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## INTEREST RATES TO DROP

Under Secretary James L. Mitchell of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced that the maximum allowable interest rate for mortgages insured by HUD's Federal Housing Administration will be lowered to 8 percent, effective Monday, March 3, 1975.

The current rate, set January 21, 1975, is 8-1/2 percent.

The reduction in the maximum allowable interest rate was made possible by the growing availability of mortgage money and declining interest rates in the capital markets.

"We are pleased that increased flows of funds into our savings institutions and reduced mortgage interest rates have made possible the lowering of the FHA

rates," said Under Secretary Mitchell. "this is the third reduction of the FHA rate in four months and we are hopeful it will contribute to the rapid recovery of the housing industry."

The new 8 per cent rate was established after consultation with Richard L. Roudebush, Administrator of the Veterans Administration, who simultaneously announced a similar decrease in the maximum rate on VA guaranteed home mortgage loans.

## SEXUALITY AND THE LAW

To open serious discussion on the various elements of human sexuality and on to changing mores and how they coincide and conflict with state and local laws, the Clark County Library, with a grant from the Nevada Humanities Committee, presents **SEXUALITY AND THE LAW**, a six-part series held every Monday evening at 7 PM March 10th through April 14th in the Library Auditorium, 1401 E. Flamingo Road.

Lamar Marchese,

Program Director and Dr. Donald Carnes, Discussion Leader, have planned the series to revolve around a different aspect of sexuality each evening. Nationally known speakers, films, panel discussions, slides and music will be used to introduce the topics.

Sessions include discussion of Sex in Marriage and Otherwise, Sexual Learning: the Issue of Sex Education, Sex and the Media, Pornography, Raging Menace or Paper Tiger? and Sexual Deviance.

The series is free and open to the public.

## MAYOR GRAGSON PROCLAIMS GIRL SCOUT WEEK

March 9 - 15 is Girl Scout Week in the U.S.A. A proclamation, designating the week in Las Vegas was signed by Mayor Oran K. Gragson at a ceremony in his office in the presence of Vicki Myers, Junior Troop 374 and Susan Cole Junior Troop 36, Girl Scouts from Frontier Girl Scout Council.

Told this year marks the 63rd anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouts in the U.S.A., the mayor congratulated Girl Scouts on the organization's growth--from a tiny group of 18 girls in 1912 in Savannah, Ga., to its present membership of more than 3.3 million girls and men and women volunteers.

He said that "while this figure is impressive, the true growth of Girl Scouting can only be measured by the valuable self-development opportunities it gives to young people, and the improved quality of our community life that this has brought about."

He added that much of the credit for the fine record set by Girl Scouts over the years must go to "the men and women volunteers, and to the many business, labor, government, civic, religious, fraternal, educational, and service organizations that provide Girl Scouts with leadership, sponsorship of troops, meeting places, and financial aid.

The mayor called on all citizens of Las Vegas to join with Girl Scouts in their invitation to "Grow With Us," by continuing to support "this fine organization which has done so much for our youth and for our community."



Mayor Oran Gragson and Vickie Myers, Junior Troop 374.

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## DUNBAR CACHET

In connection with the commemorative stamp to be released May 1, honoring the American Poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, the Philatelic Journalist will issue a bi-colored cachet. The black and autumn cover shows a photograph of the famous poet, the days of his birth and death, and a description of his works. It will be franked with the new stamp and cancelled at Dayton, Ohio on the first day of issue.

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