



Around Town
with Ed Brown

The delightful smell of soul food reaked in the LAS VEGAS HILTON HOTEL during the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS convention which ended last week. Ribs, chicken, black eyes, collard greens, sweet potatoes, cornbread and the sauces that go with it were in abundance in the hospitality suite of the NATIONAL BLACKNEWS NETWORK. This scribe put on 20 pounds as we delved into that delectable taste treat time and time again. Needless to say, that party was one of the convention highlights . . . the prognosis at the ALADDIN HOTEL'S BAGDAD ROOM was "superior". The reason: GLADYS KNIGHT, one of the best lyric interpreters in the business today. GLADYS KNIGHT AND THE PIPS completed their successful engagement here on Monday. The BAGDAD ROOM will never be the same. By the way, did you know that GLADYS "The Way We Were" sold over 2 million records and was written by Joe and Corky Guercio. Joe is the super HILTON maestro and now musical director for PAUL ANKA. . . REDD FOX and his triple XXX rated show along with the talented TRENTERS are strong acts at the SILVER BIRD with shows on Friday and Saturday nights at 2:30 a.m. and a special Sunday show at 11:00 p.m. . . Many are glad to see BOB ELLIOTT now with GAUDIN FORD EAST on Boulder Highway, ROY ANDERSON with the Decatur location of LAS VEGAS DODGE and DON McCULLOUGH at LUXURY AUTO SALES on East Charleston . . . congratulations to the WESTSIDE CHARTER SERVICE headed by VERNON WILLIAMS, president; LONIE CHANEY, VICE PRESIDENT and GWYNETTA BROWN, general manager who landed that lucrative contract from REYNOLDS ELECTRICAL and ENGINEERING Co. (RECO) to operate and maintain a bus shuttle between Las Vegas and points within the NEVADA TEST SITE. The contract, which awards about \$387,000, runs from May 1978 to May 1981. . . It's official. The KEN NORTON-LARRY HOLMES World Boxing Council's (WBC) version of the World Heavyweight championship bout will take place at CAESARS PALACE on June 9. NORTON is receive around \$3 million while HOLMES will take away \$250,000. Promoter DON KNIG set up this deal. . . The finals for the big SPANK BLANK Dance contest, sponsored by KVOV RADIO and the HUMAN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT of the CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT is set for Saturday, April 22 at RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL. 27 finalists from the area Junior and Senior High Schools will

vey for top honors. It starts at 8:00 p.m. . . . The LAS VEGAS OPTIMIST CLUB will hold a full day of activities with its BICYCLE SAFETY DAY contests at the HELEN C. CANNON JR. HIGH SCHOOL on Saturday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m. Among the activities will be for the cyclists to negotiate a tough obstacle course, trick specialties, speed course and a written safety test. Many outstanding prizes will be awarded. It is for kids up through the Jounior High School ages. Cyclists are urged to be on hand at 9:00 a.m. on the morning of April 22 to register . . . and that's it for this week. Don't forget to hear my daily show on KVOV RADIO at 3:20 p.m.

Graceful Workers

The Graceful Workers Community Club sponsored a Bar-B-Q on Saturday, March 15, at the home of members H. P. and Virgie Fitzgerald, to raise funds for their 1978-79 Youth College and Technical School Scholarship Fund, according to Jessie Windom, Club President.

Club members assisting Project Chairperson, Ernestine Jackson, were Ester Hughes, Ruth Daniels, Freddie Wilfong, Gladys DeMatre, Jessie Windom, Virgie Fitzgerald, Mary McKinney, Audrey Diggs, and H. P. Fitzgerald.

The Club provided scholarships for two local youths now attending Texas Southern University at Houston, Texas.

EDUCATION

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4 COLUMN 2 may, on occasion, prevent his strict adherence to this schedule, but the intention and the attempt to carry it out are always present. For Blacks this means that if we follow thew principles, given appropriate reaching, we should become effective readers, thereby enhancing our chances to become fully educated.

Mini Parks

Cedar wood to be used in constructing the James Gay, Ethel Pearson and LuBertha Johnson mini-park signs is being shipped from the Pacific Northwest, and will arrive any day, according to H. P. Fitzgerald, Director of the Westside Community Development Commission.

After the City of Las Vegas has constructed the signs, appropriate dedication ceremonies will be held.

Heavy winter rains in the State of Washington made timber cutting impossible until recently.

The mini-parks located at I-15 and West Washington Avenue I-15 and West Owens Avenue, and at Balzar and Comstock Avenues were constructed and equipped with Block Grant funds from the 1974-75 grant year.

BLOCK GRANT

The City of Las Vegas, Department of Funds Coordination is inviting all residents living on West Carey, Miller, Blankenship, Bartlett and Balzar, between Concord and Revere Streets, to attend a meeting in the Doolittle Recreation Center at West Lake Mead Boulevard and North "J" Street, on Monday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to explain Block Grant programs and the organization of a neighborhood clean-up campaign planned for this area, according to Ray Del Rio, Housing Counselor with the Developmental Programs Division office in the old Westside School, located at 330 West Washington Avenue, Suite 6, Telephone: 386-6468.

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