

BLOCK GRANT NEWS
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During the month of January, the Westside Community Development Commission's three C.E.T.A. workers and five E.O.B. T.W.I.N.E. program participants rehabilitated the homes of five low income and handicapped citizens in West Las Vegas. The workers also applied 48,000 square feet of paint to the exteriors and interiors of these homes.

WOMEN TO GRADUATE

Fifteen E.O.B. T.W.I.N.E. program participants will receive completion certificates in "Basic Home Construction" on Friday, February 16, 1979 at 1:30 P.M. in the Westside Community Development Commission office located at 330 West Washington Avenue.

During the 90-day training period the young ladies received 384 hours of on the job training and 96 hours of restored Classroom Instruction in more than 22 building trades such as carpentry, painting, glazing, roofing, electricity, trowel trades, operating engineers, millwright, carpet laying and home insulation.

The T.W.I.N.E. Program is designed to provide the participants with entry level into the Building trades apprenticeship or related construction fields in the Las Vegas area on nation wide.

Graduates receiving completion certificates are Francine Banks, Annette Chalmers, Judy Collins, Carolyn Fox, Tami Hathcock, Althea Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Valarie Johnson, Sherlean Jones, Cynthia Marcus, Sandra Moore, Giovanna Nelson, JoAnn Smith, Marilyn Thomas, and Ruth Tony. Also receiving completion certificates are Richard Farr, William McGhee and John Pomeroy.

The T.W.I.N.E. Program participants and the W.S.C. D.C.c.e.t.a. enrollees were part of a workshop conducted were part of a workshop conducted at the Clark County Community College on January 31, 1979. More than 150 area women who are interested in becoming construction craftspersons attended the session entitled "Women In Non-Traditional Employment" (women in construction). The Westside Community Development Commission and E.O.B. of Clark County was one of the 20 booths which displayed tools of the various trades as well as explanations of the trade requirements.

Bond Election

Absentee voting for the March 6th Special County Courthouse Bond Election will start on Tuesday, February 13th, at the office of the Clark County Election Department, 400 Las Vegas Blvd. South.

This means of in-office absentee voting is made available for those people who will not be in town on Election Day and will not be at any permanent address sufficiently long enough to receive an absentee ballot by mail.

Requests for mail-out absentee ballots are currently being accepted at the Clark County Election Department and will be accepted through February 27th, absentee voting shall be restricted, by law, to those people who, due to some emergency, are either confined to their homes or suddenly called out-of-town.

The provisions for absentee ballot requests will extend through 5:00P.M. on Election Day, March 6th. It is important that all absentee voters be aware that their voted ballots must be returned to the Clark County Election Department on or before 7:00 P.M. on Election Day for them to be counted. Ballots received after that time cannot, by law, be counted.

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next door to the mainland. Every industrial country in the world is hoping for a piece of this Asian action. However, the PRC tends to be bartenders, hence any peddler best be prepared to put up one product and take home another product.

The world economic growth is estimated by Bank of America at 3.6% of \$9 trillion this year. The industrialized countries as a group experienced a balance of payment surplus in 1978 for the first time since the OPEC oil price increases of 1973-74.

Thus, there will be western capital to carry China down the road toward capitalism. Canton is the place to go in China to participate. President of the Overseas Investment Corporation, which provides entrepreneurial assistance, in Washington, D.C., IS A Black American.

But China is a big question mark that will require big bucks to solve at this time. Now I can sit down on my fat answer.

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Said SCLC's president emeritus Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, We're proud Mr. Carter has come to Atlanta to share in the honoring of our (SCLC's) first president. All we want to do is remind him that we sent him up to Washington in the first place, and we are not going to be forgotten."

Rally speaker suggested that the President might better trim the unemployment, military spending, and bureaucratic waste and mismanagement.

State Rep. Julian Bond, president of the Atlanta NAACP, noted that, like the U.S., Germany, and Japan had also considered increasing their military budgets. "However" he said, "they cut back on their proposed increases because they recognized that their problems at home were more pressing."

SCLC board member Dick Gregory said, "We're taking this opportunity to tell the mightiest man on earth: "We believe you can do something (to help the poor). If we didn't, we wouldn't be here."

beginning January 1, 1979, you can earn more and still get all your social security checks.

*If you are now 65 or older, or you will reach 65 in 1979, you can earn \$,500 and still get all your checks. If our total yearly earnings go over \$4,500, \$1 in benefits may be withheld for each \$2 of earnings above \$,500.

*If you are under 65 all of 1979, you can earn up to \$3,480 and still get all your checks. If your total yearly earnings go over \$3,480, \$1 in benefits may be withheld for each \$2 of earnings above \$3,480.

In 1978, the annual exempt amounts were \$,000 for people 65 and over and \$3,240 for people under 65.

If you worked and earned more than the annual exempt amounts in 1978 while receiving benefits, you must complete an annual report of earnings by April 16, 1979, unless you were 72 or older all year.

These rules do not apply to people getting social security disability payments if they work.

Note: Beginning with the month you reach age 72 you get your full check each month no matter how much you earn.

Happy Hours 5 to 7 P.M., Mon. - Fri.

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