

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Seniors Swing Dance Anniversary Party celebrating First Anniversary of Village Oaks at 5 pm. 3025 East Russell Road. For info call Connie Adkisson at 451-7896..... Tenth Invitational Native American Arts Festival. The history and artistry of Native American arts, crafts, and cultures comes alive at the 10th annual festival. Call 455-7955.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Fashion Network Meeting, 3 pm, Clark County Library, Conference Room. Fashion Design Certificate Program European Modeling, Memberships, Services, Fashion Entertainment Events.... Las Vegas Black Gospel Theatre, Inc. presents original musical drama "Lord of the Ungodly", 8:15 pm at the West Las Vegas Library Theater, 915 West Lake Mead Blvd. For info call 593-5110.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Palm Sunday Musical, 7 pm, Community Baptist Church, 245 East Foster Avenue, Henderson. Featuring Children of Unity, Ambassador For Christ, Soloist Terry Ozier, and Special Guests, The Gospel Meadettes. 565-0071.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

YMCA Spring Break Camps March 29 - April 2. Youth in grades 1-5. Call 877-9622 for details.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Metropolitan Baptist Church and The Metro Dance Ministry presents: The Last Supper with Jesus, 6:45 pm, no reserved seating, 2200 E. Cheyenne Avenue. Written by Hunter J. Lewis and M. Julia Lee. Donation, Adults \$3/Children \$1. Call 657-0371 for info.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Children's Festival, Fun for the whole family at Winchester Community Center 3130 S. McLeod Drive, 11:00 am-3:00pm. Free Admission.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

"Why I'm the Best Mayor", 7 - 8:45 pm, West Charleston Library. Mayoral candidates for Las Vegas speaking on why they're the best choice for Mayor. Listen and Ask Questions. No fees..... Sunrise Senior Friends presents "Free Medicare Assistance." Call 735-5510.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Chitwood & Chitwood Church Management & Tax Conference, Alexis Park. Early Registration Fee w/discount. Tell them when registering referred by Sis. Kimberly. Call 796-1102 or 1-800-345-9117

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

The School Of Ushering will meet on Friday at 7:00 pm & Saturday at 10:00 am at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church. For info call at 648-1784..... Nathan Adelson Hospice Education Course registration begins. Training held at Nathan Adelson Hospice, 4141 S. Swenson Street. Call Shari Diebold for info at 796-3185.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Calvary Community Assembly of God presents the Crimson River Quartet Gospel Concert - 2900 N. Torrey Pines at 8, 9 & 11:00 am and at 6:00 pm..... Nevada Jazz Artists, Winchester Center Theater, 3130 S. McLeod, 2 pm. A tribute to trombone Kai Winding featuring four of the area's top jazz trombonists. Call 455-7340..... Greater New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Pre-Mother's Day Craft Fair & Barbecue Sale. Church parking lot, 1100 North D Street, 10 am - 3 pm. For info call Mrs. Phyllis Conerly at 459-2402 or Church Clerk at 648-1784.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

American Merchant Marine Veteran's High Rollers Chapter, 11 am. Police Protective Association Bldg, 11250 Burnham. For info call Bill Erin at 293-7438.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

20th Annual Search for Talent Area Finale, 7 pm, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. No. General Admission \$3. Call 229-6211.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Second Baptist Church presents the Los Angeles Mass Choir, 11:00 am. For info. call 648-6155.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

The Poets' Corner, 7 pm, West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 West Lake Mead. Join community griots Pendelita Toney and Keith Brantley for an evening of readings featuring the WLVAC Poetry Workshop and local poets. Free. 229-4800.

ONGOING

West Las Vegas Library Theatre presents Foreign Film Festival featuring African Diaspora Cinema every Monday in March, April, and May starting at 7 p.m For info and titles call 647-8169..... Computer Classes at no Cost to Seniors, The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County is sponsoring these classes as well as weekly Craft and Ceramic classes, Fitness Program, Bingo Sessions, Senior Nutrition, Card, Board and Dominoe Games. Any questions? Call Ida Davis at 647-2536 or come in and see us at 2420 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Bldg. B. YT High School Proficiency Exam "Survival Seminars" Free study seminars scheduled through April 10. For details, call 799-5477..... Mother of the Year Nominations Sought for the 29th Annual Clark County Mother Of The Year. For info. call Sandra Thompson at 259-4025.... Women's Financial Information Program, April 17, 24, May 1, 8, & 15. UNLV Classroom Bldg. Complex, Bldg C. Room 222. For info call Susan Eckhardt at 486-2440.

Corporations

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million in investments over the next two years.

The other secured sponsor is the municipal Department of Water and Power, which also pledged \$10 million in development money.

None of the banks want their logo on any project, representatives of each said this week — apparently at odds with the initiative's goal of linking specific development sites to corporations.

"We're not here to have our name on a building or a development or anything like that," said Wells Fargo spokeswoman Kathy Shilkret.

"What we're most interested in is leveraging our money for the economic interests of the inner city."

Riordan said he hopes that at least \$100 million will eventually come from corporate sponsors. The remaining \$150 million would come from fees paid by the developers.

His plan is short on specifics, but has the support of council members including Nate Holden and Mark Ridley-Thomas, both of whom represent disadvantaged, minority districts, and basketball star Earvin "Magic" Johnson, who built a cinema complex in South Central that proved highly successful.

About half of the sites are south of downtown and are scheduled for industrial and retail use.

The others are downtown, in predominately Hispanic East Los Angeles and the suburban San Fernando

Valley.

Deputy Mayor Rocky Delgadillo worked on the plan for two years with an advisory board of private-sector leaders including Washington Mutual chairman Kerry Killinger and Johnson.

Delgadillo said no formal discussions were held with the City Council for fear "most of the council members would tell people about it. The strategy in remaining secret was so that landowners wouldn't raise the price," he said.

But that approach has angered at least one city leader.

"I find that argument rather insulting," Councilman Rudy Svorinich said.

"The mayor's office should use council offices as

resources, not treat them as adversaries."

The plan, Delgadillo said, hinged on choosing successful sites. "We narrowed them down based on whether the particular site would have a chance to be successful," he said.

"If these are successful, there will be more," Delgadillo said. "Watts is certainly an area that is of importance to the city. It just isn't in the site acquisition plan."

Timothy Watkins, whose community center in Watts offers job training, art classes and senior citizens' programs, said he was dismayed over his neighborhood's exclusion, but not surprised.

"For some 70 years, Watts has been the object of utter neglect," he said.

Wars

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The U.N. study also referred to the presence of mercenaries in the former Zaire who tried to defend the government of President Mobutu Sese Seko.

Most of them decided to leave the country after the fall of Kisangani.

Still in the Congo, however, was the London-registered firm Defense Systems Ltd, which was responsible for guarding various mines and petroleum installations, as well as several embassies in Kinshasa.

The U.N. study declared the existence of mercenarism and mercenary activities was an undeniable fact. "It may recede when peace, political stability and respect for democratic order are established, but it reappears when these conditions experience a crisis."

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan admitted last year that while he was struggling to raise troops for a peacekeeping force in Africa, some had even suggested that he hire private security firms to provide the United Nations with the rapid reaction capacity it needed.

"When we had need of skilled soldiers to separate fighters from refugees in the Rwandan refugee camps in Goma, I even considered the possibility of engaging a private firm," he said. But he realized that "the world may not be ready to privatize peace."

Trust

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The issue of police misconduct is not going to go away, and its political ramifications, in New Jersey, New York City, Pittsburgh, Riverside, California and elsewhere intensify with each passing day.

"You grow up as a black person in the United States, you're used to unequal justice," Dr. Elsie Scott, a top official of the National Organization for Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), told a New York Times reporter recently.

Dr. Scott, a former New York City deputy police commissioner, knows the reality of policing and the sentiments of America's citizens as well as anyone. Her point in saying that was the same as ours in writing our letter to the President:

It was to warn that America must make that truism obsolete.

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