

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, MAY 25

The North Las Vegas Library District is sponsoring a computer basics workshop. Learn the ABC's of computers and programs. Starting at 6pm on how to work a computer at the North Las Vegas Library, 2300 Civic Center Dr. Need more information, call Kathleen Hanselmann 633-1070.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

The National United Church Ushers Association of America is sponsoring a bus trip to the Los Angeles Garment District. This is a turn around trip with buses leaving a 5 am at Second Baptist Church, 500 Madison Ave. For more information call 648-6155... The Women's Democratic Club of Clark County invites you to attend an Ice Cream Social and Democratic Candidate Mixer from 3 pm-5 pm at Rafael Rivera Community Park, 2900 Stewart Avenue. Join them for a chance to get to know the candidates. Donation is \$5, children are free. Contact Sandra Hudgens at 838-2841 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Dharvi Darrelle Morgenstern presents "Legendary Black Ladies of History," a concert of song, poetry and jazz, at 7 pm in the Reed Whipple Cultural Center's studio theatre, 821 Las Vegas Boulevard North. The concert is free, but tickets are required and may be picked up after May 30. Ticket holders must be seated 10 minutes before the concert or tickets will be released. For info call 229-6211.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

The West Las Vegas Arts Center is offering three outstanding, critically acclaimed, animated features in its amphitheater on the 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Presented by the Cultural and Community Affairs Division of the City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services, all films begin at 8 pm and are free to the public. Call 229-4800 for more information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

The Women of First African Methodist Episcopal Church invite you to praise, worship and fellowship as they celebrate their annual Women's Day Program. Programs include Prayer Breakfast, Saturday at 9:30 am and Women's Day Worship Service, Sunday, June 11 at 11 am at First A.M.E. Church located at 2450 Revere Street. For more info call 649-1774.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

The Cultural and Community Affairs Division of the City of Las Vegas presents two concerts by the Las Vegas Summer Band. The band plays marches, big band standards and Broadway show tunes at Hills Park in Summerlin and June 18 at Jaycee Park, South Eastern at St. Louis. Shows begin at 7pm and are free to the public. Seating is on the grass. For additional info call 229-6211.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

The Arts Connection Kamp has limited openings remaining for its June 12- July 7 program. Held at the Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, the program offers a full morning of arts related classes for ages 6-12. The camp runs Monday-Friday, 9 am - noon. Full registration is \$150 per child, \$145 for each additional sibling. Call 229-6211 to request a brochure and registration form.

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... The Community College of Southern Nevada is accepting applications for the third annual Summer Jazz Combo Camp. The camp runs June 25-30 on the Cheyenne Campus. Training sessions are open to instrumentalist and vocalists of all ages and skill levels. Call the Fine Arts department at 651-4006... 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. The West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd. For more details call the center at 229-4800... 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... Nevada Partners is offering free computer and Internet classes. Daily classes use the latest Microsoft Word and Excel applications. Evening classes offer Internet training that focuses on general usage, opening an Internet account, and designing a Web Page. For more information, call 399-5627.

The Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice accepts Community Billboard announcements for non-profit and church organizations. Send notices: 900 E. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89104 or fax to (702) 380-8102.

Interview

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blamed for some of this. The same thing happened to Bob Dole in '96 — a good man who had a credible civil rights record, who enjoyed significant Black support in his various elections in Kansas.

But in the hands of his handlers, what happened? He became a foe of civil rights.

How much of the Black vote did he get—10, 11 percent? That's the same as [President George] Bush in '92.

RUFFIN: But according to exit polls, in his last gubernatorial election, George W. Bush got more than 25 percent of the Black vote.

ANDERSON: That's why everyone was excited about the 27 percent of Black support Bush claims he got in his run for governor of Texas in 1998. Bush's initial appeal was that he would not just win in traditionally Republican states. If he could get that 27 percent or close to it in Midwestern and Northeastern battleground states in the presidential election, he'd be home free.

Now he'll be lucky if he gets 10 percent. He has to get Black folks to take him off mute. Black people are tuning him out, they're not listening to him. And I think the damage is irreparable. I don't think there is anything he can say to convince Black folks to vote for him. There's not enough time between now and November.

RUFFIN: Is the GOP today the party of Lincoln?

ANDERSON: No, it's not the party of Lincoln because those in control are the old Dixiecrats—the Democrats who

opposed the civil rights movement and moved over to the Republican Party. In the 21st century, the first standard-bearer for the party of Lincoln is George W. Bush, who has reservations about condemning the flying of the Confederate flag over the capitol of South Carolina.

RUFFIN: Are there conservative values that Black people can embrace?

ANDERSON: Oh yes. Family values are what got us through slavery, reconstruction, and Jim Crow. We, of all groups, understand the middle class values of hard work and an entrepreneurial spirit. Quality education is the only way we are going to get ahead. That's part of our ethic. When you look at specific policy areas, I happen to be pro-choice, but there is significant Black support for the pro-life position. Nobody is harder on crime than Black folks because we are so often the victims of it. I think we have the highest percentage of churchgoers. These aren't necessarily Republican values. They're basic American values. The Republican Party has tried to appropriate them for political advantage.

RUFFIN: In the late 1950s, the Republican Party had 25 percent or more Black support. There was the liberal-to-moderate Rockefeller wing of the party. What happened to that?

ANDERSON: Well, [Republican presidential candidate Barry] Goldwater was what happened. In 1960, Black self-identification with the Republican Party was 22 percent.

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Profiling

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two states, North Carolina and Connecticut, have passed legislation requiring police agencies to keep racial stats on traffic stops.

A dozen or so other states have proposed similar bills but they have either died in committee or been voted

down.

A bill by U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), called the Traffic Stops Statistics Study Act, requires law enforcement agencies to compile figures by race on highway traffic stops.

The bill has languished in Congress for the past several

years.

The back-room deal making between Murray and Davis handed police officials everywhere a near-foolproof public relations tool to duck and dodge the volatile issue of racial profiling.

What's worse is that it was handed to them not by con-

servative Republicans but by a liberal and centrist Democrat.

It will be a long uphill fight to undo the damage they've done.

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Graduates

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The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) advises the Commission on issues related to mass transportation, street and highway construction, transportation demand management, air quality, and other issues as may arise.

OLDER AMERICANS/DISABILITIES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Older Americans/Disabilities Transportation Advisory Committee (OA/DTA) advises the Commission on local transportation issues of interest to seniors and persons with disabilities, including fixed route and paratransit bus services.

These unpaid appointments are to fill vacancies on the committees for the remainder of the present term, through June, 2001, after which reappointment to a new full term is possible. The committees meet once each month, at 5:30 p.m. on a Wednesday (for the CAC) and at 1:30 p.m. on a Tuesday (for the OA/DTA.) Appointment carries with it specific attendance requirements. Persons interested in serving on one of these committees should request an application now from:

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Your completed application should reach the RTC no later than Friday, June 23, 2000.

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