

Education

MEDICAL SOCIETY INITIATES PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Charles I. West Medical Society, under the leadership of its president, Angela W. Clarke, M.D., started a program that last week saw 23 high school juniors, spend a week at the UNR Medical School, where they began learning what it's like to become a doctor. The program was supported by a grant from the medical school which gave the students mini-medical courses covering the first two years of medical school.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the students will be given a mini course of the clinical years here in Las Vegas, where members of the West Medical Society will take them on hospital rounds and tours of doctors offices and culminate in a luncheon at Dr. Darryl Smith's home. The plans are to assign each student to a minority physician in this area to continue his interest in medicine with actual patient contact.

The need for such a program was perceived by the West Medical Society, when it was



Angela W. Clarke, M.D.

pointed out that no minority student has been graduated from UNR School of Medicine in all the years of its existence. When Dr. Clarke confronted the new dean of the medical school with this fact, Dean Daugherty immediately arranged to meet with the members of the West Medical Society and the minority action program was started.

It is hoped that as word of the program spreads, there will be a

larger number of students participating in the program next summer.

Dr. Clarke is president-elect of the Clark County Medical Society and hopes to start several other programs along this line in the coming years.

High School Committee Chairmen for the West Medical Society are Dr. Beverly Neyland and Dr. Joseph Thornton, while the College Committee Chairmen are Dr. Ken Westfield and Dr. Chris Rogers.

Black Firefighters Sponsor Free Blood Pressure Screening

On Saturday, August 13th the professional black firefighter's of Las Vegas and the professional black firefighter's of Clark County will sponsor a free blood pressure screening at the Nucleus Plaza, 900 West Owens Avenue.

The screening will be from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Again, this service will be provided free to the general public.

For more information contact Jesse Scott at

646-4059 or Larry Powell at 642-1848.

Advanced First Aid Class Offered

Everything that you always wanted to know about first aid, from how to fix a scraped knee to how to deliver a baby in an emergency, will be taught in an Advanced First Aid class to be offered by the Clark County Chapter, American Red Cross, beginning August 2.

For information on

ARC Offers Disaster Relief Training

Interested in learning more about disaster and how you can get involved in disaster relief efforts in your community?

The Clark County Chapter, American Red Cross is offering a fall series of training classes, which begin on September 7, 1983.

For further information and to preregister, please call your Clark County Red Cross at 384-1225.

how to enroll in the course, which lasts 60 hours, call your Red Cross at 384-1225.

CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

American Welding Society Awards Scholarship

The American Welding Society's Nevada Section 135 has awarded a semester's scholarship to CCC student Rick Stephens of North Las Vegas.

The \$170.00 tuition paid scholarship was

earned by Stephens as a result of a Welding Quality Test competition held at the College's Henderson campus in May.

Welding instructor Jim Stacy, in

cooperation with the American Welding Society, monitored the second annual competition. Stephens was also awarded membership in the American Welding Society due to his achievement.

MASONS INITIATE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

By Ray Willis

A community-based youth program, primarily aimed at helping Black youth to gain employment, is officially open and now accepting applications from interested youth. Funded initially with a \$10,000 Federal Grant approved by the City of North Las Vegas, the program is operated by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and is headquartered at the Masonic Lodge, 2700 Colton Street, North Las Vegas.

tensive list of credentials, including involvement with the City Spirit Culture Program of the City of Las Vegas. She is also a columnist



Maudra Jones

for the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice newspaper and an underwriter for radio station KCEP-FM.

"There is no question that Maudra is capable of carrying out the program under our direction," Nelson stated. "We are elated to get someone of her caliber to run the program and work directly with the youth who will be involved."

The primary thrust of the program will be youth employment. Nelson said jobs will be stressed because there's about 40% unemployment rate among black youth. "The Program," he added, "will also concern itself with job placement, follow-up and development of a support system to aid youth once they have become employed.

Although many of our youth learn at an early age how to find a job, very little emphasis, if any, is placed on actually keeping a job," he said.

There is no age limit on youth who may wish to enroll in the Program; however, Nelson is quick to point out the Program's emphasis and its priorities. Those include: focusing particularly on youth during the last two years of High School, and youth whose parents earn between \$12,000.00 and \$15,000.00 annually.

"Kids whose parents fall within this income category are barely outside the poverty level, but do not qualify for any type of assistance. But it's obvious that they do need support. We are focusing on youth during the last two years of High School because these are the youngsters who will soon be faced with having to make a living themselves. We want to provide them with some options so they can make life decisions—now!"

According to Nelson, the Program is open to anyone who wishes to become affiliated. "No one will be turned away," he said. "If we can't help for some reason, we will make arrangements with the group or agency that can help that particular individual."

Nelson stated that an appeal will be made at various times in the future to employers, requesting that they hire youth who have gone through the Program.

A key element of the training session for youth is a series of workshops led by volunteer community leaders and professional people.

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CLESTER NELSON

Along with the announcement of opening, Most Worshipful Grand Master Clester Nelson also revealed the appointment of Maudra Jones as Program Administrator. Jones brings to the Program an ex-

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