

## HOMework HOTLINE KICKS OFF THIRD YEAR

Students puzzled by a math problem, perplexed by a rule of grammar or panicked by a science question may again find help by dialing the nearest telephone.

Homework Hotline, a program offering after-school assistance to students who need help with their studies, begins its third year on Monday, September 28. It will continue through May 20, 1993.

Phone lines are open from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with some questions responded to live during the Homework Hotline television show that airs from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. all four days. The television show has been expanded this year to Monday through Thursday; last school year, it aired Tuesday through Thursday.

Homework Hotline may be reached by calling 799-5111.

The Homework Hotline television show can be seen on Channel 10's closed circuit network to schools at after-school Safekey sites, and on Prime Cable Channel 31 through a special agreement with the cable company. A popular feature of the show, "Problem of the Day," in which the first student to call in with the correct answer to the day's question wins a \$10 gift certificate, will continue this year.

"We are excited about beginning our third year of making a difference for our students and helping them finish their homework," said Joyce Woodhouse, director of the School-Community Partnership Program, which coordinates Homework Hotline. "We know by the number of calls we receive that students find this to be a valuable and helpful service."

Students may receive assistance in any subject for any grade level, but about 80 percent of the calls concern math questions, ranging from first-grade addition to high school trigonometry and pre-calculus. Only English and math questions, however, are answered on the television show.

Four teachers—two English teachers and two math teachers—and one teacher coordinator are on hand to respond to questions. They are assisted by eight student workers. New this year, hotline staff will have access to a computer programmed with various reference materials such as a dictionary and atlas. Also on hand are textbooks used in Clark County School District classrooms.

Homework Hotline is made possible through the School-Community Partnership Program in cooperation with Prime Cable, which provides one hour of free air time Mondays through Thursdays, and Channel 10, which provides the studio, staff and equipment at no charge.

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listened," Linda Wallace recalled. "He didn't yell or cuss. He treated them like they were his own kids. It was fantastic."

It was also clear that a void in the lives of many youngsters, created by an absence of fathers, was being filled. "The kids respect us, and we respect them," explained Carl Black Sr., one of the Security Dads.

"What works is that father image," added Ron Cheney, "so we don't need to say very much. Just being there is what counts. With an officer, they think, 'Hey, I must be in trouble.' With us, they smile and say, 'Hey, what's up?' And we love it."

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## TWO STUDENTS SOUGHT FOR 31ST ANNUAL UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senators Harry Reid and Richard Bryan recently announced that selection is under way for two outstanding Nevada high school students to participate in the 31st Annual United States Senate Youth Program, an intensive week-long study of the Senate and the federal government in Washington next January 30 through February 6.

Nevada delegates must be a junior or senior elected student body officer during the 1992-93 academic year and reside in Nevada. For further information, interested students in Nevada should contact before October 1:

Ms. Marcia R. Bandera, Deputy Superintendent, Nevada Department of Education, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710, (702) 687-3104.

Every year since the founding of the program in 1962, two student body officers from each state and the District of Columbia

have participated in the program. Selection of delegates is made by each state's Chief State School Officer (Superintendent of Education), in cooperation with the high school principals, and is based on outstanding ability and demonstrated qualities of leadership.

While, in Washington, the students will follow a fast-paced schedule, including a day with each of their Senators, briefings throughout the week with Senators, leading Cabinet members, and a Supreme Court Justice. Other highlights include a mock Joint Session of Congress, a visit to the White House, and a visit with the President. In addition, each of the delegates will receive a \$2,000 college scholarship.

The program is funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation — no government funds are involved. Names of the selected student will be announced Tuesday, December 1, 1992.



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