



Around Town

with Ed Brown

Did you know that there is a street named after REV. I. W. WILSON, pastor of the TRUE LOVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH? Well, there is one now located in North Las Vegas, formerly known as Serrano Avenue. At present, Rev. Wilson is the only one living on the street having resided there for about 7 years. It is now called REV. WILSON AVENUE. This change was approved by the North Las Vegas City Council last week --- and that's the name of that tune . . . Our salute to MYA LAKE, the attractive recent graduate of the UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS (UNLV) for the honor bestowed on her. She is one of 20 students in the country to be selected for a fellowship by the Phi Kappa Phi national honor society. Mya Lake earned her bachelor's degree in December from UNLV and was chosen from a group of 117 of the nation's outstanding college graduates. This award will help finance Mya's studies at the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona. She majored in foreign languages at UNLV, earning near straight "A" grades throughout her college career . . . Our salute also to RICHARD BLUE, the city's new Management Analysis. Blue is the first black to hold such an influential position in the city government. He was hired by the city May 31, 1977. A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Blue graduated from Howard University in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in economics. He also completed course work for his master's in economics in 1972 . . . The fabulous MILLS BROTHERS moved into the SANDS HOTEL along with Danny Thomas yesterday. It is the first appearance at the Sands Hotel for the Mills Brothers. Did you know that they made their first appearance in Las Vegas in the 60's at a casino location now housing the Mediterranean House Budget Furniture, Main and Bonanza . . . Keyboard master COPELAND DAVIS headlines the STARLITE LOUNGE lineup at the STARDUST HOTEL sharing the stage with the HENRY SHED BAND . . . DIANA ROSS, a superstar of natural elegance of movement, style and class, is a true trouper - knowing exactly what she is doing on stage and knows precisely where she is with the audience at all times. Many scribes are saying that her show, now at CEASARS PALACE through May 3, is the most theatrically and professionally packaged one-person show in recent years. You must see it to believe it . . . Did you also know that LORETTA CELESTE GARDNER, a bronze beauty from Utah, was one of the bright spots in the recent MRS. AMERICA PAGEANT held at the HILTON HOTEL. The expression: BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL was well personified in this well-endowed housewife. . . and that's it for the week . . . don't forget to pick up on my daily show on KVOV RADIO at 3:20 p.m.

Community Affairs

by Kenyon C. Burke

What's happening to our public schools? Are they delivering the quality service that we expect? What are the new issues that confront minorities in 1978?

These and similar questions are being raised among educators, civil rights activists, urbanologist and a host of experts concerned with the quality of life of minorities and the American society as a whole.

While attending meetings, conferences and reviewing reports on educational concerns, a peculiar pattern of institutional behavior and attitudes began to emerge that could be devastating to blacks and other disadvantaged minorities for the next several generations. Clearly this appears to be a major assault on public education throughout the country that will ultimately destroy the public school systems.

The proposed Packwood-Moynihan Bill, Tax Credit that is currently pending in the U.S. Congress provides us with an excellent example of this new type of assault. Indeed, if enacted this bill would provide tax credit to those parents who choose not to send their children to public schools.

Our experience with instant establishment of "academies" following court ordered desegregation to circumvent the elimination of segregation in classrooms should have taught us that public monies in the form of direct or indirect subsidies that result in segregated schools is bad news.

In California the Jarvis-Gann initiative is on the ballot that would radically reduce and severely limit the amount of property tax money that could be spent on public services. Anticipating the real possibility of this initiative becoming law some school districts have sent dismissed notices to approximately 29,000 teachers in conformance to requirements for dismissals that administrators have said will be necessary to live with in new budgets limited by the Jarvis-Gann initiative. Schools in Los Angeles stand to lose \$700 million revenue and would have to dismiss half of the city's teachers.

In 1977 Report of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, identifies specific negative results of desegregation efforts in the public schools as they peculiarly affect black students as: (1) A higher rate of suspension and expulsion; (2) A higher rate of the use of corporal punishment; and (3) Higher rate of placement in special education classes.

All of these examples of institutional racism make the problem of receiving a quality education more difficult for black students and tend to disrupt, discourage and negatively mark them for an illiterate, unproductive and miserable existence.

Considering the fact of critically high rates of unemployment among black youth today and that many school systems are pushing more blacks out of schools earlier for entry into the labor market with no coping skills, one wonders how long it'll be before we witness major social explosions that would dwarf the urban unrest of the 1960s.

Moreover there appears to be an attempt to equate the quality of educational services offered by the public school system with the quality of health care offered by the county hospital.

Inasmuch as historically education has been viewed by most people of disadvantaged status as a way out of poverty, misery, and being without, we had better be about the business of improving our public schools and gearing up to counter these latest assaults.



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The daughter of Mrs. Kathleen Lake of Detroit, Mich., Lake majored in foreign languages at UNLV, earning near straight "A" grades throughout her college career. While attending classes she worked full-time in various jobs, including 18 months as a news reporter for KLAS television.

She earned membership in Phi Lambda Alpha and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies while attending UNLV.

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