

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

'NO NEW TAXES!' YEAH RIGHT

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The Nevada State Legislature still has a long way to go before bills that were introduced in the first few weeks of session will be heard. If you look at the legislative log you will find pages and pages of pending bills and draft requests and amendments that still need to be heard in committee before they are introduced to either the Assembly or Senate House. This gridlock in politics is causing backlog in

important legislation that can make a difference in many citizens lives.

One important aspect of the legislature that is not getting much hype is the Committee on Taxation. Everyone and their mother is avoiding introducing any major tax reform or new tax legislation. The reason: the people of the state of Nevada don't "think" they need to be taxed anymore and businesses refuse to pay more than their fairshare in taxes for the state. The problem with this scenario; however, is that while the people

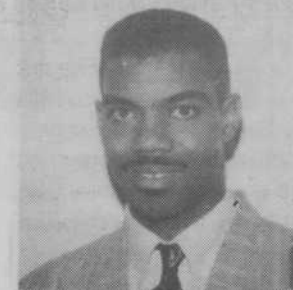
of this state and the businesses refuse to pay more, the tight budget and immense growth DEMAND tax reform and increased taxes for our state.

Every state, excluding Nevada, has been burdened with increased taxes and tax reform. Why is Nevada unique in this role of not introducing controversial but necessary reform? - Big business and the "Good Ol' Boy" network will not pay for those less fortunate citizens of

the community. The African American community, in affect, gets hit extra hard. It is our communities that have been ignored while others flourish with development and growth. It is our children that need special incentives to graduate from high school and have opportunities for post graduate education. It is our community that desperately needs health care reform and increased job opportunities. Without taxes, it will also be our

community that does not get adequate education, increased health care, and permanent career placement.

Governor Bob Miller has repeated history in a bleak way be echoing the words of former president George Bush and telling the Nevada citizens that there will be 'no new taxes' during his state of the State Address in January. This statement is now causing much of the gridlock and bureaucracy that stalls



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important legislation for our community. The Republicans refuse to introduce or pass legislation through the Senate House that is in conflict with their best interest; making money. The Assembly side must then negotiate and compromise legislation and compromise legislation. (See Legislative, Page 21)

THE NAACP AND YOU



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
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RACISM IS REALITY

Racism is reality no matter who says it's not and in the name of all the blacks and whites who gave their lives in the civil rights struggle in America and Nevada. We don't need blacks who think that they have arrived socially and economically and who are receiving their pay checks from the "establishment" giving public lectures to other blacks that they are the sole blame for their economic plight.

If you are not meeting face to face with blacks as I am in the NAACP office and the Black Chamber of Commerce office and witness people crying out for the opportunity to be able to go into (See NAACP and You, Page 22)

WAAK-UP CALL TO ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS

We must unite at North Las Vegas City Hall on Wed. June 2, at 5:30 PM. There will be a demonstration and protest of the total lack of concern that the City of North Las Vegas has shown for the residents of the predominantly Afrikan Amerikan areas of the city. The stagnation of these areas is alarming! We must demand total commitment for the following:

- Development
- Restaurants
- Youth recreational facilities
- Senior Activities
- Flashing signal lights; specifically at Revere & Carey
- Crossing guards for Prime Six areas
- Sidewalks.

Citizens who approach the North Las Vegas City Mayor and city council at meetings are met with belligerence, arrogance, and double talk.

The City of North Las Vegas must shake off the cobwebs and realize that their Afrikan Amerikan residents are demanding their fair share!

The community has been denied the bare necessities, as taxpayer's dollars are swallowed up to help develop other areas of the city where most of us can not afford to buy homes. Be there on June 2, 1993 at 2200 Civic Center Dr.

It is important to all of us!!! City Council meeting immediately following the protest at 7:00 PM City Council Chambers. For more info. phone 646-3280 or 647-5461.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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outline of my economic plan for New Directions — passed the Congress in record setting time. It reduces deficit spending by over \$500 billion; a plan so credible that the markets continue to reduce interest rates on the American people. These interest rate reductions, coupled with steps taken by my Administration to deal with the credit crunch, mean American businesses, farms and consumers have money to save, spend, invest and grow.

I want to be the President who helps the American people realize their call for change.

Enormous changes are sweeping our economy. Inevitable defense cutbacks are forcing military bases to close, causing defense manufacturers to lose markets and cut jobs. Problems in the airline industry have caused massive lay-offs in aerospace firms and among the domestic carriers. America's economic partners abroad are beating American companies in

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NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

Frequently my brethren and I are accused of being hate mongers whenever we speak of the European and his vile nature. But I ask you, what's worse, our alleged hatred of him or your apparent hatred of self? Look around Africans, the signs of self hatred are everywhere: from Michael Jackson to the brothas who hang out on Jackson Street everyday.

The other day I saw this brotha at a local spot wearing curlers in his hair. That's right! Plain as day this brotha sported some green and pink curlers. This man was nicely dressed and I'm sure had I asked he'd have told me how he loves himself but he wore curlers in his hair. I was disgusted at the site of this black man. He wore his symbols of self hatred with such pride that civil war would probably have ensued had I or anyone else told him how ridiculous and idiotic he looked.

As I mentioned earlier the signs of self hatred are ubiquitous. Here are just a few: the brotha and his curlers, all your brothas and sistas with jheri curls and perms, those of you who choose to wear colored contact lenses, you sistas who plaster make-up all over faces, those of you who can afford it having plastic surgery to alter your African features, you young gangsters who are quick to take out your own but won't deal with your true enemy, and you so called unsuccessful Africans who flee from your "hood" whenever you "make it."

I imagine many of you will take offense to what has been written here. What I hope is that you'll take a critical look in the mirror and evaluate all the excuses you'll come up with for justifying the manifestations of self hatred listed above. But do it from the African perspective with an understanding that the white man (the father and perpetrator of your self hatred) is not the yardstick by which anything should be measured.

Accuse me of hating the white man and I'll tolerate that but never you accuse me of self hatred. Do not confuse my identity and passion for Africans with hatred for him. All things considered I ask again, what's worse, my alleged hatred for him or your apparent hatred of self? Until next week this has been the Minister of Information.

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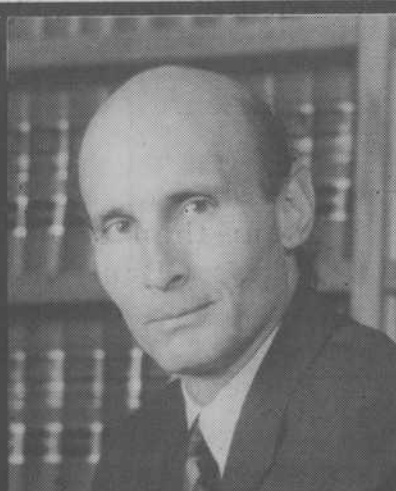
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