

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Clark County Family & Youth Services presents S.T.E.P.S., a Talent Show & Record Industry Showcase, hosted by Galaxy Glen at the West Las Vegas Library Theatre from 6pm to 9pm. There will be rappers, soloist's groups, dancers, comedians, and more. All ages are welcome. For more information call 455-0722... **Community Baptist Church** will have its monthly meeting with the Men of Valor beginning at 6pm, located at 245 East Foster Avenue in Henderson. For more information call 565-0071... **St. Jude's Ranch for Children** presents "Desert Ice Storm" a benefit for the athletic department of St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, located at the Las Vegas Ice Gardens, 3896 Swenson, from 3pm -10pm. There will be lots of activities going on throughout day. For more information call 294-7100.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

The City of Las Vegas Nevada will host the Las Vegas All-Star Jazz Band Outdoor Concert, at the Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park, beginning at 8pm. For more information contact 229-6211... **Pastor Michael A. Lowery & Berean Christian Fellowship Church of Las Vegas and San Francisco** in Concert, at the Community College of Southern Nevada Cheyenne Campus in the Horn Theatre, beginning at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$5 and are available at The Christian Connection Bookstore and Larry's Sight N Sound. For more information contact 638-1777.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

The Clark County School District will have a back to school fair both Saturday and Sunday to feature information about the 2001-2002 school year, at the Meadows Mall during the regular mall hours. Free immunizations will be offered at all fairs. For more information call 799-6560.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Keeping the Dream Alive Association & The Ministers and Pastors Counsel are honoring the three oldest black pastors of the state of Nevada, at the EverGreen Missionary Baptist Church, 1915 Lexington Street, beginning at 3pm. For more information call 649-6511... **Holy Trinity A.M.E. Church** will present their Women's Day Celebration, located at 700 Lola Avenue at 2pm. For further information call 877-0790.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

City of Las Vegas will have its monthly Poets' Corner at the West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 West Lake Mead Boulevard at 7:30. Established Poets, open mike participants and community members are invited to join hosts Keith Brantly and Pendelita for an evening of readings. The admission is free and open to the public. For more information call 229-4800.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

It's A Kids Affair 2001 will take place at the Cheyenne Campus of Community College from 10am- 5pm. For more information call 459-3868... **The Clark County School District** will have a back to school fair both Saturday and Sunday to feature information about the 2001-2002 school year, at the Boulevard Mall during the regular mall hours. Free immunizations will be offered at all fairs. For more information call 799-6560... **City of Las Vegas Nevada**, will conclude the Young Artists Recital Series at the Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Boulevard at 2pm with a performance by high school musicians Brittany Taufer and Michelle Gott. Admission is free, for more information call 229-6211.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Nevada P.E.P (Parents Encouraging Parents) is holding a monthly meeting from 6:30-8:30, to be held in suite G-68 at 2810 W. Charleston in the Quail Park IV between Rancho and Valley View. Nevada P.E.P is a non-profit agency focusing on parent education and training for families of children with disabilities. For more information call 388-8899.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

The Clark County School District will have a back to school fair both Saturday and Sunday to feature information about the 2001-2002 school year, at the Galleria Mall during the regular mall hours. Free immunizations will be offered at all fairs. For more information call 799-6560... **Second Baptist Church** will host an annual back to school fair from 10am to 12noon, at 500 west Madison. There will be information booths on health, safe key, community events, universities, job applications, and more. Free school supplies and hair cuts and styles also. For more information call 648-6155.

ONGOING

The Las Vegas Little Theater, 3844 Schiff Center Dr., offers the Children's Acting workshop held every Saturday from 11a.m. - 12:30p.m. The workshop will feature training in theater, film and television for children ages 7 to 17. Parents can call the Creative Talent Agency for information at 737-0611... **The Southern Nevada Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America Inc.** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month inside the Sunrise Hospital doctors' conference room, 3187 S. Maryland Parkway, from 7-9p.m. Participants will discuss a variety of subjects about lupus in an effort to educate and support lupus sufferers. Call 566-1425 for additional details.

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Community hosting back to school fair

Special to Sentinel-Voice

The third Annual North Las Vegas Back to School Fair, hosted by Marion Cahlan Elementary School and the Nevada Youth Alliance with its Guidance & Opportunity arm, will take place on Saturday, August 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Marion Cahlan Elementary School, 2801 Fort Sumter Drive in North Las Vegas.

The Back to School Fair was started three years ago by the Nevada Youth Alliance at a time when there were many underprivileged youth in the North Las Vegas area who could not afford immunizations or paper, pencils, pens and other back-to-school supplies.

Talent show seeks to enlighten through arts

By John T. Stephens III
Sentinel-Voice

P.I.A.N.G.E. (People In Americas Natural Growing Environment) Developing Co. (Sp) will host its seventh Annual "It's A Kids Affair" local talent show at the Community College of Southern Nevada, 3200 E. Cheyenne, on Saturday, August 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event, which is free to the public, will showcase the talents of children and adults in the arts, such as gospel singing, music, rapping, martial arts, cultural dancing and poetry.

Piange Jackson, founder of P.I.A.N.G.E. Developing Co., calls it "a multicultural event" allowing participants to "express ourselves through the arts (and) see other cultures' songs, dancing, martial arts or whatever."

Redistricting

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mine whether the racial makeup of the 3rd and 4th Congressional Districts violates the 1965 Voting Rights Act by diluting black political clout.

Under the GOP plan, the 3rd District would retain a black majority of about 57 percent. Democrat Robert Scott, the only black member of Virginia's congressional delegation, currently holds the seat.

The furor is largely over the 4th District, which lost heavily black neighborhoods to the 3rd District. Its black population fell from 39 percent to 34 percent and its white population went from

57 percent to 63 percent.

The district had been in Democratic hands for years until the March death of Rep. Norman Sisisky. Republican J. Randy Forbes won the seat in a close special election in June, defeating Democrat Louise Lucas, who is black.

Black voters don't mask their disdain for the plan.

"It feels like resegregation," said Vivian Curry, a retired government accountant at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. "It's like they're telling me that I can only have influence in this one district to make Bobby Scott the token representative for all Virginia's African-Americans."

Racism

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Nazi atrocities.

Charles Hunter, a State Department spokesman, said "the exact nature of U.S. participation" in South Africa would be decided after the Geneva talks.

"Serious work has to be done to eliminate unbalanced and inflammatory language on the Middle East and slavery and reparations," Hunter said.

The White House has had little success galvanizing support from its European allies on key international issues from missile defense to nuclear testing, small arms and global warming.

But this time, Washington took a different tack, making its opposition known early and publicly while lob-

bying hard for European backing on items relating to Israel.

U.S. officials involved in the conference paid several visits to U.N. headquarters recently while Annan - who has worked hard to repair U.N.-Israel relations - met with American Jewish leaders and dined at the home of Yehuda Lancry, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations.

U.N. Human Rights Commissioner Mary Robinson has been working overtime to save the conference, personally lobbying Secretary of State Colin Powell to lead the U.S. delegation and warning Arabs that attempts to demonize Israel could wreck the gathering.

But the White House's

positions are not popular with everyone.

African leaders have demanded both an apology and compensation for slavery, a position some African-Americans would like to see their government take.

U.S. officials said they would be willing to consider a collective expression of regret for the injustices of the past. Europeans would be prepared to acknowledge the suffering caused by the slave trade.

Neither will accept that their governments committed crimes through slavery, mostly because it was not illegal at the time and because such an acknowledgment could open the door to compensation claims, something that has traditionally been

There are more than 20 different organizations supporting this event.

During the fair, free immunizations and dental examinations will be given, Classroom on Wheels, Computer on Wheels, Clinic on Wheels (C.O.W.) will be available, and there will be sports-related activities, food, music and games in which the kids can compete to win school supplies.

For adults there will be voter registration, and the MammoVan, which promotes women's health education, will make a visit.

The fair is open to all ages, and everyone is encouraged to come and take advantage of this free educational event.

Established in 1982 by the former professional model and her husband, Master Jerome Jackson, P.I.A.N.G.E. is about the uplifting of children.

"We're in the business of helping children," Piange said. "I teach etiquette and my husband teaches the martial arts."

This year the couple is anticipating a huge attendance.

Approximately 400 to 500 people are expected to enjoy the show, which is playfully called "a full day event."

Master guitarist Calvin Brooks from Harrahs, Stan Rankin T of Raggae Happenings and world renowned martial artist, Master Arthur Sikes, are all special guests expected to perform at the show.

"Let the world see us," said Piange, who would like "It's A Kids Affair" to become international and have performers from all over come to Las Vegas.

Scott himself criticized the redrawn lines, though they all but assure his re-election.

"It appears that the 4th was designed in such a way that it virtually eliminates the opportunity for minority voters to elect the candidate of their choice," Scott said.

The issue became so racially charged earlier this month that a House of Delegates committee meeting on redistricting turned into an exchange of insults, with black activist Roy Perry-Bey calling panel members segregationists.

"Virginia now sits on the spark of a race riot so you need to carefully think about what we are doing," he said.

The meeting was recessed to let tempers cool.

The Voting Rights Act has long been interpreted as a mandate to create districts tailored to elect blacks. The result in Georgia, Louisiana and elsewhere has been districts in which far-flung black neighborhoods are sometimes stitched together by corridors no wider than a highway. In rejecting such maps over the past decade, courts ruled that packing districts solely on the basis of race is impermissible. However, creating a mostly black or mostly white district to protect political gains does not necessarily mean the courts will get involved.

given to living victims.

But Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., argued that 136 years after slavery was abolished, African-Americans still suffer the effects.

"Our government should apologize and then look at various strategies for compensation because ... the vestiges of slavery are still with us."

Lee and other members of the Black Caucus have asked to be included in the official U.S. delegation to the conference.

Robinson, who will chair the conference, said she hoped delegates would make "a very serious commitment" to righting past wrongs. But U.S. officials say privately that they will oppose a document of commitments.