



Community Information

by Al Mitchell

Hello Las Vegas -- allow me to introduce myself. My name is Al Mitchell and I am from the great midwest, namely Lansing, Michigan. I have lived in the Las Vegas area for the past six years. For the last four and a half years I have been a Fireman with the Clark County Fire Dept. I would like to take the time to say thanks to the owner, Publisher; and the editor of the Las Vegas VOICE for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinions in their paper. Thank you Al and Dorinda.

Now! I wish to deviate the rest of my column to a couple of real hardworking ladies whom I recently had the pleasure to meet with and discuss some very positive solutions to a problem which is a real concern to us all. Teaching our young to grow!!

Patricia Davis, Administrative Director, and Del Rita Atkins, Program Director of the West Las Vegas chapter of the Campfire Girls. These two women come with an impressive background for getting things done.

Patricia Davis was recruited by the Campfire Girls organization to head up the West Las Vegas Chapter after they became aware of her dynamic abilities while she was working with the boys club. It was noticed she had a great potential in the areas of creating programs and activities that really benefited the young people and kept their interest.

After she had accepted the job as Administrative Director, she sat down and wrote a letter to a good friend of hers explaining her new job, and asking her friend, Ms. Del Rita Atkins, to come to Las Vegas and help out. Ms. Atkins is a crusader from back in the sixties, she enjoys working with people and knows how to bring about constructive change. Ms. Atkins, who comes here from Connecticut, served as president of a board which was created out of a program she submitted to a Federal Agency. Its purpose was to insure a decent housing standard for low income families. Before Del Rita's program, this job was handled by politicians who never did a thing outside collect pay checks and hush money. Del Rita's program did away with this practice and put the housing inspection program in the hands of the people who lived in the area. Right on, Ms. Atkins! By the way, that program still exists and is functioning.

I asked, "What are your goals with this program you are now involved in at Gerson Drop in Center?" They told me, "What we are trying to do is instill a sense of responsibility, a sense of pride in accomplishment, introduce new skills and vocations which are not normally available to black kids and teach a set of values that will carry over into the young peoples adult lives, that will make them responsible, productive, and self reliant."

"The next thing we want to know is what are you doing to bring all this about? "We took basic skills in art, such as watercolors, oil painting, drawing, and soon photography. We also teach the girls how to use power tools and make their own furniture. Some of our work was entered in the Youth Fair and we actually brought home some awards; and a great foundation for a sense of pride in accomplishment."

"The girls have been holding a bake sale at Herbert Gerson Center, in order to buy equipment for their softball team."

"O.K., that's fine. Now, what about participation and parental cooperation?" "That's fine too! During the winter months we usually had around ninety girls involved in the various programs; we also have a library and can offer help to any girl having trouble with home work. Here, everything is structured for the young people, and there is no goofing off. But, we believe they really need, and appreciate, what the staff is doing, because they keep coming back, and we hardly ever have a discipline problem or vandalism, which is kind of proof in itself. Oh, yes, we held a Mother and Daughter evening April 18, and about 25 mothers showed up, and we had a wonderful time."

Well, ladies, this certainly sounds good, and I'll bet you two will have plenty of success. Good luck, and Right On!!!

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CCCC Band

Just can't stop humming those march tunes and/or symphonies?

Then try out the Clark County Community College (CCCC) Band. Currently the band is conducting a membership drive and invites anyone who has or is presently participating in a musical group to join them.

Under the direction of H. Bruce Cummings, the band rehearses every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Band Hall of Roy Martin Junior High School, 2800 East Stewart Ave.

Anyone seeking more information concerning the Band can contact Toni Smith at 384-1741 or the CCCC Division of Community Services at 643-6060, extension 431.

UNLV

Counselors from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas will visit 12 local high schools May 1 through 17 to help seniors pre-register for fall classes at the university.

Alice Negratti, director of the University College Academic Programs, said faculty from each of the undergraduate colleges at UNLV will be on hand to assist students in gaining admission and in selecting their classes.

Last year, nearly 500 high school seniors took advantage of the early counseling, according to Negratti.

The counselors will distribute pre-registration booklets which answer many of the typical questions students have about college, she said.

The schedule of campus visits; Valley, May 1; Western, May 2; Chaparral May 3; Eldorado, May 4; Bishop Gorman, May 5; Clark, May 8; Las Vegas, May 9; Rancho, May 10; Boulder City, May 11; Basic, May 12; Bonanza, May 16; and Vocational-Technical Center, May 17.

SUMMER JOBS FOR YOUTH COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING ACT

The Clark County School District, in cooperation with the Las Vegas/Clark County Consortia, may be offering a summer job training program. All youth who feel that they meet the CETA Eligibility Criteria are encouraged to check their vocational preference and return the ad to their school counselor or the CETA Youth Office. The Clark County School District is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, creed, handicap, or national origin.

Eligibility Criteria: 14 - 21 years of age (must have birth certificate)
U. S. citizen or eligible for U. S. citizenship
Meet the poverty income level criteria or be a ward of the court or receive ADC

Poverty Level Criteria:

Size of Family	YEARLY INCOME
1	\$2970
2	4270
3	5860
4	7230
5	8540
6	9980

For family units with more than 6 members, add \$1440.00 for each additional member.

All candidates must show proof of income which will consist of any of the following:
 Copy of U. S. income tax for previous year
 Notarized affidavit
 Copy of Welfare card (Sammy)
 Social Security Benefit form (2458)
 Proof of military disability or death benefit
 Ward of Court letter
 Foster children automatically eligible in receiving state assistance (letter from Child Welfare required)

The CETA Youth Office, located at the Jefferson School on Lake Mead Blvd. and Hoover Street in North Las Vegas, has notary service available and will make copies of proof of income at no charge.

A. Courses which may be offered upon sufficient client demand are as follows.

1st	2nd	PLEASE CHECK FIRST AND SECOND CHOICE	Course offerings are for pre-vocational orientation.
___	___	Automotive, Tune up	___ Cosmetology
___	___	Automotive, Body work	___ Drafting
___	___	Basic Electricity	___ Food Service (fast foods)
___	___	Business Education	___ Gardening
___	___	Carpentry	___ Key Punch Operator
___	___	Clerical	___ Small engines (lawnmowers, etc.)
___	___		___ Tele-Communication
___	___		___ Upholstery
___	___		___ Welding
___	___		___ Other

B. I would prefer work experience in a governmental agency.

skill area _____ agency requested _____
 skill area _____ agency requested _____

C. I would prefer placement in a private agency (OJT).

skill area _____ type of agency _____
 skill area _____ type of agency _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION*

LEGAL NAME Last _____ First _____ MI _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS Street _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____ Last grade completed as of June 1978 _____

Last school attended _____ Number living in home _____ Income _____

*All information is confidential and will not be released to any other agency or individual without the written consent of the applicant or the applicant's guardian.

COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH PROGRAM
 642-7272

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