

# RUBY SAYS

by Ruby Duncan

With the city elections over now maybe we can all settle down a bit and get some other important things done. I was very happy to see that a majority of the registered voters in Las Vegas turned out to cast their votes. This was a surprise to many, and a very pleasant one at that. It demonstrated that the citizens of West Las Vegas really do care who runs their local government, that they realize it does make a difference who sits on the city commission and in the mayor's office.

Las Vegas now has a new mayor, and we'll see some new faces in the council chambers. I'm looking forward to watching what new developments will take place. We should expect to witness some changes--in the way the city is run, in priorities, in policy, in programs, and in directions. That is, if the office-holders live up to what they promised in their campaigns.

I want to especially thank all of you in the Black community who turned out to vote, and to say how proud I am of you. We succeeded in electing a good man, Roy Woofter, as Ward Three Commissioner. With the continued support and assistance of the citizens he represents, Roy will be doing all he can to see to it that the many changes needed in our city government and services are addressed. But nothing will be done unless the people themselves take the responsibility of making their needs known to our city officials.

Without a constant and continuous communication between the citizens and those who represent them, none of us can move forward. We will have to work together and truly cooperate if we want to see our city and all of residents progress. Everyone must let his voice be heard, so that the commission has a valid basis of truth and information upon which to make decisions and call for action in the best interest of all.

In closing I'd like to tell you how well Operation Life's Summer Lunch Program is going. On Monday, the first day of the program, we served 175 free lunches to community children, and we have the capacity to serve even more. We are anticipating more each day, and encourage parents to send your kids to 400 W. Jackson to receive good and nutritious lunches Monday through Friday all summer.

## AIDES IN ACTION



Gardeners often use more pesticides per square foot than farmers do, thinking that if a little does good, much more will be better. This is a serious mistake, and misuse of pesticides. Many so-called insect pests are actually helpful.

Spiders in the garden are beneficial insects. They feed on many insects that get caught in their webs. Ladybugs feed on and destroy various life stages of aphids, as well as scales, and mealybugs. Praying Matids are relatives of the grasshopper and cockroach. They are known for the "praying" position of their front legs when about to seize their victims. Mantids eat a wide range of insects, including, each other.

Aphid Lions are the young stages of the "green lace wing." They eat aphids or plant lice, mites, scale insects, and thrips.

Most ground beetles feed on other insects in the soil. They frequently feed on moth and butterfly caterpillars. They are often attracted to lights at night and occasionally wander into houses.

Trichogramma wasps lay eggs on the back of the tomato hornworms. The cluster of small white bodies on the back of the worm are the parasites which will kill the worm.

Beneficial insects should be encouraged to make your garden their home.

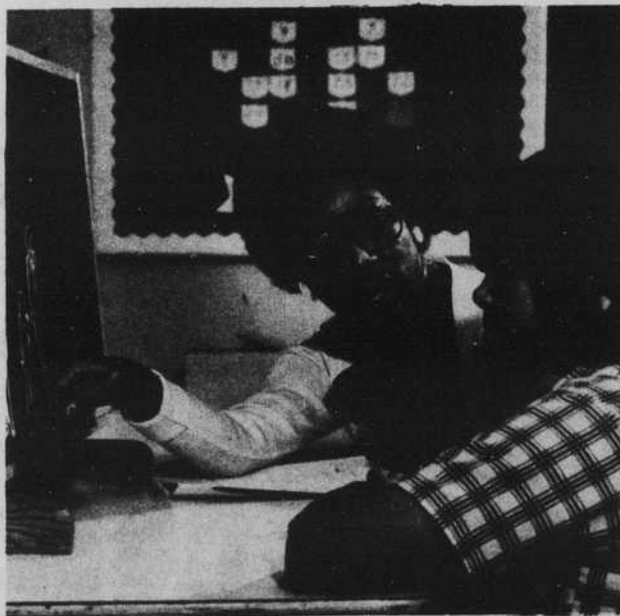
Call 385-6411 for garden information. The programs of the Nevada Cooperative Extension Service are open to all without regard to race, color, or national origin.

## Congratulations for straight A students



Bernice Moten, member of the Clark County Board of School Trustees, left, congratulates Britt Highmiller and Alison Parr for achieving a straight A record at Jo Mackey Sixth Grade Center this year. Mrs. Moten was the principal speaker at the school's recent completion exercises.

## Speech therapist at Sunrise Acres



Cheryl Moss, Sunrise Acres speech therapist, uses a felt board to help Jose Henriquez improve his reading.

## Ten Jo Mackey students achieve perfect attendance



Bernice Moten, member of the Clark County Board of School Trustees, congratulates students of Jo Mackey Sixth Grade Center who achieved perfect attendance records during the school year. With Mrs. Moten are, front from left: Kelly Shiroky, Isiah Henry, and Bobby Miller; second row, Sandra Spence, Lisa Richardson, Shawn O'Connor and Kris Miller; third row, Zina Allen, Heidi Johnson, and Tina Fuson. Mrs. Moten was the principal speaker at the school's recent completion exercises.

## Focus on Seniors

The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County is a contributing participant in The National Council on the Aging, Inc., through its Senior Opportunities Services program. Senior Center personnel will attend a regional NCOA meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., June 8 through June 11. SOS Supervisor Hazel Geran, VISTA's Marvin Mitchell, Smiles Cunningham and Gay Kauffman will attend the sessions, along with W.H. Haynes of the EOB staff.

Theme of the meeting is "Laying Foundations for Tomorrow's Program," with individual sessions dealing with perspectives on aging, the rights of the older consumer, strategies for inter-agency agreements, transportation assistance, and other problems.

At this time, when the needs of older people are escalating while resources to meet those needs are decreasing rapidly, it is essential that all the innovation and concern of those working in the field be examined and brought into use. The National Council on Aging has as its goal a better life for older people, and EOB stresses this in its senior programs.

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Tickets for the Senior Citizens' Hair Style and Fashion Show June 15 at the Zion Methodist Church can be obtained at the EOB Senior Center, 960 W. Owens. Ladies of the center will be among the models at this style and fashion show which will be from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Cosmetique Club sponsors the affair, and the donation per ticket is \$2.

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The EOB Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to the Grand Canyon, south rim, June 28 and 29. The price of \$28.50 includes overnight accommodations at the lodge on the rim of the spectacular canyon. Make your reservations for this trip as soon as possible--only 30 spaces are available. A deposit of \$10 must be made before June 20. Call the Senior Center, 648-3280, ext.89, for information.

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All senior citizens are welcome to attend the Senior Citizen Council meeting Thursday, June 12, at the Senior Center. Guest speaker will be John Kimble, legislative liaison for the State Division on Aging. Participation by all seniors of the area is needed to make the functions of the Senior Council effective. You are important in senior citizen matters--attend your Senior Council meeting.

YOU hold the key to their future!

Birth defects are forever. Unless you help.

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