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for your information

WELFARE RIGHTS!

The Clark County Welfare Rights Organization is sponsoring a community workshop on food stamps. The workshop will be held Thursday, February 27, at the Economic Opportunity Board at 7:00 PM.

"We receive numerous phone calls from people asking about eligibility requirements, how to apply, and problems that are related to the food stamp program," said Joanne Bryon of the Clark County Welfare Rights.

"At the workshop, we

will explain the basic program: How to apply, who is eligible, and how it works. We'll discuss the problems that have been brought to our attention, offer solutions, and deal with whatever individual questions and grievances people may have," she continued. "We are anxious to have all people who believe they may be eligible in attendance. We feel the food stamp program offers low-income families and individuals a real way to enjoy more food and a more nutritious diet."

SHOPLIFTERS BEWARE

Bolstered with funds from the private business sector, the Nevada Anti-Shoplifting Committee is gearing for a second round assault on store thieves and once again law enforcement and education personnel will play a key role in the campaign.

Attorney General Robert List, Chairman of the Committee, said members of the panel met recently in his office and voted unanimously to continue the program first inaugurated in September of 1973 following enactment of a strong anti shoplifting bill by the Legislature.

"The matter of store thievery is a seemingly never ending problem," List said. "The only way we're going to combat this growing menace is through a continuing program of vigilance and education."

Present funds available no way approach those collected during the first year of the campaign, a modest information program nevertheless will be launched this year by the Committee just prior to Easter vacation.

This will be supplemented by training seminars around the state in cooperation with local law enforcement officers and the Nevada Commission on Crime, Delinquency and Corrections. Educational programs are being handled statewide by the Nevada Department of Education.

Another anti-shoplifting poster contest has been commenced in all Nevada schools, grades 2 through 8, under the supervision of Denis D. Graham, Assistant Director in the Office of Educational Accountability. The contest is broken

down into two divisions with state winners receiving U. S. Saving Bonds in each category.

SMOKERS GET BURNED

On the lighter side of smoking, I once heard that laboratory scientist have discovered, white mice get cancer from everything. On the other side the choice to smoke or not to smoke is rapidly disappearing. The tobacco industries threat through "scare tactics" to stop marijuana smoking in the 30's is nowhere as vast as the present attack on cigarette smoking (may be hazardous to your health).

Aside from the fact, that tobacco users (mainly cigarette smokers) are discriminately taxed, they are deprived of the freedom of choice. Last year Nevada's smokers paid \$11,130,000 in tobacco taxes, and prohibitory measures are popping up across the nation. Many of these measures have failed, as with the Public Utilities Commission in California, the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, and a special medical committee in England. Why did the proposed rules not take effect? Simply because there is no evidence that other peoples smoking is hazardous to healthy non-smokers. Is it a fact, that smoking hurts the average smoker anyway? Only through casual relation factors. If there is something, it has yet to be pinpointed.

Assemblyman John Vergiels has introduced Assembly Bill 17, which would cleverly deprive smokers of both their money, through a 4-1/2 cent increased tax and the joy (for some) of smoking, the total tax on a package of cigarettes would be 14-1/2 cents, (the other half cent will be generously donated to someone other than yourself the buyer).

The alleged purpose of the bill is "to place restrictions on the smoking of tobacco in public places, to protect human health and safety," so if, the tax doesn't hinder your habit, perhaps the other restrictions will. Oh, you want to know what the other restrictions are? Well, you've seen those no smoking signs, they'll be going up in several places including "any elevator, indoor theatre, concert hall, library, art museum, department store, restaurant or bus, which is used by or open to the public." Seems to me, that the restrictions that the government places on freedom, far exceed cigarettes restrictions on breath.

Attorney William Morris, who also favors the Bill, and proposed the tax increase scheme, is chairman of the Governor's Southern Nevada Sports advisory Board. He suggests the revenue obtained thusly, be used to finance a new sports arena.

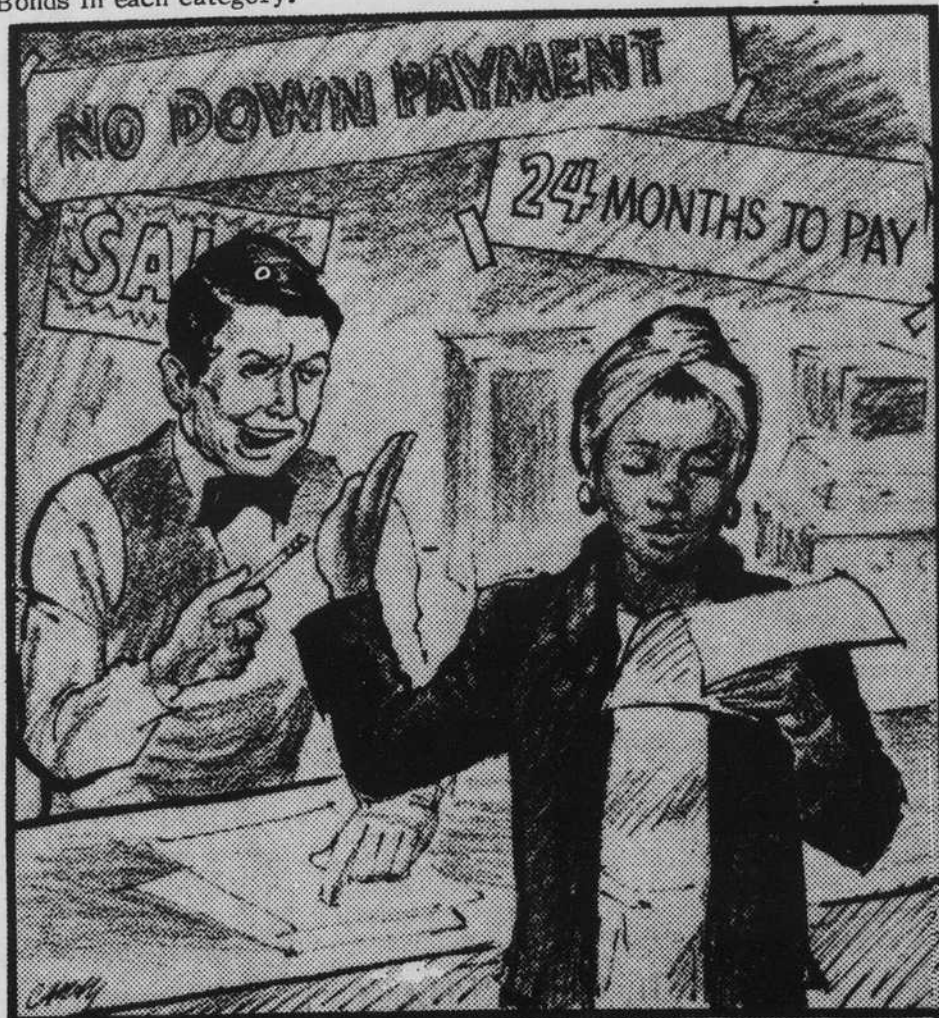
So, if for the good of your health (Supposed good), you want an extra tax and more governmental restrictions, and you wouldn't mind attending a healthy athletic event, in a healthy arena, (no smoking allowed) don't say anything, otherwise let's kick AB 17 in the ash can.

Cannon seeks funds

Sen. Howard Cannon has co-sponsored legislation to override administration deferrals of sewage construction and highway aid funds. The move could mean as much as \$55 million for Nevada.

Cannon said the deferred highway funds also include \$1.3 million that had been earmarked to continue the Elko railroad relocation project.

"With the number of unemployed growing daily, these funds ultimately could mean hundreds of jobs in Nevada alone, and the monies would definitely help the ailing construction industry."



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