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******The elderly in society portrayed
through Edward Albee drama*

The role of the elderly in American society is depicted through Edward Albee's play, "The Sandbox," a one-act drama to be presented at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas on Tuesday, April 6, at 7 p.m.

The production will take place in the L. Storey Stemmons Memorial Lecture Hall (Room D1.700) on the health science center campus, 5323 Harry Hines. Performed by members of the Texas Research in Mental Sciences of Houston, the program is part of a two-day workshop sponsored by the center's School of Allied Health Sciences and the Texas Department of Public Welfare.

"The play stimulates the audience to think about the elderly and how society treats their tendencies to regress into childhood," Helen West, an instructor in Health Care Administration, explained. Audience discussion is to follow the presentation.

The workshop, titled "The Interdisciplinary Approach to Social Care Planning," is primarily geared toward providers of long-term care and DPW personnel. It is part of the Continuing Education Long-Term Care project jointly funded by the DPW and the School of Allied Health Sciences and conducted through its Health Care Administration program. Director of the project is Danson Jones.

The workshop begins at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7. The sessions at the health science center will cover topics such as life changes, stress and the long-term care resident, understanding family attitudes and behaviors, and problem behaviors as need indicators.

Continuing Education credit is given through the A. Webb Roberts Center for Continuing Education. The Tuesday night performance is open to the public, free of charge.

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