

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

UNLV Offers Perinatal Loss Support Group to begin September 21. Couples or individuals who have lost a child during pregnancy or shortly after birth will soon have a new source of support available. Meetings will be held each Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 pm through November 30 at UNLV's Client Services Center, McDermott Physical Education Complex, Room 207. This service is free of charge. Facilitators: David Mumford and Naomi Karrick. Counseling Professor: Shirley Emerson. Call 895-3839

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Tyrone Seals Celebration, 9/16-9/18 at 7 pm, 9/19 at 3:30 pm, Metropolitan Baptist Church, 2200 East Cheyenne Avenue. For more info call 657-0371..... Women's Center offers Pre-Start-up Business Class, ten weeks on Mondays from 6 pm - 9 pm beginning September 20, Las Vegas Business Center, 1951 Stella Lake Street. Call 638-0930 or 732-0414.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
The High Rollers Chapter of the American Merchant Marine Veterans monthly meeting, 11 am, Police Protective Association Building, 1250 Burnham. All veterans are invited along with members of the Navy Armed Guard and Army Transport Service who also served on cargo ships. For info call Bill Erin at 293-7438.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Rhythm and Blues Icon, Mavis Staples, brings her soaring vocals to Las Vegas. Summer Concert Series, 8 pm, Clark County Government Center Amphitheater.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Family Support Group Meeting, 7 pm, Village Oaks- Las Vegas, 3025 East Russell Road. The Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month to discuss caregiving dilemmas, provide emotional support and exchange coping skills. Learn how to have healthier relationships with your loved ones. Please call 451-7896.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
"Seventh Annual Blue Moon Ball", 6:30 - 10 pm, Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park. This year's theme: The Mysterious Orient. Decorations promise to be outstanding as usual. Proceeds benefit the senior citizen programming. \$5 and refreshments at a nominal cost. Call 229-6602..... Wills & Estate Planning, 6 pm, North Las Vegas Library, 2300 Civic Center Drive. Do you have a will? Can you afford to retire? Call Kathleen Hanselmann at 633-1070 for information.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Gospel Outreach Center Church presents Gospel Fest #99, Magic Mountain Bus Ride, Date: October 2, \$45 per person. For more info please call 282-6328. Deadline: September 26th. Special Guest: Fred Hammond & Yolanda Adams..... Celebration & Old-School Party with Rhonda H. Simmons, Ms. Black Nevada 1999, 9:30 pm - 2:30 am, Italian American Supper Club, 2333 East Sahara Avenue. \$15 per person pre-sale only, (limited seating capacity of 125). No tickets can be sold at their door! Tell your friends, 646-3780, Music by local disc jockey!

ONGOING
Las Vegas Art Museum Hosts Las Vegas Invitational Exhibition through September 26, Las Vegas Art Museum, 9600 W. Sahara Avenue. This exhibition features work by six southern Nevada artists..... Xeriscape Classes, Wednesdays, 7 pm, Desert Demonstration Gardens, 3701 West Alta Dr. Classes on landscape design, plant selections, choosing efficient irrigation systems and how to plant anything classes. Call 258-3205 to confirm date and time. Classes are free of charge..... Welcome Dancers, Choreographers, Gospel Singers & Musicians between the ages 9 - 25 to audition for membership in The Las Vegas Youth Mass Choir, West Las Vegas Art Center. 229-4800 or 559-2970..... The Nathan Adelson Hospice Volunteer Education Course, Saturdays from 9 am - 3 pm, beginning September 25. Deadline for registration September 20. Training to be held at Nathan Adelson Hospice, 4141 S. Swenson Street. A program offering 18 hours of education to provide tools and resources needed to offer terminally ill patients and their families emotional and practical support..... Theater Class for Teens by the Clark County Parks and Recreation's Winchester Community Center. Intended to launch an ongoing teen theater ensemble called the Arts Train Players. Classes Wednesdays from 3 pm to 5 pm for nine weeks, beginning September 29. Public performance in the Winchester Theater on Tuesday, November 23, 5:30 pm. Cost \$20 Call 455-7340..... 8th Annual Garden Party Welcome, A reception sponsored by the Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Educators for new and returning CCSD Employees, October 3 at the Desert Inn Hotel, 3 - 7 pm. Principals may request a limited number of complimentary tickets for their new employees. RSVP. All other employees may purchase tickets from LVABSE members at their schools. Proceeds will be given in scholarships. \$10, Contact Susie Scott at 733-0780 or Jeri Cooper at 671-6200..... The first West Las Vegas Arts Center Music Talent Show will offer community musical artists an opportunity to compete for various prizes including a professionally produced compact disc single of two of their songs. All ages welcome. Registration September 13 - October 5, \$10 fee. Show will be held October 8 and admission is free. Call 229-4800 for info..... UMC's CCSN Quick Care is offering sports physicals for \$26.25 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).....

Examining links between color, success

Sonia Steward
Special to Sentinel-Voice
The facts speak for themselves. Black students make up 16 percent of the national public school enrollment, but more than 90 percent of our children are in special education classes for slow learners. Why?

You would think this is because they have difficulty learning. However, this is not the case. They are dumped into these classes for several reasons. These include: lack of teacher training, uncaring learning environments,

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parents ill-equipped to deal with the system.

Black students are twice as likely as White students to be suspended, physically punished by school authorities, labeled mentally retarded and/or learning disabled.

What can concerned parents do? Many things: Don't accept labels placed on your child; work tirelessly

with your child at home; teach your child more than what he/she learns at school; build your child's self-esteem brick by brick every day; use available resources.

"MATH: Any Child Can Learn It!" contains over 50 activities for children aged five to 13. The activities illustrate the mathematics that children can experience at home, at the grocery store,

and while traveling.

"READING: Any Child Can Learn It!" contains reading activities for children from infancy through age 11. The 50 reading activities are designed to take advantage of a child's natural curiosity and are easy for parents of preschoolers, beginning readers, or developing readers to use.

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Pollution

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Washington-based World Federation of Public Health Associations.

"There is no question that there is a problem of dioxin contamination in Mossville," said Orris, who worked with the U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry on the health study conducted in the town.

As the study found high levels of dioxins in the blood of long-time residents of Mossville, it advised public health officials to take action to minimize further exposure.

"The U.S. government needs to stop its rhetoric and start listening to the people and get these plants to stop producing dioxins," Prince said.

Prostate

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transplanted nerve until eventually both ends reconnect, Kim and Wood explained.

It grows very slowly — most men won't know until 14-18 months after surgery if they'll regain erectile function, the doctors cautioned. And to regain function, men also require months of physical therapy.

Among the 14 patients operated on long enough ago to start measuring the surgery's success, four now have sexual intercourse. Seven more have partial erections, not quite strong enough for intercourse.

The impotence pill Viagra helps some of those men have sex, but Kim said it's too soon to tell if their nerve function will continue improving so they won't need sexual help.

With their cavernous nerves gone, none of the men should have erectile function unless the nerve graft really is working.

It's the first human regeneration of a "parasympathetic nerve," a particularly

complex type of nerve that helps control various organs, Nath said.

"I can't tell you the number of times I've sat in front of these poor guys and you can just see it in their eyes — the anxiety because they're saying to themselves, 'I'm trading my life for my sex life,'" Wood said. "This offers them an opportunity to maximize cancer control and a relatively good chance at preserving potency."

Although the Texas doctors' results haven't yet been evaluated by other scientists — Kim will present early results at an impotence meeting in Boston in October — some urologists are intrigued.

Physiologically, there's no reason a nerve graft couldn't work, said Dr. David G. McLeod, chief of urologic oncology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, who has discussed the experiment with one of its inventors.

"We'll be looking into it," McLeod said. "I greet it with interest, not skepticism."

Farmers

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farms increased 32 percent in five years while the population only increased 20 percent in that same time period.

Amazingly, immigrants are being welcomed even in the racist small towns that dominate our rural areas. Though that doesn't show that racism is dying in small towns, it does demonstrate that for racist, small town

business people, the dollar talks.

In Lowell, Mass., Cambodians are growing vegetables in hydroponic greenhouses and raising fish in a former textile mill. In the Fresno area, Laotians are into farming in a big way, and on California's central coast, immigrant and American Hispanics are producing about a quarter of the strawberries grown in that

area.

In an apple growing area of Washington State where Mexican immigrants have bought some farms, the service manager of the John Deere dealer took Spanish-language courses. The owner, who is looking for bilingual employees, was quoted by the Wall Street Journal as saying, "A lot of people aren't willing any more to do farm work and take the thin profits;

Hispanics are."

In that area of Washington, 10 years ago there were only two Hispanic owned farms. They expect the number to reach 60 in a year or two.

I know many of my African-American readers will read this column and lament the lack of Blacks returning to farming. The reason for not returning is the reason we left decades ago ... hard work and slim returns.

Hillary

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challenge that misconception and did not point out that these political prisoners have already served at least 19 years for crimes such as possession of an unregistered firearm and interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle. Ignoring the facts and the feelings of millions of Puerto Ricans is institutional racism at worst and bad politics at best.

If Mrs. Clinton is going to take the Puerto Rican community and its leaders for granted, what will she do with the African-American community and our leaders? If she is going to take positions on issues of significance to our communities with no respect for our leaders, then why should she be one of only two Senators representing New York state?

If she is going to take the same positions as the other almost-candidate, Mayor Guiliani, then why should African-American, Latino and Latina voters vote for her?

Mrs. Clinton has some work to do between now and next November. Without the black and Latino vote in New York, she'll never make it to the U. S. Capitol.

Teachers

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encouragement, and when someone like me needed a ride to school.

For these reasons, I can never forget her. Teachers, don't be discouraged, your charges will always remember and cherish you. And, buck up soldiers. Be grateful for the Miss Adgers of your day.

To you, Adger, the greatest thank you I can muster for doing your job so well. Ronny Davis is an engineer living in Texas. Rosalind Mosley is now Rosalind Mosley Jeffers, a lawyer and mother of two. And, I am just fortunate to have had you as a neighbor, a teacher and a friend.

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