

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Uniting nations for a nuclear test ban

Over 30 representatives of peace and environmental groups met in Las Vegas to plan for an international meeting and demonstration entitled "Uniting Nations for a Nuclear Test Ban." Scheduled for Jan. 4-5, 1991, it will precede the amendment conference at the United Nations Conference for the Partial Test Ban Treaty in New York. The meeting will take place at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas and the demonstration will be held outside the Nevada Test Site, 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

International representatives of areas near nuclear testing sites around the globe are expected to attend the two day event. The conference in New York is expected to focus on amending the Partial Test Ban Treaty of 1963 into a comprehensive test ban.

"The timing of this meeting

and demonstration, and its location here in Las Vegas, will get the attention of world lawmakers and put pressure on our government to join in efforts to bring an end to nuclear testing," said Debra Richardson, American peace test organizer.

Recent polls published in the Las Vegas Review-Journal showed 58 percent of Nevadans believe nuclear testing should be halted.

"It is time that Nevadans join with people from around the world to demonstrate our opposition to nuclear testing," said Chris Brown, Citizen Alert coordinator. "Continued testing contaminates our environment, and our children will live with the consequences and the costs of cleaning this mess up."

For more information about the demonstration call 386-9834 or 648-8982.

### Famed driving school coming to Thomas & Mack

The famed BMW/Skip Barber Advanced Driving School is coming to the Thomas & Mack Center on Nov. 14-15. Chaisson Motor Cars, local distributor for BMW, is co-sponsoring the two-day school with BMW of North America.

The public is invited to watch as 40 drivers will be put through the paces on a course laid out on the Thomas & Mack parking lot. Well-known Las Vegas participating will include Mayor Ron Lurie, Councilman Arnie Adamson, Anchorman Gary Waddell of KLAS-TV, Sportscaster Ron Futrell of KTNV-TV, Bobby Baldwin, president of the Mirage Hotel and Casino, Rich Martin of KNUU Radio, and father and

son sponsors Jim Chaisson Sr. and Jr.

All participants will drive high performance BMW M3s in the school, billed as "serious fun," which stresses techniques that improve driving skills and enable drivers to respond quickly in emergency situations. Skip Barber's instructors will teach drivers vehicle dynamics, how to conduct "pre-flight" checks, skid control, braking, accident avoidance and adapting to weather conditions. They also emphasize the importance of using seat belts and shoulder restraints.

The school will start at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 14 and 15. Viewing will be open to the public at no charge.

### Holiday festival

The magic of the holiday season will come alive at Caesars Palace during the week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 20-25, when the resort welcomes the Second Annual Festival of Trees and Lights.

Visitors of all ages can browse through a forest professionally decorated for the holiday season. There will also be a gingerbread village, children's craft area, a craft store and a children's fun area.

Doors open at 10 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday, except Thanksgiving Day, when the festival begins at 1 p.m. Daily closing is scheduled at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 10 p.m. on Friday

and Saturday. All activities are scheduled in the Emperor's Complex in the Caesars Palace convention area.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for seniors and children 12 and under. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Proceeds benefit the Southern Nevada Down Syndrome Organization and the Transition Foundation (a public fund to promote and aid the employment of those affected by mental retardation).

For more information about the Festival of Trees and Lights phone the Southern Nevada Down Syndrome Organization at 387-1070.

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## Book theft treated as a serious offense



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Thieves beware - The bookstore tries to guard against thefts as well as buying back stolen texts.

by Shawn Black Snider  
Staff Reporter

School books are expensive, but their cost may entail more than just a monetary investment if they are not properly identified and protected.

If a book finds its way among the many that are stolen or "lost" each year, grades and time might be the added expense

for the loser, while at the same time proving profitable for someone else.

Public Safety Detective Sergeant Lonnie Barrett said this is exactly why book theft is treated as a serious offense and investigation and prosecution of every case is rigidly enforced.

"Most thefts occur at the end of a semester during the buy-back period," Barrett said. "Unfortunately, this is also a time when many students are in the most need of their books. We now have stream-lined our procedures and can usually wrap up a case in two to three hours."

There are at least five prosecutions a semester, resulting in convictions for possession of stolen property and obtaining money

under false pretenses. According to Barrett, these offenses, depending on the amount of money involved, can be deemed misdemeanors or felonies which sometimes involve time in jail.

Barrett explained that precautions should be taken so books don't become easy targets. If they

really great with this. They really are looking out for the students."

Nadine Purdon, manager of the Barnes and Noble Bookstore, said the store has at least two or three stolen books a month reported.

A computer system has been installed recently which will alert

a cashier whenever a reported title is brought in and will not allow the transaction to take

place without Purdon's approval.

"Nine times out of 10 we will go ahead and buy the book and then alert the police. There has been only one reported case in which the thief wasn't caught," Purdon said. "This can only work, however, if students are willing to fill out reports with us and the police."

The high cost of books means larger buy-back potential, making them an attractive target for a quick buck. According to Barrett, this is why there will always be some problem with book theft.

Students wishing to protect their investment shouldn't leave books lying around or they may have to pay for them a second time.

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