

BLOCK GRANT NEWS

by

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1979 Block Grant Funds

On January 3, 1979 at 2:00 P.M. in the City Hall Commissioners Chambers, applications were submitted for 1979 will be considered.

Approximately \$1,900,000 in Block Grant Funds will be available beginning July 1, 1979. Most of the money will be spent in West Las Vegas, mainly for physical improvements such as sidewalks, street lights and public building renovation and a few social programs.

All interested citizens may appear at this meeting and express their views on any applications that have been submitted already.

The City of Las Vegas will submit its application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington D.C. on or before April 15, 1979.

The traffic signal light at West Lake Mead Blvd. and North Highland, the storm drain in Vegas Heights, and the new street lights on West Washington Avenue were installed using Block Grant Funds last year.

Also, Block Grant Funds were used to install sidewalks, street lights and curbs and gutters throughout the Vegas Heights area in 1975. Property owners in this area were assessed for only a portion of this project.

WEST LAS VEGAS LIBRARY

The City of Las Vegas is accepting bids for painting and the installation of carpet in the West Las Vegas Library. Block Grant Funds are being used to finance this project.

REHABILITATION PROJECTS COMPLETED

During the month of December, the West Side Community Development Commission "Minor Home Repair Service Program for Low Income and Handicapped Seniors" repaired and applied more than 27,000 square feet of paint to three homes in West Las Vegas, materials used on these homes were provided from the Block Grant Rehabilitation Materials Program. Also, in December the West Side Community Development Commission Minor Home Repair Service Project, CETA workers removed more than 75 dead and/or unwanted trees from properties in West Las Vegas. The wood from these trees were cut into fireplace lengths and given to low income and handicapped seniors, representing a fuel cost saving of approximately \$1,360.

The Home Repair Service team is composed of three CETA workers assigned to the West Side Community Development Commission and seven women from the Teenage Women In Non-Traditional Employment (TWINE) Program from EOB of Clark County.

Vehicle Registration Renewals Due

If your Nevada vehicle license expires this month, you are urged by the Department of Motor Vehicles to apply for your 1979 registration renewal sticker now and to make your application by mail.

Harold Harmon, assistant registration chief, noted the deadline for December registration renewals is the 31st and there is no grace period in Nevada.

"The renewal process should be handled by mail and a check or money order for the proper fees should be included with your renewal forms, Harmon explained. "You may apply for renewal to a Department Branch Office in Reno, Las Vegas or North Las Vegas or in the County Assessor's office where you reside."

He emphasized that because motorists with Nevada license plates expiring this month have only until midnight Dec. 31 to mail in their renewals and fees, many will not receive their 1979 Nevada validation sticker until after the first of the year. All renewals must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31 to avoid penalty fees. Thus, the Department will request all Nevada law enforcement agencies to wait until after midnight January 5, 1979 to cite motorists whose Nevada license plates expire Dec. 31, but do not display a 1979 Nevada validation sticker.

Linguistics and Child Language

A UNLV professor of Spanish is the editor of a new book, "Linguistics and Child Language," published by The Hague in the Netherlands.

Dr. Vladimir Honsa edited the 300-page volume published last month in cooperation with the Berline Publishing Company Walther de Gruyter. The book honors the late Linguist Ruth Hirsch Weir who died tragically a few years ago, Honsa said.

In addition to editing, the UNLV professor wrote two articles included in the work, "Linguistic Acculturation and the Dialects of Spanish in the Dominican Republic," and "Biography and Bibliography of Ruth Hirsch Weir."

Seventeen scholars from different universities and scientific institutions in the United States and Canada contributed to the memorial volume.

"The volume has a special quality in that it includes studies otherwise inaccessible in a single collection, which have an essential common denominator, the interest in language as an individual and social product," Honsa said.

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January 1979 Calendar

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day, (no school)
- 2 Classes resume
- 7 Varsity Quiz, Chaparral vs Goman, Channel 3, 4:30 p.m.
- 8 CCAEOP Business Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Board Conf. Room (Education Ctr.)
- 8 P-TA Council Meeting
- 11 Board of School Trustees Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Varsity Quiz, Indian Springs vs Las Vegas, Channel 3, 4:30 p.m.
- 15 Martin Luther King's birthday, 1929
- 16 Classified Employees Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 End of fifth school month
- 21 Varsity Quiz, Goman vs Basic, Channel 3, 4:30 p.m.
- 22 CCAEOP Mexican Fiesta, 7:00 p.m. (place to be announced later)
- 22-26 Semester Test Week
- 24 School Nurse Day
- 25 Board of School Trustees Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- 26 End of second nine weeks
- End of first semester
- 29 Second semester begins
- 31 School Spelling Contests, (6,7,8, grades)

