



BIG CHANCE FOR TALENT WINNER

Oliver Canidy (left) is headed for New York City and his big opportunity as a singer. The young Los Angeles man will perform in the famed Newport Jazz Festival in New York July 6 as a special guest of the Jos. Schlitz Brewing Company, a sponsor of the Newport event. He was selected for the New York trip by the Newport producer after placing among the top winners in the recent Soul Search talent hunt in Los Angeles

sponsored by Schlitz and Radio Station KGFJ. Canidy, who also plays the piano, looks over the Newport program with Willie Davis, a director of the Schlitz company and a Los Angeles wholesaler for the firm. Canidy will appear at the Nassau Coliseum in New York Sunday, July 6, with such stars as B.B. King, the Stylistics, the Temptations, the B. T. Express and Cannonball Adderley in the Schlitz Salute to Soul and Jazz.

Innovative Education In Clark County

Each year the Clark County School District uses numerous innovative educational approaches to help students get the most from their schooling.

One such approach calls for the identification of students who are not achieving at the level of which they are capable. These students receive remedial instruction during school hours.

Funded under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, this program has sought during the last year to increase student proficiency in reading and mathematics at selected schools on the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

Sunrise Acres was one of the four elementary schools in Las Vegas to participate in the Title I program this year with 240 students who received small group individualized attention.

In October, 1974, these students received a pre-test to determine their current abilities. By April, 1975, it was hoped that each of the enrolled children would gain one month's growth in total reading and/or mathematics for each month's special instruction.

While concrete data from the April testing have not yet been completely analyzed by the school district's Research and Development Department, it would be fair to say that students and their parents are pleased with the results.

Children involved in the Title I program have normal intellectual potential. For an assortment of reasons, however, they do not perform up to their potential.

At the start a certified nurse and a speech therapist screen the children for possible hearing, visual, or speech impediments.

Then, depending on their educational problem areas, they are channeled through the specialized reading and math programs.

The reading components is based on the concepts of the district's Continuous Progress Reading Program.

Student skills are assessed to determine specific needs. Once a child's particular problem is pinpointed, teaching emphasis is placed in that area.

Much the same process is utilized in the Systems Approach to Mathematical Instruction. Learning begins at the child's present level, and techniques best suited to his individual learning style and rate are used to upgrade his performance.

Y.E.S. summer job program

Local employers and other residents with jobs which need doing around their homes can shop for summer workers at the Boulevard Mall again this year, the head of the state Job Service agency's Clark County Youth Employment Service (Y.E.S.) said Friday.

Ann Newman of the Nevada Employment Security Department said the Mall Y.E.S. booth will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning June 23.

Y.E.S. is an annual community-wide summer jobs program, sponsored by the state employment department's Las Vegas Job Service offices and several local government agencies and civic groups. It helps area residents and employers fill vacation job openings and aids local youth ages 14-21, in finding summer jobs.

Mrs. Newman says the program, which filled about 550 jobs last summer, charges no fees and receives no special funding.

She credits the program's success to "community support and the excellent cooperation of Clark County employers."

Employers who prefer to place job orders by telephone may call Y.E.S. headquarters in the old Ninth St. School, Ninth and Bonanza, at 385-0412.

Black Mayors Face Increase In Popularity And Problems

According to the Joint Center for Political Studies, there are today 130 Black mayors; in 1973 there were 82; in 1970 there were 40. As the chances grow for a Black politician to make it to the top in municipal government, so do the problems he will face as an urban mayor. Reader's Digest, in its July issue, examines both facets of this significant political story.

Written by former United State Information Agency Director Carl T. Rowan and David M. Mazie, the article points out that Black mayors do not operate exclusively in southern and border states. Ohio, Michigan and New Jersey have nine each; Illinois has eight; California, five.

While the white flight to the suburbs has to be counted as a factor in the emergence of Black mayors in cities, the authors also credit a new white trust in black politicians. "In almost every case, Blacks have won against white opposition," the article says.

On the plus side for this new breed of urban politician are the tremendous morale factor his election engenders for the city's black population and a new sense of confidence in municipal government. The minus side, however, is weighty. "He must walk a tightrope between the demands of the Blacks, who have been shortchanged for centuries, and the concerns of the wary Whites, who still are not certain how to react to a Black mayor--and who still wield economic, if not political power," the article comments.

In addition, the Black mayor faces the same difficult problems his White colleagues are struggling with--inadequate education systems, deteriorating housing and tax base, and a tight job market.

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