

# Ruby Says

by

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Whenever visitors come by Operation Life, if there is time, we take them by the Library across the street, to meet Bill and Dave. The reason is simple: The Library has become pretty important in our community, and I for one am proud of it.

It was a long struggle to get the Library located at the corner of "D" and Jackson, it's taken a lot of hard work and long hours by the staff to make it a strong and useful library for the community. But every minute has been worth it.

Some of the best things that have happened in our neighborhood have taken place at the Library, like the Anniversary Celebration at Thanksgiving, when over 500 people were served a free dinner, or the African Story Day, when more than 600 of our young children were treated to a unique experience of African heritage, or the Black film series, when we were able to watch the whole history of Black movies, from "Birth of a Nation" to "Lady Sings the Blues."

Just the other day Bill Ludwig, the Library Administrator, was telling me that he and Joan Creighton were able to arrange for some

of our young people to be excused from school for a trip to see Muhammad Ali in a training session. It's just an example of the many quiet things the library does to enrich the lives of our people. And while food and clothing are the necessities of our lives, our minds are equally as important.

Any parents who have not introduced their children to the Library, or who have not themselves made use of the facilities should do so today. It's a cheerful and happy place with many things to do and see, and a staff that is anxious to help with any questions you might have. For the youngsters there are always movies and activities on Saturday afternoons, and a whole summer ahead of programs and projects. For the adult, the Library is the center of our Black culture and is becoming famous throughout the West, for its growing collection of Black materials.

I am very proud of our community Library, and once you begin to use it, you will be too. Let others talk about the crime and poverty of the Westside, let us join in to use the best thing that has happened to our community in a long time--our Library.

# V \* \* A FACTS

Q -- The last Civil War veteran died several years ago. Doesn't this make World War I veterans the oldest living veterans group?

A -- No. As of March 1975, there were 1,085 living veterans of the Spanish-American War, according to the VA.

Q -- Suppose a veteran instructed the VA to pay proceeds from his National Service Life Insurance in monthly installments. Would his beneficiary have the right to elect another payment option?

A -- Yes, but only if option required payments over a longer period of time.

Q -- Are Vietnam-era veterans taking advantage of current GI Bill education as well as World War II veterans under the original GI Bill?

A -- Yes. During the first 97 months of the current Bill, 53.2 per cent of the Vietnam-era veterans and servicemen took advantage of their education benefits. This compares to the 50.5 per cent who used benefits during a similar period after World War II under the original GI Bill.

Educational assistance was provided by the VA to nearly 2.5 million veterans, military personnel and dependents during fiscal year 1974 -- more than in any previous fiscal year under the current GI Bill.

Nearly 30 per cent of the VA's 200,000 employees

are members of minority groups and nearly half are women, the agency reported in response to the President's call to federal agencies to promote equal employment opportunity.

A poisonous chemical, acetaldehyde that is a breakdown product of alcohol may be responsible for body chemistry by which drinking damages the liver, brain, and other organs of alcoholics, a VA research team reported recently.

More than 1,200 veterans qualified for VA education loans during the first three months of a new program established in December under the Vietnam-era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974.

A veteran's kidney was saved by a urologist-radiologist team at the San Francisco, Calif., VA Hospital by using a promising new technique of injecting the man's own fresh clotted blood into an artery leading to the kidney that was hemorrhaging.

More than 98 million persons, or 46 per cent of the nation's population, are potentially eligible for VA benefits. These include 29.3 million veterans, their families and survivors of deceased veterans.

# THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

## May 1975

THURS. **15** Congress declares foreign slave trade a piracy, and is punishable by death. 1820

FRI. **16** Isaac Murphy, Black jockey, wins Kentucky Derby. 1884

SAT. **17** Supreme Court declares racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional. 1954

SUN. **18** First law against slavery in America enacted by Rhode Island. 1652

MON. **19** Blanche K. Bruce appointed Register of Treasury by President Garfield. 1881

TUES. **20** In 1704, the Frenchman, Elias Neau, opens a school for slaves in New York City.

WED. **21** Peter Jackson, great Black boxer, fights 61-round draw with James J. Corbett. 1891

# EOB FREE HEALTH CLINIC SCHEDULE

### CLINIC LOCATIONS:

West Las Vegas - 940-A West Owens  
North Las Vegas - 2445 Las Vegas Boulevard No.  
Henderson - 750 Major Street (trailer adjacent to Al Landsman Gardens)

### SENIOR CITIZENS:

Provides medical examinations with emphasis on hypertension, annual pap smears, medication, and laboratory tests. Services are available to all low-income seniors 55 years of age or older.

West Las Vegas - 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.  
Henderson - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm.

### FAMILY PLANNING

Provides pap smears, contraceptives, pregnancy tests.

West Las Vegas - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
North Las Vegas - Mondays 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Henderson - Tuesdays, 3:00 pm. - 7:00 pm.

### MATERNAL AND CHILD CARE:

Provides pre-natal and post-partum care for pregnant women and medical care for young children through the age of two from low-income families. It also includes WIC participants.

West Las Vegas - Wednesdays, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.  
Thursdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.  
North Las Vegas - Mondays, 9-12 a.m.  
Henderson - Tuesdays, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

### WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC):

Provides high protein foods and medical care to eligible pregnant women and young children up through the age of four. See Maternal and Child Care schedule.

### SICKLE CELL SCREENING:

West Las Vegas - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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## Free immunization

For the Week of May 19, 1975

The District Health Department has scheduled free immunization clinics and free well child examinations for Clark County families.

Well child exams are available by appointment only for children up to four years old at Paradise Park at 4770 Harrison from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, at Easter Seal Treatment Center, 2915 E. Sunrise, from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday; and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 42 Pacific Avenue, Henderson, from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday.

The public health nurse will check the children for normal growth and development and make referrals if any abnormalities are observed. Call the Health Department at 385-1291 extension 325 to make an appointment.

Free immunization for polio, diphtheria and measles are available to children from two months to 21 years old at Al Landsman Gardens, 750 Major Avenue, Henderson, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday; Tropicana Village West, 6300 West Tropicana, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday; Gerson Park Boys Club, 2020 McGuire from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday; Boys Club at 2530 E. Carey, North Las Vegas, from 9 a.m. to noon Friday.

Call the Health Department for further information.