



RUBY SAYS

I want to congratulate again all the mothers who bring their children in for a check-up at the Operation Life Community Health Center. We've seen the actual results of screening and know how important it is for all children. If your child has a medicaid number and is under 21, just ask your social worker for a SAMI 25 form. Be sure to get enough forms for all of your children who qualify for Early Screening. We will try to give them the best check-up that is available. **MAKE SURE YOU CHILDREN ARE HEALTHY SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE A GOOD START IN LIFE.** They will do better in school, grow stronger and generally be better and happier children than those with illnesses that go undetected. The Health Center is located at 402 West Jackson Street. Call 648-0012 for free transportation!

For those of you who missed Ann Landers column last week, I would like to let you read a letter that appeared from a group of welfare mothers in St. Paul. The letter could have come from Clark County Welfare Rights or any other group of welfare mothers across the nation who know all too well the horrors of being on welfare. Thank you Ann for printing it.

-- Dear Ann Landers: We are writing as a group of mothers who have shared a total of 38 years of public assistance. We hope you will print our letter to help educate the damn fools who think being on welfare is some kind of picnic. We are sick of being thought of as a bunch of lazy chiselers who are having a ball at the taxpayer's expense.

Not one of us would be on welfare if there was a decent alternative. It's the last resort this side of begging on the street, staying with some creep for the sake of a meal ticket, or committing suicide.

It's bad enough to be on welfare, but getting OFF is even worse. When we do find work, our food stamps, medical insurance and other benefits are reduced to the point where we are worse off than when we were on welfare. So -- we stay on.

What's the answer? We don't pretend to know. Do you? If so, please tell us. We are -- SICK Of The Labels In St. Paul.

--Dear Friends: I do not know the answer but there's got to be a way out of the mess. A nation that can put a man on the moon ought to be able to figure out how to get decent people who want to work off welfare. Are you listening Washington?

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK (Continued from page 2.)

time and effort to going after the money. The SBA can make loans to small businesses directly without many restrictions. It may also guarantee up to 90 percent of loans that are made to small businesses by private lending institutions (banks).

Loans for working capital must generally be repaid in approximately five years; for investment purposes, the payback period is generally 10 to 15 years.

In general, these loans are only made if the small business cannot obtain suitable funding at a reasonable rate of interest through other conventional financial sources (banks).

CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL GAME ROOM

The Las Vegas Cultural Services Department Recreation Division's Doolittle Center

has opened each afternoon a supervised game room for children ages 6-12.

The game room is opened Monday thru Friday, 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. So why not come and enjoy playing air hockey, pool, ping pong, bumper pool and many other games of fun. For further information call the Doolittle Center 386-6374.

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**V*A FACTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- I will soon be drawing unemployment compensation. Will this have any effect on my receiving veterans educational allowance?

A -- Income is not considered in the payment of education allowances. Rates of payment are based generally on hours of attendance or the cost of the course.

Q -- I have an automobile in which the VA has installed adaptive equipment. If I subsequently purchase other vehicles, will the VA install equipment in them?

A -- Yes. However, adaptive equipment will not be provided for more than one conveyance at a time and for not more than three conveyances in a two-year period.

Q -- If a widow receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation becomes employed, does she lose her right to this benefit?

A -- No. Income is not a factor for DIC.
Q -- A veteran's educational assistance may be apportioned in behalf of his dependents. Does this include dependent parents?

A -- No. Educational assistance may not be apportioned for dependent parents.

EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK



"IT'S A PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU." - That's Lolly Burns (33) from the Charleston-Rainbow area who is a cocktail waitress in the Omaha Lounge at the Union Plaza downtown. Lolly has lived in Vegas 23 years. She and her husband Cliff (a SKY CAP) have two daughters, Deiteria, 16; and Romi, 8. They attend school at Bonaza High and Helen Marie Smith schools. When I asked Lolly about feeling discriminated against she said "I never had a problem being Black - I guess I was one of the lucky ones." She went on to say that she was born in Indiana and her brother and she were the only two Blacks in school -- "So, I learned to live with whites." She was raised on the Westside and attended Madison and Rancho schools. She said "I love Las Vegas and here at the Plaza it is one Big Happy Family and I'm proud to be part of that family!"

--CREED

Monk Montgomery

Appointed to Advisory Board

Founder and President of the Las Vegas Jazz Society, Monk Montgomery, was recently appointed to the Advisory Board of the National Endowment for the Arts. He attended a meeting of the Jazz, Folk, Ethnic Panel in D.C. from October 4-7, to review and approve grant requests.

Happiness by Through Otto McClarrin Health

NEW STRAIN OF GONORRHEA RESISTANT TO PENCILLIN:

Health authorities are on a world-wide alert for a new strain of gonorrhea resistant to penicillin, the antibiotic used successfully since World War II to treat the venereal disease.

They fear that if the new strain becomes widespread, it could deal a severe setback to the national venereal disease control program. The National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) which issued the alert, said that several additional cases of the new type of gonorrhea have come to its attention since the discovery of two cases (one in Maryland and one in California) at the end of August. Both of the earlier cases are believed to be the result of sexual contact made in the Philippines.

Dr. Ralph Henderson, director of the center's venereal disease control division, said "We have instituted a world-wide search for additional isolates through the World Health Organization, and we've alerted all state laboratories and health departments of this findings."

He stated that the center has recommended that all patients with gonorrhea be checked seven to 14 days after completion of treatment to confirm cure. He added that if the penicillin-resistant gonorrhea strain becomes widespread, it could mean a severe setback to the venereal disease control program.

A comparatively new antibiotic, spectinomycin, was used to effect an apparent cure in the first two cases of the new strain, and tetracycline was used effectively in another case. Gonorrhea has been classified as a national epidemic for the last four years.

KICKING TOBACCO HABIT WITH NICOTINE GUM:

Some heavy smokers in Great Britain have been able to kick the habit by stubbing out their cigarettes and chewing a stick of "nicotine gum" instead. Doctors at an antismoking clinic there have been testing the gum, which contains the nicotine that occurs naturally in tobacco leaves, on smokers who want to give up cigarettes.

Many scientists believe the nicotine in tobacco causes the stimulation that smokers seem to crave. By taking the nicotine in gum form the smoker can get his satisfaction without all the health hazards of smoking.

The trials have been going on for four years at the Addiction Research Institute at London's Maudsley Hospital under the direction of a team lead by Dr. Michael Russell. Of every 10 smokers who tried the gum, four have remained non-smokers for at least a year after the "treatment," according to Dr. Russell.

"Of all the methods we have tried so far to help smokers give up, this seems to be the most successful. By next year, doctors should be able to write a prescription for nicotine gum. It's quite a breakthrough," he said.

The gum is only a temporary substitute, to be used for a month or two, to help smokers over their withdrawal symptoms while giving up. It is considered safer than tobacco because it contains neither tar nor carbon monoxide, which collect in the lungs.

Chest and lung infections, cancer and heart disease are the most serious illnesses widely believed to be caused by smoking. Cigarette smoking during pregnancy is associated with an increased risk of still born or undersized babies.

Dr. Russell's latest tests shows that the gum helped 70 percent of users to give up smoking for some time during the trials and 40 percent remained non-smokers a year later. Without the gum the success rate on a similar group of smokers would be less than five percent, according to Dr. Russell.

What Are You Doing To HELP Your Community