

# Strip Home Of Unemployed Mother Of Four For \$61 Debt

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## "PUDDIN' HEAD"



"TELL'N IT LIKE IT IS--- AND PUTT'N IT WHERE IT'S AT"

## "PUDDIN" LIKES EVERYBODY TODAY (ALMOST)

Baby, the happenins been stacking up on poor Puddin so fast and so high that Puddin was thinkin' about makin' a small flight to see what was on top of the stack.

Mayor Gragson threw in the towel at his furniture store--Charlie Kellar challenged Culinary boss, Al Bramlet to show him where it was at--Bob 'Mex' Bailey been putt'n everybody's hat on tight about what the Poverty Program was all about--The Clark County Democrats made an early fence-patching with a boss picnic rally out Tule Springs way--the Archbishop of Canterbury was hosted by the Catholic and Episcopal Bishops of Nevada at the plush Frontier--up-tight integration been spreadin' among some crazy new acts all along the strip--there's the Doodletown Pipers killin' them at the Sahara--the foxy Playmates gassin' the audience at the Sands--the Checkmates just left them hangin' on the ropes in Nero's joint in the Palace--the greatest act in the history of show biz bustin' 'em up at the Fremont after 41 years of bein' on the top--you got to know that the fabulous Mills Brothers are the greatest.

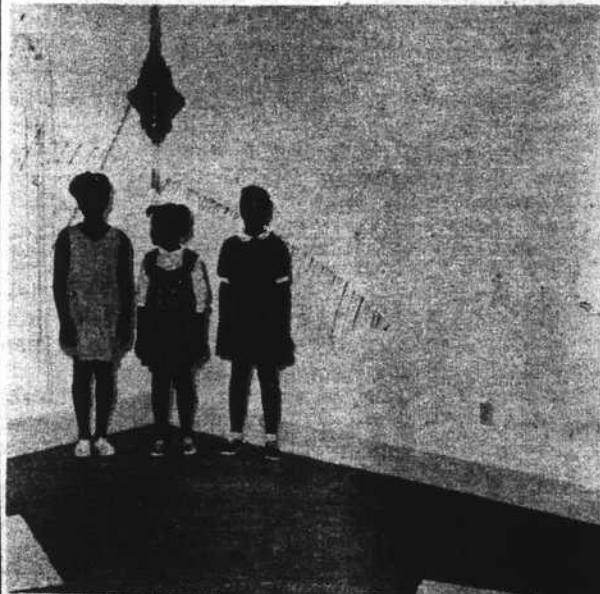
PUDDIN WOULD love to lay down a spiel on every single one of them boss happenins, but how the hell can you pick out just one of them and not say nothin' about the rest. They're all big, baby--so Puddin goin' to just play the field and make small palaver about 'em all.

Mayor Gragson been putt'n in so much time takin' care of our business, that he goofed off his furniture store which he had been squeezin' a good piece of bread from for 30 years. The people of Las Vegas owe a heap of a lot to Mayor Gragson--and he got to owe a hell of a lot to his creditors, baby.

Gragson been lookin' after us and forgettin' about his self. He been a boss Mayor. Chances go around, baby, now we got to show his Honor that we are some boss people. We can give the Mayor a big boost and do something for ourselves at the same time. We can all go over to Gragson's store on East Charleston and get us

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## WHEN A FELLOW HUMAN BEING NEEDS A FRIEND



Desolate as the bare rooms of their home at 1805 Nelson Street are three of Mrs. Joan Walker's four children as they view, in numbed bewilderment, their empty house after the Dial Finance Company had stripped it of all furnishings, Monday.

Mrs. Walker's tragic situation was uncovered by a Neighborhood Council worker who reported it to the Neighborhood Council's Project Director Lamar McDaniel. McDaniel, reminded of a statement made by District Attorney George Franklin at an Equal Opportunity Conference only days after his election, that he was particularly concerned at the type of business practice that victimized the poor, referred Mrs. Walker to the District Attorney's office. There, she was told it was not in their province. (The writer regrets that the case was not brought to the personal attention of the District Attorney because the writer was also present at that conference and was impressed with the D.A.'s expressed concern in this area.)

Mrs. Walker was directed to the office of

## Discrimination Charge Against NSU Probe

An investigation of alleged discrimination against Title V students at Nevada Southern University will be welcomed, even encouraged, Dr. Bert Babero told the VOICE this week.

Dr. Babero, a Zoology professor at the University, is also a member of the State Equal Rights Commission. He said that a meeting had been held at the University between the Dean of Faculty, Jerry Crawford, Mrs. Ruth Berg, a Title V technician, and himself subsequent to last week's report that two students had filed charges of discrimination with the Equal Rights Commission.

AS A member of the Commission, Dr. Babero said he would push to the fullest extent for a complete investigation. He added he was confident that Dean of Faculty Crawford and Chancellor Moyer share his conviction that the University must be absolutely certain there is no semblance of racial prejudice on the part of any staff member against any student matriculating at the University or against other staff members.

Dr. Babero said that, hopefully, an investi-

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the Public Defender. It was from Attorney Earle White of that office that the VOICE learned the shockingly callous details of the action on the part of the Dial Finance Company.

Attorney White, obviously thoroughly incensed at the cold-blooded treatment of Mrs. Walker, stated that he had thoroughly investigated all facets and that in his opinion, the action of the Finance Company in stripping the Walker home of all furnishings was not only cruel, but actionable.

MRS. WALKER has been scarcely able to provide for her family on the ADC funds by which they exist. There is a husband, father of three of the children, who has deserted the family, and manages to avoid responsibility to them. Described by everyone who has met and talked with her as an intelligent, stable woman of character, Mrs. Walker has been engaged in a course to provide her training and skills to raise her employability standard in order to make an independent living for her family.

Indicative of her sincerity to her responsibility (See WALKER, page 4)

## PUBLISHER ATTENDING PENTAGON CONFERENCE

VOICE publisher, Charles I. West, M.D. is in Washington, D.C. attending the NNPA (National Negro Publishers Association) Governmental Affairs Committee meeting at the Pentagon today and tomorrow (Sept. 21 and 22).

Schedule of the Committee's agenda includes a conference with Manpower Personnel on the subjects of off-base housing, utilization of Negro personnel in Armed Forces, Department of Defense policies on promotions, Negro soldiers in Vietnam, Project Transition, and Military draft.

Subsequent to a meeting with Secretary of Defense McNamara tomorrow (Friday) morning, the publishers will depart by helicopter for the Aberdeen Proving Ground where they will lunch and later observe firing and equipment demonstrations.

Dr. West, a native of Washington, D.C., will remain in the Capitol over the week-end visiting his mother, "The Duchess", other members of the family, and friends. He will return to Las Vegas Monday morning.