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Commission, another Block Grant Funded Agency, with the use of CETA personnel, has refurbished more than 150 homes and non-profit buildings in West Las Vegas during the past three years. The home owners paid for materials only. All labor was free, with the CETA participants getting the training necessary to enter gainful employment later.

Home Management and Education, located at 1237 West Miller Avenue, another Block Grant funded program, provided technical assistance, free of charge, to home owners in the areas of financing, family budgeting, and home renting or purchasing.

Block Grant Funds are being used to assist Operation Life with its In-Fill Housing Program. This program is aimed at purchasing vacant lots in Old West Side, and building new, three bed rooms to be sold to qualifying residents. Four such homes are un-

der construction on Gold Avenue between North "J" and "N" Streets.

Operation Life will also receive Block Grant funds to refurbish the Old Ranch Market facility at North "F" Street and Van Buren Avenue to convert this into a Health Clinic and stores. This structure has been a safety and health hazard for years.

Another Block Grant Funded program is the Rehabilitation Financing Program. This program assists qualifying home owners secure low-interest rates for home improvements. This program is located in the Old West Side School, Suite six, also.

The Fire Inspection and Education Program, based in the Las Vegas Fire Station on West Miller Avenue, provides free fire inspection of homes in the Old West-side.

For more information regarding any of these Block Funded programs, and other area and home improvement projects, call the Department of Funds Coordination, Las Vegas City Hall at 386-6462. The Department

has a booklet, entitled "Programs Working For You 1975-1981," that explains, very vividly, the entire HUD funded Community Block Grant Program, from its inception in Las Vegas through 1981. This booklet is available at the Funds Coordination office, or in Suite 11 at the Old West Side School, the office of the Westside Community Development Commission.

Community Block Grant funds have also been allocated to refurbish the Old Westside School, located at 330 West Washington Avenue, to be used as a museum or community center. This building has been vacant since the Head Start program moved out several years ago.

To assist the area residents who reside in more than 1,000 public housing units and scores of privately-owned apartments, the Department of Funds Coordination also funds Poor People Pulling Together (PPPT).



Insurance Corner

By ALEX THOMAS

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HOW LONG A WIDOW?

Men really ought to marry women older than themselves. But because they usually don't — the typical husband is about four years older than his mate — and because females live about five years longer than males, the average wife can expect close to a decade of widowhood.

A widow must make financial decisions in a hurry. If her emotions rule at this tragic moment, she may spend thousands of dollars unnecessarily. Since few wives are emotionally prepared for the sudden and devastating experiences of becoming a widow, a thoughtful husband can do much to ease these pressures.

It's false kindness to avoid talk of death. Face up to the facts. Discuss openly financial facts, wills, insurance. Have your wife meet your advisors — your insurance agent, lawyer, banker and get to know them. In a crisis it's always best to deal with friends — not just names.

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