

THE NAACP AND YOU



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SINGAPORE THREATENS WHITE MAN

A young white 18 year old American male named Michael Fay is charged with spray painting cars during a 10 day vandalism spree in Singapore.

According to the New York Times news service Fay signed a statement of confession through the advice of his father and his attorneys, but later changed his mind and is now saying the he was forced to sign the statement. If the Singapore government finds that

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Fay is guilty his crime calls for 6 skin splitting lashes from a rattan cane.

Now we find that the American Embassy, a large portion of American press and some of the American people find this kind and level of punishment prescribed for Fay as being both wrong and barbaric, and so do I. But a similar kind of punishment that is proposed for Fay is given to Black man in America every day by government representatives, the police, Sheriff or their designers. That's exactly why the NAACP was organized. In 1909 Black men were killed or lynched because there was no law in the U.S. against it, and those who committed such acts had committed no crime.

In 1990 in the city of Las Vegas three metro police officers took a key from the girlfriend of a deceased man. Went into his apartment without a search warrant, choked the deceased Charles Bush, a Black man to death and they have gone free and without criminal punishment since.

All this was done while the district attorney of Clark County and the attorney general of the State of Nevada, who are chief prosecuting officers standing by and did absolutely nothing about it.

Most recently we have the case of Rodney King in Los Angeles where an incident was recorded on tape which showed the police

beat him unmercifully. This kind of beating can be multiplied by tens of thousands of other Black men who are beaten every day in America while others go unpunished everyday.

The kind of cruel and barbaric punishment that is slated for Fay in Singapore and that was actually placed upon Charles Bush and Rodney King in America was wrong in the sight of God and man.

This kind of violence that is witnessed and or considered by the youth of the world could cause them to be confused as to what is the right and wrong courses of human behavior to follow.

Jesus Christ came into this world to usher in two new concepts of human relationships that had never been known; that is Salvation and Love.

He came to save man from his sins and to offer him a more excellent way of relationships through love, which is found in John 3:16. Jesus wants man to live in freedom and not in slavery.

John 10:10, Jesus tells us that "The thief cometh not, but for to steal and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

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Case and race and economic status of those convicted determine who shall live and who shall die, the death penalty is an unjust and despicable punishment. I agree with Justice Blackmun — it is also unconstitutional.

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

Each year the Professionals of African Heritage at UNLV, formerly known as the Alliance of Black Professionals, sponsor an awards banquet in honor of those African students at UNLV who in the previous academic year, were full-time students while at the same time attaining a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. This year was no exception.

This weekend past marked the tenth anniversary of the Professionals of African Heritage Annual Academics Achievements Banquet. Ten years ago those handful of brothers and sisters who called UNLV home decided it was a worthwhile endeavor to pay tribute to those younger brother and sisters who not only found themselves in college, but were doing exceptionally well.

I've had the pleasure and honor of being an award recipient for the last four years. This year was special for me in that I was nominated for the outstanding student award. The award goes to both a male and female who not only achieve academically, but are also involved in the community and student activities. Big congratulations to Uri Clinton and Nicole Lovely who are this year's Outstanding students.

Congratulations are also in order for the Professionals of African Heritage who for the past ten years, have had the dedication and perseverance enough to ensure that students of African decent got their "Props." They deserve our thanks and praises because if they weren't patting us on the back nobody would be. Do you know how many African students at UNLV have grade point averages of 3.0 or better? Ask the Professionals of African Heritage! I'm sure they'd be more than happy to provide that information.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge all one hundred plus students who were awarded at this year's banquet. It is your example that motivates up-and-coming scholars. Your self discipline, coupled with the love and support of your family, has kept you off of drugs and out of jails and has lead you to a well deserved recognition.

I'm sure you don't need my words of encouragement, but I implore you to continue striving for the best and remember, whether directly or indirectly, you serve as role models to the young brothers and sisters who are continuously inundated with negative images. They need someone positive to look up to. Much respect to all those involved in the Tenth Annual African Heritage Student Awards.

Until next week this has been the Minister of Information.



COMMUNITY SURVEY

Clark County Government, the State of Nevada and the Cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas have joined together to compete for federal grant monies that will be used to improve your neighborhood and other neighborhoods in the Central Las Vegas Valley area. If we receive these grant monies, we will be able to provide jobs, affordable housing opportunities, business development, social services, crime prevention measures, after school programs, and improvement of neighborhood facilities (i.e. parks, community centers, child care facilities, etc.)

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What are the three most important problems in your neighborhood?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List two things that you like best about living in your neighborhood:

1. _____
2. _____

List two projects that you would like to see happen in your neighborhood:

1. _____
2. _____

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TWO COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD IN MAY AND JUNE TO DISCUSS VARIOUS WAYS TO ADDRESS NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE NOTIFIED OF THESE MEETINGS, PLEASE LIST YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS BELOW.

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