

# COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

The Arts Council of Henderson, Green Valley, presents The 13th Annual, Shakespeare in the Park production of HAMLET September 24 & 25 at 7 pm; September 26 at 6 pm; Green Show one hour prior to performance; Admission is Free! Free parking will be conveniently located at Arroyo Grande Sports Complex where a free, air-conditioned shuttle will take you to Fox Ridge Park.

**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 and 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**

Mexico Vivo Dance Company presents, "Euroflista", and September 25th, 7:30 pm, Winchester Community Center, 3130 S. McLeod Drive. The performance by this 30 member dance troupe will feature a variety of selections of songs and dances from countries such as Spain, Greece, France and Rumania. Call 455-7340..... 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 the door! Tell your friends, 646-3780, Music by local disc jockey!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

The Links, Inc., Las Vegas Chapter, sponsors its 5th Annual Walk-A-Thon "Project Walking Fete: Take Charge of Your Health", 8 am to 11 am, around Wayne Bunker Family Park, on the corner of Alexander Avenue and Tenaya Way. Walkers are asked to make a donation of \$10 with funds benefitting many local programs..... Steven Kalas and Amaranth bring Acoustic, Jazz and New Age Music to Whitney Library as part of the "WorldFolk Concert Series", 2 pm, Whitney Library Theater, 5175 E. Tropicana. The show is free and open to the public.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

Students from southern Nevada high schools are invited to audition for the Las Vegas All-Star High School Jazz Band on Monday and Tuesday, September 27 & 28 from 4-6 pm at the Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North. Call 229-6211 for further information.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

The International Organization of Black Security Executives Annual Fall Reception. The event will bring together professionals from throughout the U.S., Caribbean and other parts of the world. Call 1-888-88 IOBSE or visit www.IOBSE.com.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

Las Vegas Champions Volunteer group for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) Meeting, 7 pm, West Charleston Library Conference Room, 6301 W, Charleston Blvd. Topic: Future public awareness and fund raising events, including the November 14 Cars for Canines Charity Autocross. Public invited! Call 739-6569.

**ONGOING**

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..... 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 Sept. 29. Public performance in the Winchester Theater on Tuesday, November 23, 5:30 pm. Cost \$20 Call 455-7340..... **"FFIP"** is a support group for friends and family of incarcerated persons, meetings at 2000 S. Maryland Pkwy, meeting room #1, Christ Episcopal Church. Call 314-5463.

## Discontent

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government as remote and much more responsive to special interests than to the public interest.

Our youngest voters, who vote the least of any age group, are the most alienated from politics. Fully 68% of 18-34 year olds said they felt disconnected. In a Gallopoll last winter, 44% of the younger Blacks aged 18-34 identified themselves as independents. There is a growing gap between citizens and the bi-partisan run government.

What do we do about alienation from government and low voter confidence? Here's what the poll found: More than half of Americans (51%) think that the public itself has greater potential than any other group or institution to improve government in the next century.

Eighty-four percent of respondents say that increased voter participation in elections would be effective in making government work better.

Patricia McGinnis, President and CEO of the Council, a partnership of private-sector and nonprofit leaders said, "The poll

underscores our nation's challenge in the next millennium. We have an anemic democracy, badly in need of involvement and ownership by its citizens."

So if two-thirds of the public is disconnected from politics and more than three-quarters see citizen involvement as a critical element to reshaping politics, we have to get people involved.

In Minnesota last year, voter turnout was the highest in the country — 60%, and young people voted at a rate twice the national average. Minnesota has the fairest process in the country. They permit same day voter registration — where citizens can go to their local poll on Election Day, register and vote.

They hold debates where all qualified candidates, including independent candidates, are included. They have a campaign finance system designed to reduce the disproportionate ratio of funds spent by the wealthiest candidates and less wealthy candidates. And they had a populist anti-establishment independent candidate running for Governor — Jesse Ventura.

He talked to the public about the very issue they are concerned with — that government is "distant and disconnected" from the people.

What do the polls about political discontent really tell us? That if you want to be a relevant leader, you have to talk to the American people about their discontent. And their discontent runs deeper than not liking this or that policy. The discontent is with politics and politicians as

usual. It's with the process.

It's no surprise, then, that 51% of Americans say that it is we, the people — and not the existing institutions who can make the changes needed. What are those changes? The reforms of government and elections that put us and not the special interests, in control.

Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party.

## Britain

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sentences 44 percent longer than white males, and black women prisoners are incarcerated twice as long as white females.

There has also been a disturbing rise of crimes in Britain. A 1996 survey revealed that six out of ten black people questioned, four out of ten Asians, said they had suffered racially motivated physical or verbal abuse. Government figures indicate that racial attacks have risen dramatically over the past ten years.

Despite the continued reality of racial discrimination, blacks are fundamentally remaking British culture and society. Today, black and Asian children form a majority of all students in the 900 primary and secondary schools in London's 12 central boroughs. By 2010, one quarter of all London residents will be black and Asian. Challenging oppression, the black struggle for injustice in Britain will continue to grow.

Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of History and Director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies at Columbia University.

## Floyd

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"At 53 years old, I don't think I could start back with it again and come out on top."

Many are looking to the slaves who founded the town for inspiration.

"We're going to have to be just as tough as they were — maybe a little tougher," said Deborah Hudson, 47, who was born in Princeville. "It'll never be the same. But with the help of the good Lord, we might could get some of it back."

As Lee Black stood outside the shelter listening to the latest flood news, he couldn't help thinking about the things he left behind. Lost in the floodwaters were scrapbooks containing photographs of buildings that have long since ceased to exist.

Now, Hurricane Floyd has become part of the town's story.

"All the children right here that heard the old stories that the old people have told them, now they're going to have go through that," he said.

"The old folks are going to lead us. And the stronger middle-aged people are going to do the work. And the younger ones are going to learn from it."

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