

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Ski & Snowboard Swap, 7:45 pm - 9 pm, Moose McGillycuddy's, 4770 S. Maryland Parkway. Annual membership dues \$28. Contact Andrew Larson at 392-SNOW (7669).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Great Golf Ball Drop, 1 pm, Painted Desert Golf Club. Adopt Golf Balls for \$5 each and help the Candlelighters families in the Las Vegas Community. 2000 golf balls will be placed in the KTNV Channel 13 helicopter and dropped at the Painted Desert Golf Club. Win fabulous prizes such as vacations in Orlando, Oregon, San Diego and more. Please call 737-1919.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

What's Poppin' featuring the Electric Boogaloes, 8 pm, Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park. This group is responsible for the creation of the dance style known throughout the world as "popping". They taught Michael Jackson how to pop as well as to dance in famous videos. Tickets: \$12 gate, \$10 advance, 229-6383 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs Monthly Meeting, 6 - 9 pm, U.S. Department of Energy, Nevada Support Facility, 232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas. Topics: Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Perspective on long-term environmental responsibility and control for the Nevada Test Site. Call Kevin Rohrer at 295-0197 for information.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Attention Las Vegas! Come Join Las Vegas' finest professionals at First Friday's of Las Vegas monthly mixer, 6 - 9 pm, Alexis Park Resort and Spa. For more info. call 681-8515.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Southern Nevada Group of the Sierra Club Meeting, 7 pm, Clark County Library, Flamingo and Maryland Parkway. Program Topic: "Red Rock Management Plan- the Real Story". Public invited. 873-7117..... **The Southern Nevada Chapter of the AAFES Retired Employees Association (AREA) Dinner Meeting**, 5:30 pm, Big Bob's Boy (formerly Shoney's), 2131 Rock Springs Drive. Reservations by Friday, September 3rd necessary. Call Jerry Greenberg at 658-1153.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Women's Democratic Club of Clark County Meeting, 11:45 am, Lawry's The Prime Rib, East Flamingo and Howard Hughes Parkway. Guest Speaker: Mayor Oscar Goodman. Please call 615-4522 for reservations.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

School of Ushering, 7 pm, Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 1100 "D" Street. All ushers are asked to attend on Friday and Saturday, September 11 at 10 am. For more info call 648-1784.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Pacific Islands Festival '99, 8 pm, Charleston Heights Arts Center Ballroom, 800 South Brush Street. Featuring three events, the Holoku Ball, the Brothers Cazimero in concert and Ho'olaulea 99 as well as the Royal Court Ceremony. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door; semi-formal attire is suggested. Reservations can be made for tables of eight. Call 229-6383 or Ticket Master.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The True Vine Baptist Church Celebrating 8th Year Church Anniversary, 500 Jackson Street. The entire community is invited to attend.

ONGOING

UMC's CCSN Quick Care is offering sports physicals for \$26.25 on the following dates: August 26th and 27th and all through the month of September (afternoons only, Monday - Friday). To make an appointment, please call 383-6290. Quick Care is located at 6375 West Charleston Blvd. (corner of Charleston and Torrey Pines)..... "FFIP" is a support group for friends and family of incarcerated persons, meetings at 2000 South Maryland Parkway, meeting room #1, Christ Episcopal Church. Call 314-5463 for more info..... The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District is seeking volunteers interested in becoming literacy tutors, Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. No. At the 3-day literacy tutor training workshop, volunteers will learn about the Library District's Computer Assisted Literacy in Libraries (C.A.L.L.) Program, be introduced to methods of instruction and receive training in how to be an effective tutor. Call 382-3493, extension 216..... "Dressing Up", a new exhibit by award winning painter Susanne Forestieri, The Winchester Center Gallery, 3130 S. McLeod Dr. The exhibit will be on display from August 31 through October 9. Artist reception September 9, 6 - 8 pm. Public welcome..... Nevada Theatre Company presents, **Baltimore Waltz** by Paula Vogel, October 1 - 17. Clark County Library Jewel Box Theatre, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm. Baltimore Waltz is a dizzying, comedic tale of a girl's valiant attempt to keep her brother's spirit alive. Her brother has died of AIDS. Call 873-0191 for info. and reservations..... **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..... **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. Call Doris Doss at 894-9729 or Joe Novak at 365-8138.

Census

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Community Church.

In Brownsville, Texas, Alma Rendon, director of the Cameron Park Centro Cultural, is known and trusted in the Latino community. In Gulfport, Miss., it was Pastor Adams of the Little Rock Missionary Baptist Church.

In Laurel Homes, the human information network consisted of my "aunties" - more aunties than my mother and father had sisters. At any given time, they might be on the stoop or at the window, from one end of the neighborhood to the other.

If you got into trouble on one end, the news was at the other faster than you could run. Kids today have the Internet. But, in my neighborhood, we had the Auntie-Net.

Unfortunately, Washington experts often mistake low income for low IQ. In other circumstances, women like my aunties in Cincinnati and men like Tyrone and Levi in Chicago would be doctors, lawyers, and professionals, commanding the same respect as the experts at the Census Bureau.

Some people want you to



PACK TO SCHOOL

Booker Elementary Principal Beverly Mathis hands out backpacks donated by local businesses, organizations and citizens during the first week of school. More than 205,000 students began classes this week in the Clark County School District.

LV Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

believe the census is only about politics, a fight between Democrats and Republicans. But, there is a more important fight: the battle to make Washington experts show a little respect for our neighborhood experts.

My aunts at the window, Tyrone and Levi in Chicago, the Rev. Adams in Mississippi, Chief

Apesanahkwat in Menominee — these are the true experts on undercounted communities.

Respect them. Listen to them. Hire them. Give them the funding and support to count people, to build a platform for people to speak up and speak out and break down the barriers to opportunity.

Politicians and statisticians can use modern science to make their best guess from Washington. But, don't use it as an excuse not to hire my neighbors to count my neighborhood.

J. Kenneth Blackwell is Ohio's only African-American statewide elected officeholder. He is Ohio secretary of state.

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dollars in government services on \$10,000 per capita. If this figure is multiplied by 1 1/3 million black folks, we are missing out on 13 billion dollars worth of government services in our communities nationwide or stated another way, the equivalent of building ten Venetian Hotels.

Soldiers

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They fought in major campaigns against Indian tribes, participated in searching the southwest for the bandit Pancho Villa and fought with Teddy Roosevelt at San Juan Hill.

Twenty-three soldiers eventually were awarded the Medal of Honor and are credited as being an inspiration by modern military figures such as former Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell.

The Buffalo Soldiers overcame seemingly insurmountable odds to create a legacy that cannot and should not be forgotten. Monuments have been erected throughout the United States as a permanent testimony to their courage and commitment to duty.

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