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The Children Shall Lead



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Higher education often starts early. We often hear about the lack of positive African American role models today. I am not in agreement with that assertion.

Nevertheless, it is important that we sometimes stop and reflect about those who have been there for us in big and not so big ways.

The following two part article was written by my friend, Dr. Anthony Ross, Assistant Vice President for Student Services and Dean of Students at Northern Arizona University. Tony is a positive role model for college students as well as the very young.

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The society and world in which we live is a truly complex one. We have witnessed, and in many cases lived through, a technological explosion that is unlike any other major development in the history of this planet.

Yet, throughout the years and despite numerous technological advances, the human race continues to fail at the easiest and most important aspect of survival...that of getting along with one another.

In recent years, much ado has been made about the changing demographics that will be experienced by this country. Namely, that by the year 2000 the majority of the inhabitants of the United States of America will be people of color!

Numerous discussions have taken place as to how to best prepare for the change in leadership and direction which surely will take place once people of color "take their rightful place at the table."

As writers, planners and leaders go about their tasks of informing, analyzing and strategizing about the future and preparing systems for change, they all seem to overlook one important item; the future is now!

America will not wake up on September 11, 2000 and suddenly discover that it is a nation of color! It's just not that simple.

What is simple is to look around and see the diversity among our people which exists today! Don't get me wrong, in order to survive

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we must set our sights toward the future; however we cannot ignore what naturally exists today. Namely that we ARE a multi-cultural society.

All too often, when seeking solutions, we turn to those whom we think are experts and have all the answers. They are the ones who studied the "problem" for years.

They are armed with data, have Ph.D.'s and are always called upon to speak at conventions or conferences to further explain the problem or to provide some esoteric solution.

The reality is we overlook those with the best answers...namely ourselves or better yet, the children! Yes, our children! (End of Part One or Two). (714) 899-0650.

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The Coca-Cola scholars are a very diverse group.

Last year's recipients included a young man who achieved high academic success and spent many hours volunteering in his community while living in a group home; young people who volunteered through Appalachia Service Project, Habitat for Humanity, United Way and other organizations to rebuild communities. Young

people who are concerned about the homeless and the hungry, and initiated clothing drives and soup kitchens.

More information and an application for this unique scholarship may be obtained from the scholarship coordinator at your high school.

The application deadline is October 31.

CCSN OFFERING NEW ENROLLMENTS FOR CASINO DEALING COURSES

The Casino Management department at Community College of Southern Nevada is now accepting new enrollments for its casino dealing courses.

Classes in Blackjack, Baccarat, Craps and Roulette will begin the week of October 26 and end the week of December 21, 1992.

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A library card is a valuable ticket inside the world of books. Be part of the journey and explore worlds unknown with a library card of your own.

September is library card sign-up month at the West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd. Young readers and their families are encouraged to obtain a library card and become active patrons of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library

District.

The West Las Vegas Library staff has developed a program to encourage the entire family to receive library cards. Activities in the Young People's Library are geared to open the world of books to young readers. Chat with the staff for a few minutes and find out more about children's and adult activities at district-wide libraries. New card holders can have their picture

taken and displayed at the library.

Library cards are free. A picture identification card and proof of address is all that is

required to receive a library card.

Stop by and open a book in the library, a wonderful place for people. For more information, call 647-2118.

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

As Dr. John Henry Clarke asserts, "The most dangerous of all dependencies is to depend on your powerful oppressor to free you and share power with you, because powerful people never train powerless people to take their power away from them." I say to you African people, "Stop begging for a piece of the pie and bake your own." Until next week, this has been the Minister of Information.

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