

### For New Year-For New Year

by Ozia Thomas, Jr.  
age 7



Christmas is a time of love and joy and may every family enjoy the pleasure of togetherness. I enjoy going shopping for presents for my brother and family.  
New Years is the time to forgive and forget. Happy New years.

### THINGS THAT ARE NOT GOOD FOR YOU

by Michelle Albert  
age 8



Don't smoke and don't drink. Don't drink and drive at the same time because you can have a wreck if you drive drunk.  
If you smoke you might have a heart attack. So don't smoke or drink.

### WEST EXPRESSWAY COMPLETION FORESEEN

Frehner Construction Co. has been awarded a \$3.6 million Highway Department contract to complete the final six miles on the West Expressway from west of Decatur Ave. to the Tonopah Highway, according to district engineer Keith Layton.

Work will commence in about a month and follows a previous Frehner \$3.2 million contract which completed the major grading work this fall. The current project includes final grading and paving as well as additional drainage structures and a grade separation at Washington Ave.

Signal systems and lighting will also be installed. Work is expected to take about ten months and will be supervised by resident engineer George Muscato.

### MAYOR PRO TEM

North Las Vegas Mayor Pro Tem Thomas Brown was appointed to the Executive Board of CETA Prime Sponsor, Las Vegas/Clark County Consortia in place of Mayor Ray Daines who has served on the Board for the past two years. CETA has had many successful programs in Las Vegas and Clark County and has proven that it can be an effective means of training and combating unemployment.

## Frontier Growth In Nevada

Nevadans have seen sudden, rapid growth of population centers at different times throughout the state's history. Washoe County is now going through a boom cycle. Central Nevada also experienced sudden growth with the mining booms of the 1860's, accompanied by a certain amount of the inevitable social disorder. Austin, Nevada was a bustling place in 1864 when Martha and James Gally arrived from Zanesville, Ohio. Bitter political factionalism in Ohio (a result of the Civil War) had led them to leave their cultivated and secure setting and join the ranks of the California-bound emigrants. When the Gallys reached Austin, they decided to remain there for the winter because of their exhaustion and the high cost of feed for their stock along the trail into California. During those first months in the state the Gallys were caught up by the excitement of gold and silver fever and remained to participate in the mining rushes that swept the eastern ranges of Nevada.

Although Austin had all the signs of rudimentary civilization when the Gallys arrived, two years before there had been nothing but a stone cabin in the canyon. The winter of 1862-63 saw parties camping in tents on snow-blanketed ground.

Supplies and provisions came in during the spring and summer months; the canyon was graded, making it passable to wagons; a hotel was opened, and a newspaper was founded. The money for these projects came from the owners of town lots and other interested entrepreneurs who had pooled their resources. In the summer of 1863 a courageous woman opened a school in a brent tent and by the beginning of 1864 Austinites had provided the money to establish a fire company; in the months to come, civic-minded men eloquently discussed the needs of the community. Several months before the Gallys arrived, a city government had come into existence; a mayor, clerk, recorder, marshal, assessor, and alderman had been elected in mid-April. By 1865, the town had five clergymen, twelve physicians, and thirty-three lawyers, all of whom provided additional evidence of civilization.

### Driving Course

Drivers in Clark County can learn to avoid accidents and clean their driving records.

The Nevada Safety Council is introducing a new course designed to identify those situations which result in accidents. Those attending the course have the added bonus of qualifying for removal of three demerits from their Nevada driving record.

Called DDC plus the course was especially for mulated to include the nationally acclaimed Defensive Driving Course developed by The National Safety Council as well as an update on Nevada traffic laws. W. R. McGrew, president of the Nevada Safety Council said the course should be considered by all drivers. "Many residents look at driver training as something for the commercial driver. While those who earn their living behind the wheel do need constant safety reminders, it is the commuter or pleasure driver who is generally unskilled in vehicle accident prevention" McGrew said.

The 8-hour course covers Nevada traffic law, alcohol and the law, and how to recognize potential hazards and avoid them. An independant survey has shown that persons completing the Defensive Driving Course are involved in 37 per cent fewer accidents. Persons interested in taking the course can call 878-2364 for a schedule of when classes will be held.

A Short Course in  
**Human relations**

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"i admit i made a mistake"

The Five Most Important Words:  
"you did a good job"

The Four Most Important Words:  
"what is your opinion?"

The Three Most Important Words:  
"if you please"

The Two Most Important Words:  
"thank you"

The One Most Important Word:  
"we"

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