



Around Town

with Ed Brown

The parents of MICHAEL GIBSON must be among the proudest in the State of Nevada. Michael, a student at Dell Robison Junior High School, last Sturday earned the right to represent Nevada in the National Spelling Bee after spelling 10 difficult words perfectly. He was among the 14 finalists who competed in the statewide contest at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Gibson will compete in June in the National competition to be held in Washington, D.C. The state contest also involved a 75-word written exam followed by several rounds of oral competition. Michael was the only contestant to spell the word "oppugn" correctly. He placed second last year in the Clark County contest . . . THE THIRD GENERATION STEPS, the pride and joy of MACEO ANDERSON - an original member of the famed STEP BROTHERS, finished their big engagement yesterday at the MGM HOTEL with ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK. They played in the Celebrity Room with their music directed by TOMMY MOSES. For the THIRD GENERATION STEPS, it was a triumphant engagement - they were at their best . . . A salute to DORELL MILINDER and DIANE LEWIS of WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL who emerged as winners of the "SPANK YOUR BLANK BLANK DANCE CONTEST" held last Saturday. They were among the students of 27 Jounior and Senior High Schools of the County participating. The contest was jointly sponsored by KVOV RADIO and the HUMAN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT of the CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT. AL CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT. AL BROWN and BOOTCHIE CARTER of the School District along with DON "JAUN" WIGGINS and ARTHUR TAKEALL of KVOV Radio conducted the contest finals. The winners received a trophy at the local bash and will now head for Los Angeles where they will be special guests at the premire showing at Donna Summer's new movie "Thank God It's Friday" then head for the production studios of Casablanca Records to see recording in progress . . . Youth from six of the area schools participated in the LAS VEGAS OPTIMIST CLUB's Bicycle Safety Day contests and inspections held last week at Helen C. Cannon Jr. High School. Schools represented were Helen C. Cannon Jr. High School, Kit Carson Jr. High School, Gene Ward Elementary School, Doris French Elementary School. Mark Zaruian of Helen C. Cannon took top honors in the written tests, bicycle safety competition and the skill events. All winers will be special guests of the Las Vegas Optimist Club weekly luncheon on Thursday, May 4 at the Royal Inn Hotel during the Club's annual observance program for National Respect For Law Week. Awards will be presented to the contest winners by a representative of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department . . . and that's all for the week . . . be sure to join me daily on my program on KVOV RADIO at 3:20 p.m.

NAACP

If Sunday's "Community Rally" sponsored by the Las Vegas Chapter of the NAACP is an indication, organizational efforts to rally the Black Community and its supporters have proven an unqualified success.

Dr. James McMillan, NAACP President, today expressed gratification at the results of the Chapter's week-long program of activities which culminated with Sunday afternoon's Program at Rev. I. W. Wilson's True Love Baptist Church.

Principal Speaker at Sunday's Rally was Mrs. Tarea Hall Pittman, special consultant to the Rev. Benjamin Hooks, NAACP National Executive Director. Mrs. Pittman was sent by the West Coast Regional office to Las Vegas in support of local NAACP action in the wake of the County Commission's denial of an NAACP lawsuit to force redistricting of the County, enabling opportunity for Black representation on the County Commission.

Among the announcements made by President McMillan prior to the introduction of Mrs. Pittman and one that was of particular interest to NAACP members was that the NAACP had retained Attorney Eugenia Pintos Ohrenschild to represent the organization in its upcoming suit against the County Commission.

A vigorous pitch for memberships and contributions led by M.C. Jessie D. Scott, Jimmy Gay, Woodrow Wilson and Bishop E.N. Webb swelled the coffers of the local branch by more than \$5,000.00 with a yet untotaled number of pledges ranging from \$25.00 to \$100.00. A complete list of donors and Life Membership pledges will be published in the next issue of the VOICE. Sunday's contribution included a \$2500.00 donation from Alpha Rho Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority. It was announced by Past President Lubertha Johnson that Alpha Rho has donated a total of \$5000.00 to the NAACP in the past year.

Mrs. Pittman gave a brief but informative history of the National and Local NAACP's involvement and accomplishments in the entire spectrum of civil and human rights. In delineating the distinguished record of the NAACP legal staff, her announcement that NAACP attorneys had gone to the Supreme Court 38 times with a record of 36 victories gave obvious satisfaction and pride to those present. Mrs. Pittman also noted that the County Ordinance allegedly forbidding demonstration in the County of Clark will be hand carried by her to the Regional attorneys for study and determination of its constitutionality.

Affording the audience equal gratification was a report from members of the Strategy Committee appointed by Dr. McMillan to explore options available to the NAACP in pursuit of its unswerving determination to achieve fair representation and equal opportunity for Blacks in Clark County and the State of Nevada.

Bob Bailey, who is co-chairing the Voter Registration Committee with Marjorie Elliott, explained the various steps to be employed to ensure a successful massive voter registration drive. In the interest of time, Political Action Chairperson tabled that committee's report for the near future. Rev. Albert Dunn, Demonstration Committee Chairman, announced that a decision was agreed upon by the over-all Reapportionment Strategy Committee to submit the following recommendation for action:

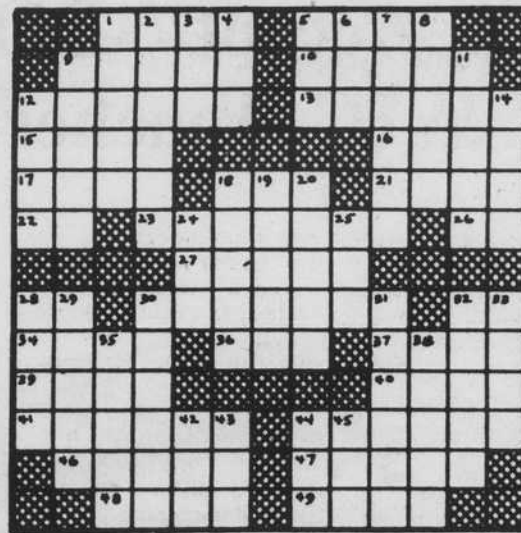
1. A request for the resignation of County Commissioner Sam Bowler creating a vacancy that the Governor will be called upon to fill by appointment of a Black.
2. Re-evaluation of the Consent Decree signed in the wake of the U.S. Justice Department's investigation of employment practices and that a further investigation be initiated of unjust employment terminations of Blacks with goal of reinstating those so terminated.
3. A law suit instituted against the County

Commission to redress arrant discrimination inherent in the Commissioners gerrymandering the County's electoral district.

4. An invitation be extended to the Governor, representatives of the Nevada Hotel Resort Association, County Commissioners to meet with President McMillan and his committee to negotiate NAACP proposals.
5. In the event these demands are not met within 30 days, the Demonstration Committee make recommendations for action to the Executive Board of the NAACP. Mrs. Sarann Knight, Vice-President, NAACP Membership & Life Membership Chairperson expressed herself as extremely pleased with the results of the two-day Membership Campaign Kick-Off and her great appreciation of all those who participated in efforts for its success. She noted that Jessie D. Scott, NAACP Executive Committee member and Executive Director of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission, has the wholehearted gratitude of the NAACP Membership Committee for his unstinting efforts toward making the NAACP Membership Kick-Off Campaign the success that it was.

BREAK THE HATE HABIT
UNDERSTAND
 THY NEIGHBOR
BLACK, WHITE or BROWN

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Hog fat
4. Asian fruit
9. Large feline
10. Angry
12. Humorous play
13. Take away
15. Portent
16. Always
17. Bird's home
18. Body of water
21. Numbers
22. Suffix: plural
23. Import secretly
26. Tellurium: chem.
27. Arrange
28. Jewish month
30. Soaked
32. Since
34. For fear that
36. Route: abbr.
37. Comfort
39. Seaweed

40. Poker stake
41. Amend
44. Moved restlessly
46. Memento
47. Turkish title
48. Tall grass
49. Fasteners

DOWN

1. Green fruit
2. Representatives
3. Color
4. Arid
5. Tree
6. Wrath
7. Germ cell
8. Cooking appliance
9. Volumes
11. Happening
12. Ice-cream-
14. Gaelic
18. More positive
19. Heron
20. Open-mouthed
24. Rug
25. Strong alkali
28. Winglike
29. Produce
30. Hit
31. Desensitize
32. Flower
33. Germ of life
35. Taste
38. Mountain range
42. View
43. Stop
44. Ravine
45. French "friend"

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