

## EOB News

David Hoggard, executive director with the Economic Opportunity Board reported that the EOB has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission to increase the output of its radio station, KCEP, to 50 watts.

The FCC should respond to the application in the next 60 days, Hoggard said.

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### EOB HAS 15TH YEAR CELEBRATION

The Economic Opportunity Board exhibited its tools against poverty this week during its 15-year celebration at the Las Vegas Convention Center, reported David Hoggard, executive director for the agency.

Skit presentations of the functions of several of the agency's programs were made. The most popular one was on energy conservation, which had been shown to more than 10,000 students in the Clark County School District.

The EOB was launched with one funded program, Neighborhood Youth Corps, and has now expanded to more than 40 programs. During these years the staff has grown from an initial group of six staff members to a present corps of 450.

With an annual budget of about \$5 million, it serves more than 4,000 low-income of Southern Nevada, Hoggard said.

### Senior Center

The Economic Opportunity Board presented to the North Las Vegas City Council, last week, a plan to build a ferro-cement dome-shaped Senior Multipurpose Center next to the EOB clinic and Rose Garden senior citizen townhouses. EOB submitted a request that the Council provide a place for it and pay for site improvements.

The body took the EOB request under advisement at the city council meeting in the City Hall Chambers, 2200 Civic Center Drive.

Clark County EOB executive director J. David Hoggard told the council that the facility would be constructed as part of a federal Department of Energy project to study energy efficiency in non-traditional structures.

The Child Find Project is continuing through the summer months in the search for handicapped individuals, age 0-21, who are not receiving educational services. The Child Find Project was developed by Clark County School District in 1977 to comply with Public Law 94-142. This law mandates that each school district develop a program to locate, identify and evaluate the educational needs of handicapped children not enrolled in a public school program. The project is funded through the State Department of Education with Federal monies received by the State to implement PL 94-142.

## School Warehouses Prepare For School

School is out, summer vacation has begun, schools are almost deserted but back at the Clark County School District warehouses work has accelerated to a frantic pace to prepare for the next school year.

Normally this would be a quiet time for warehouse workers but the District is experimenting with an innovative plan. Rather than wait for the end of this school year to order supplies and equipment for fall, schools placed their orders a few months ago. District purchasing personnel then ordered supplies from wholesalers and dealers and now trucks are rolling in loaded with tons of materials. This plan took advantage of the normally slow period for suppliers too. Other school districts are waiting until July to order their supplies and manufacturers' warehouses are still fully stocked. Therefore, CCSD orders can be completely filled avoiding backorders or partial shipments.

Of course, with all these filled orders being delivered, the CCSD warehouses are brimming to the rafters. And to complicate matters further, this is the time of the annual inventory.

So all the incoming supplies, approximately \$2 million worth, are stored in specially designated holding areas until they can be routed to the individual schools.

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Child Find Consultant Psychologist, June Baker, states that since September, 1977 over 800 individuals have been referred to Child Find. Six hundred and sixty individuals have received diagnostic evaluation by the Child Find team of specialists in the fields of education and mental health.

Child Find has as its first priority to provide service to handicapped children of school age who are not receiving educational services. Due to the public awareness campaign initiated by Child Find through the media alerting parents to the rights of handicapped children, only a few such

cases are now found. However, many handicapped pre-schoolers are still being located who need early educational intervention to prevent further developmental delays.

Clark County School District provides pre-school programs for 3 and 4 year old children who have visual handicaps; hearing impairments or who are mentally handicapped, as well as infant Stimulation Programs for the sensory impaired. There are other programs in the community for pre-school children with language delays, behavior disorders or physical handicaps. The Child Find consultant

works closely with community agencies such as Special Children's Clinic, Desert Development Center, Easter Seals and Children's Behavioral Services to obtain needed services for the handicapped children.

Child Find also provides diagnostic services for handicapped children who have recently moved into the growing Las Vegas area and who cannot succeed in a regular school program. Diagnostic evaluations and placement recommendations are made by the Child Find diagnostic team to facilitate these children's placement in appropriate special education. Otherwise,

these children might not obtain appropriate placement for some time as the parents may not know who to contact.

Baker encourages parents of pre-schoolers or other suspected handicapped individuals who did not attend a Clark County school last semester to contact the Child Find office this summer. A diagnostic evaluation and recommendation to the parents as to appropriate educational services will be made.

Anyone who knows of a suspected handicapped child not receiving educational services should contact June Baker at 385-5070.

## Jury Method Studied

Zel Lowman, court administrator for the District Courts, recommended to the 12 District

Court Judges he serves that they approve abandonment of the voter list

for 1981 jury selections.

Clark County jurors now are selected from only two lists — driver licenses and voter registration. The judges are currently studying the proposal to

drop the voter list completely.

The report estimated the 18 and over population in Clark County as 390,000, with 102,469 of these voters and 297,070 drivers.

## Candidates Increase

As of the weekend, 39 candidates have filed for elective office, according to Clark County Election officials. The report noted that this included all of those candidates who have not filed a month before the candidate filing deadline.

Four years ago, when a comparable election was last held, 37 candidates had filed for office one month before the close of filing.

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