

Education

A Kid's Opinion

By Che' Jones



Living in Las Vegas can be not only fun, but educational for kids. There's go-carts, carnivals, Pop Warner Little League and much more, but if I had never moved here, I would not be modeling and writing and starting a career.

In Las Vegas you see a lot of sad, stranded people and it makes me want to start a career and earn a living now. I don't ever want to end up sleeping on a

park bench.

Modeling has been good for me and to me, but what's most important is it's shown me hard work does pay off. I worked at the Convention Center Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 10 and 11, and made quite a bit of money.

The two most important experiences that made me decide what I want in life was the birthday letter and picture I got from Diana Ross on my 10th birthday and secondly, while having lunch with my family at Alphonse's in Beverly Hills, I met Eddie Murphy. I took my little brother Kwasi over to meet him and we sat down and talked. He was eating a big fruit salad and playing with his watermelon. Kwasi and I kept laughing. I could tell it really made him feel good that we recognized him. When my grandfather went to pay the check, Eddie Murphy was standing there paying his, too, and acting silly. No one else, not even my grandfather, knew who he was. In fact, my grandfather kind of frowned. Eddie Murphy said "bye" and left walking.

We were probably the first ones to ever ask for his autograph and that was just a year and a half ago. Just look at him today . . .

I rest my case.

FALL HOUSE PAINTING TIPS

By H.P. "Fitz" Fitzgerald

Early and late fall are the best times to paint up

and fix up your home if you live in the Las Vegas Valley. The temperature is down (below 84°) and daytime showers are usually few and of short duration.

Here are some painting tips that help you make your do-it-yourself home fall decorating both successful and enjoyable. Plus, the project will add tremendously to the value of your home. Protect your home. It is probably the greatest investment of your lifetime.

a) Choose a good grade of latex for all exterior work.

b) Latex paint should be applied when the temperature is between 55° and 84° for best results.

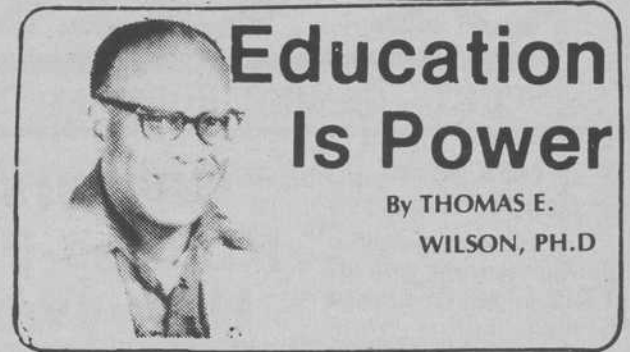
c) Thin with cold water, according to instructions on can.

d) Fill all cracks with caulking or stucco patch before painting.

e) Remove old loose paint from walls and trim work with a wire or blade scraper.

f) Apply paint to walls and trim work with a paint brush, roller, with 1½" NAP or a spray gun. Semi-gloss latex paint should be used on all wood trim work. If applied with a roller, smooth out with a brush immediately.

g) Clean up with plain water. Latex paint will not injure grass, shrubs or plants.



Education Is Power

By THOMAS E. WILSON, PH.D

There are certain educational skills needed by every adult in order to sustain himself/herself in an economy such as ours. These skills are called survival skills, and should be taught along with other academic skills within our educational systems.

Included within these skills are such things as how to fill out an application for a job, how to fill out an application for a driver's license, how to fill out an application for a loan, how to shop for bargains in money and/or goods, determining what to believe about advertisements on radio, television, and in our newspapers, how to distinguish fact from fiction in an advertisement, how to shop for the best bargains for our money, how to prevent others from beating us out of our money and/or property that we have worked so hard for, how much of a contract shall we believe and/or question before we sign, where can we turn if we think that we have been cheated on a deal, etc. How much fine print must we read?

The situations posed above, and many others, represent some of the things that all persons who are entering the world of economics need to be able to answer in a positive way. More and more our school systems, colleges, and universities are recognizing the necessity for including these "survival skills" in the curriculum. As we move more and more into the world of credit card economy, the more we must realize the necessity for learning how to survive in such an economy.

Filling out blanks (applications for drivers' licenses, loans, jobs, etc.) entails skills that must be reckoned with. How shall we state our qualifications for a loan, job, etc., in a positive way? We must be able to write in a fluent manner in order to influence a prospective employer, banker, etc.

Shopping for bargains involves looking at sales advertisements and being able to determine if, in fact, the advertised item is indeed a bargain. Is quantity buying necessarily a good thing? Do we purchase something we do not need just because it is on sale and at a reasonable price, or do we wait until, and if, we need it and then purchase it at the original price? When do we replace used clothing, appliances, and/or automobiles? Which appliance, clothing, and/or automobile is the best buy for our money? In our opinion, our education systems should provide our students with these discriminating abilities.

Distinguishing fact from fiction becomes more and more difficult in these days of fast talking politicians, salesmen, televisions, radios, etc. More and more we are bombarded with commercials urging us to buy this or that cereal that will provide us with "enough energy, vitamins, and minerals to last us for a whole day." Unless we are trained to look more closely, we will succumb to such advertisements. Sex is being played up as a commodity to be "gotten from the open market," and not as something sacred, and ordained by God for marriage. The above examples serve to demonstrate the necessity for teaching how to distinguish fact from fiction.

Black people have been exploited by unscrupulous persons for many years. It is time for us to realize that this is not the American way, and that it must cease immediately.

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