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Zion Methodist Church. Those who truly believe in liberation will be there. Those who really want to see an economic rebirth of the African and Hispanic communities in this town will be there. Those who wish to show Ms. Ann in City Hall that just because you are successful in getting a city councilman defeated, it does not mean you can go through and engage in the wholesale firing of every African American in City Hall without there being a consequence. If you think so, then I will suggest that you make sure that you still have your spot at the used car dealership open because this will be your last turn. We will see you on Saturday. La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

THE NAACP AND YOU



Rev. James Rogers
President
Las Vegas, NAACP



The Las Vegas Branch NAACP is assured the jury weighed the evidence and reached their conclusion based on that evidence. We believe, although this was a difficult case for the prosecution. The defense, as well as the jurors who had access to all the evidence, weighed the evidence and concluded the evidence given was not sufficient beyond reasonable doubt to convict Mr. Orenthal James Simpson, thereby rendering a not guilty verdict on both counts. Given the high profile nature of this case, most Americans have an opinion. Whether we agree with the verdict or not, we are responsible, as citizens, to work with and challenge the justice system. The justice, or lack of justice here in America, will be addressed by the masses during the coming elections.

Let us now look forward and concern ourselves with local priorities.

This Saturday, October 7th, at 10:00 a.m. ("H" Street and Lake Mead), there will be a Las Vegas 1,000 Man March. We will demonstrate strength and unity, protest racism, demand justice and fairness, and support the Million Man March (October 16th in Washington, D.C.).

Regardless of your religious or civic affiliations, sex, age, etc., if you believe that through God we can save the Black family, you will be counted among the 1,000. Women and children are encouraged to participate.

Please call 593-4376 for further information. If Africans in America can sit spellbound as one of ours is judged (O.J.), surely we can stand as we judge ourselves.

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ALONG THE COLOR LINE

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opinion polls, most strongly opposed to affirmative action is that they perceive themselves to be particularly vulnerable in the new world (and domestic) economic order. Since the mid-1970s, the real median income for U.S. males has remained flat or has declined, while women's incomes actually rose 18 percent above the rate of inflation. Males are far less willing than women to reeducate themselves to seek new employment opportunities. According to the Census Bureau,

over one million women over age 40 who are currently enrolled in college, twice the number of men in post-secondary institutions. White, native-born males now represent less than one-third of the U.S. labor force. As women and minorities compete successfully for traditionally "white male jobs," white men are inclined to blame the erosion of their opportunities on affirmative action policies.

What's really at work here is the structural transformation of the U.S. economy over the past

quarter century. According to economists Barry Bluestone and Bennett Harrison, between 1969 and 1976, 22.3 million jobs disappeared due to factory, office and store closings across the U.S., and though the relocation of businesses from state-to-state and outside the country. The total number of jobs destroyed represented more than one-third of all jobs which had existed in 1969. In the mid-1960s, there were 2.5 unemployed persons for every vacant job; by the late 1970s, the ratio had grown to 5.0 unemployed persons for every vacant job.

In a city like New York today, for example, there are roughly seven jobless people for every available job vacancy. In Harlem, about 40 percent of the population is below the poverty line, and nearly half of all people above age 18 are unemployed, underemployed and/or involuntarily outside the formal labor market. Competition is fierce even for low wage service

employment. In Harlem's fast food industry, the ratio of job applicants to hires is about 14 to one.

Today, there are about 7.5 million American's who are "officially" unemployed, based on Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, there are nearly five million part-time workers who want full-time work, but cannot find it. There are also another seven million "discouraged workers," who the Bureau of Labor Statistics classifies as outside the active job market. When twenty million people who desire full-time employment aren't able to get it, an environment of political scapegoating and social hostility is created. Blacks, Latinos, women and others are blamed for declining real incomes, unemployment and the loss of job advancement. Yet, overturning the affirmative action programs and policies will do little to reverse these economic (See Along Color Line, Pg 21)

POLITICAL POINTS

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Americans, cannot order or select literature or educational materials. And why, if there is no money, did AFAN central throw a big \$500.00 plus bash after its last fundraiser walk? Why is there no computer system at AFAN West like there is at AFAN Central? Why is that AFAN expects to have a community-sensitive program when they are about to, or has laid off or terminated every Africa American staff member? Why? Why? Why is there no lunch program at AFAN West as it is at AFAN Central?

Now word has it that AFAN Central's solution to closing the West office is that they will still maintain some African American "presence" in the community. That's hogwash too when you

realize that the so-called "minority population" faces a higher rate of infection. African Americans comprise 9% of the general population, however, 33% are diagnosed with AIDS. Also, African American and Hispanic teens are the fastest growing affected group at the present time. If these numbers are correct, then why cut out prevention education at AFAN West.

And the biggest insult to this community was when AFAN Central called itself patting us on the head and appointing a "minority council", that's helpless, powerless and ineffective.

AIDS is a very serious disease and the African American community cannot and will not sit by quietly as the very organization that was founded to help AIDS victims, instead feed funky smoke to AFAN West. It will not happen!

Somebody tell the executive committee that we expect to come up to the "Big House" and meet with them real soon. Invitation or no invitation. We've just got one question. Is it racism or if not, what is it? Bottom Line — let's fix it!

RAY WILLIS

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someone took such pains to establish a word designed to make me feel bad about myself, I don't believe we should let someone's selection of a word hinder us from living a purposeful life.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

WESTSIDE STORY

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MLK, a Christian; and Malcolm, a Muslim, knew the importance of the black legacy of morality and discipline. Religion created these two power brokers, and more importantly, religion inspired these great men to get up and do something about the injustices they were suffering.

I, being a Christian, believe that what the world needs is LOVE! Sure, whites have used religion to keep blacks down. Sure, whites are on top of the world and don't even respect the religions they point to; but is that any reason for blacks to be tricked by the same devil?

Some whites and racists now say that man wasn't even created by God, or Allah, or anyone else. This way their world domination, hatred, chaos and destruction can be explained away as "survival of the fittest." They like to kill and hate at all costs. To me, this is not the way of the world — it is the way of the devil.

And as we approach 1999, with toumedos, hurricanes, floods, famine, pestilence, wars, murder, racism and hatred, there seems to be only two options: you can either believe in the God of Muslims, or Christians, or someone, or you can believe racist whites who say "the world and universe were created by accident, therefore we can act and treat everyone anyway we want to. I know love and morality will win over hate and foolishness in the end. peace...

