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were ever concerned about the impact that education has on American youth, that concern could be quickly and easily dismissed by spending a few minutes on this campus with you and the staff.

Please extend my appreciation to all of those with whom I had an occasion to visit, and accept these complimentary thoughts. Your school community can be justly proud of its school, the teachers, and the work that I observed in each of the classrooms. The students can be proud of their achievement. You need to take pride in the atmosphere and purpose that I saw throughout my visit.

Sunrise Acres Elementary School is vibrant, exciting, and creative. Your special programs could serve as a model for districts across the nation, and soon will house the Professional Development Center for the Northeast Zone.

My visit was memorable. I only hope that others will take the same opportunity to visit not only a place of learning, but a place of caring, sharing, and dedication to the youth of your community. A place where education is spelled excellence.

Sincerely,
Marshall Darnell

Christmas Trees Still Available For Cutting

The Las Vegas District of the Bureau of Land Management would like to remind those wishing to cut a Christmas tree on BLM administered lands, that there is still time to use the mail-in application process to receive your cutting permit.

To use the mail-in process, simply pick up an application at a 7-Eleven food store in Clark County or come into the Bureau of Land Management's Las Vegas District Office at, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, and pick up the application.

Mail the application to BLM Caliente Resource Area Office, P.O. Box 237, Caliente, Nevada 89008. Enclose \$3 (check or money order) for each tree, and your permit and map showing the cutting areas, will be mailed to you. Allow four to five days for return tags.



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environment. Our next task would be then to develop a plan which would help the child overcome this barrier and succeed in school.

One group of individuals that serve in a unique capacity in the identification of potential problems is our school counselors. In our elementary, junior and senior high schools, we have employed individuals who are trained to work on individual and group basis with our students in a number of areas. These specialists are dedicated to helping our students through a series of activities which include class schedule development, career exploration and personal and social counseling. Coping with the many problems faced by our youth of today, and serving as a friend who can provide information about vocations, careers, and peer pressure, are just a few of the topics which might be covered in a counseling situation. Our counselors work to identify potential scholarships and grants for graduating students, and assist students in obtaining acceptance at colleges and universities across the nation.

There are so many activities conducted by these individuals that the list would be too lengthy to cover their entire job description here. Parents can find a quick reference when they call the school counselor and ask about any problems or successes that their son or daughter may be having. One very important contact person at our schools where counselors are employed is the schools' guidance staff member. Let me encourage you, as a parent, to ask your child about their counselor and to take advantage of this service offered by the Clark County School District. With the current ratio of students to counselors, there will not be a lot of time spent with our students by any one counselor unless there is a need, and then you will see these people do their utmost to resolve problems. Counselors may make a referral to the nurse, the social worker, the school psychologist or any one of a number of specialists employed in our district.

You can see that many of our areas of concern for our child's schooling may be brought to the school counselor and the answers or solutions to our concerns can

HUD officials warn home sellers of scam

Local officials of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have issued a warning concerning a scheme to defraud homeowners who are trying to sell their homes themselves.

Jack Yamagata, deputy manager of the HUD office in Las Vegas, explained that the scheme usually involves a "buyer" who approaches a homeowner, offering to get him out of financial trouble by promising to pay mortgage payments, or promising him a large sum of cash when the property is sold.

"This 'buyer' often suggests that the homeowner move out immediately and give the title of the property to the 'buyer' via a quit-claim deed. Or, the 'buyer' offers to let the homeowner stay in the property as a renter, or rents it to someone else," he said.

The 'buyer' collects monthly rent, but does not file the quit-claim deed with the county recorder, does not make any mortgage payments, and allows the lending institution to foreclose," Yamagata explained.

Though homeowners believe they will avoid possible foreclosure by signing over the property to the buyer, in the end they have lost everything except any small down payment from the buyer.

Warnings signals for such a scam include a tendency by prospective buyers to take a quick look around the house and make an offer right away, without close inspection of the property. The buyer usually does not put up money, or a small amount of money, and promises more when the house is resold.

HUD officials suggest that ways to avoid being victimized are to:

Check any deal involving your home mortgage with a lawyer or your mortgage company.

Try to obtain references and credit information from anyone who offers to bail you out of financial trouble.

be arrived at right here. Here is a group of support specialists who can aid in the education of our children. We need to take advantage of the services that they are so happy to provide. Counselors are making a difference in the Clark County School District, and by using them, we can make a difference for our youth.

New Youth Program Blazes Trail

A new program to help school age youth develop careers and find employment has registered remarkable success. The program, called Youth-Try-Out is sponsored by the Southern Nevada Employment and Training Program, the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, and various Las Vegas businesses, has placed 100 percent of youth enrolled in the program into jobs.

Bullocks Department Store, one of the employers participating in the program, has hired five youth trained in this program, and is currently selecting additional trainees. Ms. Priscilla Randebush, Personnel Director for Bullocks' Las Vegas store, stated, "This program has proven to be beneficial for both Bullocks and the youth. The enthusiasm shown by each student has been an asset to our company. We look forward to the continued use of this program. Bullocks of Las Vegas was a pilot program for all of our California stores and because of its success, this program is being utilized in all of our California stores."

All the youth served in this program were economically disadvantaged, some were minorities, potential school drop-outs, or members of families receiving public assistance. All of the youth participated in extensive workshops on work skills, motivation, attitude, and communication methods. Given assistance in career planning, each youth is also now attending Clark County Community College. Southern Nevada Employment and Training Program staff worked with each youth to assist them with educational grants as well as becoming prepared for work. Due to the success of this program, the number of youth to be served will be doubled.

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Community Lecture Focuses On Teenage Suicide

In a free program titled "From Depression to Suicide," Montevista Centre clinical experts will address behavioral problems in adolescents including signs of depression, suicidal warning signals and ways you can deal effectively with a potential suicide victim.

The lecture is particularly

timely since suicide is now the second leading cause of deaths in adolescents, and Nevada leads the country in suicide among teenagers and young adults.

The lecture is Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at The Montevista Centre. Seating is limited; please call 364-1111 to pre-register.

CCCC to hold drama auditions

Clark County Community College Theatre will hold open auditions for Marsha Norman's Pulitzer prize-winning drama, "night, Mother," to be directed by Brian Strom.

Auditions are Saturday, Dec. 14 from 3-6:30 p.m. in the CCCC Theatre, Room 1201. Rehearsals will begin after the Christmas holidays with performances scheduled for Feb. 14, 15, 16, 20, 21 and 22.

There will be castings for two females ages 30-65.

All auditions involve cold readings and improvisations. Dress comfortably, and have a one minute monologue flexibly prepared. A copy of "night, Mother" is on reserve in the CCCC library.

"night, Mother" focuses on a single night in the home of Jessie Cates and her mother, Thelma. Jessie has decided that the only positive thing she can do with her life is to end it.

"The thing that is exciting about the show is that it offers good roles for two actresses," says Strom. "The characters are revealed to us in very intimate terms, requiring that the actors be completely honest."

"This is a difficult play, because of the emotional challenge it entails. Actor concentration, commitment, and believability are essential to its success."

Strom received his

master's from Arizona State University and is project coordinator for the City of Las Vegas' Rainbow Company. He is a published playwright and the author of 12 produced plays. Among the shows he has directed are "To Kill A Mockingbird," "Oliver," "Odd Man Out," "The Wind In The Willows" and "Plaza Suite."

Strom is a past winner of the Glendon Swarthout Award for Fiction, a Winifred Ward Scholarship recipient from the Children's Theatre Association, and the 1984 Governor's Arts Award recipient for Literature in Nevada.

Clark County Community College Theatre is located at 3200 East Cheyenne Avenue. For further information, please call 643-9118.

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