

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

FRIDAY, MAY 14

West Las Vegas Arts Center Neighborhood Film Festival, 8 pm, West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 West Lake Mead Blvd.. Free and open to the public. Other films will be shown, May 21 and 28. Picknickers are welcome. Films are projected onto a large outdoor screen. For more info. call 229-4800.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

The Austin Dancers Academy will be presenting a dancing event "Let's Get Busy Internationally", May 15 and 16, a fundraiser for children at the West Las Vegas Library Theatre, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd. Donations—\$10 for adults and \$7 for children 16 and under in advance. Prices go up to \$15 and \$10 at the door. For more information, call Aramentel Austin at 242-9551.... A Town Hall Meeting will take place at the West Las Vegas Library Theatre, Saturday 5-15-99 at 1:00 p.m. The topic of discussion will be the High School Proficiency Exam and the disproportionate number of African American and Hispanic students who have failed it. Concerned students, parents, educators and the general public is encouraged to attend. There will be a major announcement with regard to strategies as well as a discussion on options. For more information call 585-6124.... Salsa Sounds of the Carl Grove Combo, 7 pm, Charleston Heights Center Ballroom, 800 South Brush Street. Free parking to the facility. Wood floor available for dancing. Tickets \$10 advance/\$12 at door. For info. call 229-6383.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

4th Annual Caribbean Music & Food Fest, 12 noon till 8 pm, Rainbow Library Amphitheater, 3150 No. Buffalo. Featuring: The Meditations, Stan Rankin & Meshack, Bonafide, The Windjammer Caribbean Steel Drums, Flex Style, Naja Dread Posse, Drums Circle, Asheba, Bunkosquad Ska Band. Bring lawn chairs and blankets, no coolers, food or pets please. For info call Jheri at 695-1627 (pgr), or Stan at 386-7022.... Second Baptist Church, Annual Ushers Day Celebration, "We Are Family", 3 pm, 500 West Madison Avenue. Rev. Willie Davis, Pastor. Guest Speaker, Reverend Otis N. White, Jr. Pastor, Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

Southern Nevada Coalition of Concerned Women Luncheon, 11:30 am, Main Ballroom, Treasurer Island Hotel and Casino. Guest Speaker: Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Past Chair Congressional Black Caucus, Member of the House Committee on the Judiciary and more. Tickets \$40. For more info. call 233-3819 or Fax 233-8946.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Starting Your Own Business? 6 pm, North Las Vegas Library, 2300 Civic Center Drive. Come and meet experts from The Small Business Administration, the Small Business Development Center, SCORE and the Micro Enterprise Initiative who will tell you about getting money, managing and marketing. 633-1070.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

21st Annual Black and Gold Ball, 9 pm - until, Arizona Charlie's (Palace Grand Ballroom). The Fordyce Club- Las Vegas Chapter will host this event. No-host cocktails-Dancing-Hors d'oeuvres-Door Prizes. Tickets \$20 per person. Come and join the fun! Tickets info. call 648-0166, 639-6254 or 648-5598.

ONGOING

NAACP-Las Vegas Branch Executive Committee Meetings, 6:30 pm, 3925 Martin Luther King Ste. 217, No. LV, Hidden Canyon Plaza. General Membership Meetings, 2nd Saturday of each month, 12 pm. Any Questions Please Call 657-0599.... Tuskegee Airmen, Paintings by Randy Proby, May 3- June 26, The West Las Vegas Arts Center Community Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd. 229-4800.... Champions of Organ Sharing Meetings, 7 pm, every third Wednesday of the month, Sunset Hospital Auditorium. Purpose of organization: To act as a support group for organ transplant recipients and candidates awaiting organ transplantation and to provide information on related matters. For more info. call Doris Doss at 894-9729 or Joe Novak at 365-8138.... Summer Camp Jam, Session: June 14-July 30, Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm, West Community Center, 2050 Sapphire Stone. The participants are served a free breakfast and lunch daily. Camp Scholarships are available! Call 229-5080 for information.... West Las Vegas Library Theatre presents Foreign Film Festival featuring African Diaspora Cinema every Monday in 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.... Women's Financial Information Program, May 8, & 15. UNLV Classroom Bldg. Complex, Bldg C. Room 222. For info call Susan Eckhardt at 486-2440.... Mother of the Year Nominations Sought for the 29th Annual Clark County Mother Of The Year. Call Sandra Thompson at 259-4025.

Florida moves toward school vouchers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida is about to enact the nation's first statewide school voucher plan—a program that would give tax money to students at the worst public schools to get a private or parochial education.

Each voucher would be worth at least \$4,000 per year toward tuition for many of Florida's 2 million public school students.

Gov. Jeb Bush and legislative leaders reached agreement on the plan last week, despite fears that it would cripple public education and violate the constitutional separation of church and state. The Legislature is expected to approve the plan.

"I will sign that bill with a smile on my face," said the Republican governor, who campaigned passionately for the program last fall while opponents derided it as a favor

to Bush's wealthy supporters.

Proponents said it would give public schools an incentive to improve and let students stuck in bad schools get a better education. They said the vouchers wouldn't cost taxpayers anything extra because the money would be taken from the public schools.

"It's great for kids," said Jeanne Allen, president of the Center for Education Reform in Washington, a nonprofit group. "You have, first and foremost, a law that puts public schools on notice that they have to fish or cut bait, and you have a bill that helps children that are most in need."

Maine and Vermont have narrow voucher programs to help students in rural areas where there is no public school nearby, while Milwaukee and Cleveland have citywide plans.

Florida's program would be open to students at any

public school that gets a failing grade.

Under the legislation, public school students in grades three through 10 would be tested annually and the results would be used to grade all schools. By some estimates, as many as 169 of Florida's 3,000 schools could get a failing grade under the state's new, tougher standards.

Bush calls the vouchers "opportunity scholarships" and sees them as part of a plan to improve education in a state that annually is near the bottom of many school rankings.

Critics said the program will hurt public schools.

"More and more high school students will be ill-prepared to enter college," said Pat Tomillo, president of the Florida Education Association/United, one of the state's biggest teachers unions. It represents 70,000

school employees. Tomillo said voucher schools would be able to use uncertified teachers.

Melinda Anderson, a spokeswoman with the National Education Association in Washington, said: "It may well help some students, but at the expense of the majority."

Legal action is also likely.

"We see this as a clear violation of the Constitution," said Joe Conn, spokesman for the Washington-based Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "You cannot force taxpayers to pay for private religious schools, and that's what this program does."

In addition to vouchers, expanded student testing and grading of schools, the pending legislation would also toughen teacher training and crack down on truancy.

"We're going to have true accountability," Bush said.

Two convicted of plot to create whites-only nation

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Two white supremacists were convicted last week of engaging in a murderous scheme to set up a whites-only republic in the Pacific Northwest.

Chevie Kehoe and Daniel Lee, both 26, could get the death penalty for killing an Arkansas gun dealer, his wife and her daughter in 1996. Kehoe and Lee were convicted of all murder, conspiracy and racketeering charges against them.

The jury will return to begin hearing testimony in the sentencing phase.

Federal prosecutors said the men pursued their dream of an all-white republic by stockpiling military-style weapons, robbing several people and suffocating gun dealer William Mueller, his wife, Nancy, and her 8-year-old daughter, Sarah Powell, before throwing their bodies into a river.

Prosecutors said that as part of their conspiracy, Kehoe and Lee also carried

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The lawsuit charges the company with racial discrimination and retaliation, negligence, breach of contract, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

"Bell Atlantic knew this was going on," Hermina said. "It's a culture of neglect, because apparently Bell Atlantic felt that these African-American employees don't matter."

out crimes in other states, including two killings in Idaho and the 1996 bombing of City Hall in Spokane, Wash.

Chevie and brother

Cheyne Kehoe first entered the public eye in 1997, following a videotaped shootout with police in Ohio.

Cheyne Kehoe later helped authorities find his

brother. Cheyne Kehoe and their mother, Gloria Kehoe, also testified against Chevie, saying he described how he and Lee committed the Arkansas murders.

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