

POET'S CORNER

Black Sheep

By Shirley Christian, copyrighted Sept. 1995

We've got an empty bed in Cell Block-8,
Has to be filled before it's too late.
Boy, go cruise through one of those low-class
neighborhoods,
I'm sure you can find at least one of them
that's up to no good.
It's time to make another sacrifice to our snow-white
god,
Somebody has got to pay, to feel the sting of his rod.
A sheep, a black sheep...that's what we need,
Our God is thirsty, and he's hungry,
someone has to bleed.
Hold him tight, no matter how he struggles,
Don't let him go, off with his head!
Let him go boys, save him for next time,
They just found two of 'em dead.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

WALLACE THURMAN (Novelist & Editor)

By Gwen Walker

Wallace Thurman was born in 1902 in Salt Lake City. He attended the University of California at Los Angeles and possibly did some movie work before moving to Harlem in 1926.

Thurman was a novelist, ghost writer, editor of two Harlem magazines and a playwright.

At twenty-four, he was editor of the *Messenger*, which brought Langston Hughes' first stories. In 1926 he edited *Fire*, the single issue of which left him deeply in debt, and in 1928 *Harlem*.

His satire, derived from close personal observation, was directed primarily at the Harlem Renaissance, which began in 1925. Langston Hughes characterized him as a "strangely brilliant black boy who had read everything, and whose critical mind could find something wrong with everything he read." Being a ghost writer, he published many articles under different names; some Irish and some Jewish. Two of his novels were *The Blacker The Berry* and *Infants Of The Spring*.

He collaborated with A.L. Furman on the novel "Intern" in 1932 and with William Rapp was wrote the play *Harlem 1929*. Thurman died in 1934.



GWEN WALKER

The LAS VEGAS SENTINEL-VOICE

The End Of The Cold

By Keith A. Brantley (Izulu Poets)

With the end of the Communist game
comes the realization
that the cold war was lame
and paper pushing warriors
have gone insane.
(America needs an enemy)

A few weeks in the east
proved little of sport.
Americans rallied
to give their support.
It took longer to pack
than for CNN to report
on network heroes
on paper to sort
(America needs a hero)

The Duke is dead
but Elvis keeps appearing.
We believe half of what we see
and none of what we're hearing.
Silent is the sound
when the crowds stop cheering.
To be alone in the dark
is what keeps patriots fearing
(America needs a guide)

A million men marched
and Powell might win.
Farrakhan stands
While Gingrich spins.
The dawn is getting dark
with the rise of black men.
The snowman melts
as the cold war ends.

SENIOR NEWS

DOOLITTLE SATELLITE SENIOR CENTER

The Doolittle Satellite Senior Center, located inside the Doolittle Community Center, T 1901 N. "J" St., (at W. Lake Mead) is open to people age 55 and older from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Please call 229-6125 to confirm the time and date of the activity and to sign up.

The Healthy Strides Group meets at 10 a.m., every Monday an Friday. Chair Exercise

classes meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Bingo is played at noon every Tuesday and Thursday.

Sewing and stitching classes meet at 12 noon every Wednesday. A sketching class with Mitch meets at 10 a.m. every Friday. Table tennis is played Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Bowling is offered Monday's at 12 noon.

Square Dancing is taught Friday's at noon.

DERFELT SENIOR CENTER

Ongoing activities for people 55 and older take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Derfelt Senior Center, 3333 W. Washington Ave., in Lorenzi Park. A one-time \$1 registration fee must be paid upon enrollment to each class, in addition to the class fee. The Following programs are included:

Ballroom Dance Classes taught by Jim Pedersen meet every Monday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The class is for beginners or people who would like to brush up on technique and style. A partner is not necessary. Cost is \$3 per class.

Oil Painting for all levels of students, with Joyce Jackson, at 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday. Cost is \$3 per class.

Crochet/Knit Class meets at 9 a.m. every Monday with

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instructor Peg Fleck. Learn to crochet and/or knit, or bring your own current project. Cost is \$1 per class.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #98 meets at 9 a.m. every Thursday. Learn to control weight and correct diet in a supportive atmosphere with peers. Meetings feature guest speakers, literature, and weigh-ins. For more information, call 363-2126.

Yoga Stretch meets at 9 a.m. every Wednesday and Friday for on hour and a half of gentle exercise. Yoga is great for circulation with no strain to the joints in the body. Cost is \$2 per class.

Silver State Card Club consist of bridge players who meet from 11:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m. every Thursday. There is no charge to attend; membership dues only. Call 384-5442.

SENIOR AND DISABLED CITIZENS CAT DIAL-A- RIDE TRANSPORTATION

The Regional Transportation Commission of Clark County (RTC) offers the community a much expanded dial-a-ride, or paratransit, transportation system for disabled persons and senior citizens as part of the Citizens Area Transit (CAT) system. Persons who establish with the RTC their eligibility as disabled under the Americans With Disabilities Act, even temporarily, will be eligible for rides whenever they call for a reservation.

However, all persons 65 years and older, even if they many not be aware they may qualify with an ADA disability, should call to reserve a ride.

SENIORS UPDATE DRIVING SKILLS

Pre-registration is required for people 55 ad older to attend "55 Alive" AARP's two-day refresher driving course at the Las Vegas Senior Citizens

CAT paratransit personnel will help with the very simple disability eligibility certification process. The RTC wants to assure readers that no person 65 years or older will be refused a ride on the CAT paratransit service simply because they have not yet established disability eligibility.

Residents and visitors in Las Vegas who have questions about their CAT paratransit service are encouraged to call CAT-RIDE (228-7433). Persons in Clark County communities outside of Las Vegas Valley may call 1-800-228-3911, toll free, to obtain paratransit system and eligibility information

Center, 450 E. Bonanza Rd.

The course is offered twice monthly. Daytime sessions and evening sessions available, call for dates and times.

The course is designed for drivers who experience age-related physical changes, such as declining perceptual skills. highlights include "rules of the road" review, local driving hazards, and accident-prevention measures.

All automobile insurance companies in Nevada provide premium reductions to graduates of "55 Alive."

Payment will not be accepted at the door. The cost is \$8 ad pre-registration must be made by calling 792-4091. For registration info, call 792-4091.

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