

**V*A FACTS

Q -- My husband died from service-connected causes. How much monetary assistance may I expect from the VA?

A -- The VA will pay up to \$1,100 toward the burial when a veteran dies from a service-connected disability, plus transportation charges under certain conditions.

Q -- When is the dividend paid on VA government life insurance policies?

A -- Dividends are payable on the anniversary date of the policy.

Q -- My wife and I are veterans attending college. Can we both claim each other as dependents?

A -- Yes. Public Law 92-540, Oct. 24, 1974, made these benefits payable to both male and female veterans.

Q -- Am I entitled to burial in a national cemetery as the widow of a deceased veteran?

A -- Yes. A widow of a veteran who is buried in a national cemetery may also be buried in the same grave with that veteran, provided arrangements were made with the cemetery director at the time the veteran interred, and provided the widow has not remarried.

Winter Car Care Tips

To help keep your car running in cold weather without your getting hot under the collar because of unnecessary repair bills, here are some tips on car care:



SPARK PLUGS, filters and other engine parts should be checked regularly.

1. Tune-up your engine. Through normal wear and tear, spark plugs, distributor caps, rotors, spark plug wires, etc., become less efficient and prone to failure. One early warning sign of the need for a tune-up is a drop in gas mileage.

2. Check your antifreeze. Pour in more coolant if needed and if there is rust in your coolant, drain the radiator and refill with fresh antifreeze. An expert at the Fram Corporation advises the coolant level be checked often, but only when the engine is cold.

3. Change to a multi-viscosity oil, such as 10 W-30 or 10 W-40, to make sure the oil is thin enough to lubricate the engine effectively.

4. Change your oil filter if it is dirty or clogged. Oil

bypassing a clogged filter will not be cleaned and dirty oil doesn't lubricate as effectively as clean oil. In warm climates, oil is subject to the same dirt and clogging problems. Oil changes should be done more frequently if you do a lot of stop and go driving or trailer towing, or make many short trips around town. If you don't put a lot of miles on your car, the oil and filter should be changed at least every six months.

Even if you live in a bitter cold area, knowing your car has been winterized will give you a warm feeling.

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Report

By Thomas F. Hughes



New Equal Rights Head- J.C. Penney - SNEDC - Tax Changes

Lee E. Rayford, an administrator and teacher in the Clark County School District has been named to succeed Jesse Scott as executive Director of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission.

Jesse Scott, in the traditional manner, resigned as is the custom to allow the new governor the opportunity to appoint his own choice for the job.

Rayford's salary is reported to be \$19,646 a year. Rayford has a masters degree from the University of Arkansas and a bachelor's degree from Arkansas A&M. It will be interesting to see the approach taken now in Equal Rights disputes as it seems that little or nothing has been accomplished in that area to this date.

It is now official-J.C. Penney will be allowed to use the property south of the airport for their new facility since the planning dept has ok'd their location. It will provide some 2500 to 3000 jobs. Now is the time for blacks to watch for announcements of job openings so as to apply early. It is also time for them to enter training programs for warehousing jobs-computer programming, data processing, warehousing, etc. Check with UNLV on these classes. You need not necessarily have a college background as these fields of training are usually available

Last Wednesday SNEDC (Southern Nevada Economic Development Conference) had a meeting at North Las Vegas City Hall to discuss their program and discuss ways and means of bringing businesses factories, warehouses, etc. to the Westside of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas. This is going to require a new attitude and input on the part of both Las Vegas and North Las Vegas. It would seem they would take note of Henderson and how they have made magnificent strides in securing new industries and businesses. Henderson has a separate department financed by the city to develop that city. This reminiscent of efforts made by the southern states, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Texas, etc. They set up development agencies and as a result have attracted General Motors, General Foods, Record Companies, steel mills, etc. By selling their areas, their weather, lower taxes rail facilities, non union labor, labor force, etc. We have pretty much the same good features but they are not being sold. We have lost great opportunities because these and other states are driving for this new business and industry and we are doing a very weak job in this area.

On Thursday last we attended an IRS seminar designed to acquaint us with the new income tax rules and regulations. One of the major changes is that homeowners over 55 can sell their homes and do not have to pay taxes on the profit (capital gain) up to \$100,000 under certain rules (one time only). Prior to that you could sell your home at a profit and defer the tax on the sale if you bought a new home costing more than the sale price on your residence. But it must be remembered that any other home you might buy may cost more than your selling price so moving may not be a good idea. If your community is not bad it may be better to remodel, redecorate and perhaps add on that extra room you need and not move. If your house or other property was sold after Nov. 1978 you may show a profit that is taxable but your gain (long term) would be taxable at 40% rather than 50% rather than 50% levied in sales prior to Nov 1978. Another new law allows you to take credit for energy saving devices, equipment or insulation installed and working in either 1977 or/and 1978. This is new and could

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Education Is Power

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New Year's Resolutions

As we enter the New Year all of us have made several New Year's resolutions. If you are a student, you probably resolved to study more and with more intensity. If you are a parent, you probably resolved, as we did, to turn off the "idiot box" with a view of seeing to it that our children studied when they would normally be looking at the box. If you are a teacher, you probably resolved to spend more time in preparation for your classes or to become a better teacher in the classroom. All of the above lend themselves to improving the quality of education for children. However, any resolution is relatively incomplete without a plan for action.

If you are a student, why not resolve to make better use of your time in studying by making sure that you set aside a regular time and place for study? It appears that immediately after school is not a good time for studying. We need to give our brains a rest, and also to give it some time to absorb what has been taught to us during the day. A two hour time period between the end of the school day and the beginning of the study period seems reasonable. Another hint: If one must have a mid-afternoon snack before studying, make it one of fruits and vegetables, fish or poultry, and/or a sandwich made with bread made of 100% whole wheat or some other non-refined wheat, rye or barley flour. It has been demonstrated over and over that refined white flour and refined sugars tend to hinder our basic learning capacities and tend to lower our blood sugar level which in turn may cause several kinds of symptoms that would definitely interfere with our ability to concentrate on our studies. (For further information concerning your health and/or nutrition requirements, please consult your medical doctor).

Finding the best time for study should be a high priority item for our students.

Where is the best place for study? It would appear that a quiet uncluttered area would be best suited to an atmosphere of concentration. However, we are aware of students who cannot concentrate unless their favorite radio program is on. We even know of several students who claim that they can concentrate best when the volume of the radio is turned up. We do not recommend this, and consider it as an exception rather than a rule. However, we do recommend, if desired, soft, soothing background music for providing some degree of relaxation while studying.

Reference materials should be made available to students for study. If necessary, provisions should be made for students to get to a public library for materials that are not normally kept at home. A library card is a must for the serious student.

As parents, we must be firm, but cautious in our dealings with our children and in helping them to develop proper study habits. Persuasion by example and without too much pushiness seems to be better for getting children into the right study habits. Try to set aside a period in the day when everyone in the household is reading or otherwise studying. Make sure that there will be a minimum amount of interruptions during this time. If possible, ask telephone callers to call back later or leave their number for a return call after study time. If we as parents can bring ourselves to try this, we may find it to be very relaxing, and may serve to cement relationships between us as parents and our children.

It appears that only the rare parent can garner enough energy and/or time to promote a reading and study hour for themselves and

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