

Head Start Programs May Fall Soon

Due to last week's tumultuous budget battle in the House of Representatives and the rush to pass President Reagan's budget cuts, the popular Head Start program for disadvantaged youngsters was completely cut from on-going programs.

Because of last minute revisions in the massive budget bill, House members and staff aides were uncertain about many details in the bill and the lack of reauthorization for the Head Start Program apparently went unnoticed until after the massive measure was passed.

Committee aides said that hopefully the error will be corrected. Head Start was one of seven "safety net" social programs which President Reagan had promised to spare from his spending cuts. He had, in fact, asked Congress to increase Head Start's budget from \$820 million in 1981 to \$950 million in 1982.

If the Head Start Program is not renewed, the program will expire on September 30.

CHILD CARE CENTERS MAY CLOSE

Since 1974, Operation Life, Inc., under the direction of Ruby Duncan, has been operating two child care centers in North Las Vegas. These centers, one of which is located at 341 and 401 Duchess Avenue, are now in danger of closing permanently because the federal government, which owns the buildings in which the centers are housed, wants the buildings back.

Duncan was notified recently by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington that the two centers will have to move to another location. Originally HUD had allowed the organization to rent the buildings for \$1 a month.

NAACP MEETING

The N.A.A.C.P. Las Vegas branch general membership meeting will be held at the Pilgrim Rest Missionary, Baptist Church, 1240 W. Adams, on Sunday, July 12th at 4:00 p.m.



New NLV Council

The new North Las Vegas City Council line-up (from left) are Dale Huntsman, appointed Wednesday to fill the vacant seat left when Mayor Jim Seastrand took

office, Jay Bingham, Seastrand, Theron Goynes and Brenda Price. All except Price were sworn into office at the council's July 1 meeting.

EOB FACES BUDGET CUTS

As of September 30 the Economic Opportunity Board's transportation system, which offers 100,000 rides per year to the elderly and the handicapped, will become greatly impaired. On that date the federal budget cuts will become effective and the EOB system will lose the \$220,000 in federal funds that it has been using for the past three years.

The agency has been receiving the money under the public service employees program of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act. However, President Reagan has ordered the program completely phased out. As a result the survival of the transportation system is greatly threatened.

11 of the 23 drivers for the system have already left their jobs in search

of new employment, since they knew that they would be losing their jobs as of June 30.

Many of the 13,000 monthly riders of the system desperately need the transportation for specialized medical care and curtailment of the service could cause life-threatening situations for some of the clients. In addition, curtailment of the system would leave more than 600 monthly wheelchair riders home-bound.

EOB officials are now revamping the system into a zone system, which will become operant on July 1 and hopefully will keep the transportation service going at least through 1982. It is anticipated that the new system will actually increase services, even though the number of drivers will be curtailed.

Oldest Active Scoutmaster Dies In San Diego At 101

Sidney Loman, the world's oldest active scoutmaster, has died at the age of 101.

Loman, who attended his last scout meeting three months ago at his neighborhood church shortly after celebrating his 101st birthday on February 28, died Tuesday in a local hospital.

Although confined to a wheelchair after both his legs were amputated in his 90s, Loman continued conducting scout meetings every Thursday up until his last birthday.

Scout officials said Loman was the world's oldest active scoutmaster and had received the Boy Scouts' highest

award, the Silver Beaver. He once said gratitude was his reward for the 60



Sidney Loman

years he devoted to scouting.

Loman was born in Rosebud, Texas, on Feb. 28, 1880, the 17th of 19 children. His father was a freed slave from Alabama; his mother a Creek Indian.



SHAWNA JOHNSON, Las Vegas High School graduate, recently received a scholarship from the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. She is planning to attend UNLV in the fall.

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In case of an electrical fire, unplug appliance or turn off electricity. Never pour water on a connected appliance — you may get electrocuted.

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Insurance Corner

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WHY YOUNG DRIVERS PAY HIGH RATES

This will not come as news. As a group drivers under 25 pay high insurance rates. Why? Because they cause more than their proportionate share of automobile accidents.

Here's some figures on this point. The under-25 group makes up 20 percent of the total driving population, but are involved in over 34 percent of all accidents. The young driver is twice as likely to have an accident as is the driver in the 35-45 age group which constitutes the next largest driving group in the country. Or to put it another way, 41 out of every 100 drivers under 25 are involved in auto accidents each year, compared with 19 out of every 100 drivers in the 35-44 age group.

Those higher rates, though, are like aspirin; they work on the symptoms, not the cause of the problem. The only way to reduce the rates and save lives, is to cut down on the number and severity of accidents in the under-25 group.

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