



# RUBY SAYS

by  
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Operation Life will be cleaning up the building Saturday, May 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Your volunteer help would be greatly appreciated. We do not have money to pay you but we will be serving free lunch to all those that help with the clean-up. That's this Saturday at Operation Life, 400 W. Jackson (the old Cove Hotel).

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The WIC program is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily - Monday through Friday. We are closed on weekends. To qualify, you have to be on ADC (welfare), have a child or children under the age of five years. Bring the children along with you because they have to attend the clinic first. Also bring your social security card, medicaid card, and the children's birth certificate.

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Operation Life Community Health Center is next door to Operation Life WIC program. They are open daily Monday through Friday. The age limit for the clinic is from birth to 21 years of age. If you are over 21 and pregnant you will have to be screened at the clinic. For more information, call 648-2886.

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Need a good child care center to enroll your child in? Try ours. Operation Life Child Care Center, 401 Duchess, three blocks off Commerce. The hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except weekends. For more information, call 649-3447.

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For the benefit of those who have problems with welfare, food stamps, social services etc., there are weekly meetings held at the Westside Library every Tuesday at 12:00 noon. If you need transportation, please feel free to call us at 648-0013 and ask for Essie Henderson or Dorothy Poole.

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(The Publisher Speaks, from pg. 2)

Now we are in the middle of another election year and still you haven't brought the news to the community. The Voice is our only black news media in the whole State of Nevada. I know our personal feelings could be the reason that you don't release the news from Carson City, but the Voice newspaper belongs to the community.

It's not a private paper for personal endeavors, and it will never refuse to release what our elected officials are doing for the community. The Voice will always be free to speak out and inform the community of what's happening in the community as well as the other parts of the city.

The Voice will always be independent and I hope that we can get independent leaders to be for the community as well.

Please watch your vote on election day. Elect an independent black to represent our community.

## \*\*\*VA FACTS\*\*\*

Q -- I did not use my GI loan to purchase my home. I would like to purchase another house as an investment for rental purposes. Can I use my GI loan?

A -- No. If you use a GI loan to purchase a house, you must agree to occupy it as your home within a reasonable time.

Q -- If I am hospitalized for treatment of my service-connected disability, how is my VA compensation affected?

A -- If you are hospitalized for more than 21 days, your disability rating will be decreased to 100 percent until the last day of the month of hospital discharge or termination of treatment or observation for the disability.

Q -- How much will VA pay me for enrolling in a correspondence

course under the GI Bill?

A -- Eligible veterans may be reimbursed 90 percent of established charges for the number of lessons completed by the veteran and serviced by the school. Payment is made quarterly.

Q -- The VA has terminated my husband's pension payments, reason "Whereabouts unknown." Is there any way I can be paid his VA pension since I only receive Social Security payments?

A -- Possibly. After 90 days the veteran's pension may be paid to a wife if a claim is filed within one year following date of last payment to the veteran. The amount paid will be that received by the veteran or the amount of death pension, whichever is the lesser.

## GOLDEN AGE PASSPORTS

### NOW AVAILABLE

A fringe benefit of reaching the status of senior citizen is being eligible for a Golden Age Passport.

Ed Rowland, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada state director, said all six district offices and the state office in Reno have a supply of these passes on hand. The Golden Age Passport is issued free of charge to persons reaching the age of 62 and is good for the lifetime of the applicant.

Rowland said the Golden Age Passport often is confused with the Golden Eagle Passport issued by other federal agencies. Basically, the Golden Eagle Passport is an entrance permit valid only for a calendar year. It cost \$10 and can be purchased from most National Park Service installations and U.S. Forest Service offices. It does not cover any camping or other recreation use fees.

A Golden Age Passport affords the holder nearly the same entry privileges as the Golden Eagle Passport plus a 50 percent discount on recreation use fees for designated recreational facilities and services.

Rowland said Golden Age Passports must be applied for in person. Proof of age, such as a driver's license or birth certificate, must be presented. The free lifetime, Golden Age Passport can be obtained by visiting any BLM, Forest Service or Park Service office. 10 passports are available from the Postal Service.

A husband and wife travelling together, either of whom has reached 62, only need one passport.

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**SIGNIFICANT POPULATION TRENDS:** The U.S. fertility rate hit a record low last year and young married women plan to have fewer babies than any generation in 100 years, according to a recent report by the Census Bureau.

The latest census report on population trends showed married women between 25 and 29 -- the prime child-bearing age -- had a record low number of babies in 1975 and American wives are generally bearing fewer children, later in life.

The Census Bureau also reported:

-- The nation's total population of 214.5 million in January was less than one percent higher than the previous year.

-- Divorces in 1975 exceeded one million for the first time in history, while the 2.1 million marriages was the lowest number since 1969. Divorced men are more likely to remarry than women.

-- One of every five American households consists of one person.

-- Black migration from southern states has reversed. More blacks are moving to the south and fewer are leaving.

**NEW "CURE" FOR BALDNESS?:** A New York City family practitioner, who was recently recognized by the American Academy of Family Physicians during its annual meeting in Chicago for his "outstanding scientific exhibit," thinks he can help pattern baldness sufferers escape the fate of a smooth, shiny pate.

Dr. Edward Settel, who has a reputation for not being a fly-by-night medicine man, has spent many years trying to help victims of pattern baldness with special preparations.

His current preparations consist of an experimental hormonal shampoo and a scalp cream not produced commercially. Underlying his treatment is a belief that male pattern baldness -- a hereditary condition -- is due to an excess of testosterone (the hormone produced by the testes in the male) in scalp tissues.

The physician presumed that if an antiandrogen was properly applied to and absorbed by the scalp it might reverse the hormonal imbalance presumably causing the baldness. By applying the cream daily and the shampoo three times weekly for six to eight weeks, 90 percent of 694 men who complained of excessive hair loss were able to reduce their fallout. Dr. Settel points out. "Not only that, but the hair texture became richer in most persons and hair shafts took on a heavier appearance."

As for new hair growth, the younger the patients the more chance he had for success: 74 percent of 238 men between 17 and 30 showed growth, according to Dr. Settel, whereas only 47 percent of 38 men between 51 and 70 did.

**NUMBER OF MEDICAL STUDENTS, DOCTORS INCREASING; BLACKS DECREASING:** Among the new trend in medical education revealed in the American Medical Association's annual report were the following findings:

-- The number of medical students -- and doctors -- are increasing rapidly. While no new medical schools opened last year (11 are in the planning stages) there were 54,074 medical students enrolled in 1974-75, 3,188 more than the year before. And 12,714 M.D. degrees were awarded in 1975, an increase of 1,101 over 1974.

-- The Association of American Medical Colleges says the trend toward increasing enrollment of blacks and other minorities has been reversed -- 1,391 first-year students in 1975, down from 1,473 in 1974. The AMA blames this on reduced federal and private financial aid.

-- Last year, 3,260 women were in first-year medical school classes, a 360 percent increase over the number entering just four years before. And 13.3 percent of the 1975 graduates were women, the highest number and proportion in medical history. Pediatrics remained the most popular specialty among women, attracting almost a fourth of the women residents.



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