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would be surprised to learn that the students participating in these classes actually build furniture of such a quality that their work competes and exceeds what is being done by craftsmen across the country. Besides the woods program at Clark, there are three classes for those students interested in drafting and architectural drawing. The skill level of these students prepares them for the job market. An auto mechanics program is offered emphasizing engine repair and maintenance. In the area of Business and Office Occupations, a student has a choice of preparing in a specialty area such as word processing or through their accounting, typing, office machines, office procedures, and office practice classes, learn the skills necessary for full time employment as a secretary.

Vocational home economics has advanced over the years and specialty classes in foods and nutrition, child care, clothing, family living, and home and interior design are available for those students who have the interest.

Two special programs offer added opportunities for those students interested in immediate employment. A program entitled Job Incentives for Nevada Graduates has been established to assist students who have special needs. They may have a need for acquiring a skill in interviewing, acquiring employment, and establishing a proper work ethic. These classes offer these experiences and will aid our students in the future in getting to know themselves and their potential.

The second class of special importance to Clark High School is their Distributive Education program. It is oftentimes referred to as DE, and emphasizes marketing, advertising, and sales. Clark High School is recognized as having one of the strongest DE programs in the state. The teacher of this program is Mr. James Hoffman, and with his classroom instruction, bolstered by a strong DECA leadership club, students are given a chance to work in the community starting at minimum wage while learning about the business world. The DE program at

Clark High School has provided trained employees for countless businesses in the Clark County community.

There is a variety to the vocational programs offered at Clark High School, and based upon student interest and potential of these programs, serve as an integral part of the total vocational education program in the Clark County School District. However, vocational programs are only as good as the product that they produce, and a capstone for Clark's vocational program is the work experience segment. Like DE, the program at Clark High School, titled Distributive

Occupations helps students obtain employment in their career field, and also earn high school credit for the work performed on the job.

Larry Olsen, principal of Clark High School, has been a strong advocate for vocational education, and stated that "It is important that the comprehensive high school offer vocational training programs for the students because over 50 percent of the students at Clark will not complete a college education and must be prepared for the world of work." He went on to say that "The trend nationwide is to provide more academic education and while I

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endorse this idea, vocational education cannot be overlooked. In Clark County, we are on the right track by building magnet or satellite schools, and I would like to see another one go closer to Clark for our students." Mr. Olsen continued by saying that as the job market changes, there needs to be an expanded emphasis for vocational education and that information should be provided our students as early as the elementary and junior high school years.

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often, if you desire). Try to relax and allow yourself to dream. Visualize your successes. Picture them in your mind's eye. With your eyes closed, imagine that you are looking at a movie of yourself doing everything that you ever dreamed of doing. Dedicate yourself to listening to the tape daily for at least three weeks to three months. (Longer if you wish), the more you listen to this motivational message, the more significant will be the improvement in yourself. When you combine the

tape with the physical changes in your lifestyle, indicated earlier, you will be amazed. You will feel, behave, react and think the way that you desire. And, you will have taken charge of your own life.

It is not necessary to read a horoscope, join a club that asks you to pay them to organize your life or consult a fortune teller. You need only to follow the guide presented in this and other columns to do it yourself. Remember this important point: What happens in and with your life is essentially in your hands. After receiving advice from others, you must make the ultimate decision about whether or not to accept it.

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