

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Eleven weeks into the 67th Session of the Nevada State Legislature most Assembly and Senate representatives are hard at work. Attempting to balance the fiscal budget and prioritize state program funding is no easy job. Governor Miller is riding everyone's back to reorganize state spending and solve the SIIS disaster. Last week the governor told the Legislature to get to work because only 6 1/2 weeks were left before a special legislative session will have to be called.

Many of the larger budgets have been heard in the committees and are waiting passage in

the opposing house before being made into law. (Now that the time has come when Assembly and Senate representatives spark a fire in legislation that will benefit their districts.)

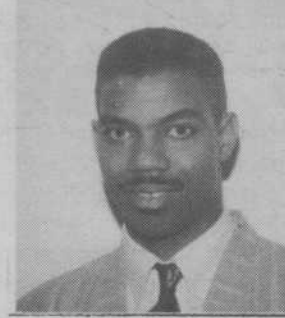
Controversy will come to life concerning merging the Department of Human Resources. Chairman of Education, Wendell Williams has received large amounts of correspondence in opposition to the merger and many organizations are prepared to testify against the Governor's proposal.

Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance committees have received most of the attention because everyone is fighting for their piece of the budget.

Large turnouts of constituents for the parental consent bill

have been packing the halls and committee rooms in favor and opposition of the bill that would prohibit abortions taking place without parental consent for teen-agers. Also, new legislation concerning the use of controlled substances that are used during abortions are also being heard in Health and Human Service Committee.

Although President Clinton's economic package has passed the Congress, Nevada's historically conservative perspective has seen little change. Legislators are primarily hearing from constituents that are saying 'no new taxes' and 'cut government spending.' Those Nevadans that have earned the most in the past twelve years still don't want to share the wealth.



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These examples are blatant truths for minorities and the economically disadvantaged communities that have seen poor school facilities while new schools are being built in suburban areas; little, if any, health and preventative care for prenatal and post natal care. And more money dealing with the consequences of the problems, such as crime, instead of the solution such as education. More money is still being spent to incarcerate 3 out of 4 black males than the state spends to send one out of 10 black males to college.

For those that remember the promises made after last spring's outbreak of violence and frustrations remember who to hold accountable. It starts in the City Councils and with the leaders within the community and continues up the ladder (that has no glass ceilings) to the state legislature, congress, and president.

You can get involved in this weeks Legislative agenda:

A joint hearing between Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance will meet on Wednesday to review the Medicaid budget.

Senate Government Affairs Committee will convene to discuss election reform following Secretary of State Cheryl Lau's recommendations.

The Senate Commerce and Labor Committee is expected to vote concerning the SIIS reform package.

One person can make the difference! Contact 687-5545 to speak to your legislator.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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learn how to teach, and face up to her responsibility as a teacher.

Why did she pass him if she thought he didn't pass his grade in the first place? So who is wrong J.R. Rider or the teacher?

I don't think she knows right from wrong. It is her fault, it is not J.R. Rider's fault, because she was his tutor. The teacher (Bertolino) needs to be investigated as to why she waited until now. I believe she is Racist.

I've been here 3 years and this is the worst place regarding prejudice and everything else; racism, you name it!

Thank You,
Mrs. Emma Williams

WHAT IF WE GAVE A RIOT AND NOBODY SHOWED UP?

Dear Editor,

Question: If I extend my budget to include more firepower (weaponry), more precautions (riot shields and bullet proof vests) and I extend my working hours to keep more of my men on the street, then what am I preparing for?

A riot of course.

Now what if my anticipated riot never happens? What if after the verdict in the case of the Rodney King trial, no one riots, loots or burns

anything? How will I justify my extra expenses? How will I justify all the wasted man hours? How will I justify all that fancy gear and equipment?

The truth of the matter is that if I prepare for a riot, then I need for there to be a riot. It might just be enough to make me go out and start one. Think about it.

Please keep in mind that this is not a game. Guns kill people. People kill people. People with guns can only serve one purpose. Ask yourself if the police department is really interested in protecting property on the Westside.

They're going to be out there, all pumped up and ready. Just itching to play the big game and they really aren't interested in a forfeit. They're expecting some opposition.

In the aftermath of all that could possibly happen, we will surely see no meetings, no meetings, no meetings.

May I suggest that instead of waiting until "it's on," that some of you community leaders start meeting with the young people that you profess that you want to save, beforehand. You might be able to solve a few problems before they ever occur and that way everyone can remain true to their word when they say that they would rather deter trouble than be in it.

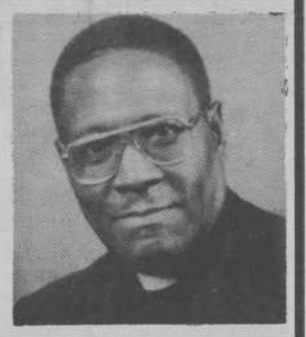
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THE NAACP AND YOU!



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
President
Las Vegas, NAACP



NAACP Election is Over

When the votes were counted Sunday, March 21, 1993 at the Heritage Lounge I was declared the winner and still president of the Las Vegas branch NAACP.

The branch officers are: Rev. S.P. Parks, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Marcia Washington, 2nd Vice President; Mr. Tom Gholson, 3rd Vice President; Mrs. Debra Scott, Secretary; and Mrs. Esther Alexander Taylor, Treasurer.

We must let by gones be by gones and fight the real enemy, the establishment, not ourselves.

Today, I am extending an invitation to one and all of my opponents for president to join me in a crusade to increase our branch membership rolls to 5,000 members and to raise \$100,000.

During the campaign many good suggestions were made relative to strengthening the branch and making it more effective than it is. There is a place in my administration for Mrs. JoAnna Wesley Lee, Mr. Byron Goynes and Mr. Gene Collins. Together we can make the Las Vegas Branch NAACP "The Best

In The West." If we accomplish our goal of 5,000 members we will by-pass Los Angeles in the total number of NAACP members and become The Largest Branch In The West."

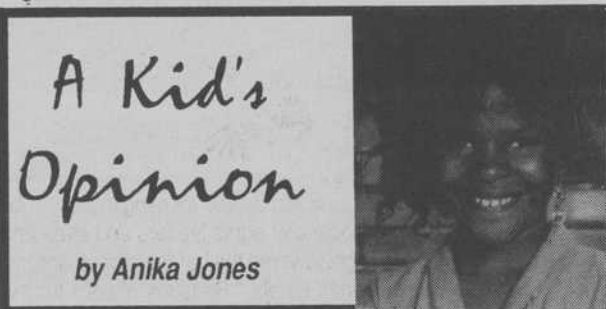
We can do it with your prayers and participation. You too can join in this county-wide crusade by pledging to sell ten or more NAACP members each month and donate or solicit \$10.00 or more per month per person.

If you want to help, come to the NAACP office, 1048 W. Owens Avenue, and join the 10 Plus 10 Club. Those who sell a total of 100 membership during 1993 will be given a special Recognition Award at the Freedom Fund Banquet 93.

You can help your NAACP make its goals for 1993, by involving your family, church, club, organization and Fraternal group to get involved.

Remember, sooner or later you will need the NAACP. Mark My Words!

Join the NAACP TODAY!
1048 W Owens or write P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas, NV. 89106.



Recently, a UNLV professor claimed she gave J.R. Rider a "C" when he should have had an "F". When he finally turned his work in, it wasn't in his handwriting.

The professor's husband was in the hospital with a near fatal heart attack. She was with him

all day and night. The teacher said the important people from UNLV called her day and night for a passing grade for him to play basketball. President Bob Maxon checked it out and said there is nothing to worry about.

If this story is true, J.R. should do this work over again and not play in a game. I think this is unfair. If I was from another state and I heard about it while my team was coming to play, the final four I would be upset. If the star player is suppose to be ineligible, and he plays in the game isn't that illegal?

I remember Green Valley had to forfeit a game, because of an ineligible player. If you seniors think you can do the same thing you are wrong!

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