

THE NAACP AND YOU



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PUBLISHES "NAACP TODAY" NEWSLETTER

One of the highlights of the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet '93 held at Bally's Hotel Friday night November 5, 1993, was the announcement from the president of First Interstate Bank, Mr. Andrew Studdert, of a grant to the NAACP in the amount of \$3,500.00 to underwrite the cost of printing the NAACP Today Newsletter on a quarterly basis.

The NAACP Today will be used as a community information forum to convey announcements and information relative to the work and programmatic thrust of the Las Vegas Branch.

In a very real sense the Sentinel-Voice Newspaper,

through the support of the Brown family, has given much aid and assistance to the NAACP in it's effort to get across to the Southern Nevada Blacks and others living in this community information about the activities of the NAACP.

Through the NAACP Today Newsletter we will be able to make announcements of all of our branch meetings so that those persons who are NAACP members will be able to attend. A NAACP membership application will be included in each issue to be filled out, clipped out and mailed back to the NAACP.

This is the NAACP's way of

The LAS VEGAS SENTINEL-VOICE

involving non-Black people of Southern Nevada to join and to become actively involved with the work of the NAACP.

The NAACP's goal is to sign up 5,000 or more members in Southern Nevada on or before December 31, 1993. Ninety out of every one hundred persons who call over the telephone or come to the NAACP seeking a solution to their problems do not even have a \$10.00 membership. Historically, the NAACP has been interracial since it's inception. In 1909 when the NAACP first began the first three

members were white, the first executive director and the first president were also white. In Clark County there are more than one hundred thousand Black people, not counting whites and other races, therefore, the NAACP should not have any problems at all accomplishing it's goal of 5,000 members before the end of the year.

If you are interested in joining the NAACP, then you should write to P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas, Nevada 89127 or come to the branch office 1048 W. Owens Avenue.

THE RAY WILLIS REPORT

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spective: How do you use Blacks in a media mix of news if they don't fit any of the prevailing themes and stereotypes that the public has the appetite to listen to? In a day and age when the dominant media image of a Black man is shackled or behind prison bars, when Black women are often portrayed as on welfare or drug addicted, when Black children are shown as incapable of being educated or involved in gangs and crime, it's refreshing to know that all is not doom and gloom.

Just because there are indications in society that the Black family is in decline does not mean that all is lost. Let Ken Brass stand as just one positive example that we can be more than helpless victims subsisting in a racist environment the best way we can.

In the final analysis, we can't wait for the media to profile us in a balanced way. We simply need to remind ourselves that we are not necessarily as bad off as we are made to seem. Let's continue to give ourselves, regular, frequent positive reality checks.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

ALONG THE COLOR LINE

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tered that Clinton and Dinkins "ought to spare us piety about voting across color lines." But as noted political scientist Andrew Hacker explained: "[Giuliani] stands for turning the city back to white New Yorkers. He doesn't even have to say it. When he talks about crime and the like, white people know what he means."

In effect, Giuliani's goal was to construct a white united front, with sufficient numbers of Hispanics and others to create an electoral majority. He succeeded. Exit polls show that Giuliani won 75 percent of the white vote citywide. He won 85 percent of the white Catholic voters, 62 percent of all voters who earn \$100,000 or more annually, and two-thirds of all voters over age sixty. Significantly, sixty percent of all voters who had been victims of crimes voted for Giuliani.

With the loss of Dinkins, African-Americans have been defeated or removed as mayor of four of the five largest cities in the nation. Whites in large numbers are refusing to vote for black politicians who genuinely try to empower their communities. And those blacks who win election are frequently "postblack" or deracialized politicians, such as Norm Rice of Seattle or Michael White of Cleveland, who don't challenge the status quo. The question blacks are now asking themselves is whether "coalition politics" remains viable.

CLINTON CRIME PLAN

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dealing with violent crime.

"You would think that with the way the President is pushing gun control it would have a record of success where it's been tried," says Ron Blackstone, a Chicago entrepreneur and former police officer. "Look at Washington DC, New York, San Francisco, or anywhere else they have gun control and you tell me if it's worked. While Clinton's pushing gun control, I have stores being robbed and customers who are afraid to walk through their own neighborhood."

Blackstone believes President Clinton is missing a real opportunity to fight crime, and that blacks are ready to support a genuine effort. "All the President has to do is go for a walk in my community and he'll see that the thugs don't walk into a gun shop, fill out forms, register guns and buy them. They get them on the street, and no Brady bill is going to stop that."

Some activists attribute Washington's reluctance to get tough on criminals to special interest politics. "When someone on Capitol Hill starts talking on crime, the so-called civil rights leaders scream racism, and nobody likes being called a racist," says Cooper. "The end result is more crime victims, a disproportionate number of which are black."

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NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

December 1st 1955 was the day Rosa Parks said no more and decided she wasn't giving up her seat on the bus to a white man. Ms. Parks was subsequently arrested for this so called offense and this started what is now known as the civil rights movement.

Civil rights, according to several texts, are the rights of personal liberty guaranteed to U.S. citizens by the 13th and 14th amendments to the constitution and by acts of Congress. The "by acts of Congress" part is very important and I'll illustrate that point as we go along.

Now let's go to the source, the Constitution itself and see what the 13th and 14th amendments are all about. Amendment 13, ratified in 1865 says: Section 1. Neither slavery over involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction. Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Amendment 14, ratified in 1868 reads: Section 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or prosperity, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within it's jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. Section 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provision of this article.

Remember, I said that by acts of congress would be instrumental? Well, of the 26 amendments to the constitution only eight have this provision. And of those eight, three deal specifically with Africans in America.

I mentioned 2, the other is the 15th amendment which supposedly gave African males in this country the right to vote way back in 1870.

If I were guaranteed the rights of a citizen of this country back in the 1860's and 1870's why is it that in the 1950's, 60's and 70's I couldn't sit anywhere on the bus that I wanted to? Why couldn't I drink from the water fountain? Why couldn't I vote? Why wasn't I allowed to eat at your restaurant yet alone come in? Why was I lynched for bidding this time of day? Why were my brothers assassinated for espousing African pride?

Those are serious questions that need to be dealt with. It has been 38 years since the birth of the civil rights movement, a movement that is still in it's infancy. I know of no infant who has walked before he was able to crawl so to say that Africans have made great strides since the movement began is a joke. We haven't even began to crawl yet. As Bob Marly notes in his song War: "Until the philosophy which hoods one race superior and another inferior is finally and permanently discredited and abandoned... it's war. Until next week this has been the Minister of Information.

NEW WEST SIDE DOYNE MEDICAL CLINIC TO OPEN

Dr. Martin Doyne is happy to announce the opening of the Doyne Medical Clinic, located at 1706 West Bonanza near Martin Luther King Drive. The Doyne Medical Clinic, formerly of South Central Los Angeles for over 30 years, specializes in family practice medical care, including internal medicine, pediatrics, gynecology, obstetrics, accidents, immunizations, plus other medical needs. A Grand Opening to commemorate the occasion will take place December 12.

The Doyne Medical Clinic specializes in offering medical care for African Americans, Hispanics, And Native Americans. The phone number is 631-6860.

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