

Block Grant News

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With interest rates at an all-time high, and building construction costs soaring, the Las Vegas City Department of Funds Coordination funds several non-profit organizations in the Old Westside each year, that are designed specifically for preserving housing stock. These agencies were described in a previous article.

We mentioned the Model Home at North "H" Street and West Madison Avenue. This was a boarded up, abandoned building before it was purchased by the Department of Funds Coordination, and is now being refurbished by the Department's CETA construction crew. This project is designed to show area residents what can be done to refurbish a home needing repair, thus, in many cases, eliminating the necessity of buying a very costly new home. Anyone who wishes to visit the Model Home, and tour the inside, may do so by calling the Developmental Programs Division at 386-6470

located in suite 6 in the Old Westside School at 330 West Washington Avenue.

The Department of Funds Coordination will soon have a tool rental library located in the Westside Library at North "D" Street and West Jackson Avenue, across the street from the Cove Hotel.

When this facility is opened and operated by Developmental Programs Division, area home owners may check out a n y tool from a screwdriver to a power saw or a wheel-barrow, free of charge, to be used for home repair and maintenance. When this facility is ready for operation, we will notify our readers in our column.

Area residents may also watch the Operation Life In-Fill, 3-bedroom, stucco homes now under construction on Gold Avenue between North "J" and "N" Streets, to see just what goes into a frame house, and how the various parts are constructed. This is also a partially Block Grant

funded project, and Operation Life has plans to construct 60 such homes on vacant lots in the Old Westside. This project, when completed, will greatly improve the aesthetic appearance of the area.

President-Elect Ronald Reagan recently appointed Samuel Pierce Jr., a Black New Year Attorney as Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Community Block Grant Programs are funded by HUD.

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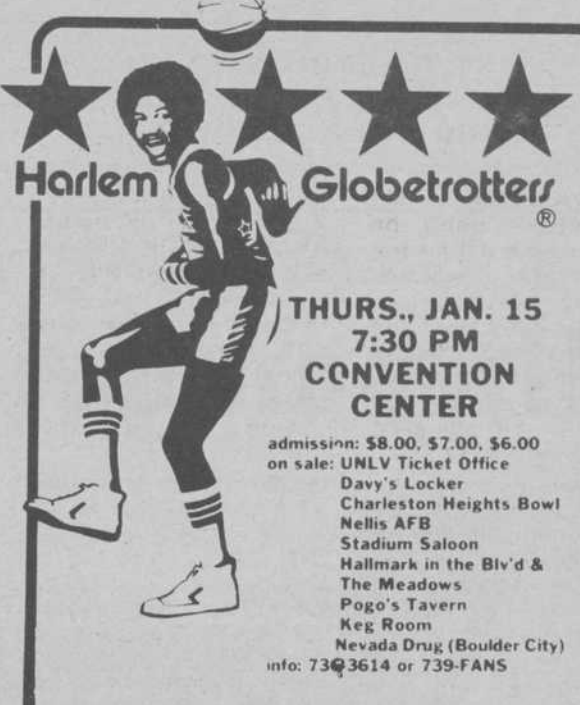
Jean E. Dutton, Clark County Assessor, has announced that the Assessor's office will be accepting applications from senior citizens for the Senior Citizen Tax Assistance Act beginning January 15, 1981. The filing period will extend to April 30, 1981.

To be eligible for this program, a claimant must have been a six month resident of Nevada, have attained the age of 62 by June 30, 1981, and have a total household income of less than \$11,000 including Social Security.

Applications will be accepted from the following:

1. Homeowners
2. Mobile home owners who own their property
3. Mobile home owners who rent their property
4. Renters (House, mobile home lot, or apartment including senior housing development)

Dutton stated that any senior citizen who is unable to come to the Assessor's office or anyone who has a question regarding this program may call the Senior Citizen Division of the County Assessor's office at 386-4320 or 386-4368.



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