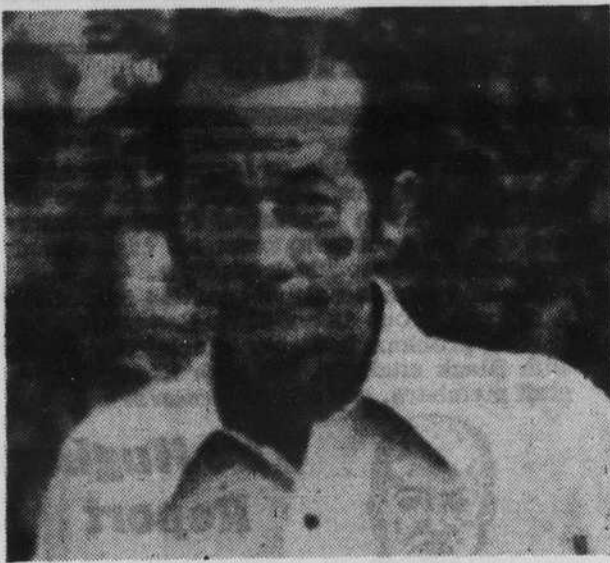


"D" ST. FESTIVAL



Ken Vardell, single, will run for governor of Nevada in the election next November, being the first man to declare his intention. His major platform issue is the legalizing of marijuana. Ken is a Las Vegas waiter, having lived in Las Vegas for 9 years, working banquets at all the resort hotels.

He filed in December 1973 to run for governor in the 1974 race, admitting it as a "joke". He is serious this time. At the time he filed last election, his car had been hit by a tank and the National Guard refused to pay the \$680 damages. While the state and federal governments argued over who was to pay for the damages, Ken started a tank and left it running, then went and called the newspaper to tell them the tank was running. When asked why, he answered "Because they won't pay me the damages they owe." Therefore, he filed for the governorship race and said that way he could see he was paid the damages. He lost that race, as you know.

Vardell, a small manufacturer of carpet shampoos and other such items, in addition to being a Las Vegas waiter, said introducing marijuana as a farm crop with a state tax on it would provide financing for his other projects, such as prison reform.

Ken Vardell is a Democrat and says his platform will appeal to the young, unregistered voter, persons over 65 living on Social Security, the farm vote and others.

D Street Plus, Inc. is sponsoring a program entitled "Separate but Equal" which will look at current public policies and how these policies affect the Afro-American in his effort to assimilate or achieve a pluralistic society. The program will be exciting as it includes artists who will demonstrate the African heritage through such crafts as dancing, sculpturing, and woodcarving. These activities will be discussed by the artists themselves, community people, and scholars in the humanities.

Bessie Braggs, the project director, has commented saying, "We are most fortunate in having Ben Hazard, curator of special exhibits at the Oakland Museum, as one of the principal planners of this program." Mr. Hazard has been able to involve people in African studies from the Bay area. These people include Claude Clark whose interests are painting, ceramics, woodcarving, and the history of African art; Malachi Andrews, co-author of Black Language, whose areas include dance, graphics, and racism in sports; and Harriet Wright whose scholarly studies include the history of African women, their skill in batik and print making, and how their history affects Black women in American culture. Her artistic interests are reflected in batik and print making.

The format of this program is innovative and dramatic. It will include both seminars and workshops as the issues of pluralism and African culture are discussed in depth.

The project is funded by the Nevada Humanities Committee and the City of Las Vegas Cultural Services Department.

The program will be "kicked off" with a potluck supper starting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, in the West Las Vegas Library, 1402 North "D" St. Ben Hazard will introduce the topics and the individuals involved in this project and present slides.

For further information call Bessie Braggs at "D" Street Plus, Inc., 648-9421. All sessions of this program are free and open to the general public.

USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will hold a nationwide series of public hearings on the new food stamp legislation, Assistant Secretary Carol Tucker Foreman announced. The west coast hearing is scheduled for Los Angeles on October 11 and 12.

"We in USDA will have a tremendous job to do in writing the rules and regulations that will put the new food stamp program into effect," Assistant Secretary Foreman said. "We want to make sure these new rules assure effective service to those in need and sound administrative operation."

Ms. Foreman stated that USDA's hearings are intended to seek comment on the new food stamp program from people in both urban and rural areas. Urban hearings are scheduled for the following seven major cities: Oct. 4 in Boston, Oct. 11 in Los Angeles and Atlanta, Oct. 13 in Denver and Chicago, and Oct. 18 in Dallas and Baltimore.

She noted that many major provisions of the new program, such as elimination of the purchase requirement or the formula for the standard deduction, are spelled out in detail in the legislation and can be changed only by Congress.

Anyone interested in testifying at the hearings or submitting a written statement will be sent an information packet describing provisions of the new food stamp legislation and highlighting issues on which the Department is particularly seeking comment. Please contact the Information Office of the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service at 550 Kearny Street, Room 400, San Francisco, CA 94108.

The measure eliminates the requirement that participants purchase a portion of their stamp allotment, a provision expected to make it easier for poor households to participate.

From California, call toll-free 1-800-652-1675
From Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon or Washington, call toll-free 1-800-277-4982.
From Alaska, call collect: 415-556-7391.
From Guam, call 246-5333.
From Hawaii, call collect: 546-3144.

Official notification of the hearings appeared in the Federal Register of September 2.

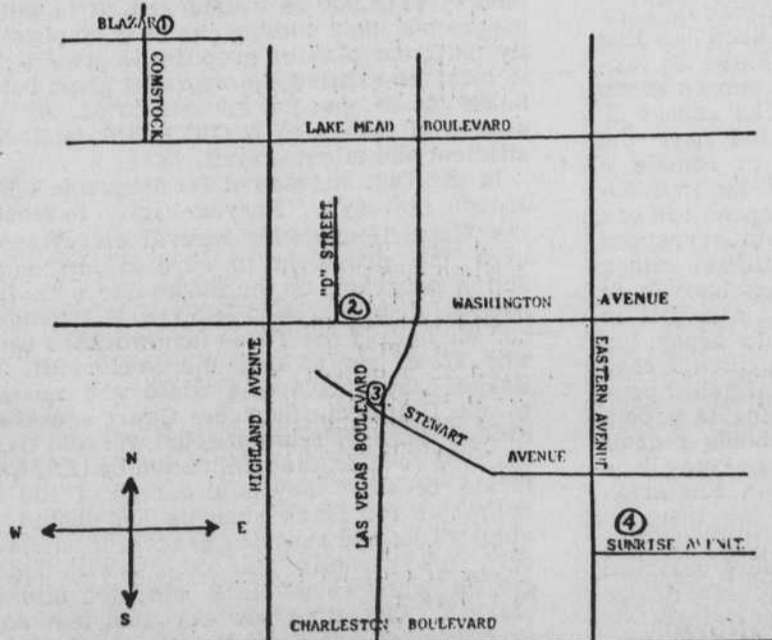
ANNOUNCEMENT 4TH YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PUBLIC MEETINGS AND HEARINGS OPENED TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS

The City of Las Vegas announces that it will hold a series of Public Meetings and Public Hearings concerning the planning and content of the 4th Year Community Development Block Grant Program.

Notice is hereby given that Public Meetings and Hearings will be held on the dates below to discuss the City's Fourth Year Application for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Any and all interested persons may appear and be heard at these meetings:

October 18, 1977	7:30 PM	Commission Chambers of City Hall, 400 E. Stewart
October 19, 1977	7:30 PM	Public Meeting - Old Westside School, Corner of "D" and Washington, Suite 11, Westside Community Development Commission
	9:00 PM	PUBLIC HEARING
October 20, 1977	7:30 PM	E.O.B. Day Care Center, Corner of Balzar and Comstock Streets in Vegas Heights Neighborhood
	9:00 PM	PUBLIC HEARING
October 25, 1977	7:30 PM 9:00 PM	Commission Chambers, City Hall
		PUBLIC HEARING
October 27, 1977	7:30 PM 9:00 PM	Sunrise Acres Elementary School, 2501 Sunrise Avenue
		PUBLIC HEARING
November 1, 1977	7:30 PM	Westside School, Corner of "D" and Washington Streets (Technical Assistance Meeting)
January 4, 1978	9:00 AM	PUBLIC HEARING Commission Chambers of City Hall, 400 E. Stewart
January 11, 1978	7:00 PM	PUBLIC HEARING Commission Chambers of City Hall, 400 E. Stewart.



LAS VEGAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARING SITES

1. E.O.B. Day Care Center - Corner of Balzar and Comstock
2. Westside School - "D" Street and Washington
3. Las Vegas City Hall - Stewart and Washington
4. Sunrise Elementary School - Eastern Avenue and Sunrise Avenue