

From Our Readers

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Dear Editor,

I am writing you this letter in hopes that you will print it in your news paper. Sir I am very sorry, but I can't afford to pay your news paper for what I have asked you to do, I just don't have the means. I've payed with my full days meals to have a guy type this letter to you. I am an inmate at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, Ohio's Death Row. I hate to go into my past because it pains me so, but I will elaborate briefly. My only brother was killed on the case that I am here on now, my (15) year old sister took an over dose of sleeping pills, taking her own life, because she knew of my innocence, but her young mind just couldn't deal with my conviction. My father died last year of a stroke, and it seems that my life is so full of tragedy that I don't know which way to turn, and even if I did, I wouldn't have any one to turn to since I don't have any friends and very little family left. I sincerely don't like to talk about these things, but loneliness has gotten the better of me, and I just had to try something, in hopes that you would print my letter, and someone with a heart and a little bit of love for his or her fellow man would write me a letter or two. Sir, I don't want to take up any more of your valuable time, so in closing, I can only hope that you will print this letter, in stronger hopes that some's humanity will do the rest.

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The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County Youth Program under the direction of Jerald Booker, Youth Program Supervisor, is on the MOVE.

The kids in the newly formed Martial Arts class sponsored by EOB at the Youth Center lost little time in putting the loose ends of the program together.

Eddie Newman, instructor for the class helped the youth put together three fund raising activities, ie. Car Wash, Dance, and a Youth Center Picnic to raise funds for uniforms and equipment. The fund raising activities conducted by the Youth were a complete success and the class of thirty or so youth now have their own uniforms and equipment.

Their first tournament was held at Western High School, in March, this event netted them awards for first, second and third place during the contest.

The youth now plan to attend more tournaments throughout the year. Ms. Edita Perez, Manpower and Special Services Administrator for the Youth Program stated "since the classes first began in January 1978, the youth of the center have shown a great deal of interest in the Youth Program and the Martial Arts

Classes."

The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County (EOB) recently received a \$500.00 donation for its Sickle Cell Program. The Employees Recreation Association of E.G. & G. a corporation based in Southern Nevada made the contribution. Ms. Harriett Robinson, a board member of the Association presented the check to Mr. J. David Hoggard, EOB Executive Director at the EOB's Health Services Clinic on Comstock Drive. Ms. Robinson stated; "the Employees Recreation Association has ten board members who sit on the board to represent employees of E. G. & G. in helping the poor and disadvantaged of Clark County."

Ms. Robinson was briefed on EOB's Sickle Cell Program by Ben Wilson, Medical Lab. Technician at the Clinic and also received a tour of EOB's Administrative Facilities conducted by Esther Bell, R.N., Health Services Administrator.

Mr. Hoggard noted that "he, the staff and the poor of Clark County send a special thanks to the employees of E. G. & G. for their interest in the Sickle Cell Program."

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NAACP

The Las Vegas Chapter of the NAACP will hold its general membership meeting Sunday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the Economic Opportunity Board's Day Care Center quarters, 1818 Balzar Avenue. Included on Sunday's agenda is a report from Membership Chairperson, Sarann Knight, on the past Sunday's Community Rally which produced a gratifying response from the community both in memberships and financial contributions and pledges.

NAACP President, James McMillian, announced this week, that in a joint effort of the NAACP and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to recruit Personnel from the Black Community for career positions in the Highway Patrol and Metropolitan Police Departments, recruiting teams will be interviewing at the NAACP office, 1040 West Owens, from 12:00 Noon through 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13.

Dr. McMillian further announced Voter Registration Chairman, Bob Bailey, has called for volunteers to call the NAACP office, 648-2880, for participation in the Registration Campaign with particular emphasis on those who wish to become Deputy Registrars.

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