

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

FRIDAY, JULY 9

Auditions for 1999/2000 Season: "Moon Over Buffalo", "The Convertible Girl", "Rumors", and Ping Pong. To be held at the Off Broadway Theater, 900 E. Karen Ave., Friday at 6 pm, Saturday and Sunday at 1 pm. Roles available for men/women age range 20 to 60. For more info., call Carl Butto, Artistic Director at 737-0611.

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

Victory Baptist Church Annual Youth Day Musical, 6 pm, 500 W. Monroe Ave. Featuring the Young Adult and Sunbeam Youth Choirs. For more information please call 648-2286..... **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

National United Church Ushers Association of America Meeting, 6 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..... **First African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.) Annual Mid-Summer Revival**, July 12 - 16, 2450 Revere Street, No. Las Vegas. Rev. William M. Campbell, Jr. of Flaming Fire Ministries, Dallas, Texas will conduct the revival nightly at 7 pm. Theme: "We are more than conquerors..." Roman 8:37..... 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.

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

The Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting at 7 pm at the Edwins Hall (Reformation Lutheran Church, 580 East St. Louis). This month's main topic will be "Temperance Town" presented by Frank Wright of the Nevada State Historical Society. For more info call 225-5838, e-mail: CCNGS@JUNO.COM or contact the web site <http://www.lvrj.com/communitylink/CCNGS/>.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

"A Women's Retreat- A Time to Heal", 7 pm, Hampton Inn, 7100 Cascade Valley Court (near Cheyenne & Tenaya). \$10 Fee; Registration at door starts at 6 pm. Saturday Session starts at 9 am- 5 pm- \$25 fee, Registration starts at the door at 8 am. Call 647-9522 for further information.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

Paran Lodge #1508 & Alpha Temple # 1180, Joint Anniversary, 8 pm, Paran Lodge #1508, 600 West Owens. \$10 per person. Contact person: Bobbie J. Minefee 642-8748.

ONGOING

July 21-24, 9 am, Church Service at 11 am on Saturday, July 24th. The Abundant Life Seventh-Day Adventist Church would like to invite you to their Grand-Opening, 1720 "J" Street. Pastor Harold Goodloe. For more info contact the Abundant Life SDA Church at 647-2627..... **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..... **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..... **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.

Microsoft to change offensive link

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A lawsuit accuses Microsoft of including a "racially-charged" message linking black people to monkeys in its Publisher 1998 software. The company has agreed to alter the program.

John Elijah, 32, filed the suit Tuesday in San Diego federal court, claiming users will see images that include a black couple sitting on monkey bars when they type "monkey" to access pictures of the animal.

"I felt the blood rushing out of my whole body," said Elijah, a black construction

worker who was shown the image by a co-worker. "I was humiliated."

Microsoft spokesman Greg Shaw said the company already has offered a software update to anyone who requests it. He said the Publisher 2000 software itself does not contain the image.

"We regret any offense or inconvenience," Shaw said. "We are deeply committed to doing everything possible to prevent this in the future."

Elijah is demanding that Microsoft pay \$75,000 in damages and alter the software, which is used to

create newsletters and documents with graphics and pictures. Elijah's attorney, Harvey Levine, is seeking approval of a class action lawsuit for the estimated 4 million customers who bought the software.

Levine suspects the picture was specifically programmed to appear as "some sort of sick insider joke."

But Shaw said the link was unintentional. He said the software contains images that can be accessed by using several key words. A computer user who searched

for "couple" may have accessed the photo as well as someone who typed "bar."

In this case, "monkey" brings up an assortment of pictures including monkeys in trees, a gorilla and the closely-cropped photo of the black couple. Elijah, who is married and has two children, said his wife was extremely upset over the incident.

"Her biggest fear is that maybe skinheads or people like that will face off with me," he said. "She's afraid people will think I'm doing this for the money, and not because I want it fixed."

Cartoonist

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Zacchino, the reader representative for the Times.

In what may be the ultimate tribute, several newspapers have plucked "The Boondocks" from the comics pages and placed it in features sections and on editorial pages alongside "Doonesbury," whose creator, Garry Trudeau, said he is

impressed by McGruder's artistry and daring.

"It doesn't surprise me that there are some black readers who can't personally relate to his fish-out-of-water storylines. But if you study the strip closely, you come to see that it's really about the universal theme of survival, of just getting through the day," Trudeau said.



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