

Firewood Cutting Permits Available Through BLM

Permits for gathering firewood on Bureau of Land Management administered lands in Clark and Lincoln Counties are now available through the Bureau of Land Management's Las Vegas District Office and the BLM's Caliente Resource Area Office in Caliente, Nevada.

Permits are valid for the month issued only. Clark County firewood harvest season runs from October 1st through December 31st.

Permits are issued for dead or downwood only in the Spring Mountains and are limited to one cord per family per season at a cost of \$12 per cord.

The BLM cautions that only a small quantity of firewood is available in the Spring Mountains, and harvesting enough to make up a cord will involve a lot of hard work and travel.

Firewood in Lincoln County is plentiful. Both dead and down greenwood may be harvested year long through permits issued by BLM.

Your Vote Counts:

Register To Vote

With Nevada ranking 49 among all states in the nation, one of the most extensive Voter Registration Drives in West Las Vegas is now underway and will continue through August 2. Our goal for West Las Vegas this year is 10,000 registered voters. And with Randy Williams working full time on our program, from our office, located at 1312 North "F" Street, Suite "B", Monday through Friday from 8-12 and 1-5, we expect to reach our goal. In just two weeks time, he has registered almost 50 voters.

Call our office at 647-0086 or 647-0088, and leave word when Randy can come to your home to register you and or your entire voting-age family members. You may also register to vote at our office during the times indicated above.

A team of ten persons went from door-to-door on Saturday, June 21 and registered more than 50 persons in the northwest section of West Las Vegas in just two hours.

Randy Williams and our office staff plan to register all persons of voting age in all the housing complexes in West Las Vegas. There are more than 1,000 units.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS! REGISTER TO VOTE NOW!

NLV house fire second in week

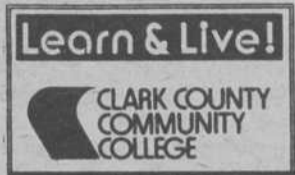
Fire destroyed a house in North Las Vegas on Sunday afternoon, less than a week after a blaze damaged more than half the structure.

Seven units responded to the fire at 2033 Balzar at 4:23 p.m., officials said. The attic was engulfed in flames and the building was destroyed before firefighters brought the blaze under control.

The house, owned by an investment firm, was unoccupied at the time.

A fire at the site last Monday damaged about 50 percent of the house, fire officials said.

Damage caused by the Sunday blaze is estimated at \$50,000. Cause of the fire is listed as suspicious and is under investigation.



Black achievement award winners named

The 1985-'86 Candace Awards for professional achievement were issued Thursday in New York City. Sponsor: National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Winners and their fields:

- Alabama: Selma: Rose Mary Sanders, Law
- California: San Jose: Bebi Thomas, Trailblazer (first black woman to win the World Figure Skating Championship)
- Georgia: Atlanta: Freddie Henderson, Business
- Illinois: Zion: Dr. Eloise DeLain, Technology
- Michigan: Detroit: Dr. Alexa Canady, Science
- New York: New York City: Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell, Arts; Gloria Naylor, Letters; Dr. Noll Painter, History; Susan Taylor, Communications; Dorothy Height, Distinguished Service; New Rochelle: Dr. Frederick Patterson, Trailblazer (founded United Negro College Fund)
- North Carolina: Concord: Dr. Mable Parker McLean, Education
- Pennsylvania: Philadelphia: Dr. Helen Dickens, Health;
- Pittsburgh: Malda Springer-Kemp, Labor.
- South Africa: Johannesburg: Leah Tutu, Humanitarianism

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HUD auction a huge success

LAS VEGAS — Last April, it took the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development only four hours to auction off 99 homes it had foreclosed upon.

The first auction experiment in the Las Vegas area was deemed a success, Tom Webster, manager of the local HUD office, said.

"HUD is probably the biggest real estate broker in town," Webster said. Right now, HUD holds \$56 million worth of property in southern Nevada as a result of foreclosures by lending institutions, which had extended the loans with the understanding they were insured by HUD.

When the buyer falls

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behind on payments, and the lender forecloses, HUD makes up the back payments to the lender and takes over care of the property.

HUD then becomes responsible for making future payments, averaging about \$600 a month. "If we

have 1,000 homes in our inventory each month, that costs the taxpayer about \$600,000 each month to carry it," Webster said.

Las Vegas, in proportion to its size, has a large inventory of homes that have been foreclosed upon.

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