

McWilliams School Carnival on Oct. 30

McWilliams Elementary School, located at 1315 Hiawatha Road, will hold its annual School Carnival on Oct. 30, from 5-9 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the school Parent Teacher Student Association, will feature game booths, country store, pizza dinner and a 6 p.m. student parade of costumes.

The community is invited to participate in the many activities and attractions planned.

Henderson Secondary Schools Present Fall Concert

Henderson secondary schools, Basic High School and Burkholder Junior High School, will combine the musical talent of their students to present a free Fall Concert on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Basic High School Little Theatre, 400 Palo Verde.

This is the first time the two schools have produced a combined program. The purpose is to develop a stronger tie between the two schools and to involve more of the Clark County community in the musical activities in the Henderson schools.

For additional information, call Basic High School at 799-8000 or Burkholder Junior High School at 799-8080.

Free Brass Instrument Clinic Offered

A free brass instrument players clinic will be held for student musicians in elementary through high school grades on Sat., Oct. 25, from 2-4:30 p.m. in the Garside Junior High School Band Room located off the rear parking lot at 300 S. Torrey Pines. Charlie Davis, Frank Sinatra's personal trumpet player, will join many top Strip musicians in giving guidance and instruction to the student who need not bring their instruments.

Halloween Party for Mentally Retarded

Southern Nevada Mental Retardation Services invites all mentally retarded citizens of Clark County to its Fifth Annual Halloween Costume Ball on Saturday, October 25 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Bonanza High School.

Come enjoy free carnival booths, dancing contest, refreshments and a costume contest.

CHILD WATCH

By Marian Wright Edelman
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Children and Creativity

"I found this person from within/and quietly let it speak," writes youngster Denise H.

Like many foster children, her "person within" is in pain. But Denise and dozens of other children in New York's Foster Care System have found a creative outlet for their emotions and experiences in poetry, drawings, and stories. Their creative work, collected in a new book titled *Two Hands* that was recently published by New York City's Human Resources Administration, "quietly speak" to us of what it means to be young, poor, confused, wounded, hopeful, lonely, and many other things. Their art is healing for them and enlightening for us.

Some of the work reflects on where these youngsters have been, and the experiences -- often involving abuse or neglect in the home -- that they have survived. "Why am I here/to stop the hurt of home" writes 15-year-old Tonia G. "Mama's gone again/An' I'm worrying 'bout the bruises on my skin," writes Monique L. Lourdes B. describes "the way it is/away from home is/not having that most/important thing which no/one but you parents can replace/and that important thing is LOVE..."

Mingled with the children's regrets is gratitude to their new home, their foster parents and

teachers. "My favorite place is/my house/there is a beautiful rainbow/inside my house," writes Juan. "I like this home. This home is one of the best 'I've ever been to (sic) and I like my foster parents." "I miss my real father and mother," says third grader Danette. Daphne writes that "I was never loved like a child is supposed to be. You gave me love like a child is supposed to have."

As children always do, they perceive their surroundings clearly and describe them vividly. "I see landscape with a fence around it/Fallen rubble, abandoned buildings/Broken glass and garbage/kids running through the wreckage," writes Gary B. about the South Bronx. "The pushers, the pimps, and the night vermin seemed to revolt against the rise of the new born sun," writes Irving S. "The man got you pregnant/now he's on the go/you turn the welfare, you and your child...Your baby's crying with no food/to eat," writes Tyeas G.

The children see the realities but remain hopeful for the future. Most write of their hope to make a home and a happy life for themselves. "My goal in life is to finish school," writes Edward T. "Someday I will have a fine wife and nice children." Curtis W. plans to "get a good job and live in a nice house with three children and a boat."

Halloween Mini-Walk Parade

Each year, the March of Dimes conducts a Mini-Walk for all Pre-schools and Day Care Centers (however, a child does not have to be in a day care center in order to participate). This year, the Halloween Mini-Walk Parade will be held on Saturday, October 25, 1986, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Rotary Park, West Charleston and Hinson Streets. The Mini-Walk is a small version of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica fund-raising effort, giving preschool children an opportunity to help the fight against birth defects.

Pheobuis T. wants "to see myself rich in kindness."

Too often children who have so much to say -- children who have experienced loss or difficulty or economic disadvantages -- are the least likely to be able to have an opportunity for self-expression. We can encourage all our children to write and paint and act by supporting the cultural activities in our community, and by encouraging each child we know to pick up a pen or a paintbrush or drawing pencil. The results, as in this moving book can be remarkable.

Funds raised for the March of Dimes are used for research into the causes and treatment of birth defects, the nation's number one child health problem. Each year more than 250,000 babies are born with physical and mental defects.

The object of this Walk is to encourage children at child care centers along with their parents to get sponsors for each checkpoint or for the entire walk. Then, a representative from the child center brings the sponsor sheet and all monies with them on Saturday, October 25, 1986 to the Walk. We will send out awards and certificates to the individual child care centers after the Walk. We will also offer incentive prizes to centers with the most participants and monies raised for this worthy cause.

Since the theme this year is Halloween, we will encourage participants to dress up as their favorite characters. This is a safe, fun way for parents to celebrate this festive occasion during daylight hours with no risk. We will have several check points throughout this walk where we will hand out gifts, fruit and treats to each participant

President Reagan Honors JSU Science Efforts

Jackson State University has received national recognition from President Ronald Reagan regarding the University's science and technology consortium with the Ana G. Mendez Foundation and the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory (LBL).

In ceremonies held recently at the Old Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C., President Reagan presented JSU President James A. Hefner with a plaque in recognition of "an exemplary alliance program that has significantly enhanced the academic and research capabilities of black scientists and engineers."

who passes. We will, at the registration, hand out trick-or-treat bags to hold these goodies. Punch and cookies will be available at the end of the walk. This will not be a long walk, we will take all safety precautions to insure nothing but fun, and, again, this day of fun will help us to make possible the day when all babies will have the chance to be born healthy.

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