

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

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hearing us. When I say "us", I'm not talking about "all" people. This is why I strongly believe that I have a chance of becoming the new Mayor because people need a refreshing change in leadership. I do not hold any negative animosity against the Mayor or any thing like that, in fact, he is a friend of mine, but what I am saying is that it is time for a refreshing change.

ABDULLAH: Bearing in mind your theme of a need for a "refreshing change," have you taken any initial steps to apprise the present Mayor of the situation that exists in North Las Vegas? Have you sought to bring this to the attention of the City Council?

MS. WILLIAMS: I have in fact, approached the Mayor on several occasions. It is interesting that I was assigned one of the worst complexes in North Las Vegas. Because I have been successful in using the grass roots approach, and in being successful in turning around Carey Arms in the last two years, you hear about the positive things that are being done here. I mean we have had people over here that are not of "color" that have come and was surprised to find out that it was alright to walk around over here. Of course, you are not going to hear about those things.

ABDULLAH: Would you talk about some of the things that you have accomplished since you have been managing the Carey Arms Complex and the Lake Mead Annex?

MS. WILLIAMS: The positive things that we have accomplished here includes, our "in-house-curfew," the educational program that we have for our children. They have an after school tutoring program, where we hold classes for the children that are conducted by three of our own residents who are Substitute teachers. If any of our children in the complex should miss the bus, or don't go to school, they write standards. Of course, you don't hear about a sixteen-year-old writing standards. If you don't live over here, you can not walk around over here. You must have a business or some purpose to be on the grounds over here. For the vendors, if you have some business to conduct, you must first call and make an appointment. You cannot come over here without an appointment. Just like you have to do in Green Valley. Of course, you don't

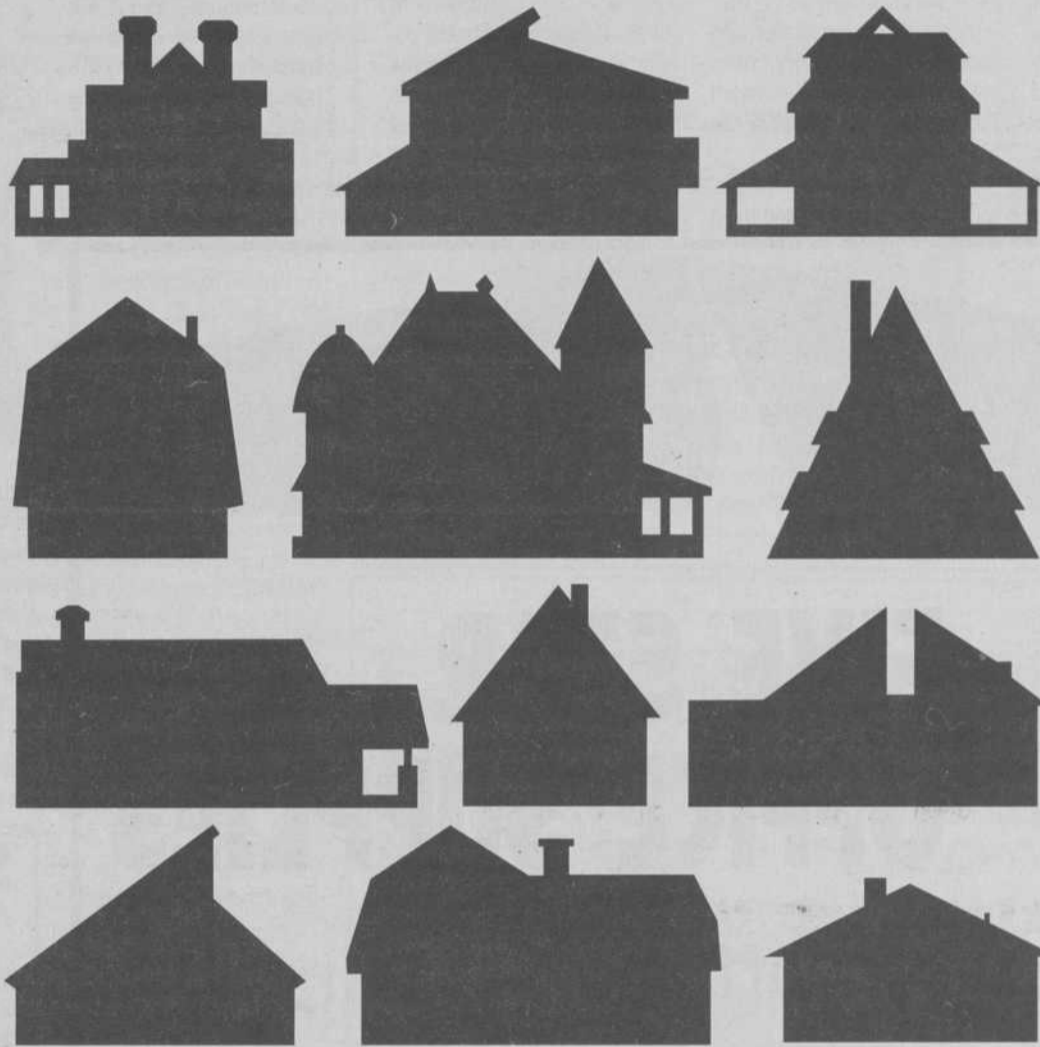
hear about those positive things. We run Carey Arms like a business because that's what it is,

but on the other hand we take into consideration the needs of the residents. Now before we

came here, there was a lot of neglect. We came here and there were people with no sinks,

no commodes, people had raw sewage coming up when they would flush their toilets. Our

company came in and spent over \$250,000.00 just last year...
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