

Wes Howery Seeks Re-election

City Commissioner Wes Howery launched a strong bid for re-election recently with the opening of his campaign headquarters at Decatur and Charleston and with a platform of fresh approaches to government in Las Vegas.

Howery, who is seeking his second term on the Las Vegas City Commission, points to his achievements during his four years in office as proof that he keeps his promises.

He promised action on Lorenzi Park and he notes that the third phase of development is underway. "A year from now the park will have a swimming pool, baseball diamond and tennis courts."

Howery also carried out commitments to put two officers in patrol cars which service outlying areas of the city, and to eliminate parking fees in downtown meters on nights and weekends.

In 1967, he campaigned on the issue of drugs and vowed to strengthen law enforcement in the area of narcotics. At that time there were only three men in the Las Vegas Police Department's narcotics division. As a result of Howery's efforts, there are currently 26 trained men in the division which reports directly to the chief of police.

Commissioner Howery believes the thrust attack on drug abuse should come in the area of rehabilitation. "It is not enough to throw drug abusers in jail," he asserts. We must develop rehabilitation centers aimed at preventing drug abuse and at helping the victims of it, he says.

As chairman of the Las Vegas Convention Authority and as the city's representative on that board, Howery managed to acquire \$2-million in land and buildings for the city at no cost to the taxpayers.

He arranged for the purchase of Cashman Field and the LDS Recreation Center with Convention Authority money earmarked for recreation. The money comes from motel and hotel room taxes.

Howery's strongest effort for the community is in the area of tourism and conventions. He is expert in the business of attracting conventions and visitors to the area and he has worked to keep the local economy healthy. Howery said, "I believe we should concentrate on our major business which is providing entertainment and convention services for the millions of people who come here each year."

His efforts in this area were recognized recently when he was re-elected chairman of the Las Vegas Convention Authority.

Howery, at 47, is a grandfather. He is acutely aware of the problems of families and young people in the community. This concern has led to strong positions on pornography, school busing and drug abuse.

A district court ruling has prevented the city from simply closing down book stores and movie houses which purvey smut. Howery has indicated he would go to jail for contempt of court before he would allow establishments which deal in pornography to open.

Last week he became the only public official to take a stand on the integration plan offered by the Clark County District board of trustees. Howery is circulating petitions at his campaign headquarters aimed at forcing the board to reconsider its proposal. The plan calls for the busing of sixth graders to achieve racial balance in West side schools.

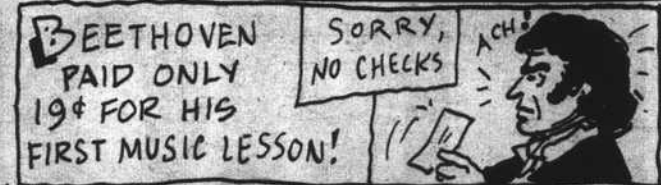
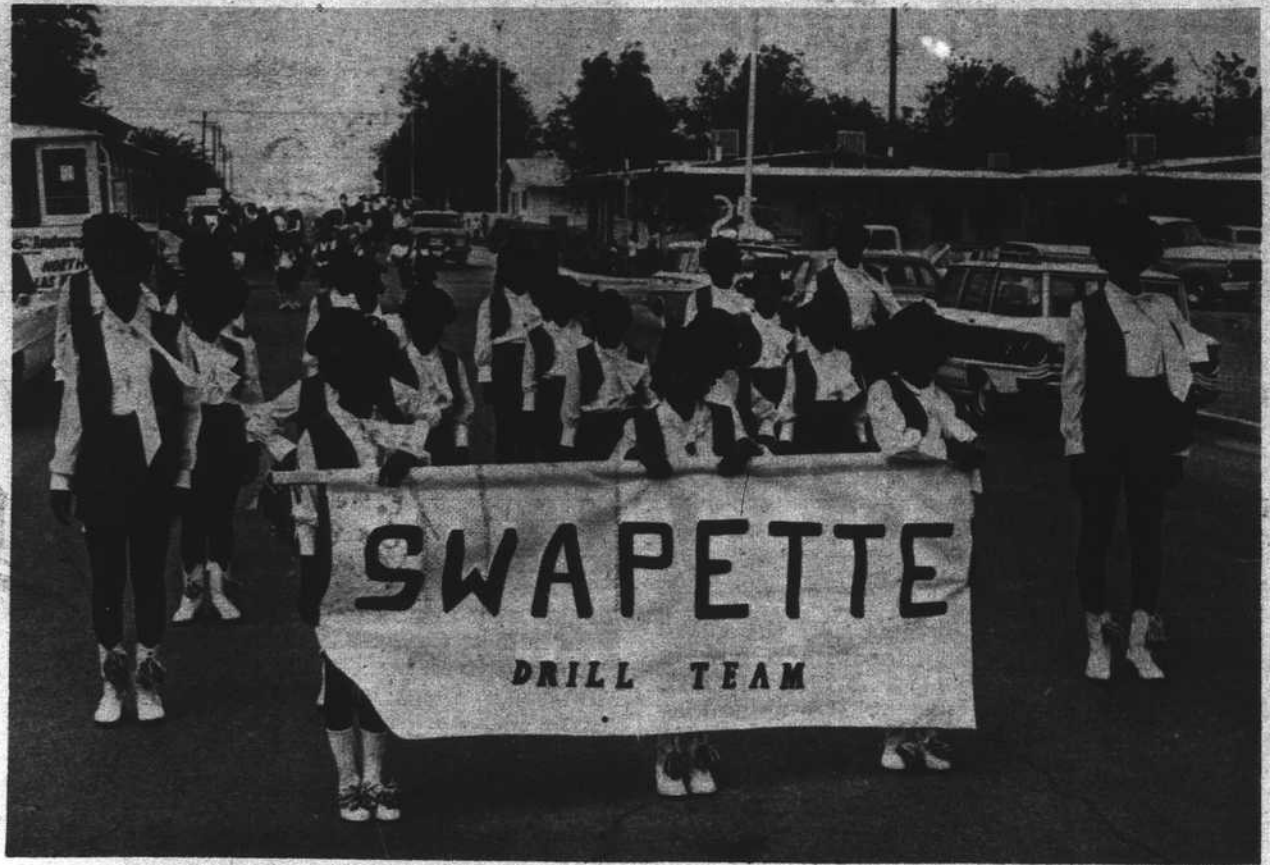
Howery maintains that the proposal is too narrow and puts the burden on one small group of children. He says opposition to it has come from both black and white communities. "People, who have purchased homes near schools they consider to be good, suddenly find their efforts to provide their children with good education are being frustrated by the school board," Howery said.

Thousands of Las Vegans have supported his position by signing the petitions which are available at his Charleston and Decatur headquarter

If re-elected, Howery promises to continue to build the business, civic and recreational potential of the city, particularly in the downtown area. As a leader in convention and tourism activity he is best qualified for this kind of effort.

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