

The Hughes Report

by Thomas F. Hughes



IPI-TOMBI

This writer is more of a serious writer but I must delve into the show business side briefly. Operas are stories in song and the IPI-Tombi show at the Silverbird Hotel is a grand example of Blacks. The story is superbly performed with songs and dances in a unique manner. The Dancers make spectacular leaps. The drumbeats are in a class by themselves. The singing shows true artists of an unexpected calibre. Don't miss it.

K.V.O.V.

Radio Station KVOV has replaced the open line show on Sunday with "Community Comment" with yours truly as host. The new show is designed to have guests from all walks of life discuss issues, current and coming events, civic programs, and other topics of interest. The open - line feature is still a part of the show, and everyone is invited to call in and speak on any subject on Sundays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to be a guest on the show should call Tom Hughes at 648-0977 for a date.

METRO RECRUITING

Metro Police officials are hoping to entice women, Blacks and other minorities in their recruitment of 100 new officers. There is only one woman on street duty out of a total of 300 patrol officers although there are some women in detective and desk jobs, it is reported.

WEST POINT COMMANDER

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point has selected the first black brigade commander in its 177 year history, academy officials said Friday.

Cadet Vincent K. Brooks, 20, of Ft. Lee, Va., was selected for the post of first captain by the academy superintendent, Lt. Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster.

Brooks' father is Brig. Gen. Leo A. Brooks 47, commander of the Troop Support Agency at Ft. Lee. His brother, Leo A. Brooks Jr., graduated from West Point last year.

"The Army had been my life all the time I was a kid," Brooks said. "I'd like to make it a career."

The first captain commands the entire brigade of 4,338 cadets and the four cadet regiments.

JUDGE GUY

Our Judge Guy is seeking a change, according to a recent Review Journal news story which reported that District Court Judge John Mendoza, who now is chief judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court, was elected Tuesday by unanimous vote of his fellow judges to be Juvenile Court judge for the next two years.

Mendoza's election was expected, since he was the only one of the 12 District Court judges who volunteered for the arduous post.

District Court Judge Addeliar "Del" Guy, who has held the juvenile slot for the past four years, announced last month he was stepping down and would seek to become chief judge for 1980.

Mendoza's term begins in 1980, which is timed to coincide with his elevation next July to president - elect of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and then in 1981 to presidency of the organization.

Mendoza, 51, was elected to the bench in 1967. He previously has served as juvenile judge and was responsible for many innovations in the juvenile system.

Guy, 55, was appointed in 1975 by Gov. Mike O'Callaghan as the first black District Court judge.

He also has a string of accomplishments as juvenile judge, including leadership of the successful battle for a \$7.7 million expansion of Juvenile Court and Court Services.

Guy instituted a structured petty larceny program for juveniles, followed by a structured burglary program, both of which have been termed outstanding.

He also has helped improve mental health facilities in Clark County.

Guy is one of several judges known to have his eye on the Nevada Supreme Court for whatever vacancies might develop there.

TAXES

Taxes are a constant source of irritation to all people so the reduction of any taxes is always good news.

By an overwhelming 80 percent majority the voters approved the removal of the sales tax from food effective July 1, 1979. An implementing ruling (No.77) was adopted by the Nevada Tax Commission on June 19th. In essence, all food that could have been obtained through the use of food stamps issued by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture will now be exempt from the sales tax. As checkers in grocery and convenience stores are now familiar with the acceptance of food stamps and the limitations in the use of such stamps, it is hoped that implementation will not create massive difficulties. Since vegetable seeds and plants, newspaper and pressed logs had been exempt and the majority of the food stores sell these types of items, most if not all cash registers are already capable of isolating non-taxed transactions.

Food sold in restaurants, fast food outlets, vending machines and all food that is prepared for immediate consumption are still subject to the sales taxes.

Property taxes were also reduced by Senate Bill 204.

The maximum tax rate has been reduced from \$5.00 to \$3.64 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. In most instances the maximum rate will be reduced even further due to spending limitations established in the law for all local governments.

In addition, the law removes all household goods and furniture used by a single household and owned by a member of that household from the property tax.

This, in itself, is an approximate 5 percent reduction in your residential tax bill. Renters also receive a "pass through" as the result of this law. If you are renting property, the landlord is required to isolate the property tax which is attributed to the rented premises based on area occupied and to adjust that portion of the total rent based on the tax reductions mandated.

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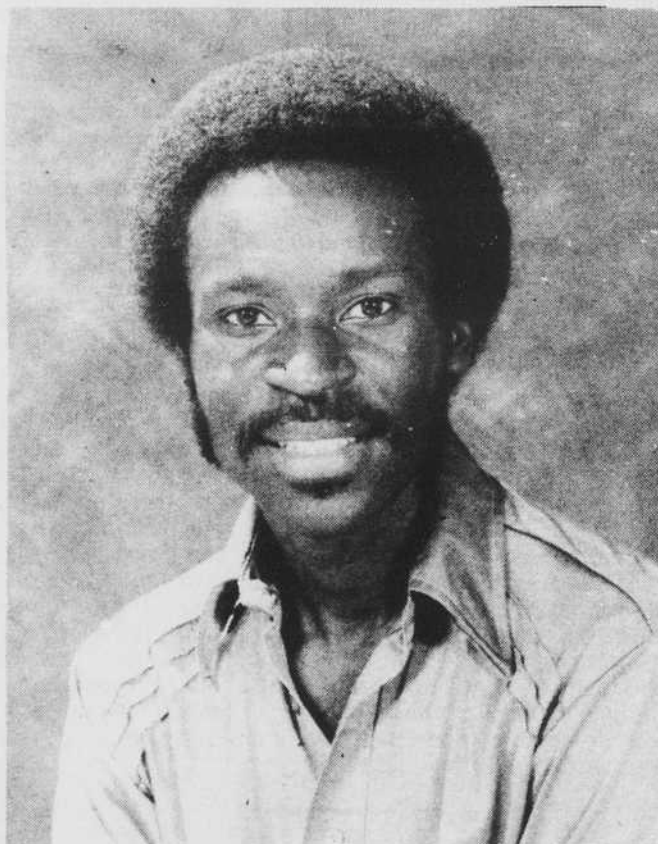
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