

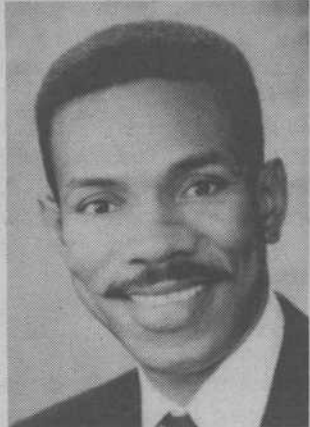
D.A.R.E. DARES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Is your child armed with armor he/she needs to get them through life's future battles?

Every night you turn on the the nightly news, you hear about another drug or gang related death. How can we educate our children to the dangers of the

FIRST INTERSTATE LOAN OFFICER TO ADDRESS REACH



RODNEY CHANEY

Rodney Chaney, manager of the First Interstate Bank Loan Center in the Nucleus Business Plaza, will address a meeting Wednesday (Feb. 16) of the Rehabilitated Economically Affordable Community Housing (REACH).

Chaney will discuss First Interstate programs for affordable housing and home repair.

The REACH meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the First Interstate Bank Training Center, Alexander Dawson Building, 4045 Spencer Street, Suite B26.

Persons interested in attending a seminar that will include discussion of budgeting issues should call REACH at 369-0009.

"Rodney Chaney is very supportive of the community and it's a pleasure to have him address our meeting," said Jack Homan, REACH financial director. "We would like to thank FIB for it's continued support and service to the REACH program."

First Interstate has donated office equipment and furniture to REACH, along with cash stipends that allowed the organization to meet it's operational costs.

"REACH provides an invaluable service and First Interstate will continue to support it's efforts to assist members of the community attain their goal of homeownership," said Tom Mangione, First Interstate senior vice president.

REACH is a non-profit organization that seeks to put low-income and moderate-income residents in a better position to buy homes under a program that utilizes pre-counseling in credit, debit reduction and budgeting.

Las Vegas streets?

Through me. I am a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) officer.

What is D.A.R.E.?

The D.A.R.E. program is a structured, seventeen week program that enters the classrooms of the Clark County School District's (CCSD) fifth and/or sixth graders. It is currently taught in all the elementary schools and select junior high schools in the CCSD by fully commissioned police officers from various law enforcement agencies with the cooperation of the classroom teacher.

Clark County hosts 20 certified D.A.R.E. officers who are among the 14,000 nationally

certified officers who teach an estimated 25 million students in 5,400 cities throughout the United States and twelve foreign countries.

Each school is visited once a week for 17 weeks by it's assigned D.A.R.E. officer. The lesson is approximately 45-60 minutes and involves the students in various written and verbal exercises.

The classes consist of interactive lessons which build self-esteem, teach students about personal rights and responsibility to others; teach ways to resist drug use, peer pressure and gang involvement; teach how to handle stress; and risk taking/decision-making skills. The offi-

cers share their life experiences with the students. He/she becomes a real person to the students who are allowed to ask their D.A.R.E. officer questions about their reasons for becoming police officers and D.A.R.E. officers, and about their experiences with drug users and gang members.

Each D.A.R.E. Officer is unique in his/her experiences and becomes known to the students as a friend and someone they can trust. Officers spend the entire day at the school.

According to a 1993 Gallup Poll of D.A.R.E. graduates ages 11-18, more than 90 percent of the students believe that

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D.A.R.E. Participant Diego Trejo

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