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als, and indeed for Metro, it is not a question of their reputation being tarnished, but of their reputation being accurate accounts of their activities. In Metro's case it is a question of too many of them being murderous, unlawful, arrogant, ignorant, Neo fascist, racist, slob. With someone like that you cannot tarnish their reputation, simply because their reputation is in reality what they are.

In this same article there were interviews with a couple of local politicians. One made a statement that the best people to oversee police officers are other police officers. I find it difficult to believe that one can claim to be an intelligent individual and yet make a statement such as that. Throughout the country it is clear, that police officers do not now, nor have they ever, had the ability nor the willingness to objectively evaluate their function, nor have

they taken appropriate decisive action against those within their ranks, who have been proved to be engaged in wrongful activities of whatever kind. The politician's statement does point out a part of the problem here in Nevada and that is that the political system is so corrupt, that indeed it acts to perpetuate and to protect the criminal behavior of the police departments in this state. Whether it is the blatant murder of Charles Bush in Las

Vegas or the murder of an unarmed young woman in Hawthorne, the police officers here in this state have no fear of any recrimination, since they know that the political structure here would protect them at all cost. It is time that the citizens of Nevada begin to make sure that the politicians, the police officers, and the judiciary understand that they are accountable to the people, who pay their salaries, and that they can be removed at

any time by those people. It is also time that we as citizens make it clear to politicians, that we will not tolerate fence sitting on this issue of civilian control of the police. That you are either in favor of civilian control of the police. That you are either in favor of civilian control of the police or have become the enemy yourself and therefore you are targeted for removal at the next closest election. People talk about putting the fear of God into politicians, but it is not the fear of God that the politicians need to have, it is the fear of their constituency and the knowledge that if they mess up even once, they are out the door. This is something that the citizens must make clear because you cannot expect a politician, no matter how good or bad, to be the leaders in a struggle for change. Politicians

are at their very best, effective tools in the struggle for change, but not the leaders in the struggle for change. They cannot be for it; it is not their role and that is not their function. We must make demands on the politicians to control the Metropolitan Police Department. The time to do this is getting short. Already police departments now feel that whatever they do is justifiable. Whatever crimes they commit is okay. They couch their activities in such terms as a war on drugs or a war on this criminal activity or that criminal activity, but it really is a war on civilians and the army of occupation is trying very desperately to consolidate their gains. We as the employers of this criminal element must bring it to task and it must be done now. La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

"ALONG THE COLOR LINE"

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state are currently eligible for Medi-Care health insurance, at a cost of nearly \$900 million. One in nine of the state's prison inmates are undocumented immigrants.

The state government is paying \$250 million per year to house three prisoners. Although virtually all economists and social scientists state that illegal immigrants generally produce jobs and greater wealth to everyone within the society, the false impression that they constitute a negative factor within the economy has become widespread.

Moreover, the projections for the next several decades indicate that California's pluralistic ethnic environment will become the norm for much of the country. According to the Asian Pacific American Public Policy Institute, the Asian America population between 1990 and the year 2000 will triple to about 20.2 million. Latinos will surpass African Americans as the highest single ethnic majority by approximately 2010. In thirty years, more than forty percent of the total American population will consist of people of color, and in many areas, English will

become a distinctly "second language."

Significantly millions of these new ethnic minorities do not consider themselves to fit the standard racial categories of "black" and "white." In the 1990 census, for example, 51 percent of California Latinos stated that they were "not white, black, Indian or Asian" and selected the racial designation of "other."

Despite their status outside traditional racial boundaries, the nonwhite newcomers have quickly encountered the familiar racist violence which African Americans know only too well.

The newsletter of the Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence has recently listed a series of racially-inspired assaults against Asian Americans. These include: the murder of a sixteen-year-old Japanese exchange student in Baton Rouge, Louisiana last October; the vicious beating and death of a 19 year-old Vietnamese pre-med student in Coral Spring, Florida, when he objected to being called "Viet Cong" and "Chink" by fifteen white youths; and the murder of a Japanese-American woman in her home by a white gunman in Watsonville, California.

African Americans must take the lead in recognizing that the struggle for equal rights in the twenty-first century requires an extensive and sympathetic dialogue between all of this country's nonwhite minorities. The achievement of equality means going beyond the old boundaries of black and white, facing the reality of multicultural America.

He noted that "racial and ethnic differences may cause patients to metabolize drugs differently, have different clinical responses and experience different side effects."

The developers of national healthcare reform should take these factors into account, and correct the Congressional mistake of allowing a return to restrictive drug formularies, Allnutt said.

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association is a non-profit scientific and professional organization of more than 100 companies that discover and develop most of the prescription drugs in the United States.

NEW SURVEY

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tions, if ultimately approved, are made available to all patients. They urged the architects of pending national healthcare reform to provide insurance that guarantees that all patients receive all medicines approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Their plea was made in the wake of Congressional action that allows states to conclude restrictive formularies in their Medicaid programs, which provide healthcare and other services to the nation's poorest residents. Restrictive formularies restrict certain medicines from coverage by a state Medicaid program. Often, the newest, most effective therapies are restricted.

Butcher, in an article that accompanies the new PMA survey, said that restrictive formularies pose serious problems for minorities "since recent research indicates that racial and ethnic differences may make a difference in how a prescription drug works. It is especially important that patients have access to all available medicines. There is no such thing as a 'one-size-fits-all' drug.

"While scientists strive for cures in the laboratories, the rest of us must work to see fruits of

pharmaceutical research are accessible to all Americans. Medicines should be available to every person who needs them — they should not be unattainable luxuries that poor people can only dream about."

PMA's Allnutt said the survey "is a recognition that African Americans have special healthcare needs—and it shows that our industry is committed to meeting those needs. Patients of the same race and sex can react quite differently to the same medicine. And it is now becoming increasingly clear that racial and ethnic factors may affect how an individual patient responds to a particular drug."

WESTSIDE STORY

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would kill all the animals and plants on the earth, and wonder; why aren't there any left? They can take all the land, oil, wealth, power, and life, from the world of color; and wonder why nations of color despise the west?

Finally, they can make history, the news, TV, movies, the press or anything else read; in a white perspective only. A simple example: Blacks have lived in harmony with the animals of Africa, since the beginning of time. On the other hand, whites have killed all the exotic big game of Europe, and almost all in America.

Buffalo were killed by whites, passing in trains for fun. Not for hunger, or self protection, or anything. Well maybe for the skins of the animals, and the suburban women's fur collection, and big profits for greedy elitists.

So it is. Whites come to Africa, give the poor natives money to kill the animals, and they do. I would too, if it would keep my wife and kids alive. So every Sunday we see black faces as the villains, in this TV story. Imperial racism is the real discovery. peace...

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risk of hypertension.

On face value, one would question those findings because they seem to play into the stereotypes of skin color.

In an editorial which appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association, Howard University College of Medicine Professor, Dr. Albert Murray, Jr. said, "A combination of disadvantaged socioeconomic status and a behavior pattern of repressed hostility in a dark skinned individual may be the marker of the at-risk person."

Granted, the study may not have all the answers to the problem, but it does establish for the first time, a definite link between race and high blood pressure. Now we have scientific evidence to back up what we've known all along—that the stressful nature of life, especially so for Black men, has severe health consequences. Take heed.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

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