

NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY

WESTSIDE 2000

By R.K. Brown

As the American economy continues to move into an international exchange competition, it will become even more necessary to train our children with new and innovative teaching developments. There will also need to be a renewed concentration of funding and facilities in our public schools if we are going to compete in this New World Order.

Because of the gripping challenges facing all school districts across the country, I thought it would be interesting to examine our system with school board member John Rhodes. Our discussion targeted these issues, and how they are applied to our local community.

Q Mr. Rhodes, what has the school board accomplished for

the children of District C in your 6 month tenure?

A Well, we've established the first new school in the West Las Vegas community in 27 years. We have also implemented the Multi-Cultural and Afro-centric programs to be introduced in 1993. With these programs, for the first time, we see a move toward a more realistic view of world history.

The contributions of "all" the world's people are introduced, instead of the traditional views of a centralized European standpoint. We also began the daily drop in, and cultural development program. This allows leading professionals and performers to visit West Las Vegas schools, becoming positive role models for our children. So, it has been a very busy and pro-

ductive 6 months.

Q In the future, what direction do you see the board moving?

A We are working toward more specialized training, in order to be ready for the competitive 21st century employment market. Everyone can't go to college, so we are developing methods to get our children hands-on-training in "Specific Skills".

If they can't go to college,

they will be prepared with 21st century technological skills. The cornerstones of this new direction are the Vision Business Applications and the Technological Centers. Our children will develop journeyman skills in West Las Vegas centers, giving them a positive alternative to the streets.

Q Finally, what does John Rhodes want to establish in the future for the children of District C?


A As you know, I am a product of the Clark County School District. I was privileged to receive the opportunities I did. What I want to do is give back to this community, which has always given me so much.

I am pushing for an emphasis on the Community School concept.

This system provides computers, Arts and Sciences development, body and mind fitness through exercise, and

original special programs. These programs would be unique to each local district's needs. If West Las Vegas students needed special attention in areas of poverty, or tutoring, it could be provided in this "neighborhood environment".

In the long term, I will continue to stress the importance of proper funding in technologies and facilities for the children of District C. For me, it isn't a duty, it is an honor.



THE RAY WILLIS REPORT
BY RAY E. WILLIS

THOMASIZED, PART- THREE

Isn't it interesting that Anita Hill continues to stay in the news and to get so much ongoing media attention? Obvious, a large part is because it is the first anniversary of the infamous Hill/Thomas hearings. The not-so-up-front reason though, is a bit more complex.

Some of you may recall that last October I penned a column titled "Thomasized" in which I discussed the ins and outs of the then raging controversy: did Clarence Thomas sexually harass Anita Hill as she claimed he did some 10 years prior to the hearings; did she fabricate her allegations motivated by jealousy or personal gain; or, did she really tell the truth?

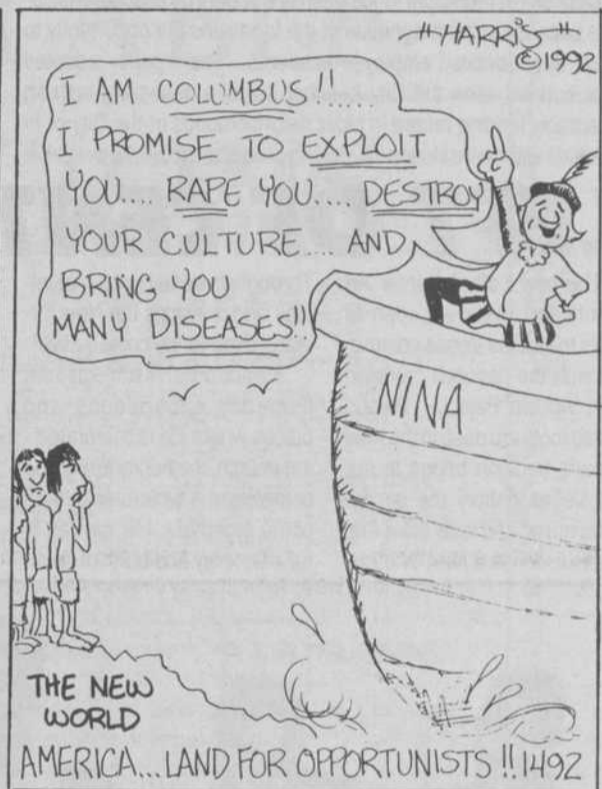
We may never know the real answer. But one very revealing element surfaced recently. First though, let's examine a quote from my year-old "Thomasized" column. It reads as follows: "And who knows, perhaps she (Hilly) will even be awarded a Professor Emeritus chair to teach law, a fitting crowning touch based of course on her special blend of exceptional skills and ability."

Now, almost a year-to-the-date from when I wrote those words, appears a recent article in the *Dallas Morning News* that states: "Anita Hill's U.S. Senate testimony may become the basis of an endowed professorship at the University of Oklahoma." This is just as I predicted a year ago.

Further, the article states, "A 63-member steering committee of the Anita Faye Hill Fund has so far raised \$140,000 through a national fund-raising effort. The goal is \$250,000. The Oklahoma Legislature, which matches funds raised for endowed professorships and chairs, will match the amount to fund the \$500,000 position."

During and after the hearings Hill reportedly said she would not accept remuneration or anything for personal gain as a result of the hearings. Do her words still have the ring of truth and veracity in light of these revelations about the Anita Faye Hill endowed professorship? No pun intended, but you be the judge!

To know is to grow. Until next week.



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HAPPENINGS IN THE NAACP

During the weekend of October 9-10-11, 1992, the Tri-State Conference of the NAACP was held in the city of Boise Idaho.

The Tri-State Conference is composed of the states of Idaho, Utah and Nevada. The NAACP is made up of seven regions in the U.S., comprising state conferences as based working units.

There are two branches in each of the three states: Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah; and Boise and Pocatello, Idaho.

Sunday October 11, 1992, at 3p.m., marked the first meeting

of three months of meetings in the branch's election process. At this meeting the Nominating Committee was elected.

This nominating committee must meet within ten days, and begin to receive consent forms from those who wish to run either as an officer or as a member of the executive committee.

As a Constitutional mandate, this same committee must submit a slate of nominees, one person for each of the six officers slots and one person for the twenty-four Executive Committee slots.

On Sunday, November 8, 1992, at 3:00 p.m., the nominating committee must make its report and others can be nominated from the floor for any or all of the positions listed on its report.

Finally, on Sunday, December 20, 1992, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., each member in good standing will be allowed to vote for the candidates of his or her choice.

All of these meetings will be held at 1012 West Owens Ave. at the Heritage Lounge in the Nucleus Plaza Center.

The FREEDOM FUND BANQUET '92 will be held at Bally's Hotel on Saturday, October 24, 1992 at 7:00 p.m.. Each year the NAACP presents a fundraising banquet to raise funds to underwrite the cost of operating the branch.

Each person who attends the banquet is requested to donate \$100.00 each and \$50.00 per senior, Armed Service personnel and youth.

For Banquet tickets, please call (702)646-1662 or come to the NAACP office at 1048 West Owens Ave.



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