

**EOB SENIOR ACTIVITIES OUTLINED**

The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County's Senior Center located at 330 West Washington Avenue, offers programs and services in health, education and social activities. Call 647-2536.

Free income tax preparation service is offered for seniors 55 years and over, who are low-income and need help in preparing their 1987 income tax. The tax services is by appointment only and space is limited, so call today.

Clark County senior's property tax and rent rebate program applications are still

available at the EOB Senior Center.

February is the last month to take advantage of the low-income Energy Assistance program. Persons needing assistance with their utility bills are encouraged to apply.

Hollyhock Adult Day Health Care Center will host the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group on Thursday, February 25, 6:30 P.M., 380 North Maryland Parkway.

Foster Grandparents Program is recruiting low-income seniors wishing to work with neglected and abused children. A stipend for their help will be paid.

**GREATER VOTES,  
GREATER POWER**

**Masjid Muhammad Services Scheduled**

*In The Name of Allah,*

*The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful*

- Masjid Muhammad begins Jumah Prayer promptly at 12:00 p.m. Friday.
- Sisters class starts at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday (for women of all ages).
- Taleem & The Jr. Taleem Program (ages 3-15 years old) commences on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
- Masjid Muhammad is open every night for The Ishaah Prayer.

*\*All Praise is due to Allah (The Creator)\**

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**CHURCH**

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will answer your questions each Monday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. He would like to share with you what God has revealed to him concerning today's problems. Call the "Answering Center of Christian View" at 646-4080 or 646-9721. Elder James Washington is the pastor of the Most High C.O.G.I.C., located at 2717 York Street.

The Grace Immanuel Baptist Church, 305 West Bartlett Avenue will have their Ministers & Evangelists Training at 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 26 and the Senior Citizens Program at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 26 and the Senior Citizens Program at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27 concluding on Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. Be there. The Grade Immanuel Baptist Church is pastored by Rev. S.P. Parks.

The Victory Baptist Church will feed the hungry on Saturday, February 27 at 12:00 noon. For more information call Evangelist Corrine Claiborne or Pastor DeBose at 642-7251 or 648-2286. The Victory Baptist Church is located at 500 West Monroe and is pastored by Rev. Geroge DeBose.

The Jr. Choir of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church along with the Children of the Redeemed will have a musical on Sunday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 648-8438. The Church is located at 1100 North "D" Street and is pastored by Rev. James M. Rogers, Sr.

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Churches are urged to send their services and program announcements, typewritten, to the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice Church Reporter, Mary Wilson, at 1201 South Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104. Articles must be mailed or delivered to the above location no later than Monday noon of each week.

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CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNAL**

**HOWARD BEACH IS EVERYWHERE**

by Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

The attention of the nation has been focused in recent days on the verdict handed down in the Howard Beach case. For more than a year, Howard Beach has seemed the epitome of racially motivated violence. The image of a hoard of white youths chasing three African American men through the streets like dogs, until finally forcing one of them to his death, seemed the ultimate horror.

However, no African American in this country is exempt from racially motivated violence — not even African American police officers. A recent case in Prince George's County, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C., has proven this all too clearly. The county, which has a long history of racist violence, has a steadily increasing African American population. However, the police force still remains predominantly white.

On December 14, 1987, James L. Gordon, an African American member of the Washington, D.C. police force, was shot to death in his own home by a white policeman from Prince George's County. Gordon, 40 years old, was a 17-year veteran of the D.C. police force. The white officer, Cpl. Robert Raimond, though only 27 years old, had already been cited twice for police brutality in Prince George's County. In one case the complainant was awarded a \$4,400 judgement against Raimond for use of unnecessary force in a traffic case. But Cpl. Raimond was cleared by a police trial board and so he remained on the force.

Last month Raimond was allegedly investigating a suspected burglary in the home of Officer Gordon, the Black officer. Officer Gordon had recently arrived home. When the Black officer moved towards a window in his own house, the white officer shot him through the window. The white officer claimed he thought he saw a gun in Gordon's hand. Officer Gordon died a short time later, on the floor of his own home. A neighbor says the white officer never identified himself, but had only yelled, "Freeze."

When an ambulance with paramedics arrived the County police would not allow them to enter to treat Officer Gordon. County police

claimed other intruders might still be in the house. Then when five Washington, D.C. officers, including a homicide lieutenant and a district commander, arrived on the scene, they were not allowed to remain in the house during the investigation. A Washington, D.C. police officer called the non-cooperation "highly irregular," adding "[D.C. police] never turn away an investigator from another police unit."

Several Black police officers on the Washington, D.C. force have openly called the killing racially motivated. They suggest that because the house was located in a middle class neighborhood, and because it had a two-car garage that held Officer Gordon's Mercedes Benz, Cpl. Raimond assumed that the Black man he saw in the house could not be its owner.

On a recent call-in program on a local Black radio station, some officers asked to be authorized to go in and get the white officer to bring him back to Washington, D.C. in order to ensure a fair trial.

The Gordon killing is not an isolated incident in the county. Back in December of 1986, Sir Kaylin Edwards, a 15-year old Black young, was repeatedly beaten by another white Prince George's County officer near a convenience store. The white officer accused the young man of littering. Eleven witnesses testified to the brutality. One shopper mentioned that the officer "kept saying 'pick up the wrapper' but each time he would keep shoving him back . . . [The officer] hit him at least 25 to 30 times." The driver of a car testified that the young man stumbled across the road in front of her and that the officer hit him "at least 10 times" with the nightstick and then began kicking him between his legs. A Prince George's County police trial board later agreed that the officer had used "excessive force."

Yes, Howard Beach is but

a symbol. For there are Howard Beaches all over this nation. And given the present national climate, which condones racist violence through silence, these incidents will continue to grow unless we demand that justice be done — each and every time they occur.

Meanwhile three different investigations are now underway in the killing of Officer Gordon. His death sadly reminds us once again that, in the African American community, no one is exempt from the brutality and the fatality of racism.

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