

THE NAACP AND YOU



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GAMMA PHI DELTA SORORITY

The members of this great sorority are some of Las Vegas' most successful humanitarians, professional business women who happen to be of African American decent. The positive social and economic impact that this sorority has made on the lives of multitudes of Southern Nevadans within the last 35 years cannot be easily measured or quantified. The collective efforts of the personal and economic sacrifices of these Soror's have been phenomenal.

According to Webster's new collegiate dictionary this sorority has been successful in as much as it attained wealth, favor and eminence. Also it has been humanitarian in the promotion of human

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welfare and social reform, — even Philanthropic!

Six years ago when I became President of the Las Vegas Branch NAACP, there was no money in the treasury—we were flat broke. ALPHO RHO CHAPTER gave us \$5,000 which kept our doors open and the bills paid for an entire year. The NAACP issues a challenge to all the other sororities and fraternities to follow the lead of Alpha-Rho in giving donations and general support to the NAACP. If this is done the branch will reach it's goal of signing up 5,000 members and receiving \$50,000.00 in donations before the end of 1993.

Gamma Phi Delta annually presents the Ebony Fashion Show to an almost always sold-out crowd. This fashion extravaganza is a great social event and in terms of interest and attraction parallels the

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IMPACT FEE

By North Las Vegas Mayor,
James K. Seastrand

In 1990, the city of North Las Vegas created a Residential Construction Impact Fee, in accordance with state law.

Three park districts were created in the city, and the law requires that fees on new home construction be expended in the neighborhood where the fee was collected. The intent of the Residential Construction fee is to ensure that funds are provided

for park construction in newly developing areas.

Prior to the passage of the fee for new home construction, parks in the City were funded with a combination of City revenues and federal grants, which are no longer readily available.

In addition to restricting expenditure funds to the neighborhood which generated the impact fees, other restrictions mandated by state law include limitations on the types of rec-

reation facilities which qualify to such things as turf, trees, irrigation, playground apparatus, playing fields, play areas, picnic areas, horseshoe pits and other

similar open space recreation. The law also forbids using impact fees for the cost of operating or maintaining parks anywhere in the City.

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

It has been almost two weeks since the verdicts were handed down in what we've come to know as the Rodney King civil rights trial. I needn't recap this debacle of a case since we all know the end results of the jury deliberations.

What I would like to discuss, however, is the "long hot summer" that lies ahead. As you may know the two convicted racists, ... I mean ex-police officers... will face sentencing this summer. But more importantly, the brothas accused of beating Reginald Denney will go to trial.

Both of these situations are of equal importance in that the potential for civil disorder could be realized depending upon the outcome of these proceedings.

In most Africans' minds the Rodney King and Reginald Denney beatings were not appreciably different, however, in the minds of our "good white friends" these two displays of violence were like night and day: Rodney King brought it on himself. Reginald Denney was simply a victim of black rage. I ask you, is black rage justifiable and if so, where does it stem from? Think about it.

Now as we wait with bated breath, "waiting to exhale," we must be very careful in choosing our course of action following the long hot summer. You should not expect justice in the master's house and you must be prepared for any adverse circumstance that may present itself. As the old saying goes: "No justice, No peace" keep in mind that there can be no peace without justice. However, with justice, peace automatically comes for if we're allowed to reach our fullest potential unhindered, then we needn't feel nor express our black rage.

My brothas and sistas, as the summer approaches, I behest you to be cool, calm and collected and think before you act. But remember, that act you must. Until next week this has been the Minister of Information.

WESTSIDE STORY

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building its rise to power, the harder the fall will be when that system of bigotry collapses under the weight of its own hatred! The barbaric founding fathers were criminals and prostitutes. They cried for freedom, yet they owned slaves and went on Indian scalp hunts for fun!

Programs such as the documentary on racist hate groups just points out that people of color are a threat to white people, in the most basic sense! In a unanimous agreement, these racists stated that the reason they hate people of color, (as always, they hated the blacks most of all), was because they

existed. Plain and simple. Not because we control the money flow, not because we threaten the white masses, but for no other reason than white racists want to eliminate all non white people from the face of the earth!

Now if that isn't one of the most ridiculous suggestions anyone has ever heard? Whites love to hate, and like a cancer, that deep hatred has eaten away the very fiber of their existence. As the white world crumbles from race hatred the ultimate question is, will they let things come to pass, or will they try to kill all of us with them, exploding nuclear bombs at the four corners of the globe?

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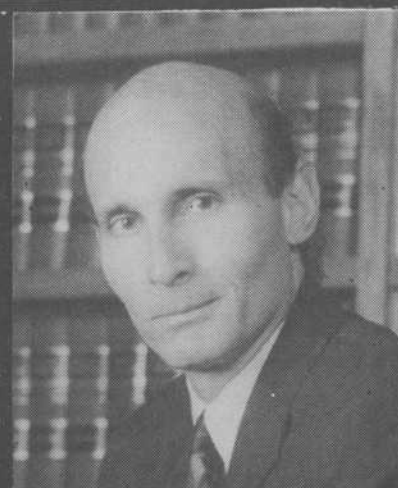
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