

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Meeting of Las Vegas Champions Volunteers for Canine Companions for Independence, 7 pm, West Charleston Library Conference Room, 6301 W. Charleston Blvd. CCI enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. Call 739-6569 for more information.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Greater Philadelphia Church Revival, 7:30 pm, 1200 N. D. Street. Everyone welcome. In revival 27, 28 & 29. Minister Larry Brahmim..... **The True Vine Missionary Baptist Church Summer Musical**, 4 pm, 500 Jackson Street. Come and enjoy Gospel Music.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Red, White & Boom: A Fourth of July Celebration at Desert Breeze Park, 8425 Spring Mountain Road. The event features live music, performances, games for families, food for sale, contests and more. Live entertainment begins at 5 pm. through 8:45 pm. Call 455-8200..... **City Wide Ushers Monthly Program**, 3 pm, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 1189 Hassel Avenue, Rev. Terry Cox, Pastor. Everyone is invited to come out this fourth of July to celebrate.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

Breast Cancer Coalition of Nevada Meeting, 6:45 pm, Wells Fargo Building, 3800 Howard Hughes Blvd. 8th Floor. Goals are to promote & support research into the cause, prevention and cure of breast cancer and to educate women that early detection is today's key to survival. Call 361-5394 for additional information.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

Internet Class, 6 pm, North Las Vegas Library, 2300 Civic Center Drive. What is available on the Net? How can you find it? How can you spot and avoid the pitfalls? Call Kathleen Hanselmann 633-1070.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

Cleveland Ballet Dancing Wheels- one performance only, Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza, Lorenzi Park. The ballet company is a professional, integrated dance company comprised of dancers with and without disabilities..... **The Professional Black Women's Alliance presents the 14th Annual "Rose Awards" and Banquet**, Alexis Park Resort. For further information call 631-0000 or fax 313-5255.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

Combach Choir, 22nd Annual, Choir Day Celebration, 3 pm, Carver Baptist Church, 1221 North "J" Street. Theme: Singing into the New Millennium. It will be a foot stomping, toe tapping, hand clapping, head shaking hallelujah good time! Reverend Alphonse McCleod, Pastor. Special Guest: Dr. Fowler, Victory Baptist Choir; Cheryl Coleman, Victory Christian Center..... **Detroit Connection Group, a Social Group of Detroiters Lake Mead Dinner/Dance Cruise**, 5 pm. Call 260-6461 for more information.

MONDAY, JULY 12

NUCUA Meeting, National United Church Ushers Association of America, 7 pm, Second Baptist Church, 500 West Madison Avenue. Rev. Willie Davis Pastor. All ushers, members of the nurses guilds, and the hospitality committee members from all local churches are asked to attend.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

Southern Nevada Group of Sierra Club Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, Clark County Library. Program Topic: "Growth in So. Nevada". Public invited. 873-7117.

ONGOING

Annual Family Film Festival, Jaycee Park, corner of St. Louis and Eastern. The film festival will be presented on six consecutive Thursdays at 8 pm beginning on July 1. Admission is free and picnickers are welcome. Call 229-6211..... **Nevada Association of Fashion Design (NAFD), Fashion Design Education & Training Certification Program**. Upcoming Summer and Fall Semester Classes, 895-3394. Services in sewing & screenprinting; 638-0631; Member Meetings, Fund-raising fashion shows..... Help another adult learn to read with the **Computer Assisted Literacy in Libraries** program. Tutor training orientation will be held on Monday, July 12, 5 - 9 pm, Las Vegas Library. Interested? please call 382-3493, ext. 216 for further information..... **Senior Citizens Art Competition Award Winners**, "Life in Nevada, Past and Present," through July 26, in the lobby of the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington..... **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..... **Retired Public Employees of Nevada Meetings**, 2 pm, the second Monday of every month, American Legion Hall, 733 Veterans Memorial Drive. Call 878-0182 or 649-3827 for information..... **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..... **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.

Louisiana schools to teach respect

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Respect is about to become the law in Louisiana's classrooms.

The Legislature is on the verge of passing Gov. Mike Foster's bill requiring students to address teachers and other school employees as "ma'am" or "sir" or use the appropriate title of Mr., Miss, Ms. or Mrs. It could be the first such law in the nation.

Lest it be dismissed as a knee-jerk answer to the recent violence at Columbine High and other schools, the Republican governor stressed: "It's something I've been thinking about for a long time."

The Senate approved the bill 34-5 last month, the

House 89-19 this week.

The bill leaves it up to school boards to decide the punishment, though the House eliminated expulsion or suspension as an option.

Around the country, some school systems require parents or students to sign codes of discipline. Some states, notably Arkansas and Georgia, require "character education," teaching honesty, fairness and respect for others.

But Jeanne Allen, president of the Center for Education Reform in Washington, said she knows of no other such attempt to require respectful conversation through state law.

"We're not trying to say

this is the answer to discipline, but what do we have to lose?" said the bill's Senate sponsor, Donald Cravins, a Democrat. Many teachers and students are skeptical.

"It's not going to solve our problems," said Mark Teal, a 14-year teacher in the town of Sulphur. "I believe our problems will be solved in the homes."

Asia Ayman, an eighth-grader in New Orleans, said: "Kids don't respect their parents at home. What makes them think they're going to go to school and respect their teachers?"

But retired teacher Jean Kennedy of New Orleans said she likes the idea.

"I agree with those who

say you can't really legislate respect," she said, "but I think it's a good idea to try whatever method there might be to raise the consciousness of students and parents, and this may be a way of doing that."

The bill would apply to kindergarten through fifth grade in the school year that starts this fall. Higher grades would be phased in one year at a time.

Two years ago, Louisiana enacted the nation's first covenant marriage law, which lets couples choose a type of marriage license that makes it more difficult to get divorced. Louisiana has also adopted some of the most restrictive abortion laws in the nation.

Congressional panel hears youth violence advice

PORTAGE, Mich. (AP) — Calling high school "the hardest time," a teen-ager told a congressional panel that school violence won't stop until society better protects children from cruelty — at home and at school.

Caroline Burgess, 16, sobbed Monday as she described the name-calling and social pressures of her own freshman year that she said made her feel suicidal.

"If one is subjected to constant agony at school ... more at home, it's only a matter of time before they snap," she said.

"High school is the hardest time of your life. Without family or friends to lean on, it is the survival of the fittest."

Burgess was one of eight west Michigan residents to testify before members of the Early Childhood, Youth and Families subcommittee.

The group is looking into steps to end the sort of school violence that rocked Columbine High School.

That Littleton, Colo., massacre, in which two students killed 12 classmates, a teacher and themselves, followed other fatal school-related shootings in recent years in Pearl, Miss., West Paducah, Ky., Jonesboro, Ark., Edinboro, Pa., and Springfield, Ore.

U.S. Reps. Fred Upton, Michael Castle and Dale Kildee, all of Michigan, spent more than two hours listening to ideas about how to address

the issue of youth violence.

"There's no single answer," Upton said after the hearing.

But he said it was "important to... get out of Washington" to seek opinions on the problem.

A consensus was elusive among those who testified on Monday.

Phillip McElhenny, a Christian school superintendent, told the panel that Bible-based education is needed to restore traditional values.

Darnell Jackson, director of the Michigan's Office of Drug Control Policy, praised a state law requiring the mandatory suspension of students who bring weapons to school.

But Susan Caulfield, a Western Michigan University professor, said such policies do nothing to identify or cure the causes of youth violence.

"To exclude, expel or suspend them won't prevent violence," she said. "Look at our own crime rate."

But most panelists were optimistic that youth violence can be managed if schools and communities work together to ensure young people feel valued.

"The world is different than it was 20 years ago, let alone 30, 40 or 50," said Jay Newman, superintendent of the St. Joseph County Intermediate School District. "Our only hope is communities will pull it together."

Somalia

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bragging about their water system, which was completely looted when the government fell. In 1996, with \$800,000 from the European Union, UNICEF began to slowly rebuild it with the understanding that local residents would have to run it - no small feat in Somalia,

Balkans

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in 1861 during the Civil War as messmen and powder boys.

"By 1862, following an observation of the performance of these stewards, cooks and powder boys, the ranks of regular seamen were opened to African Americans.

Thirty-thousand African-Americans — 25 percent of the Union's naval enlisted strength — served in the racially integrated Navy of the United States."

where clan rivalry is so intense that clan leaders typically insist on leaving the region for peace talks rather than visiting one another's homes.

But after more than two months of negotiations, leaders from Jowhar's 15 sub-clans came up with a plan and the Farjano — or "Spring of

Heaven" — Company was born in August 1997.

Today more than half the town has access to clean drinking water — far higher than the national average of 18 percent, according to the World Health Organization.

The visible difference is in the incidence of cholera, a water-borne disease.

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