

# Education

## CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

### Becky Ward Wins Contest

BECKY WARD, seventh grader at J. D. Smith Junior High School, recently won first place in her grade level in the Clark County American History contest sponsored by the Valley of Fire Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her winning theme was on the subject, "What My American Citizenship Means To Me."

### Ruddell Takes Speech Win

KEVIN RUDELL, 12th grade student at Rancho High School, won first place for his grade level in the recent Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest sponsored by the North Las Vegas Rotary Club. The 12th grade second place award was won by Melanie Funk, also a Rancho student.

Eleventh grader at Rancho, Sarah Smith, took third place for her grade level.



**BALLOON LAUNCH** — Students of the Lewis E. Rowe Elementary School recently launched 700 balloons proclaiming Nevada Reading Week. Each balloon was sent aloft with a personal message, a list of books read and the student's name and school.

### New Guidelines For Free Meal

The Clark County School District Food Services Department has announced that the State Department of Education has mandated new income guidelines for free and reduced price meals as directed by the federal government.

These new guidelines include a standard deduction which replaces all hardship deductions.

Students with applications on file who are now receiving assistance

need not submit a new application as their current one will be reevaluated and their parents will be notified on an individual basis of any change in status.

New students, or students seeking assistance for the first time this school year, will be required to complete an updated application showing the new guidelines. These applications are being printed and will soon be available in the schools.

For more information, call your child's school office.

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### 11th, 12th Graders Win Essay Honors

THE 11TH GRADE AND 12TH GRADE first place honors in the Clark County American History essay contest was won by Kristi Larsen and Gary Gardecki, respectively, both of Rancho High School.

## CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PREJUDICE AND THE ARTS

Special to the SENTINEL

The coach doesn't

Blacks Sure, they are the enemy, concludes these men.

By Charles Supin

watch basketball much anymore. When asked why not, he tells them, "It's not a white man's game anymore."

Well, almost all of these men. One of the players has seen through to the truth of the matter. They won that championship season not by their own skill, but by the fact that they injured a star Black player from the other team. This then is the lie which they have had to live with for these twenty years.

Someone asked me why did I chose the play "That Championship Season" as my first project as a director? Let me answer.

This tough and well written play speaks to many issues within the human condition, and one of these issues is the causes of prejudice.

What causes prejudice? We all know that it is a human condition that makes people behave inhumanly. But how does it come about?

Playwright Jason Miller looked at these questions, and I as director have attempted to bring them to life through the creativity of five sensitive actors.

The story of the play is simple. Four of the five members of a winning basketball team come to the coach's home every year for a reunion. This is their twentieth reunion.

Times have changed for all of these men. The ex-players are moving into their middle ages and they are scared. The coach never had another winning season so he clutches these men in a desperate need to clutch the past.

This is his frustration, and this is his anger about a world which has in many ways passed him by.

More fundamentally he has lost power, as have the other men at this reunion. They are prejudiced against the Italians, the Polish, the Jews and the Blacks, and in the course of the play they express their feelings in strong ways, with cutting language.

Prejudice, this play seems to be saying to me, is related to a breakdown of power — a crucial idea.

Those who feel powerless, as do these men, are usually those who need power the most, especially if they think they only had it as kids on a high school basketball team.

They need power and they seek it no matter at whose expense.

Prejudice is always in need of an object, a victim. It is too painful for these men to look at themselves with honesty. No, they find it easier to lash out at others — blame the other guy, the Jews, the

This is the stuff of powerful drama. It is as way through art of exploring their deep feelings and to discover how these men found prejudice a convenient way of dealing with their unhappy lives.

The reason why I love the theatre is because it can speak to these human conditions which affect all of us.

If this play helps us to discover the causes of prejudice well, maybe, just maybe we will have a better chance of righting the wrongs in society. Maybe, just maybe.

This play makes us "whites" squirm because of its need to face lies with truths, truths about ourselves which must be faced,

Theatre is a powerful medium for getting us to face this truth.

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