

# Education

## Men's Softball Tourney

The City of Las Vegas Doolittle Community Center will be sponsoring their Men's Softball Open "B" and "C" Divisions Tournament. This double elimination tournament is U.S.S.A. sanctioned. Entry fee is \$125; deadline is 7 p.m. on July 18, 1986. Games will be played evenings from 6 to 11 p.m. For further information, contact Bobby McRoy or Carlos Mayes at 386-6375.

## Fall Fling Grass Volleyball Tournament

The City of Las Vegas Stewart/Mojave Sports Center is sponsoring a "2 on 2" Volleyball Tournament on August 30, 1986 at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$20 per team. Registration deadline is August 15, 1986. Tournament will be played at the Mojave Softball Field at 500 N. Mojave. For more information call the Stewart/Mojave Sports Center at 386-6563.

## Computer Serves As Fashion Consultant

A computer can even tell you what to wear!

Nevada Cooperative Extension programming now includes a new computer software package that helps determine styles of clothing best suited for a woman's figure, by entering 13 different body measurements into a computer.

*Your Ideal Silhouette*, the first software in the nation to determine styles of clothing according to body measurements, is being used by Margaret Bunker, Extension's clothing and textiles specialist.

Says Bunker of the new program, "Women often tell me of particular figure problems and their inability to find styles that make them look their best. There are other self-help figure analysis books and programs, but this software is the most comprehensive

program I've seen."

From the measurements entered, the computer determines necklines, skirt and jacket lengths, sleeve lengths and styles, accessories and other clothing suggestions best suited for that figure. The program also helps a woman understand her figure problems, how to camouflage these problems and how to accent her assets.

The reaction to the new figure analysis program is enthusiastic, says Bunker who teaches "dress for success" classes to women and men who seek advice on clothing styles.

"This program is excellent for women of all ages — not just career women — because very few people have a perfectly proportioned body. The program doesn't make a woman feel like she has to have the ideal figure, rather she learns to find styles she looks best in," says Bunker.

Women who would like to participate in *Your Ideal Silhouette* can call Bunker at 731-3130 to set up an appointment. The analysis is free and takes a half-hour. There is a five dollar fee to cover the cost of the "Personalized Wardrobe Planner," which each participant keeps as a guide to personal selections.

Adds Bunker, "Just because this is computer analysis does not mean that it is an exact science. There is room for individuality. Each participant has her own personal style and taste; now she can put together a better look from the ideas in the wardrobe planner."

A software package for men will also be available soon. Call Bunker for more details.



## Which Child Should Be The Favorite?

Which child should be the favorite? That is a question to which everyone knows the right answer. No child should ever be the favorite. They all should be treated equally.

Unfortunately, we don't always know when we are favoring one child over the other. We are simply unable to see ourselves when we smile approval at one child, while turning our backs on the other. If we could, we would certainly do whatever is necessary to make all the children know that we care about them equally.

Sharon Bell Mathis, in her book, *Teacup Full of Roses*, (Viking 1972), gives us a view of the age-old problem of favoritism and its inevitable consequences.

This is a compelling story about a black family with three sons, each one with his own special gift. The oldest son had artistic talent. He could "paint like a God." The middle son was an exceptional storyteller — a word craftsman. The youngest son was an outstanding scholar and athlete.

The artistic son, unable to get the training he wanted so that he could realize his own potential, began to believe that there was no way for him to survive in today's world. Though his talent approached genius, he believed that it was worthless.

This belief attacked his spirit in the same way that a virus attacks the body. Heroin became the medicine with which he attempted to cure his disease of discouragement and frustration.

The mother, trying desperately to save the fallen son, soon focused all her attention solely upon him, leaving the other sons to manage their own lives in the best way they knew how. Every member of the family became embroiled in a heart-rending struggle to help each other while trying to keep their own lives afloat. All of them were eventually pulled into the quicksand of the eldest son's defeat.

*Teacup Full of Roses* is a small book, only 125 pages, but it stirs up some great big questions.

Where do youngsters get the idea that their talent — even genius talent — is worthless? Are we unconsciously spreading that idea in our efforts to get high test scores?

What happens to those youngsters whose gifts cannot be measured by standardized tests? Are we throwing them into a "reject" pile? How does this affect the community as a whole?

*Teacup Full of Roses* warns us that we need to be watchful about favoritism. It is in the home; it is in the schools; it saturates the whole society.

None of us wish to have our youngsters feeling discouraged or without value. Discouragement can be dangerous. A feeling of worthlessness can be deadly.

## Annual Women's Softball Tournament

The City of Las Vegas Doolittle Community Center will be sponsoring their Annual Women's Softball

Tournament. There will be two divisions: "B" and "C." The tournaments are sanctioned by the U.S.S.A. This tournament will be played evenings only from 6-11 p.m. Entry fee for each division is \$115 per team. Deadline for entry fee is July 11, 1986 at 7 p.m. For more information contact Bobby McRoy or Carlos Mayes at 386-6375.

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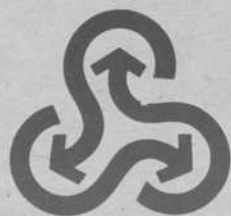
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