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VALLEY HIGH RACIAL TENSION BREAKS

EOB GRANT APPROVED

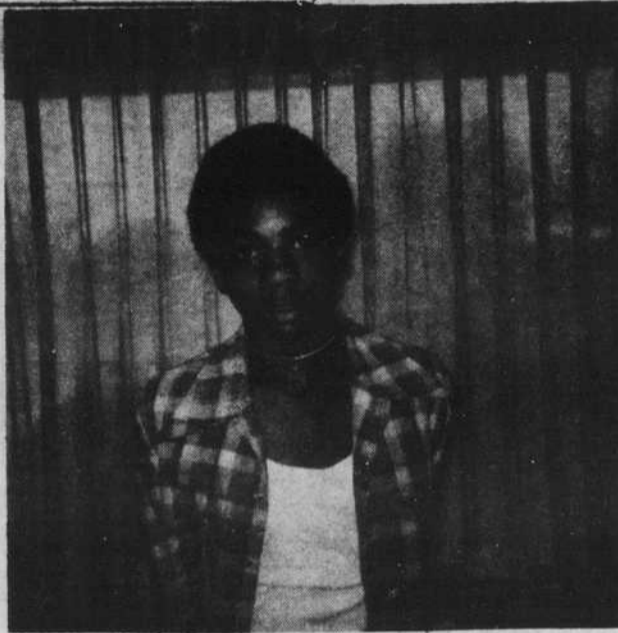
The State of Nevada has approved a \$77,000 grant to the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County (EOB). The grant now will be sent to the U.S. Department of Transportation for final approval, an EOB spokesman said Wednesday.

The grant will help to finance the purchase of

eight, new air-conditioned, 12-passenger vehicles, one new air-conditioned, 25-passenger bus and related equipment, the spokesman said.

The state Division of Aging Services will also provide over \$19,000 toward the project. Over \$151,000 will be required to operate the vehicles, which will be paid for by Clark County, the EOB and the Comprehensive Act.

The vehicles would provide transportation for the elderly and handicapped in the Clark County areas.



Wayne Williams, one of several injured Valley students.



Although racial tension has been escalating at Valley High School for some weeks the recent incidents that culminated in the suspensions of several students and several being injured, were touched off due to a fight on Friday, March 7th according to Wayne Williams, a student of Valley High School who resides in West Las Vegas.

He stated that he was slapped by one of two white students when he entered a bathroom, that was adjacent to the cafeteria. The ensuing fight with the two students left him with a cut right eye requiring several stitches and a blackened left eye.

Althea Johnson (another VHS student) says this incident was what sparked the turmoil which followed. Monday morning brought both white and black bus loads to the school and a riot according to Miss Johnson. She said, "that on Tuesday they were told to go home, after they had arrived at school."

In an effort to understand more fully the situation the VOICE inquired at Valley High as to the school's view. Mr. Robert Strnod, the vice principle, stated that he was not in a position to give school opinion, as it was against policy, but he did mention he was "in the dark" as to what the black students wanted. He informed us school policy statements were issued at the District level.

According to Charles Fleming, Public Information Officer for the Clark County School District, unstable conditions and an article from last week's VOICE were contributing factors to the incidents. Upon questioning as to the role of the article in the ruckus, he said, "several of the black students had the article with them on Monday. So what? Failing to see the fault in the article, (it should have been regarded), I questioned Mr. Fleming as to more pertinent facts about the riot. He said that several black students upon arrival at school on Monday, rampaged through the 200 wing breaking windows. He also said that there were 6-7 one on one fights besides larger scuffles and the police were ineffective because the fighting broke out inside. The police are now keeping tabs on the interior with walkie talkies. As a result of the fighting, Mr. Flemming said there were two serious injuries reported on Monday.

He said there were several black parents at school on Monday demanding action. These parents met with Dr. Kenny Guinn and Valley Principle Lew Sylvester, in an effort to resolve the problem. Eight parents have been appointed spokespersons. On Tuesday morning the black students were given the choice of staying at school or going home.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY BILL

A bill has been introduced in the State Assembly that would allocate over \$265,000 to the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County (EOB) to provide career opportunities for Nevadans 17-26 years of age.

The Bill was introduced February 7th and was still in the Ways and Means Committee Wednesday. One of its supporters, Assemblyman Marion Bennett, said, "the bill would make it possible for young people to receive a formal education and counseling, in an effort to increase the professional capacities of such persons and to reduce their potential social dependence."

Bennett said, "the money would come from the general fund in the State Treasury and be allocated to the EOB."

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STEVIE WONDER SWEEPS GRAMMY AWARDS



HOLLYWOOD - Stevie Wonder, Motown recording star, has swept the 17th Annual National Academy Of Recording Arts and Sciences Grammy competition. His Grammy awards this year mark the first time in the Academy's history that a solo artist has been nominated seven times and has won five Grammys, sweeping the awards for the second time in a row.

Wonder won the coveted Grammy awards in this years competition in the following categories: Best Pop Vocal Performance By A Male, Best Rhythm & Blues Song of the Year, Best Rhythm & Blues Vocal Performance by a Male, "Best Album of the Year, for which he was awarded two Grammys, one as an artist and one as producer.

Wonder, upon receiving his first award of the evening, dedicated the award to "a man that had greatly influenced music and my own life-Mr. Duke Ellington." He asked that Ewart Abner, president of Motown Records, to present the award to Ellington's son for him.