

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

John S. Park Planning Team would like to invite all residents and property owners to participate in reviewing the draft neighborhood plan and voting to submit the draft to the City for approval, to be held in the multipurpose room at John S. Park School, beginning at 7 p.m. For more information call 382-3230 or 229-4607... **The Abundant Life Youth Group** presents its first annual Youth Explosion, to be held at the Clark County Community Resource Center, 2432 N. Martin Luther King Blvd, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be basketball games, jump rope, games, food, and more. This is a free event open to the public.

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... **The Abundant Life Youth Group** presents its first annual Youth Explosion, to be held at the Clark County Community Resource Center, 2432 N. Martin Luther King Blvd, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be basketball games, jump rope, games, food, and more. This is a free event open to the public.

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... **The Abundant Life Youth Group** presents its first annual Youth Explosion, to be held at the Clark County Community Resource Center, 2432 N. Martin Luther King Blvd, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be basketball games, jump rope, games, food, and more. This is a free event open to the public.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

MFM Women's Ministry proudly presents its 2nd annual "500 Women in White," to be held at Mountaintop Faith Ministries, 2845 Lindell Road. It will begin at 6 p.m. For more info call 367-1MFM.

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... **Reading Road Trip USA** presents the end of summer reading celebration at the North Las Vegas Library, 2300 Civic Center Drive, beginning at 10:30 a.m. There will be games, fun, prizes, and food. Special guests Elmo and Scooby Doo will be at this event. For more information on this free event call 633-1070... **Southern Nevada Area Council, American Business Women's Association** will hold its 3rd annual Leadership/Educational Forum at the Holiday Inn, Emerald Isles, at Flamingo and Paradise, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. The speakers will present educational topics during the morning. For more information call 338-2071.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

The Detroit Connection presents its 3rd annual picnic, to be held at Lorenzi Park located at Washington Ave. Beginning at 11 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Bring your basket, blanket, and chairs. There will be entertainment, food, and games, free testing on blood pressure, cholesterol and HIV. Also information on mammograms, prostate, and healthy eating. For more information call 256-9166.

ONGOING

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.

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.



SMILEY FACES

Photo special to Sentinel-Voice

DeAndre Esteen, left, Tiffany Cooper, Aleka Thrash and Platsimo Lucky Wenzel flash wide grins after being awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the Delta Kappa Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority. The high school students participated in the sorority's sixth annual career day program on March 8. Esteen attended the Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center; Cooper, Community College East; Aleka Thrash, the ATTC; Wenzel, Las Vegas Academy. The fifth scholarship recipient, Serena Durago, is not shown.

Museums focusing on black culture

CINCINNATI (AP) - Plans to expand an existing black museum in Cincinnati and preparations to open the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in 2004 are part of a nationwide surge in museums focusing on black culture and history.

Toilynn O'Neal, curator of the Cincinnati Arts Consortium's African-American Museum, said there's growing interest in the 3,000-square-foot museum, which opened in 1993.

"The treasure in us is that a lot of people have underestimated the contributions of what African-Americans have done for this city," O'Neal said. "But people are aware that we're here now."

Experts say the growth is primarily the result of grassroots efforts and attempts to correct past inequities and

educate people about a black experience that's been sparsely represented in mainstream museums.

Reps. John Lewis, D-Ga., and J.C. Watts, R-Okla., have introduced legislation to create a national black history museum on The Mall in Washington, D.C.

A second project in Washington is the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, led by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. The group has until November 2003 to break ground.

In Indianapolis, organizers are planning an interactive black history museum that features arts, music and other cultural information.

In Louisville, Ky., the Muhammad Ali Center, an interactive educational institution to promote peace, is scheduled to open in late 2003, and the Kentucky Center for African-American Heritage also is expected to open in 2003.

Anniversary of Frederick Douglass to be honored

Special to Sentinel-Voice

Frederick Douglass, IV, great-great grandson of the famed abolitionist, author, orator, suffragist, editor and suffragist, will call for the national observance on Sept. 3, 2001, in honor of his great-great grandfather's escape from slavery in Baltimore 163 years ago.

FDIV says, "I have chosen the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site to announce the National Frederick Douglass Freedom Day Observance because I believe that Dr. King was the intellectual heir to my great-great grandfather's role in the vanguard of Civil Rights leadership. Frederick Douglass admonished President Abraham Lincoln and other leaders of his time to abolish slavery.

"Dr. King admonished leaders of his time to end segregation and all other manifestations of discrimination. Both men continue to

have a tremendous impact on the quality of life for Americans of all races, creed and colors. The leadership of Douglass and King, in fact, transcends American boundaries... the impact of these intellectual and spiritual giants continues to have an international impact."

Douglass says the celebration of the National Frederick Douglass Freedom Day Observance will begin at sunrise in Baltimore on Sept. 3, 2001 and will continue through Sept. 8.

"My great-great grandfather fled from slavery on Sept. 3, 1838, leaving bondage in Baltimore and embarking on a trek across America that would change history. I have partnered with Louis Fields of BhTours (bhtours@aol.com) to coordinate this celebration.

"We are asking freedom lovers throughout the world to convene for reading of speeches, wreath laying and

other activities at sites bearing the name Frederick Douglass or that have an affiliation with Civil Rights, religion or other facets of the African-American Diaspora. We are asking that they contact us at (MadisonAveImages@aol.com) to apprise us of their planned activities so that we can post a national listing of involved organizations and

events."

Frederick Douglass IV, will continue the preliminary celebration of the 150th anniversary of his great-great grandfather's famed oration "What to the American Slave is Your Fourth of July" during a speech that will be given at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, at the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site Visitors' Center

Zimbabwe

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a cemetery for guerrilla leaders and politicians, Mugabe said some of the arrested farmers fought against his guerrilla fighters in Rhodesia, as Zimbabwe was known.

Mugabe's government has targeted more than 4,600 white-owned farms - about 95 percent of land owned by whites - for confiscation without compensation.

Since March 2000, ruling party militants led by veterans of the independence war have illegally occupied more than 1,700 farms.

The occupiers have been blamed for much of the political violence that surrounded parliamentary elections last year and has continued ahead of a presidential poll early next year, leaving at least 36 people dead, nine of them white farmers.