



RUBY SAYS

by
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Thank all of you who went to the courthouse in support of Reverend Albert Dunn. He is now out of jail (because of a possible illegal jail sentence by Judge Mullins) until he returns to court on September 3rd.

It would be a sly political trick to keep him in jail for 60 days until after the election.

As you know, Dunn is a candidate for Assembly District 6 which represents West Las Vegas. The political powers that be in the state don't like Rev. Dunn because he speaks his mind and fights for what he believes in. That scares people that know they can't buy him off.

During his graduate school work in Atlanta, Georgia, he worked as a field representative for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which he now heads in Las Vegas. He was listed in 1966 as one of the "outstanding young men in America." He has a lot to give and time itself has proven that he is true to his ideas.

Dunn was one of the first in this community to speak out for economic development - bringing jobs and money into West Las Vegas. He knows that no matter how important vital life services are for our community, things won't change significantly without jobs and businesses. Jobs and businesses don't mean creating one or two West Las Vegas millionaires either, but to create a booming economic center that will lift the entire community's condition - and every one in it.

I personally think it is important that Rev. Dunn win his assembly race. All of the other newspapers in town talk him down and say that because he isn't an elected official of West Las Vegas that he has no right in standing up and saying what he thinks is important to us. He is not our elected representative to speak for the needs of our community. What right have they to say that we have or need either? They don't live here - or work here - or even know the type of conditions that people must exist with. Dunn truly needs our support so that when he speaks, the people who count like at City Hall of the Legislature knows that all of the voters and residents of this community support Dunn and the things he is trying to do for this area.

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People - be very careful when you apply for food stamps. As you know, they are out on the prowl and any mistake you may accidentally make on your application may be just the cause for harrassment. Let me tell you - they are looking for anything they can find...Remember, this is a political year and poor people are used as the politician football.

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Rev. Dunn and myself are trying to enforce the Civil Rights Consent Decree filed against the Nevada Resort Association in 1971 where hotels were told by the Court to start more minority hiring. As seen in the VOICE last week, the Hilton has not only continued in it's prior hiring practices, but has hired less percentages of minorities than ever before. The Hilton is not the only hotel either. It's time the Hotels take some affirmative action...

THE HILTON ANSWERS

Henri Lewin, Executive Vice President mailed a brief letter to the Voice in which he states: "The Las Vegas Hilton has made every effort to comply with the Federal Consent Decree for the past five years and will continue to do so. Of the 22 employment categories covered by the Decree, all have either been complied with or substantially increased since the Decree went into effect in 1971. We regard the claims as unfortunate and wish to state we have one of the best records in the city in this category.

**V*A FACTS

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.
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The VA reminds men and women recently separated from military service to double check veterans' benefits for which they may qualify as well as deadlines that may govern eligibility.

New veterans who have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable are routinely sent a VA summary of key benefits.

Subsequent communications from VA supply new veterans with certificates of eligibility for GI loans on homes, condominiums and mobile homes and with facts on government insurance and education programs.

There are no time limits for veterans to: Apply for a GI loan guaranty to buy, build or improve a home.

File a claim with VA for compensation for service-connected disability or disease or to apply for hospital care.

Seek assistance from state employment offices in finding work or to enter Labor Department job training programs.

VA urges all new veterans to contact the nearest VA office or a representative of a veterans' service organization for further details.

Skycaps To National Convention

A six member delegation of the Las Vegas chapter of NASCAPS will attend the second annual NASCAPS convention, in August in Miami, Florida. Al Wilburn, West Coast regional vice-president of NASCAP will head up the Las Vegas group. The number one objective of the local Sky Caps is to convince the national organization to hold next years convention in Las Vegas. In addition, the Las Vegas delegates will be lobbying for flight privileges, and standardization of the services that are performed by Sky Caps throughout the country.

Other areas that will be under discussion will be for the Sky Caps to form their own management organization so as to contract directly with the airlines and manage their own operation.

Other prominent members of the Las Vegas delegation attending the convention will be Ray Blanks, Las Vegas president; Robert McKinney, secretary-treasurer of this local; Amos Seastrunk, Jesse Scott, and Charles Howard, Delegates. The Las Vegas chapter of NASCAPS has been one of the most active chapters in the country.

An Opportunity To Work

CARSON CITY - An opportunity to work with Nevada's life-saving Emergency Medical Services (EMS), was announced recently by the State Division of Health.

Mrs. Reba Chappell, chief of EMS, said there was an immediate opening for an EMS field representative in Tonopah. Applicants for the position must have an advanced first aid card or a Nevada emergency medical technician certificate and willing to travel in the southern portion of the state.

The starting salary is \$11,464 per year. Further information can be obtained from Mrs. Tina Mund, Nevada Health Division, 505 E. King St., Carson City. Tele. 885-4740.

Fashion Show At Italian American Club

The Nevada Chapter of The Arthritis Foundation announces that there will be a fashion show, to be held at the Italian American Club, 2333 E. Sahara Ave., on Sept. 11, 1976 at 1:30 p.m. The new Fall look and an original hair style will be featured. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Proceeds will be used to further the Foundation's program of health, education and research for the more than 35,00 arthritis sufferers in the Southern Nevada area.

Call the Foundation office, 739-9460 for further information.

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Happiness Through Health

by
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St. Louis Encephalitis Cases Forecast For Some Areas

State Health Department officials confirmed in July that the season's first two cases of deadly St. Louis encephalitis were found in Mississippi and an additional seven or more suspected cases were under investigation.

The disease, transmitted from birds to humans by mosquitoes, claimed 25 lives during a summer-long epidemic in Mississippi last year.

Last year's outbreak in various sections of the country was the worst on record, and the 95 deaths and thousands of cases caused considerable panic. The disease is particularly nasty because its victims can go into convulsions or a coma, and as many as 10 percent of those who recover suffer permanent disability, ranging from brain damage to paralysis.

So, today, Mississippi is spraying the worst of its mosquito breeding areas. Illinois is trapping birds and testing their blood. And health officials in a number of states are crawling through sewers or wading into stagnant ponds to capture female mosquitoes in their breeding grounds.

1900 Cases Last Year

All of this activity is something new in the annals of public health: For the first time there is a concerted effort to try to prevent another outbreak of the vicious mosquito-transmitted disease. St. Louis encephalitis always arrives without warning, leaves a trail of misery, and then disappears for a number of years.

Last year the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recorded more than 1,900 cases in about 20 communities around the country. Because the disease often mimics the symptoms of other illnesses, it's estimated that there may actually have been 200 or 300 times the number of cases. The deaths were concentrated in Illinois, Mississippi, Indiana and Ohio.

CDC scientists say about the only hope of controlling the disease is to persuade mosquito abatement districts and local health departments to spot the disease in mosquitoes and birds before it gets to people. If the disease is found, mosquito breeding areas can be sprayed, usually with phosphate compounds. But mosquito larvae are developing resistance to many of these, and petroleum-based insecticides are increasingly being used.

Symptoms Confusing

One problem in trying to detect if the disease has spread to people is that, short of a blood test, human infection is very difficult to diagnose. In fact, a person may have St. Louis encephalitis and never know it. CDC officials say that hundreds of cases go unnoticed.

The reason is that early symptoms include headaches, fever and sore throat, all indications of influenza. It is only when St. Louis encephalitis gains strength and produces such things as muscle spasms and convulsions that its presence usually can be confirmed.

Apart from spraying mosquitoes, about the only hope for controlling the St. Louis virus is the development of a vaccine. The CDC began work on developing a vaccine last May but it is expected to be more than five years before human testing can begin.

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.