

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

The Conservation District of Southern Nevada and the Clark County Department of Parks and Recreation are sponsoring the second annual Earthfest event. In celebrating the 30th anniversary of Earth Day over 50 exhibitors and vendors will be on hand. With activities focusing on local environmental concerns, water conservation, alternative energy sources and alternative fuels to name a few. This is a family event that will take place at Sunset Park, 2601 E. Sunset Rd. from 10 am til 4 pm. For more information call 455-8200.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

American Cancer Society presents Relay For Life, "A Henderson Celebration." This is the 2nd annual event for raising funds to assist the society in providing research, education, advocacy and a variety of patient services to the community. Activities begin at 6 pm at the Sunset Station Hotel & Casino's amphitheater. This two day event will have teams walking, running, and jogging around a track for 16 hours. Their will be food and entertainment. Call Barbara Erickson for more details at 798-6877, ext. 226.

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The Clark County Junior Chamber of Commerce (the Jaycees) will host the second annual Disabled Children's Easter Egg Hunt. The festivities are being held at Helen J. Stewart Special Education School. Games and a coloring contest are scheduled to begin at 12 pm, with the egg hunt slated for 1pm. The hunt is accessible to wheelchair bound and disabled children of Las Vegas. For more information on contact Darlene Savage, 731-0268.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

The True Vine Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting its annual Ushers Day Service. It begins at 3 pm at the church located at 500 Jackson St. For additional information call 648-6700.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

The Cultural and Community Affairs Division of the City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services presents "Community Roots Art Display." Eight local artist, Cochise Couyette, Albert Fennell, Joseph House, Frank James, Randy Proby, Gene Redden, Gwen Walker and Michael Wiggins will display two and three-dimensional works. Various mediums including sculpture, painting, miniatures, collages and doll collections can be seen through June 17th. Come meet the artist at a free reception that start at 7:30 pm at the West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd. For more details call the center at 229-4800.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

The North Las Vegas Library District presents "Spring Gardens for Spring Break." This is a cultural arts program to let children get out of the house during spring break and become creative through art and music. The fun begins at 2pm at the North Las Vegas Library, 2300 Civic Center Dr. Need more information, call 633-1070.

ONGOING

The Professional Black Women's Alliance, general membership meetings 10 am the second Saturday of the month. H & H Barbeque Restaurant, 910 N. Martin L. King Blvd. Call Lillian McMorris, president, to answer your questions at 631-0000, fax 313-5255 or email mslill@aol.com... Left of Center Art Gallery, in North Las Vegas, has a new exhibition "Southern Exposure" on display through June 23. Local photographer Kenn Ruffin exhibits a collection of photographic expressions based on life in the rural south and southwest. The gallery is located at 2207 W. Gowan Rd. Call 647-7378 for additional information ... Las Vegas Civic Ballet offers Dance Classes for Beginners and Intermediate Students, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. No. Classes open to all ages, are \$25 per month and available Monday through Friday. Registration for all classes and workshops is on going. Call 229-2320 or 229-6211. Champions of Organ Sharing Meetings, 7 pm, every third Wednesday of the month, Sunrise Hospital Auditorium. Purpose: To act as a support group for organ transplantation recipients and candidates awaiting organs and more. Call Doris Doss at 894-9729 or Joe Novak at 365-8138. Nathan Adelson Hospice offering a twenty-four hour Volunteer Education Training Course. The course will provide volunteers with the tools and resources needed to offer emotional and practical support through their service with terminally ill hospice patients and their families. Volunteers will work with patients in the Pahrump area and around the valley. Call Shari Diebold or Sharon Williams at 1-888-281-8646. Hepatitis "C" Support Groups Meetings, Mondays at 7 pm, Fridays at 2 pm, Community Counseling Center, 1120 Almond Tree Lane, Suite #207. Call 369-8700 for further information.... "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.... 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.

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Census

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said. "We just need the count to get the federal dollars (and) we're just trying to change peoples' views. It's been a full-court press on this one, we want to go in with strong numbers."

"There's no reason why we shouldn't participate," said Neal. "It's confidential information for the national government to make decisions. It's not information that's going to go to the police, it's going to the census. So there's no reason to be fearful."

Said Anderson: "We don't ask for your social security numbers and we don't share this information with any other agencies. We're not looking to tell anyone's business, this is for statistics."

"This is not like voting," warned Arberry, "where you can say, 'Oh, well, I'll just register next time.' This is different. This is it, we've got to be counted now, or it'll be too late to complain when we don't get our fair share."

So, the work continues. And the call, once again, goes out to the African-American community to stand up- or sit if you wish- but in any case, be counted.

"Some community youth groups have volunteered to go out with us this Saturday and go door-to-door to drop off these (census project) information packets," said Weekly. "We'll say, 'it's okay to fill these out.'" He expects from 75 to 100 people to show up and says anyone else interested in volunteering is encouraged to come.

The workers will assemble

around 8:30 a.m. "More than likely at the West Las Vegas Library," he said, estimating the group will "hit the street around nine o'clock."

Census forms can still be picked up at various churches, at 7-11 convenience stores and at the West Las Vegas Library. Anderson complimented a number of local pastors for their efforts to assist the project, saying: "these ministers have taken the lead in this census process."

Churches where the forms may be found are: St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Greater St. Paul Church of God in Christ, Mountaintop Faith Ministries, Victory Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church and Zion Methodist Church.

And, Anderson says those who so desire can still avoid visits to their homes by the census officials, who'll be combing the neighborhoods soon- trying, again, to count the non-respondents that didn't return questionnaires in the first place.

Information about how to prevent home visits, or practically anything else regarding the census, can be obtained by calling one of the project offices: in North Las Vegas at 633-0920; in Las Vegas at 388-6820, and in Henderson at 567-0920.

Said the enthusiastic Anderson: "I will bring forms to people!"

She can be reached by calling 240-9898 or a message can be left for her at 1-888-723-1691.



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BOOKER'S BIG TOP

Four-year old Kermit Elementary Booker pupil Jameisha Battle receives congratulations from the ringmaster for winning first prize in the Culpeper-Merriweather Circus coloring contest in West Las Vegas on Monday.

Houston

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Natalie Cole were going to talk to Houston about her alleged drug problem.

"I read it like you did. I don't know where that came from," Warwick said. "There's no reason for intervention."

In January, airport security officers in Hawaii said they found a half-ounce of marijuana in Houston's bag. Rather than wait for police to arrive, the 36-year-old Houston boarded her flight and left the islands. Houston has not been charged in the incident.

Houston's publicist blamed a sore throat for the Oscar show absence and "voice problems" for the Hall of Fame absence.

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