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## Mayor Ora. Gragson To Present Proclamation



Rev. Wyatt



Mayor Gragson

The 1st. African Methodist Episcopal Church holds appreciation service for their pastor. The following persons are participating in the program: Bishop Ernest N. Webb will bring the message. Mr. James H. Bilbray, Jimmy Gay, Father Franzinelli, Ms. Bernice Moten, and Erma Singleton will present awards. Others participating in this program are as follows: Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson, Bob Bailey, Cranford Crawford, Joe Neal, Ruby Duncan, and Rev. Marion Bennett, City Councilman Aaron Williams.

The whole Community is invited to this affair. Our pastor is an outstanding man in this community. He was the 1st. Black man to be a highway patrolman and serves with honor and distinction on the Las Vegas Police Department for 12 years. His biggest prize is the completing of the 1st. AME church, giving Southern Nevada another outstanding church in our community. Along with his ministerial duties, he counsels communities and private organizations on the problems of drug abuse.

Rev. Wyatt has received numerous citations from both Community and religious organizations for his outstanding service.

## DAVISON AND MILLS DEBATE HAPPINESS AND LIBERATION ON "EVERY TUESDAY"

Advocates of two sides of the Women's Liberation question will engage in a face-to-face debate on the KORK TV 3 Community Affairs program "Every Tuesday", August 15. Mrs. Jacquie Davison opposes most of the tenets of Women's Lib and is a leader of the Happiness of Woman (HOW) organization. Ms. Elaine Mills is president of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW) and endorses the Equal rights Amendment.

Ms. Mills issued a challenge to debate, which Mrs. Davison quickly accepted. KORK TV 3 offered them the forum of the "Every Tuesday" program, and the debate will be seen at 9:30 p.m. August 15.

On the same program, two representatives of Poor People Pulling Together (PPPT) will take advantage of the time "Every Tuesday" provides for members of the community. Mary Ann Williams and Dorothy Davidson will talk about the quality of rental housing for the poor in Las Vegas.



Evang. IRENE CLARK has made her arrival back from Honolulu, Hawaii in a Great Revival. Wish to thank the Pastors of the City and City Wide Mission and others for being so nice and helping me to go and do a work for God God bless all.

## Community Task Force Goal - Fair And Equitable Treatment By Law Enforcement Agencies

### EOB 1972 SENIOR CITIZEN KING DEAD



Lester McKinley Neal, awarded the coveted title of EOB 1972 SENIOR CITIZEN KING, went to his rest early Saturday morning at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital, following a hospitalization period of several weeks. Final rites will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Thursday in the Sanctuary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1720 North J Street (opposite Sherman Gdns. Apts.). Friends may view the remains, starting Wednesday, at Spalding Mortuary on Foremaster Lane, according to Pastor Norman S. McLeod.

Mr. Neal was a devout Christian in the sight of those who knew him, and beloved by the Senior Citizens of Southern Nevada. Aside from a brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Neal of 1188 Miller Ave., Las Vegas - Lester Neal leaves to mourn his passing, six other brothers and one sister who will come from distant places, one as far as Florida, to attend the funeral.

### ASK FOR INVESTIGATION Sen. Bayh Criticizes Tuskegee Study

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 1 - Senator Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) has asked Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), chairman of the Senate Health Subcommittee, to convene an investigation of a Public Health Service experiment which studied the effect of syphilis on 400 black men.

In a letter to Kennedy and in a statement in the Congressional Record, Bayh sharply criticized the experiment which he said "underscores the moral deficiency that has plagued the race relations of this Nation throughout its history."

Bayh expressed "particular horror" at the fact that men were permitted to suffer from the disease and die from its effects even though a cure was found in 1942, ten years after the experiment was begun. He went on to say:

"In addition to the hopeless situation of those men still alive, what toll in human suffering has been taken on their families, friends, and community exposed to the disease over the years? We may never know. But one thing is clear. We owe these men and their families a serious debt. And we owe those millions of Americans who have suffered exploitation the assurance that repetition of any similar circumstances will not be tolerated.

"I have written to Senator Kennedy asking that his committee conduct a special hearing to investigate the circumstances surrounding the so-called Tuskegee study, including a complete review of the facts, the Federal Government award financial compensation to the immediate families of the men, living and dead, who were involved in the experiment, recognizing that no amount of compensation can substitute for the price already paid in human misery."

Recently, citizens representing all organizations in the West Las Vegas Community, formed a "Community Task Force" to work for a common goal. The goal is to eliminate police brutality and police harassment and to insure proper police protection for the community residents.

The Task Force, acting on suggestions offered by the community residents, is determined to take the following steps in dealing with this age old problem:

---Gather and document all information concerning incidents of misuse of police power against any citizen of the failure of police to act in the best interest of protecting the community residents;

---Instruct and assist the complainants in using the sources available to them; specifically, by filing complaints with the NAACP, Nevada Equal Rights Commission, FBI, City Attorney and the Justice Department in Washington, D.C.

The Task Force will use all existing means available and search for new means of insuring that all citizens get fair and equitable treatment in their dealings with the law enforcement agencies. The Task Force will actively petition for and demand the dismissal of any officer who misuses the power vested in him and fails to act in the best interest of the community and the agency he represents.

The Community Task Force would like to make it clear that the community residents are not interested in nor desirous of covering up criminal activities or encouraging crime, but we are determined that all citizens should have their rights allowed under the United States Constitution, and the right to be treated with human dignity. We are interested in the community becoming a safe place to live and visit and a good relationship with those law enforcement officers who perform their jobs in a respectable and proper manner.

The Community Task Force has met with officers of the Las Vegas Police Department and it is the intent to eventually meet with all law enforcement agencies.

Any persons interested in doing volunteer work of any type for this Community Task Force is urged to contact the NAACP office at 648-0012.

### Quote of the week

**Don't Gripe About Getting Old - It's a Privilege Denied Many**

Suggested by  
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