

From Our Readers

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

In the days and weeks ahead, the voting populace of this county will be targets of many political office seekers. Each of them in his own way earnestly and sincerely attempting to convince you that he or she is ultimately qualified to perform in the office to which they hope to be elected. Among the offices to be filled are two seats for Justice of the Peace, Las Vegas Township. During the 13 years I have worked around and done business with the courts, I personally feel that the effectiveness of our Justice Court System is diminishing to an intolerable level. The conditions which exist are a result of many experimental changes made by inexperienced persons. Their intentions however good, together with their actions have not brought the best results, thus slowing down the flow of work. If the saying is true that delayed Justice is no Justice at all, how can there be justice in a tourist town where it takes a year or more to get a misdemeanor to trial?

In selecting the two Justices of the Peace in this election, you should search the very soul of each candidate. Look into their background and experience and question their ideas toward improving (not facelifting or expanding) Justice Court. It's quite possible that the adding of another J.P. might get us some night court or at least a Justice of the Peace on call at night. This would help tremendously since by far most of the arrest take place at night

Elbert Lyles

Addressed to Thomas F. Hughes, Las Vegas Voice's columnist --- 'The Hughes Report.'

Dear Tom: Thank you for the sample paper, and may I say congratulations on your new column. I see that you are already in tune with what's happening in Las Vegas. Apparently the old adage, about once a part of the newspaper games, etc., is true. Anyway it is essential to remain active.

From scanning the pages and reading your columns, it appears that you were right about the people in Las Vegas being active. I do wish that I could say the same for the people here in Pomona. Things here are the same. As you may know, Pomona is still without any type of Black news coverage. There is still a lot of talk in some groups about the need for the Black media, but talk is about all that it amounts to.

Judging from this one issue, the VOICE seems to be well thought-out and well put together. Also, it appears that they are not afraid to take on the so called establishment. In essence, it seems to be a very good Black Weekly. Thanks again.

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Food Stamps And You

WASHINGTON---The food stamp maximum income eligibility standards were recently increased for 1-and 2-person households July 1, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced recently. The maximum allowable income standard for a 1-person household in the 48 states and the District of Columbia will increase from \$215 to \$245 per month, and from \$307 to \$322 for 2-person households.

Because the USDA poverty guidelines increased for 1-and 2-person households, eligibility levels for these households also increased. Food stamp regulations require the income eligibility level be set at the higher of either (a) the Secretary's income poverty guidelines, or (b) the level at which the total coupon allotment equals 30 percent of income. In the case of 1-and 2-person households, the Secretary's poverty guidelines are the higher figures. The income eligibility levels for all other households reflect the higher allotment-based calculations, and remain the same.

Coupon allotments for all household sizes remain the same, reflecting the cost of the thrifty food plan in February 1976, which was unchanged from August 1975. The Food Stamp Act directs that coupon allotments be adjusted twice a year to reflect changes in food prices as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Maximum income eligibility standards are based on allotments and are therefore adjusted at the same time.

In keeping with the June 18, 1976, U.S. District Court decision for a preliminary injunction in the case "Trump et al v. Butz et al," all other provisions of the Food Stamp Act, as amended, remain in effect until further court action, or Congressional action, is decided upon.

Maximum monthly income eligibility standards, effective July 1, for the 48 states and District of Columbia are:

One-person household	\$245
Two-person households	\$322
Three-person households	\$433
Four-person households	\$553
Five-person households	\$660
Six-person households	\$787
Seven-person households	\$873
Eight-person households	\$993
For each additional household member over eight, add	\$127

Join The 4-H Program

It's for youth, boys and girls, 9 to 19, living in town, cities, or on farms. And you'll have fun in your 4-H group as well as having beautiful, fresh fruits and vegetables... unspoiled by disease, insects, mechanical injury or contamination.

In addition, you'll know the personal satisfaction of doing things just right. Preparing the seedbed... using the best seed.. planting not too shallow nor too deep.

You'll share your newfound skills with family as you work together and enjoy the fruits of your labor. Your participation in the 4-H gardening program can be the beginning of your family's canning, freezing and food processing "company."

Space a problem? Don't let that stop you! It's surprising the amount of fruit and vegetables that can be grown on 15x25 foot space or even alongside your fence with the help of supports on which plants climb.

Perhaps you'll have vegetables and fruits to sell in front of your home or in a nearby "farmer's market." Extra produce can provide cash for your labor. It may open the door to a selling career or other garden-related opportunities. Also, you may enjoy exhibiting fruit and vegetables at a community or county fair and earning recognition for yourself.

The 4-H program in Las Vegas works out of the Clark County Cooperative Extension Service office, located at 953 East Sahara Ave., S.T.&P. building, Suite 207, in the Commercial Shopping center. Stop in or call 385-6411 to get involved in a worthy project. No fees involved.

The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes



Jimmy Carter and Blacks

Jimmy Who? was the question asked by Atlanta's largest daily paper. Millions have asked the same question since Carter started running in the primary. Blacks have a great stake in the presidency and responsible Blacks now know the necessity to get rid of Ford-Nixon attitudes about Blacks in education, employment, inflation, etc.

How about Carter on education? In Plains, Ga., whites support private academies. Carter denounced this and sends his daughter, Amy, to the neglected school, predominantly Black.

How about Carter on employment? Leonard Wright farms 200 acres of the Carter farm on a 50/50 basis. Last year he made \$15,000 — (did you?). Carter feels that high employment will make payrolls and supply taxes that will overcome the inflation problem. Carter has endorsed in principal the Hawkins-Humphrey bill which provides a government public works job if no public jobs are available and then seek a private enterprise job for you. He says millions of jobs are possible by repairing railroads and transit systems, better housing, health care, retarded children, alcohol and drug addiction, preventive health care, remedial school instruction, road repair, park rehabilitation, pollution control, job training, etc. Cost estimates already made indicate the cost of providing jobs would be little more than welfare and would give dignity to Blacks and others on help programs. Carter has expressed deep concern over the 40 percent unemployment of Black youth and wants to put them to work at minimum adult pay and would put them on federally created jobs something like the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and Works Progress Administration (WPA) projects. These were created by President F.D. Roosevelt and got this country started back to economic stability after the Great Depression had created 30 percent unemployment.

How about Carter on economics? Carter is one of the new waves seeping into the American economy. He will not likely cancel any provery programs, but you must expect he will call for evaluation and justification of each program. Results — not rhetoric — will determine whether they stay or go. Pork barrel programs that provide personal gains and provides huge executive salaries will be doomed. Conservative is not a good word for Carter's description, because we now associate it with anti-black, anti-poor, and false law and order vocal garbage. Prudent is better.

How about Carter on religion? Carter is a Southern Baptist. They are the only Baptists I have heard of who will sponsor and support black churches. Black Baptist churches usually receive no help as do Methodists, Presbyterian, etc., whose mother churches or organizations finance them.

How about Carter on presidential qualities? Carter was governor of Georgia and based on reports of Georgia Representative Andrew Young and Martin Luther King, Sr., he cared, worked for and supported black improvement, both cosmetic and economically. Of great importance is the fact that the United Press, Associated Press, etc., have sent out investigators to find any possible faults or deficiencies in Carter. Little or none have been found. Such a record in a politician is difficult to find these days. Blacks seem to have a real live one coming.

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