

Ruby Says

by Ruby Duncan

I'd like to remind you of the existence of a very important service provided by Operation Life, Inc. -- the Community Health Center. This health center serves as a free screening clinic for all ACD recipients under the age of 21, providing early and periodic medical screening and direct referrals to doctors for treatment.

The clinic is funded by the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program of the 1968 Social Security Act. A complete checkup is given, including: medical, dental and visual, hearing, sickle cell, and heart test. Although dental and visual treatment are not covered under Medicaid, they are paid for by Medicaid when diagnosed through the EPSDT program.

The program stresses preventive medicine. Screening detects health problems before they get worse; early detection of hearing and visual problems can prevent children from falling behind in school.

Like all staff members of Operation Life, the health center staff are friendly and helpful. They work hard to make the atmosphere of the clinic comfortable and to make the children coming in feel at ease, showing them that a medical check-up is really nothing to be afraid of.

We want to urge all of you who are ADC recipients to bring your children into the Operation Life Community Health Center. It's important to get a checkup once a year, and babies under one year of age should be seen every three months.

The clinic hours are Monday, through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 9 to 5, and Friday 9 to 4:30. Call 648-2886 to make an appointment, and you may request free transportation by calling Operation Life at 649-0012.

Please let the Community Health Center serve you. Your children's good health is so valuable.

V * * A FACTS

Q -- I'm a service disabled veteran, and I have VA Mortgage Life Insurance coverage on my specially adapted home. How long will this coverage last?

A -- The insurance will cover your "Wheelchair home" until the mortgage is paid off, the home is sold, or until you reach age 70.

Q -- I was discharged from military service in 1965 before the current GI Bill was enacted, and my eligibility expired as of May 31, 1974--eight years after the bill was passed. Does the 1974 law which extended GI Bill benefits from eight to 10 years for veterans separated between 1955 and 1966 apply to me?

A -- If you hadn't exhausted your benefits by the former May 31, 1974 deadline, PL 93-337 (July 1974) extended them by two years, or until May 31, 1976.

Q -- I'm eligible for the VA health care program, CHAMPVA, because I'm a 100 percent service-connected disabled veteran. My wife is entitled to Medicare.

Can she have her prescriptions filled under CHAMPVA?

A -- No. Dependents are not entitled to benefits under CHAMPVA.

Since the first of the three GI Bills became effective in 1944, some 15 million veterans have taken training under some Veteran Administration program. Six million persons have trained at the college level.

The National Cemeteries Act of 1973 provided for the transfer of responsibility of 82 national cemeteries from the Department of the Army to the Veterans Administration. These joined 21 VA cemeteries to form the National Cemetery System.

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY May 1975

- THURS. **22** Langston Hughes, poet, dies in New York. 1967
- FRI. **23** Charles E. Nash, Reconstruction Congressman from Louisiana, born. 1844
- SAT. **24** Leontyne Price stars at opening of new Metropolitan Opera House. 1966
- SUN. **25** William C. Nell, pioneer Black historian, dies. 1974
- MON. **26** Boston abolitionists attempt rescue of fugitive slave Anthony Burns. 1854
- TUES. **27** Horace Pippin, self-taught Black artist, has first one-man show. 1940
- WED. **28** Sojourner Truth participates in Women's Rights Convention. 1851

Terry boosts neighborhood action

Tony Terry, city commission candidate for Ward Three, told West Side community leaders that the key for representation for the community was fair development of proposed neighborhood action committees. Terry, who campaigned for neighborhood action groups during the primary, also said he was very pleased that the legislature included such committees in the recently passed consolidation act.

"If I'm elected to the City Commission, I assure you these neighborhood advisory committees are going to be truly representative of Ward 3 both geographically and socially," Terry stated. "And I also assure you these neighborhood action committees are going to be just what their name implies...active in assisting in developing needed community projects. By working together I believe we can greatly improve Ward 3's entire standard of living."

Terry pointed to the possible acquisition of abandoned 235-I housing from the federal government as one example.

"The federal government has offered to sell the city seven abandoned homes for \$7 total," Terry said. "These homes, located in Vegas Heights, have been so vandalized they are deteriorating surrounding property value. I believe the city should buy the homes, and as many of the other 812 abandoned homes as they can."

"Then the neighborhood action committee can help me form a plan for rejuvenation of the homes, or make suggestions for other uses of the land such as neighborhood parks. If the land can be sold at a profit, I believe the money should be turned back to the neighborhood where the homes stood."

Terry, a political newcomer who led the primary ballot, went on to charge that his opponents statements and promises don't reflect his conduct while formerly in office.

"These are hard times for all of us, and I think the city must look for ways to drastically cut the cost of running government and put the money back into circulation in community services. That is what I intend to do."

Terry concluded that he lived in what is now Ward 3 all of his life and was active in neighborhood projects. He is the only candidate to make a full financial disclosure and to list campaign expenses. He has pledged not to seek higher political office if elected but to concentrate his full efforts towards serving Ward 3.

WE'LL HAVE A VOICE WITH TONY TERRY



Tony Terry has promised us fair representation on Community Action and Neighborhood Committees.

Tony Terry is a fair man who owes nothing to any special interest group except the people of Las Vegas.

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Tony Terry

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