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line against crime reported in several of their seminars that excessive force is unnecessary and that because only 12 of the 44 cases in question involved African-American victims, Cauca-Hispanics sians. and people are worthy other targets if the trend is not stopped.

Chips Taylor, a local DJ at 88.1 FM said that the important thing is to continue the struggle and not let up. "It is important that the media has shown an interest in this case, but what is more important is that the entire community has shown an interest and continues to show its support... There were 500 to 600 people here tonight the upstairs and downstairs were full....We must follow through and not give up! It will not be an easy struggle!'

Dorothy X. Wells, a local beautician classed the action by Metro as cold-blooded murder. "It was murder! Period! There is nothing more to be said!

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Anthony Morris said that this is the same practice that police have been using for years on Black people. 'When an orchestra performs they have to rehearse they have to practice before that performance. The police department has been practicing the same methods across this country for years. They have been consistent. When they have justified all 44 homocides and can take your key and enter your apartment without a warrant. that is not a coincidence!"

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John Stephens, a local photographer said that all official government agencies should step in and see that this does not happen to any person. "I hope that is a solution where local, county, state and federal officials come together to solve problems like these that may lead to unnecessary violence in the future.

Vermont McKinney, Community Relations Representative for the Western Region U.S. Department of Justice gave this impression: "It's obvious that the people in the community are experiencing meet, to discuss and to frustration and tension from

cident...There is a desire. however, to have a fair and impartial view of this incident...the Justice Department is involved due to the tension and the strained relationship that exists now between the Police Department and the community....We are seeking to increase the understanding that we sought to achieve 6 months ago when the NAACP and the Metropolitan Police Department organized a Police/Community Relations Committee in an attempt to review problems and to avoid incidences such as have occurred in Mr. Bush's case...We have to give the committee time to work...In my travels I have found a wave of incidences involving excessive-use-of-force by law enforcement officials. i.e. in Seattle, San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles...So it's not just happening here in Las Vegas...Phoenix has also had numerous cases of brutality....The police residents are continuing to organize and that is impor-

tant...They must not let up...They must keep the pressure on and it will make a difference.

Bill McCurdy, a Deputy Constable and candidate for the State Assembly said that African-American people in Las Vegas are finally uniting against injustices and he believes that justice will take place as a result. "Blacks have united to come together for a change and they are tired of unnecessary harassment and injustice by the same laws that are supposed to protect them ...

Finally, Mr. Shelby Lanier President of the National Police Officers Black Association and a 30 year veteran law officer said that from what he could gather, there should be more emphasis placed on human sensitivity in academy training. Lanier also said that he had never used excessive force in carrying out his duties as a police officer and that he never had to kill a suspect while apprehending him, even in cases that involved weapons. "I had never had the occasion to kill, beat or maim a suspect even in cases that involved weapons...They were armed and I still did not have to resort to force...Most of these cases of not all, involved white officers...The reason why many whites are coming forward now is because they know that they may be next.

We will have a complete update on the entire week of activities of the NBPA Con-

seminar that took place at Victory Baptist Church on Wednesday morning, August 22. 1990, that involved community input sessions and group discussions to come up with means of addressing various community problems. Because of the NBPA facilitators who chaired the subgroups, our readers will be in for a very interesting story involving input from professional of ficers, sergeants, lieutenants, and Police Chiefs from across the country and how they are dealing with the same problems that we face here in Las Vegas. Remember. readers, Every City, USA has a Westside and that institutional racism exists and must be combatted. We will win this war and together with the Bush family, Terri Siddoway and friends and sincere people who are willing to fight for justice, we

vention in our next report

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husbands, brothers and sons.

The efforts of the conference on African American men are noteworthy and deserve national support. The causative factors contributing to the situation of the African American community are external and internal. The degree to which the total African American community can marshall its internal resources to respond to these problems is the degree to which the potential for change can be made serious. Yet given the intense and systematic external manipulation of the African American community by the deep-seated forces of racial oppression in America, the struggle to empower and improve the plight of African Americans will require a tremendous surge of energy and resources directed at effectively removing facism from the fundamental fabric of this society.

#### New Nevada Incorpolations Surge 31.8 Percent

Carson City -- New incorporations increased 31.8 percent during the month of July 1990 compared to July of 1989, Secretary of State Frankie Sue Del Papa announced today.

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During July of this year 1.127 corporations filed compared to 855 in July one year ago, bringing the total number of corporations in

record 57,255 The total increase to date for the year beginning January 1, 1990, is 6.8 percent. So far this year. 7.096 corporations have filed with the Secretary of State

## Voter Registration Hits All-Time High For Primary Election

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record 485 055 Nevadans have registered to vote in Nevada's September 4 primary election. Secretary of State announced today.

219,283 Democrats 208,492 Republicans. 959 Libertarians and 56,321 Nonpartisan voters signed by the August UD. deadline, at county election offices. Department of Motor Vehicles offices and before deputy registrars. Primary election figures broke records in 13 of Nevada's 17 counties. by exceeding 1988's general election registration figures. Clark County currently accounts for 57% of the entire state's voter registration.

Deputy Secretary of State for Elections, Robert Elliott, also attributed the increase in voter registration to the cooperation of private and public entities in registering voters and promoting

