

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

The City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services Cultural and Community Affairs Division and the Las Vegas Civic Ballet Association presents a three-week ballet camp for intermediate to advanced ballet students, ages 10-20. Pre-registration continues through June 18, which will save you \$25 off of the regular registration price of \$175 per person. Registration continues through June 30. The camp includes instruction on ballet techniques, pointe, modern lyrical tap, and Pilates and pas de deux. The Ballet Association also offers classes for ages 6-20 in beginning and advanced ballet, beginning and intermediate tap and jazz, and hip-hop for \$25 per month. Call 229-2320 for registration information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Second Baptist Church, 500 W. Madison Ave., presents the 23rd annual BCON baccalaureate ceremony celebrating African-American graduates at 3p.m. If you are graduating and would like to participate in this year's ceremony, see your school counselor for more information or contact Ms. Bass-Davis at 799-4830 ext. 283...

Second Baptist Church, 500 W. Madison Ave., presents "Saturday Night Praise and Worship Service" at 7p.m., every Saturday night. Don't miss good preaching and great gospel from local and out of state choirs. Call 648-6155 for additional information... **The City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services Cultural and Community Affairs Division** presents the return of the Ubuntu Video Club to the West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., for six weeks of African films. This program offers the opportunity to experience the recent cinema of Africa through films written, produced and directed by Africans, as part of a project of the California Newsreel's Library of African Cinema. Programming continues through July 7. Admission is free. Call 229-4800 for additional show details.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

The Juneteenth Committee is organizing the first annual Las Vegas Juneteenth Festival at the Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza, located in Lorenzi Park from 10 am - 5 pm. The festival will feature southern cooking, vendor booths, a kids play area and entertainment by the Blues Schoolhouse Band of the International House of Blues Foundation. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth and children under 3 are free. "Juneteenth" is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery. Call 225-3001 for additional information.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

Secret Witness of Las Vegas will take a swing against crime hosting their first golf tournament at the Revere Golf Course at Del Webb, Anthem at 7a.m. Call 229-3445 for additional information...

The United Firefighters of Southern Nevada is sponsoring its Annual Scholarship program for the 2000-2001 school year. This association will be offering two scholarships to African-American, Clark County, graduating seniors in all areas of study - including vocational programs. The deadline to apply is Monday, June 11 at 5p.m. Winners will be notified on Wednesday, June 13 and will be awarded the scholarship at a luncheon on Saturday, June 16 at H&H Barbecue. Applications and rules are available at H&H Barbecue, the West Las Vegas Library and KCEP radio. Call 646-1861 for additional details... **The City of Las Vegas, Las Vegas youth, Reggie Theus and other NBA personalities** invite youth ages 12-17 to the Youth Sportsmanship Clinic. This is the last day to pick up applications. Applications are available at Doolittle, Gibson, Rafael Rivera, Mirabelli and Veterans Memorial Community Centers, and West and Northwest Leisure Services Center. This clinic is designed to teach the youth that sportsmanship and athletic skills go hand in hand. The Clinic will be held on Saturday, June 16 from 9a.m.-2p.m. Call 229-2330 for additional details. This is a free event.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

City of Las Vegas Councilman Lawrence Weekly invites the public to Safe Summer Nights in promotion of a safe and peaceful community. Festivities will be held at the Doolittle Community Center, 1950 N. "J" Street (at Lake Mead Boulevard.) 6-8:30 p.m. This is a free event. Refreshments will be available.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

The Southern Nevada Chapter of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Retired Employees Association will hold a dinner meeting at Houlihan's, 1951 N. Rainbow, at 5:30p.m. RSVP by Monday, June 11. Call 645-0400 or 645-0419... **The Southern Nevada Group of the Sierra Club** will hold a monthly meeting at Southwest Gas, 4300 W. Tropicana, at 7p.m. Program topic: "Hiking, Camping and Backpacking Gear". Public is invited. Call 873-7177 for details.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

KCEP and the NACDC will hold a Juneteenth Celebration at Nucleus Business Plaza, 900 W. Owens Ave. This celebration will also include a health fair and cultural events. Call 631-8826 for info. **The City of Las Vegas and NBA personalities** will hold the Youth Sportsmanship Clinic, for youth ages 12-17, at the West Community Center inside Charles I. West Middle School, 2050 Sapphire Stone (off Lake Mead and Tonopah) from 9a.m.-2p.m. This is a free event, however applications are required. Call 229-2330 for details.

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Edison

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way."

South vividly remembers what followed the interviews and recreated events of May 18, a Friday.

"They give us a letter and tell us when we can select from the available positions. We had to make up our minds that day," she recalled, saying, "On that list there were only six positions in my category to choose from," and that all of them were at other campuses. The 6,000-member strong Education Support Employees' Association (ESEA) was prepared for complaints like South's. An ESEA spokesperson explained, "We told staff members who have lost their positions to contact us, so that we can file a grievance."

Board of trustees member Shirley Barber and her col-

leagues listened to the entire debate about whether to bring in a private manager.

Although the company isn't perfect, Barber has seen Edison succeed elsewhere and says she supported the firm as an option here because substandard performance was unacceptable. "The district had to do something," she said.

But, said ESEA Executive Director Fran Juhasz: "We believe the Clark County School District does not have statutory authority to enter into such a contract."

Barber says she understands the sense of job insecurity among those at the Edison-run campuses. "Turnover could be considerable at the Edison schools, staff and faculty," she noted, acknowledging that concern about equitable treatment— as

changes, inevitably, are made— is understandable. Barber voiced those concerns back when Edison representatives had appeared before the school board.

"I told them I was very concerned that everyone be treated fairly. I did it at two different meetings," she said, also recalling the unions' wariness at that time.

"The concern was that you'll have principals getting rid of people they didn't want—that especially was true of support staff. No one was to lose their job, but they might have to move to another location," said Barber. She suggested those in South's circumstance should appeal all the way up the district's bureaucratic ladder—all the way to Orci, if necessary.

Nevertheless, South says with resignation, "I guess I

wouldn't want to stay now, because (Williams) doesn't want us there." Even if she did stay, South says, Edison would require a six-month probationary period—as if she were a new employee—and she expects, the principal would just make it hard for her to do her job.

"I felt like I was pretty much forced to do something I didn't want to do," she said, "but I have a family I have to support."

Said Juhasz: "We had a large ad in our newsletter in which we told our members: 'if you had to reapply for a job that is yours, call us and give us the exact facts of the case.' In the individual cases we'll be reviewing our options," she said, which include the aforementioned grievance, and lawsuits—including possible class action.

Commission

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satisfied the commission did more to heal the country than trials like those of Nazi leaders held in Nuremberg, Germany, after World War II.

"The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has managed to lay solid foundations for reconciliation," said Justice Ministry spokesman Paul Setsetse.

While truth commissions have been established in El Salvador, Guatemala and Chile, the South African commission was hailed internationally as a testament to the power of forgiveness, even in the face of widespread repression.

Some critics say it failed to come to grips with how apartheid affected the country as a whole or to expose how whites became undeservedly rich under apartheid.

"The perpetrators and victims are less than half a percent of the population," said retired economics professor Sampie Terreblanche. "The inability of the commission to uncover the systemic exploitation is to my mind a very, very serious shortcoming."

Commissioner Mary Burton said the main accomplishment was to reveal the terror of apartheid: "People can no

longer deny what happened," she said.

But Burton is less certain whether the commission succeeded in bringing a deeply divided society closer together.

"I don't know that the victims who came forward can say they benefitted very much," she said.

Though many victims approved of the hearings instead of prosecutions, they also felt they had not been given enough support, victims' advocates said.

"Our experience has been that the whole process has been perpetrator-friendly," said Shirley Gunn, of the

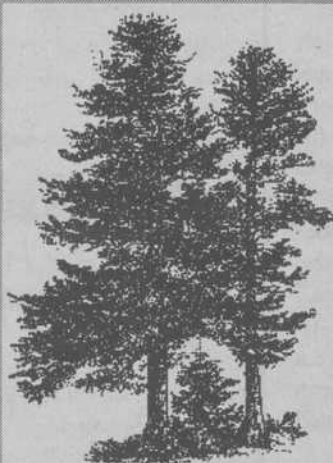
Khulumani victims' support group.

More than 21,000 victims have still not received the reparations that were considered an integral part of the healing process.

The commission recommended in 1998 that victims be paid a total of \$380 million, but less than a third of that has been budgeted for reparations.

Ngewu, who has come to terms with the loss of her son, remains bitter.

"We get nothing (and) I blame the government," she said. "I wish they could make a monument for our children."



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