

# LOCAL NEWS

## FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

LAS VEGAS -- The development of a foreign trade zone in the Las Vegas area is crucial to future economic diversification in Nevada, Governor Robert List told the U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Board earlier this month.

As the lead witness in the Trade Zone Board's hearing on Nevada's application for a foreign trade zone, the governor said that Nevada's international tourist industry would be enhanced by access to world trade markets.

"Much has been accomplished in recent months in terms of attracting new business to Nevada, particularly in Clark County," the Governor said. "I am optimistic that in the next few years we will see even greater numbers of new and clean industries locating in Nevada as industry leaders discover the many advantages we have to offer in terms of tax structure, government services and the overall quality of life."

"The availability of a foreign trade zone in the Las Vegas area would make it an even more desirable location for light manufacturing, warehousing, assembly, display and shipping of foreign goods."

A foreign trade zone is an area legally exempt from the jurisdiction of the U.S. Customs Department. Foreign and domestic industries can import and export products from a foreign trade zone without being subject to customs tariffs.

Following the governor as witness at the foreign trade zone hearing were representatives of Nevada's Congressional delegation; Clark County commissioners Manuel Cortez and Thalia Dondero, and North Las Vegas Mayor Ray Daines.

In his testimony, the governor called the hearings the final step in the long process of bringing a foreign trade zone to Nevada.

The governor praised the efforts of the Latin Chamber of Commerce and the Las Vegas Opportunities Industrialization Center in assisting in the preparation of the application for a Nevada foreign trade zone.

"I believe it is truly unique that an organization representing the Hispanic population of this area can join hands with another representing the black community in a project that can significantly contribute to the economic well-being of our total community," the governor said.

Dear Sir:

Many good reasons have been brought up by Nevadans for not building the MX Missile system, and I have one more.

I have relatives living in Fairbanks, Alaska who lived there during the pipeline construction, and they mentioned how house and apartment rents skyrocketed during that period. Flats almost unfit for human habitation were bringing \$1,000 - 2,000 per month and more.

Now, I ask, what would low-income and fixed-income people here do if up to 30,000 MX construction workers come to town and the landlords took full advantage of the situation.

To paraphrase H & R Block, this is reason No. 97 why the MX should not be built here.

**What are YOU doing to  
help YOUR community?**



Odell Davis announces his candidacy for City Councilman in North Las Vegas. During the past

fifteen years Davis has seen the North Las Vegas Community grow. He is interested in improving recreational facilities for the youth. He is also interested in improving the conditions for the Senior Citizens, and improving relationship between the community and the police. Davis is a member of the plumbers and pipefitters Local No. 525 and has been employed by Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company for 20 years.

## BLACK POETRY

### BURDEN

*Won't you answer me Lord?  
The world runs through  
my veins  
Causing my heart beat  
to drum like an Orchestra  
on stage  
And I  
danced to the music  
with a heavy heart  
feeling depressed and  
optimistic  
for my goal—I shall reach  
in time.*

*Won't you answer me Lord?  
For these burdens weigh me  
down  
in dismay I call on your  
name  
in tears  
for thou only can save  
the world  
And I  
wish to carry the world  
till my last day on earth.*

—Sunday A. Adeyemo

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A SLAP IN THE FACE

It has always been said that children are far more cruel to one another than adults are to one another. Witness the ending to the 444 days of captivity of our 52 American hostages. The action of the Iranians refute this belief. To delay the transfer of the hostages until after President Carter was no longer president was perhaps the cruelest blow of all - the last of many slaps in the face to be dealt to James Earl Carter by his enemies. The sound reverberated like a "shot heard around the world."

We have been deluged by the media of all that transpired on that fateful, great day - January 20, 1981. We saw a former President of the United States return to his home in Plains, Georgia and announce, with only one break in his voice, the release of the hostages - hours after - it had been officially announced by the new President of the United States, Ronald Wilson Reagan.

One can only imagine the fierce stress and tension President Carter was operating under as he left office, knowing all the facts but bound not to make them public until after the hostages had left Iranian air space.

For his careful and unrelenting patience in overseeing the hostage negotiations, the former President was bestowed the privilege of greeting the returning hostages as citizen Carter. Thanks to the 40th President of the United States, Ronald Wilson Reagan who nobly announced he was designating the out-going President as a special envoy just hours before his own swearing-in ceremony.

This magnanimous gesture made by President Reagan and accepted so jubilantly by citizen Carter could easily be construed as another slap in the face or as the magnificent gesture it portends to be.

While James Earl Carter will certainly take his place in the history books as one of the most patient, concerned, religious and God-fearing Presidents of the United States; he, like the lackluster pro fighter, "lacked the killer punch."

Unfortunately, the gentleman in Mr. Carter could not be subjugated by the politician in Mr. Carter. Was that good or bad? Only history will tell.

It is rather ironic that while the nation was deeply concerned about the safety of 52 U.S. Citizens, one of the first official acts performed by President Reagan after his swearing-in was to sign into law a freeze on government hiring. My God, does that bring back memories. I can remember over 28 years ago sitting at home and waiting for the letter that would send me to Washington, D.C. to work in the Treasury Department. It was Inauguration Day 1953 Dwight D. Eisenhower furloughed 15,000 Government Workers. One month later he furloughed another 15,000 workers. I never did get that letter.

Very truly yours,

Jacquelyn C. Moore

National Editor

National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees

## FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR FUEL BILLS AVAILABLE

CARSON CITY - The State of Nevada has received a \$3.4 million federal grant to assist low-income families with winter fuel bills, Governor Robert List announced today.

The Department of Health and Human Services' allocation will provide fuel cost assistance to between 10,000 and 12,000 Nevada families, the governor said. The grant will be administered by the State Office of Community Services.

"This grant will enable the state to assist many individuals who are threatened with the rising cost of heating fuel," the governor said. "In many cases, families on fixed incomes, the senior citizens cannot cope with inflation heating bills, which in some cases, equal 30 to 50 percent of their monthly income. This program is critical to the well being of many Nevadans."

Nevada residents can apply for fuel cost assistance through many local welfare, senior citizen and community center offices, the governor said. Individuals also can apply through the State Office of Community Services.

Grants will range from \$200 to \$600, and will be determined by the individual's level of income, location in the state, and fuel costs.

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