

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

4th Annual African American Student Achievement Conference, "Cultural Pride in the New Millennium", University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Moyer Student Union. Registration: 7:30 am - 8:30 am; Opening Session: 8:30 am - 9 am; Opening Keynote: 9 am - 10 am; Workshops: 10:10 am - 12:00 pm; Lunch, Keynote: 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm & IMX (Immature) Performance. Purpose: To enhance the college opportunities of the African American Student population of NV and to remove obstacles to their academic future. Call 648-0104.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

The Las Vegas Chapter of Jack and Jill presents the Seventh Annual African American (AAHC) Challenge Final Four Competition, 6 pm, KLVX Channel 10 Studios. This challenge is a team competition between area high schools on topics of African-American history and culture.... Peace Corps Informational Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 - 9 pm, Clark County Library, Jewel Box Theatre, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd, Thursday, 7:30 - 9 pm, UNLV, Moyer Student Union, Lounge 202. Former Peace Corps volunteers will share stories about their experiences abroad and Peace Corps recruiters will describe volunteer opportunities in developing nations around the world. A film of Peace Corps volunteers at work will be shown. Free and open to the public. Call (800) 424-8580, option 1.... Learn to Ski Program: Registration deadline February 24 for session beginning in March, Clark County and Recreation and the Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort will be offering ski lessons for children ages 6-12 at the ski resort at Mount Charleston. Sessions B and C consist of three consecutive Thursdays. Session B begins March 2 and ends March 16. Session C begins March 23 and ends April 6, registration will be accepted through March 16. Cost \$75, includes transportation to and from resort, ski rental, half-day lift ticket, a one hour lesson and qualified adult supervision. Call 455-8334 or 455-8206.... National Association of Minority Contractors presents a Free Business Seminar, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Clark County Government Center's Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway. Businesses owned by women, minorities, veterans or disabled persons are encouraged to attend a free certification workshop, to learn how to get more through certification. Call 615-6049 for more information.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25-27

Rene' Margary's "Power of Black Love," Comedy for the entire family, Friday 8 pm, Saturday & Sunday 3 pm and 8 pm, The West Las Vegas Library Theatre, 951 Lake Mead Blvd. For ticket information, call 647-2722.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Urban Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to its Black History Month Luncheon, 11:30 am - 1 pm, Seven Seas Restaurant, 808 W. Lake Mead. Guest Speaker: Terry Johnson. \$20 Members in advance, \$22 Non-Members in advance, \$25 all walk-in. RSVP by February 22. Call 648-6222 for more information.

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City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services semi-annual Leisure Awareness Fair, Check-in time, 10 am - 6 pm, Meadows Mall, 4300 Meadows Lane, at the Sear Court in the Lower level. This family fun event is the perfect opportunity for new residents as well as, long time residents to get information on the many activities and programs sponsored by the City of Las Vegas. Nevada Youth Alliance is hosting this year's "Get High On Kicks!!! Not Drugs" Kick-A-Thon, 10:30 am - 11 am, All American Sport Park (corner of Sunset Rd. and Las Vegas Blvd.) Event starts at 11:15 sharp! Proceeds will be used to help start a program that will make available the benefits of Martial Arts and Drug Awareness training to low income and "at high risk" children in our community. Please contact Allen Sarac at 456-6323.... Are You Having Trouble Collecting Child Support? Seminar, 11 am - 3 pm, Clark County Agassi Boys & Girls Club, 800 N. Martin Luther King Blvd. Come and learn how to take action on your case! Learn how to get your children the support they deserve. Free! Call 857-1815 Unity Baptist Church Annual Prayer Breakfast, 8 - 10 am, 545 Marion Drive. \$3 Donation. For more info. and reservations please call 459-2263 from 9 am - 2 pm. Unity Baptist Church Drama and Media Ministry is proud to present "The Black Eagles" a play written by Catherine Gurley, 6 pm, 545 Marion Drive. Come and relive a very important accomplishment in Black History. For more info. contact Unity Baptist Church at 459-2263.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Celebrating Robert Shaw featuring soprano soloist Zandra Richardson, 4 pm, Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd. Shaw received 16 Grammy Awards for his musical achievements. Ms. Richardson is a choral music teacher and has performed in stage choirs with Paul Anka, Barry Manilow and Garth Brooks. Call 228-8316 for more information. Greek Leadership Presentation Day for theme "Building Unity Within the Community" will be made to students in UNLV's fraternities and sororities, 10 am - 12 noon, UNLV campus. There will also be a community service agency fair with approximately 20 So. Nevada organizations represented.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Informational Sessions: Consultants and Training Experts Needed to work with local manufacturers, 8:30 am - 9:30 am and 3:30 - 4:40 pm, Community College Sahara West Center, 2409 Las Verdes, Room A-117. Call 561-5600.

Gore, Mrs. Clinton court minority voters

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — On the eve of a debate with Bill Bradley at Harlem's Apollo Theatre, Vice President Al Gore sought to reinforce his standing among New York's minorities in the Democratic presidential race.

Renewing his call for an end to racial profiling by police and passage of federal hate-crimes legislation, Gore told a largely black audience of more than 800 at an Albany church Sunday that the Republicans who hope to take the White House are "morally blind" to racial concerns.

Gore, campaigning for the first time this year in New York with first lady and Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton, never mentioned Bradley.

The two rivals are to meet tonight at the Apollo, a Harlem landmark, in a 90-minute debate centering on urban and racial issues. Theater stage hands and management reached a contract agreement Sunday, averting a threatened strike that would have caused complications because both Gore and Bradley had vowed not to cross a picket line.

Bradley was at a Brooklyn school today, touting his health care and education plans.

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— Bill Bradley

Speaking to a mostly Hispanic crowd, Bradley said that of 44 million Americans who lack health insurance, nearly one-fourth are Hispanic.

Regarding Gore's criticism of his health plan, the former senator from New Jersey said, "I am disappointed that Al Gore has attacked and distorted it. It casts doubt on his commitment to a basic plank in the Democratic platform."

Bradley said he strongly supports bilingual education — "an important bridge to make more people participate more fully in American society."

On Sunday, at the Wilborn Temple First Church of God in Christ, the vice president lambasted the Republicans in impassioned tones.

"There are those who have 20/20 vision who are morally blind. ... Some of those individuals just left the state of South Carolina," he said to laughter. Citing the

Confederate battle flag that flies over the South Carolina Statehouse, Gore paraphrased a Bob Dylan song and said, "They looked at that flag and they turned their heads and pretended that they just didn't see."

He said the GOP reaction — rivals Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain have said the flag issue is something to be resolved by South Carolinians — reminded him of those who say that America has become color blind.

"They use their color blind the way duck hunters use their duck blinds — they hide behind it and hope the ducks won't know what they're up to," Gore said to cheers.

Bush said today, "What Vice President Gore loves to do is the typical Washington politics of calling people names. He loves the politics of personal destruction, and America is sick of it. ... I look forward to challenging this kind of politics that is so stale

and so negative."

While there has been speculation that Gore and the first lady didn't want to be seen together, Gore and the first lady had warm words and hugs for each other.

"Her vision will make a difference ... I will stand up for her," he said. "No one in America is more qualified to lead us than our vice president," Clinton said.

After the church appearance, Gore flew to New York City, where he met Sunday afternoon with the editorial board of The Amsterdam News, an influential black-oriented newspaper whose endorsement he is courting.

The three-hour church service was part of the annual weekend conference sponsored by the state Legislature's black and Hispanic caucus. Minorities made up 15 percent of voters in New York's 1998 election for governor and the Senate.

A big test of that minority voting power will come in the state's March 7 primary, which is considered a major showdown for Gore and Bradley, a former New York Knicks basketball star. Both have made major appeals to minorities in their bids for the Democratic nomination.

Race

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Alan Keyes: "Come to work every day."

John McCain: "I believe in the protection of civil rights and the promotion of equal opportunity for all Americans. These are fundamental principles of democracy for which so many of our countrymen have laid down their lives. I would use the office of the presidency to set a positive example and to foster the unity, healing and understanding that befits a great nation founded on the principle that all men are created equal. I'm running for president to inspire the next generation to serve causes greater than their self-interest."

One of those causes is achieving the vision of our Founding Fathers and that of Martin Luther King Jr. of equal opportunity and justice for all Americans."

Debate

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feet separating their lecterns, Bradley held out a sheaf of papers he said documented five votes by Gore between 1979 and 1981 to preserve the tax-exempt status of colleges that racially discriminate.

In those votes, Gore split with members of the Congressional Black Caucus, including New York Rep. Charlie Rangel, a leading Gore supporter.

Gore refused to take the papers and explained away the votes as "a vote on quotas."

In turn, he challenged Bradley to explain a 1995 vote that Gore described as rejection of expanding minority ownership of broadcast outlets.

"What you see is an elaborate what I call 'Gore dance,'" Bradley said. "It is a dance to avoid facing up to your conservative record."

"The problem is these attacks don't solve any problems," Gore said. "They do divide us as Democrats. They distract us from the real enemy, the right wing extremists, Confederate flag-waving Republicans," Gore said.

Jamaica

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who not only looked down on the Rasta movement, but also blamed it for leading many upper-crust children astray.

But his funeral in May 1981 attracted the country's most influential minds. And 19 years after his death, even followers of different religious persuasions are hailing Marley's contribution as a musician who had a major impact on society.

Ian Boyne, leader of the Jamaican chapter of the Worldwide Church of God, conceded that the Time and BBC acknowledgements went a long way in winning Marley new fans among Jamaica's ruling class.

"His icon status has been solidified by the elite in Jamaica because two of its

most credible international voices (Time and the BBC) have acknowledged his superstar status," Boyne wrote in a column in the Gleaner newspaper. "There is nothing like a little validation from outside for us good colonials to feel good about ourselves."

For all the acclaim Marley has been receiving since late 1999, his timeless music still receives only token airplay in a country entranced by dancehall and hip-hop out of North America.

Rastafarian leaders have consistently called for Marley to be made a national hero, and for his ideas to be taught at the university level. Until such proposals are reality, Marley's call for one love will remain just a pretty song in his homeland.

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