

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Community Gallery, Joseph House, West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd. Joseph House reflects on the black community in a multi-media exhibit which includes drawing, sculpture, photography and ceramics. This exhibit runs through March 15. Free Admission. 229-4800.... **40 Free Mammograms on a First-Come, First-Serve Basis, Chevron/Terrible Herbst Station, 8 am - 5 pm, 1001 E. Lake Mead Blvd., NLV.** Women are recommended to bring a written doctor's referral.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Award Winning Play "On Golden Pond", Fridays and Saturdays through March 21, 8 pm, Sunday afternoons at 2 pm, Off Broadway Theater, 900 E. Karen Ave. The New Orleans Square of Commercial Center. Tickets \$12/General, \$10/Seniors, Students and all Matinees. Call The O.B.T. at 737-0611 for reservations.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

American Heart Association's Second Annual Multi-Cultural Heart Disease Conference, Registration at 9:30 am, Community College of Southern Nevada, Cheyenne Campus. Topics will include: Reducing heart disease and stroke risk factors through nutrition, physical activity and living tobacco-free. Free event. Call Robin Allen at 367-1366.... **Regional Transportation Commission Fairs 1999, 10 am - 7 pm, Meadows Mall, 4300 Meadows Lane-Sears Court, first floor.** Discussion and review of alternatives for the proposed Las Vegas Fixed Guideway System and other transportation projects in the valley.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

9th Annual City-Wide Youth Concert, 6 pm, Victory Baptist Church, 500 W. Monroe Ave. For more information please call 648-2286.... **The United Methodist Women of Zion Annual Women Day Celebration, 11 am, Zion United Methodist Church, 2108 North Revere Street, NLV.** Speaker: Dr. Genevieve A. Shepherd. The public is invited to join us, and bring a friend for this special occasion. Call 648-7806 Ms. C. Scott.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Air Pollution Meeting, 7 pm, West Charleston Library, 6301 W. Charleston. Free. Valley wide organizational meeting. Sponsored by several community interested groups. The assembly will adopt a plan of action. Pre-register at 360-3118.... **Debt Management Presentation** by Reann Pourcy of Consumer Credit Counseling and hosted by The Kappa Xi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, UNLV's Moyer Student Union, Room 201.... **13th Year Church Anniversary and Revival, 7 pm nightly, The Metropolitan Baptist Church, 2200 East Cheyenne.** Speaker: Rev. Bruce Shaw of Louisville, Kentucky. For more info. Call 657-0371.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Mountain View Senior Friends presents: "Medically Speaking", 10 am - Noon, 8524 Del Webb Boulevard in Summerlin at Rampart Plaza at Del Webb & Rampart. An informative presentation by Dr. Todd Swanson on the topic of mini Incision Hip Replacement. Please call 255-5404 for reservations.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Preventive Health Screening: Pneumococcal Immunization, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, 2809 N. Green Valley Parkway, Henderson. Every year more and more seniors suffer from pneumonia. Call 434-6500 for details.... **Martin Luther King Senior Center Health Fair, 10 am - 1 pm, corner of MLK Blvd. and Carey, Geared especially for Senior Citizens, Hearing and eye evaluations and Humana Gold will be available to discuss health insurance options.** Contact Ida R. Davis at 647-2536.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

High Rollers Chapter of the American Merchant Marine Veterans Meeting, 11 am, Police Protective Association Building, 1250 Burnham. Call Bill Erin at 293-7438.

ONGOING

Ceremonies, An exhibit of traditional African masks, textiles and sculptures, through April 30, Left of Center Art Gallery, 2207 W. Gowan Rd. Curated by Masamba MBoup. Gallery hours, Tuesday-Friday, 1 - 6 pm, Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm or by appointment. Call 647-7378 for info.... **Nevada Zoological Park Animals are asking for donations of used footballs and basketballs to play with.** Donations may be dropped off seven days a week from 9 am to 5 pm. at 1775 N. Rancho Dr.... **Senior Citizen's Property Tax Assistance Program.** To arrange for an Assessor's Office representative to speak to your Senior group, please call 455-3882 for information.... **Regular Meeting of the Women's Democratic Club of Clark County** is held every 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:45 am at Lawry's The Prime Rib at East Flamingo and Howard Hughes Parkway. You must call for reservations 648-4451 or 838-2841.... **Easter Basket Drive, Fox 5 is sponsoring this drive.** Donations of baby food, new clothes, candy and toys will be accepted at Channel 5. Proceeds to benefit Child Haven, a temporary shelter for abandoned, abused neglected or dependent children. Call Lillian McMorris, 435-5555.... **Northwest YMCA Fitness Classes** Every Tuesday & Thursday, 1:30 - 2:30 pm. Enjoy afternoons of fitness and socialization with adults your own age. For information please contact the YMCA at 240-6922 **Senior Computer Classes, Mon., Tues. & Fri.'s each week.** Computer U Learning Centers are providing computer classes at the Green Valley office of Senior Friends. Monthly Computer Club held the second Wed. of the month. Reservations required. Call 220-9495.

ENTERTAINMENT

War film examines man's many facets

By Tammy D. McMahan
Special to Sentinel-Voice

What can one man do in the midst of madness? The characters in the war film "The Thin Red Line" ponder this question and tackle other issues as well.

The film marks the return of the legendary director Terrence Malick (Badlands, Days of Heaven) after a 20-year absence. His work contemplates war, the everlasting battle between good and evil and the significance of life and death.

The film opens with scenes from an Eden-esq South Pacific island, the new home of two AWOL American soldiers.

The soldiers' escape from World War II is only temporary as a company of American Army soldiers wrest them from their paradise and thrust the men back into action, shuttling them to for Guadalcanal, the site of one of the bloodiest battles of World War II.

The company is determined to take a crucial hill occupied by the Japanese. The ensuing battle tests the minds, bodies and souls of the soldiers. The Thin Red Line is neither filled with over-the-top macho posturing nor does it glorify war. Rather it meditates on life in a strife-filled world.

Malick presents war in its

various forms. The interaction of the characters and the voice-over narration of the film raise questions about whether one man's sacrifice matters in an indifferent world and if man is by nature good or evil.

The message in the film is that man is mostly good. However, the film does highlight the fact that hate and violence will continue despite selfless souls who sacrifice their lives.

The character structure of The Thin Red Line may be initially disconcerting — there is no true main character — though it's fitting for this film. All characters serve as allegorical representations of

the nature of man.

Private Witt (Jim Caviezel), one AWOL soldier, sees man's goodness. He is a willing martyr and comforter.

First Sgt. Welsh (Sean Penn) is Witt's antithesis. In his eyes, man can do little good and even do even less to change the hate-filled, status-seeking or power-hungry.

But beneath his tough shell, Welsh is compassionate, as evidenced by risking his life to bring medicine to a wounded soldier.

Lt. Col. Tall (Nick Nolte) is obsessive, proud and willing to sacrifice lives in order to be a general.

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Image Awards recipients embody best values

By Kweisi Mfume,
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Special to Sentinel-Voice

On March 4, nationwide viewers saw a memorable and inspiring television program — the NAACP's 30th Image Awards. It was the embodiment of the Image Awards' theme: 30 Years of Celebrating — 90 Years of Courage.

A humble sports megastar and winner of the Jackie Robinson Sports Award, Michael Jordan stressed the importance of education and encouraged youngsters to use the positive support systems in their communities. NAACP Entertainer of the Year, Will Smith, paid tribute to his wife, Jada Pinkett and declared, "You don't have to talk dirty" to succeed as an entertainer. And, internationally acclaimed opera superstar Kathleen Battle moved many to tears as her unrivaled voice accompanied a memorial montage of deceased NAACP supporters and friends.

Highly respected NationsBank (now Bank of America) Chairman and CEO, Hugh McColl, Jr., advocated economic empowerment while accepting the prestigious Corporate award for his bank's ongoing partnership with the NAACP. Recipient of the coveted Chairman's award, Harry Belafonte reflected on his significant contributions to the civil rights struggle. Our President's Award honoree, hip-hop icon Lauryn Hill, revealed her spiritual side while praising God as her true inspiration. Eric Clapton and George Benson played a blazing musical tribute to blues legend B.B. King. This year's Image Awards program also featured

appearances by such superstars as Mariah Carey, Blair Underwood, Sinbad, Cicely Tyson, Ossie Davis, Steve Harvey, Morgan Freeman, Kevin Eubanks and Jay Leno.

Filling a stage with celebrities, however, was and is not our ultimate goal. With the Image Awards, we honor individuals and organizations that strive for the portrayal of positive images and meaningful opportunities for

African-Americans. It is our fervent hope that the time will come when there will not be a need for the Image Awards, because African-American talent will, without question, have the opportunities, positions and acknowledgment from mainstream awards programs in a manner that does not exist today.

The Image Awards were started in 1962 by the Beverly Hills/Hollywood Branch of

the NAACP to pay tribute to talented African-American artists and professionals who continued to be largely overlooked by mainstream Hollywood. Sammy Davis, Jr., was the first honoree. He was recognized for his stature and his efforts to obtain fair employment for African-American entertainers.

Progress sought since 1962 has been achieved, but where are we now? A special (See Images, Page 9)

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