

# OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND AT JOB EXPO 3

SAN MARCOS — "Competition is tough and students are facing the tightest job market I've seen in my 19 years in the college placement business," reported Bob Jenkins, director of the Southwest Texas State University Career Planning and Placement Center.

That only increases the important opportunities offered to college students and recent graduates at the third annual National Minority Expo for Career Job Opportunities (Job Expo 3) April 9 and 10 in Strahan Coliseum on the SWT campus. The first day will feature business and industry employers while the second hosts education and governmental agencies.

Jenkins said employers are telling him the expo is the most cost effective way they have of recruiting. As a result, Jenkins has only a limited number of booths available for the opening day and has posted a "no vacancy" sign for the second day of the event.

Already the list reads like a "Who's Who" of major U.S. corporations including J.C. Penny Co., Macy's West, State Farm Insurance, Xerox Corporation, Union Pacific, First Gibraltar, USAA, Dow Chemical USA, K-Mart and Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. to name a few.

Jenkins reports that he has started a waiting list for school districts wanting to recruit teachers at the expo. Sixty school districts stretching from Virginia

Beach, Va., to Anitoch, California, have signed up for April 10. Also expected on the second day of the expo are 30 govern-

mental agencies from both the state and federal level.

"The companies are aware of the number of students we

had here last year. It's by far the largest minority job expo when it comes to just student numbers," he noted.

Last year over 5,800 students from all across the nation participated in the expo.

"Employers are holding back

hiring people to fill certain jobs until they get to the expo. This includes full-time jobs as well as summer jobs and internships," Jenkins said.

To help out-of-town students attend the expo, SWT will provide limited free housing on a first come, first served basis. In addition, all San Marcos motels are offering room discounts for employers and students attending Expo 3, but it's up to the students and employers to let the front desk know they are in town for Expo 3.

Continental Air Lines, a co-sponsor of Job Expo 3, will again offer students attending Expo 3 as much as a 70 percent discount.

Media co-sponsors for the expo are the San Antonio Express-News, KENS TV (Channel 5 - San Antonio) and KVDA-TV (Channel 60 Telemundo - San Antonio.)

Even though Expo 3 targets minorities, it is open to any graduating senior or recent graduate of any college and university in the nation.

For more information on Expo 3, contact the Career Planning and Placement Center at (512) 245-2645.

## CONFERENCE TO HELP BOOST PARENTING SKILLS

Parents looking for ways to improve their relationship with their children will find some help — along with assistance for other parenting problems — at the seventh Parent Pride conference Saturday, March 28, at Eldorado High School.

Parent Pride is a half-day seminar featuring topics of interest to today's parents to help them increase their effectiveness as parents and provide them an opportunity to network with other people facing similar situations.

"Classes are offered for almost every other topic, so why not parenting," said Janet Coombs, Parent Pride chairwomen. "When you think about it, parenthood is a demanding role, but little is done to help prepare people for it. And parenting is becoming more difficult because kids are under so much more pressure than they were years ago.

"This provides parents an opportunity to brush up on their parenting skills and pick up some new ones," Coombs said. "What often happens, parents are reassured that they're doing a pretty good job after all. Either way, parents who have attended find it a productive way to spend the morning. Many come back

to take more classes."

Participants select three sessions from the many to be offered that morning. Among the most popular sessions are "Something else to do — besides screaming, yelling and sending them to their room" and "Encouragement: the key to motivation."

Other topics include step-parenting and single parenting, gangs and self esteem. Several sessions will be offered in Span-

ish.

Parent Pride kicks off at 9 a.m. that day, with registration beginning at 8:15 a.m., at Eldorado High School, 1139 N. Linn Lane.

The conference concludes about 12:30 p.m. Free child care will be available at nearby Stanford Elementary School, 5350 Harris Ave.

Brochures on the conference are being sent home with elementary students and are also

## UNLV HOSTS ITS ANNUAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

The UNLV Student Health Center and Student Health Advisory Committee will be co-hosting the fourth-annual Health Awareness Day on Wednesday, April 1, 1992, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will be held in the ballroom of the UNLV Moyer Student Union.

Southern Nevada's health organizations will provide information on issues such as AIDS, unplanned pregnancies, nutrition, and other such important health issues faced daily.

The objective is to promote positive concepts to the community by providing: free health information; free or low cost tests

for health maintenance; educational opportunities; and networking with health professionals and organizations.

This is a free event open to UNLV students and the public. Tests will be made available at a minimal fee. All workshops will have a fee attached.

For more information call Ray Rodriguez, Health Educator at UNLV Student Health Center. 739-3370.

## SENIORS UPDATE DRIVING SKILLS AT DOOLITTLE SATELLITE CENTER

Pre-registration is required for people 55 and older to attend "55 Alive," AARP's two-day refresher driving course at the Doolittle Satellite Senior Center, 1902 N. "J" Street.

The course is offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 12 and 13.

The course is designed for drivers who experience age-related physical changes, such as declining perceptual skills. Highlights include a "rules of the road" review, local driving hazards and accident-prevention measures.

All automobile insurance companies in Nevada provide premium reductions to graduates of "55 Alive."

Payment will not be accepted at the door. An \$8 check made out to "AARP/55 Alive" should be sent to the following address: P.O. Box 27223, Las Vegas, NV 89126.

Classes are limited to 30 people.

For more information and to sign up call 229-6601.

## STAY IN SCHOOL

## NEW SAFEKEY SITE

The City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Leisure Activities takes great pride in announcing the opening of their newest Safekey site; Kermit Booker Sixth Grade Center, 227 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., has been added to the growing number of over 90 sites county-wide. The new site will not only accept students from Sixth Grade Center, but students grades K - 5, in neighboring elementary schools can also register for the program. Transportation to the new site from neighboring schools will be provided by the Clark County School District. The program will run weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and correlate with the School District calendar. For a weekly fee of \$25, students can receive assistance with homework, a recreational period, and a nutritional snack.

Safekey is the before-and-after-school recreational/enrichment program administered by the City of Las Vegas, and designed to assist working parents with child-care needs.

Call 229-6297 or 646-9046 to register.



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