



INVOLVEMENT - School Board Member, James Gay (left) and Assemblyman Marion Bennett (right) meet with Dr. Richard Brown (center), principal of Valley High School.

### GETTING INVOLVED

What's the best way for a school board member to keep abreast on issues concerning our schools and our children's education? Does the member just sit in on meetings and listen to the concerns as they are discussed? Does the member just read correspondence? These things are done, but the most fruitful means of being aware is to be directly involved in the school and community.

According to James "Jimmy" Gay, Clark County School Board member, one should be available to visit the schools occasionally and watch our educational system work. Gay further states that he plans to visit as many school sites as his calendar will permit prior to the election of new board members. Gay is the incumbent for District Seat C.

Presently, he has already made visitations to several of the District's schools, where he has been involved in installing PTA officers, talked with teachers about their concerns, surveyed students in regards to their educational needs, and talked with principals about many aspects of the school's operational entities. During his recent visit to Valley High School, Gay

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was very pleased at the leadership shown on the part of Dr. Richard Brown, principal, in striving to meet the needs of the student population.

If reelected, Gay plans to institute regular community meetings with concerned parents in District C for the purpose of airing their concerns about the educational program involving their children. He hopes to bring about more parental awareness of school board decisions by urging them to attend meetings of the school board and local schools.

Gay's main areas of concerns as a board member are:

- a) putting more emphasis on the three R's
- b) a fair cost of living increase in salaries for teachers
- c) smaller pupil - teacher ratio
- d) a vocational technical school located near the Cheyenne - Tonapah area of the community.

Having sent four children through the Las Vegas Public School System, Gay is well aware of the problems that are faced by parents. He stated that he would like to continue to serve District C as its representative on the Clark County School Board of Trustees.

#### District Parent Advisory Council

The monthly meeting of the Title I District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) of the Clark County School District will be held Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the Title I Office, located at 600 North Ninth St. All members or a representative from each Title I school are asked to be present.

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## EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK



"BLACK OR CREAM AND SUGAR?" -- That is Esther Neewson, from Roswell, New Mexico, now employed at the Silver Nugget as a 'coffee lady' in the very busy Bingo room where she has worked for six years. Esther has been in the Las Vegas area for 13 years and is the mother of 11 children, 7 boys and 4 girls. She is also employed by the CCSD and for the past seven years has been an Assistant Family Aide. Her job is working between the school and home. She is currently working three kindergarten schools. Talk about being involved, Mrs. Neewson is on the ball according to all who know her and she is a fun person to be around. --CREED

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