AD HOC COMMITTEE

In an effort to bring together all community based activist organizations to support each other collectively, the African-American Substance Abuse Council started an ad hoc committee. This committee will be chaired by Muhammad Abdullah, who has served as logistics chairman for the "Moral Walk Against Drugs" in North Las Vegas sponsored by "Love All People, Inc." in 1986 and recently for the "March Against Drugs and Substance Abuse" at Doolittle sponsored by AASAC. Abdullah's committee will serve as an advocate arm of AASAC and will seek to bring together collective concerns of community based organizations in the areas of education, prevention and public awareness.

From time to time activities are scheduled in the community that conflict with other activities. The ad hoc

committee will seek to coordinate activities so that all community-based groups will not have activities on the same dates and in addition can support each other's functions by developing a master of events calendar so that the committee will know before hand what events are taking place. Issues that effect AASAC will also be researched, addressed at public forums and reported back to AASAC members for input by the ad hoc committee. If there are organizations concerned with education, drug and alcohol abuse and community awareness, the ad hoc committee would like you to send your activities calendar so that we can coordinate future events together. Any organizations that are "activist" in nature, please contact Mr. Abdullah at (702)383-4030, to be included in AASAC master Calendar of Events in conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King Committee.

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