

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

JULY 2

First Friday's of Las Vegas, Attention Las Vegas! Come network with Las Vegas' finest professionals at GiGi's Southern Cuisine Restaurant located at 2590 Maryland Parkway from 6 pm - 9pm. For more info or questions, call Alisha Bell at 681-8515.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada, invites the whole Las Vegas community to a celebration of freedom from workplace discrimination. Complete with food, entertainment, carnival games, beverages, fun and fireworks from 4 pm - midnight in the parking lot behind Keys Piano Bar located at 1000 E. Sahara. Advance tickets are available for \$5 at The Center, Get Booked and Keys. For more info call 733-9800. ... **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 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.

ONGOING

Sunday music series: Radiant Faces performs on July 4 under the direction of James E. Britt.... **Featured storyteller Janice Allen**, nationally renowned educator and folklorist will present special songs, stories and children's circle games on July 10 and 11.... **Storyteller Mitch Chambers** appears with The Gospel Tornadoes and Shawn Jones.... **Jesse Gaston and the Gaston Five** wrap up the series on July 25. Times for all performances are 2:00 p.m.... **Rev. Spencer F. Barrett, pastor and First African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.)** invite the community to join them for their annual mid-summer revival July 12-16. The theme is "...We are more than conquerors..." Romans 8:37. Located at 2450 Revere Street, North Las Vegas, Rev. William M. Campbell will conduct the revival nightly at 7 pm.... **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 picknickers 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.

Fireworks safety important for revelers

Special to Sentinel-Voice

1. Use only approved Safe & Sane fireworks purchased at approved fireworks booths in Clark County.

2. Fireworks purchased outside Clark County may be illegal and should not be used.

3. Use fireworks only on a flat, firm, non-combustible surface.

4. Have a garden hose or a bucket of water ready in case of a fire. (Last year, a Safe & Sane firework started a yard on fire which, in only seconds, spread to a house, causing more than \$20,000 damage).

5. Children should only use fireworks under the direct supervision of an adult.

6. Even sparklers can be dangerous to small children. They should only be used when an adult is present.

7. If a firework does not go off (a dud) it should be allowed to sit for at least five



minutes before being moved. It should be picked up, using a long handle shovel, and dropped into a bucket of water to soak for several minutes.

8. All used fireworks should be soaked in a bucket of water before being disposed of in a trash

container. (Last year, a house suffered more than \$50,000 damage after spent fireworks containers were put in a trash can inside a garage.)

9. Put your pets in a safe place during the holiday periods. The noise of fireworks can cause extreme

stress to most pets.

10. Fireworks can only be used from Monday, June 28 through Sunday, July 4. At all other times, fireworks in the city of Las Vegas are illegal.

11. The use of fireworks in city parks is prohibited.

Friday's

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"It's important for people to know that there is a bookstore that caters to African-Americans," said Bonita Lawrence from Native Son Bookstore on 1301 N. D St.

Famous artist Annie Lee, whose artwork has appeared in TV shows, "A Different World" and "227" and films "Coming to America" and "Boomerang", was a platinum supporter of the event. "I really love Las Vegas and the people here," said Lee. "I want to know about Las Vegas and I'm concerned about it". For more information about the group, please call 681-8515.

Maternity

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Development Program showed that in 1996 only 22 percent of the country's income went to women, despite the fact that they constitute more than half of Benin's 5.7 million population.

The report says Beninois women are more affected by poverty than their men. Jonas Gbetognon, a retired civil

Race

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much has changed for you? Has the level of federal government contracts going to blacks changed?

Many blacks, primarily women, have gained positions in corporate America. At the end of these African-American's tenures, the record will show that they did as good, if not better, jobs of keeping things in order as would have any white. In the end, in both the private and public sectors, the same elites that controlled the economy prior to the civil rights movement continue to do so today.

If we were all black nationalists, we'd reinforce racial pride in ourselves, our families, communities, churches and worksites. We need to reinforce toward each other and not away.

Black nationalism may not be your thing, but as Malcolm would ask: "Where is your

mind?"

Without exhibiting race-based actions like buying from blacks, banking with blacks and investing and building in black communities, what will your children, brothers, sisters and cousins inherit from your having been here?

Racist powers prefer that we play the assimilation game, staying weak and divided. Our race is separated from the rest of America by color, income, employment and business opportunity. People like Farrakhan and Malcolm don't allow the wool to be pulled over their eyes with rhetoric about: "all of we is one."

That may be why they put Malcolm X — a man they hated during his lifetime — on the U.S. postage stamp, but it shouldn't be a deterrent to what should be our dedication to race-based actions and issues.

Overstreet

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vote against him."

In response to Overstreet's allegations, Cramm said, "I have no control over who's on or off the committee. I don't have any authority over it. ... During my tenure, the best representation of a racial population from the cabinet level down is African-American. I also hold no post in any church. This is an attempt by Mr. Overstreet to make this a racial issue. What's really going on is that he's applied for a number of positions unsuccessfully. We always chose the best qualified. He's just blowing smoke in mirrors."

"We don't need to use the back door approach," said Barber. "As board members, we should be able to communicate and we should try and work together." Barber intends to appoint a new committee member at the next regular board meeting on Thursday, July 8.

servant in Cotonou, said the "poor in Benin don't have any health care; the cost is too high and social insurance is almost nonexistent.

53rd Annual Session of the Pride of the West District Association

Reverend Johnnie E. Richardson, Moderator

Convenes

July 12 - 16, 1999

Classes* Nightly 6:00 PM

Bible Classes, Workshops & Seminars

for Adults & Children

*COPP Credit Available

Auxiliary Activities 8:00 PM

Monday - Laymen

Tuesday - Ushers

Wednesday - Youth

Thursday - Women

Friday - Parent Body Musical

Business Sessions 9:00 AM

Thursday - Women's Auxiliary

Friday - Parent Body

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

1240 West Adams • Las Vegas, Nevada
Reverend McKinley Hardmon, Host Pastor