

Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Brown,

Too rarely, those who perform a public service are given little recognition for their good work. Newspaper editors and writers are surely among those who we take for granted.

During this National Newspaper Week (Oct. 10-16), we want to express our appreciation for your work in providing a forum for discussion on issues and events that shape our world, for reporting those happenings that affect our daily lives and for bringing our attention to events and trends that shape our future, primarily in the Las Vegas area. Your services bring light and order to an often dark and chaotic community.

The VOICE and SENTINEL perform great roles in Las Vegas. Thank you for providing these invaluable services to our community.

Sincerely,
Richard McWhirter, chairman
Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is
of North Las Vegas

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MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHTS PLANNED FOR LIBRARIES

The Clark County Library District, the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women will co-sponsor "Meet the Candidates Nights" at the Charleston Heights, Sunrise and Flamingo Libraries.

The first candidate forum will be held on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at the Charleston Heights Library, 800 Brush St. All district court judge, county commission, school trustee, state senate and assembly candidates have been invited to participate in these three programs. According to Margaret Quinn, president of the League, and forum moderator, "the programs have been planned

so that the candidates will speak at the library closest to their districts."

The second candidate forum will be held at the Sunrise Library, 1000 N. Nellis, on Monday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. with the third and final program to be held at the Flamingo Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

Quinn also indicated that each candidate will have approximately three minutes to make a brief statement on issues of interest to their constituents.

For further information about the candidate forum, call the participating libraries at Charleston Heights, 878-3682, Sunrise, 453-1104, or Flamingo, 733-7810.

Dear Editor:

Cancer incidence is increasing at alarming rates for Black Americans.

With this increase comes the need for public information and education. Now there is a free booklet sponsored by the National Cancer Institute written specifically for Black Americans. "What Black Americans Should Know About Cancer" answers many common questions about the disease and stresses the need for prevention, early detection, and prompt treatment of cancer.

The booklet has been carefully prepared and evaluated based on target audience interests and concerns and is available for immediate distribution.

The National Cancer Institute would appreciate your help in offering this free booklet to the public.

Your assistance in reaching the public with this important information is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Denniston
Office of Cancer Communications
National Cancer Institute
Bethesda, Maryland 20205

CANCER:

A public message from the National Cancer Institute concerning a new, free booklet — "What Black Americans Should Know About Cancer."

As cancer incidence increases among Black Americans, there is a growing need to provide information to the public at risk. This easy-to-read, 28-page booklet in question-and-answer form was written specifically for Black Americans and has been pre-tested and revised based on the target audience evaluation. The booklet stresses the need for prevention, early detection and prompt treatment of cancer and is aimed at the general public.

HOURS RESTORED AT CITY LIBRARIES

Operating hours at three city branch libraries of the Clark County Library District have been restored according to Charles Hunsberger, library director.

Both city and county branches sustained reductions in hours last year when the district system was hit by shortfalls in tax revenues. Since the city libraries are funded by a contract with the city of Las Vegas that were not affected by shortfalls, the hours have been restored.

Effective October 1, the Las Vegas Library, 1726 E. Charleston, and the Sunrise Library, 1000 N. Nellis, will again be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays instead of 1-5 p.m.

On October 3, the Charleston Heights Library, 800 Brush Street, will again be open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

The current hours will remain the same at Flamingo Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, and the West Las Vegas Library, 1402 "D" Street.

Editorial

The situation being faced by the Clark County School District and the University System is a very dreadful one. It appears that the educational entities in Clark County see putting several hundred people out of work at this time as the only remedy for their tax woes.

The tax shift proposed by Governor Robert List and enacted into law by the Nevada State Legislature has become an albatross around the necks of Nevada citizens. The tax "shift" has indeed become a tax "shaft" in which many employees have been shafted. People are losing their jobs, their homes, and all they have worked many years for.

One has only to look around and see the enormous amount of people who are out of work to realize that List's tax plan is not working.

The original plan was to shift the tax burden from the homeowner to those who visited Nevada through an increase in sales taxes which included an increase on food purchased in hotels, an increase on rooms, etc.

The general state of the economy has caused a reduction in the number of visitors to Nevada, thus state income has not been sufficient to meet the budgetary requirements.

We propose to teachers that they must take a good look at the situation before handing over complete control to the administration to make cuts in personnel as it sees fit.

Perhaps a slight across-the-board reduction in pay, say one or two percent, would cause two or three hundred people to be able to retain their jobs. The cuts would be miniscule compared to the burdens cast upon so many people affected by the personnel layoffs. At two percent, the average cuts would range between \$500 to \$600 a year for everyone. No one would be unduly hurt, and less people would have to join the growing unemployment rolls.

This is what America is all about. People helping people, with all doing their share in helping to relieve the mess our politicians have gotten us into.

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1032 West Owens Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
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Saturday, October 23, 1982
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Refreshments

Public Invited

Nevadans to vote on these questions

Here is a list of the other measures on the Nov. 2 statewide ballot:

Question 1 — Constitutional amendment to give property tax breaks for conservation of energy.

Question 2 — Constitutional amendment to guarantee the right to keep and bear guns.

Question 3 — Constitutional amendment to allow the state Legislature to authorize courts below the District Court level to defer and suspend criminal sentences.

Question 4 — Constitutional amendment to prohibit reduction of a life sentence without parole or death sentence to a sentence that would allow parole.

Question 5 — Constitutional amendment to adjust the boundary of the state so that parts of Nye and Lincoln and all of Clark counties would be included.

Question 6 — Constitutional amendment authorizing imposition of an estate tax no greater than the credit allowable under the federal tax.

Question 7 — Amends the Sales and Use Tax Act to allow a tax on materials used to manufacture a mobile home.

Question 8 — Constitutional amendment to exclude household goods and furniture from taxation.

Question 9 — Constitutional amendment to exempt all food, including food served in restaurants, from taxation.

Question 10 — Allows issuance of bonds for libraries.

Question 11 — Creates an office of consumer advocate for public utilities within the attorney general's office.

Question 12 — Initiative petition for a public utilities consumer advocate.