

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Pulidor and Nevada Youth Alliance present a review of the short film, Einstein's Playground, about self-discovery and other falls of nature, and the obsession to discover secrets of the universe. It will be taking place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Southern Nevada Area Health and Education Building located on 1094 S. Sahara Blvd. For more info or to RSVP call Cheri at 400-1160 or Patricia Martinelli-Price 365-5686.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

The Cultural and Community Affairs Division of the City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services presents Nevada Ballet Theatre in a special performance, "Handel Celebration and Napoli," on At 8:00 p.m., at the Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park. Tickets are \$12 at the gate, \$10 advance. Major credit cards are accepted. Call 229-6383... **Tabernacle of Faith Church** presents its 2nd Annual Men's Conference. Theme: "Men of Worship, Men of Praise," Pastor J. Wayne Arnold will be the conference teacher/lecture. This conference will expound on the areas of praise, worship and prayer. Everyone is invited to attend. Couples will be eternally blessed. 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, 2030 Yale Street, North Las Vegas. For additional information contact Rev. Fredrick A Johnson 631-0169/657-2024 or Rev. J. W. Arnold 655-1600... **Rockin' Blues and Q's Festival**, Desert Breeze Skate Park, 8425 Spring Mountain Rd., 455-0300 for ticket info. 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Don't miss out on this day of live rockin' blues music and the best tasting ribs in town. Pets and coolers are not permitted within festival grounds.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

The LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY'S THIRD ANNUAL LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK. Light the Night is the Society's nationwide evening walk to commemorate lives touched by cancer. The walk will be held at Sunset Park, Area B, 2601 East Sunset Rd. For local information, contact the Las Vegas Branch of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society @ 702-436-4220 or visit www.lightthenight.org

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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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 West Las Vegas Arts Center**, 947 West Lake Mead Blvd., invites the community members to share the history, traditions and customs during the monthly "Voices of the African Diaspora," at 6p.m. The host will be Hasani Kefing Palacio. Participants are encouraged to participate in a discussion of pertinent, contemporary issues experienced by African Americans. "Voices of the African Diaspora" is a free presentation by the Cultural and Community Affairs Division of the City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services. This program is provided to the community every first Tuesday of each month. Call 229-4800 for additional details regarding this event... **Family Home Hospice** is offering ongoing training for volunteers. Volunteers will provide emotional support to terminally ill patients, caregiving respite, errand running, companionship and socialization for and caregivers, office help and assistance with the hospice's bereavement program. Call 671-1193 to register for an upcoming training session... **The Las Vegas Fibromyalgia Syndrome/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group** will hold meetings every second Tuesday at Desert Springs Hospital, 2075 E. Flamingo Rd., from 5-5p.m. Participants are advised that this is a smoke-free and fragrance-free meeting due to individuals that suffer from chemical sensitivity. Call 645-2153 for more information. This is a free event... **The Senior Wheels USA Program** is making available Power Wheelchairs to senior citizens ages 65 and older and the permanently disabled at no cost. Recipients meet all requirements of the program to receive a wheelchair at no cost. Call Leon Johnson toll free at 1-800-246-6010, to address your concerns... **Toastmasters**, a company providing services in order to improve your public speaking, are inviting you to join. Toastmasters would like to assist you in enhancing your public speaking skills, giving better sales presentations, management skills and effectively developing and presenting ideas. For more information about how you can become a Toastmaster, contact John Fitrell at 889-2657.

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Internet

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Nevertheless, the initiative has its critics. Sociologist and expert in education Orlando Alborno said the strategy failed to include training on how to use the technology.

Although Alborno admitted that "the idea is good," he charged that it was simply to "promote President Chávez's political agenda."

According to Alborno and other critics, the first thing that appears when a user logs onto the web in many infocenters is a government web page reciting the Chávez administration's achievements.

Lafuente denied this charge, saying "the criticism comes from people who have never even visited an

infocenter. The content presented there is independent." He pointed out that users were free to surf the Web at will, with the exception of porn sites, which users are prohibited from visiting in the infocenters.

Leonardo Vásquez, 39, who visits the Simón Rodríguez infocenter in a library in Caracas, told IPS that "the service has made it possible for anyone to use the Internet. "I'm satisfied with the attention I receive here, and I now have the chance to check my e-mail every day."

Karina Márquez, 17, was also pleased. She pointed out to IPS that free access to the Internet would help her university studies and make her job search easier.

Nigeria

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Large numbers of fighters on the Christian side were members of the Berom tribe, a group native to Jos. Fulanis and Hausas - two of Nigeria's largest groups - made up a large proportion of the Muslim combatants.

Some accounts said the confrontation on the street outside a mosque sparked the conflict - an argument at first, escalating into armed clashes between young Muslims and Christians.

Jos state Deputy Gov. Michael Bomang imposed a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew Friday night in an effort to prevent further violence. The curfew was later rolled forward to begin at 4 p.m. Speaking on state radio and television, Bomang called soldiers and police into the streets.

Two churches - an Assemblies of God and Church of Christ - were burned during the rampage Friday in the mostly Muslim middle-class neighborhood of Kwararafa, the Lagos newspaper ThisDay reported.

Powell

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Joseph Lowery for opening doors that allowed him to advance in the U.S. Army before coming to the attention of Republican presidents.

Under George W. Bush, Powell became the first African-American secretary of state. But instead of leading a diplomatic entourage to an international conference on racism, the retired general is being treated like a buck private.

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Slaver

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atrocities of the slave trade, just like I would be a victim if I am made accountable for what my forefathers did."

In West Africa, slavery is associated chiefly with the European and American powers between the 16th and 19th centuries. On the east coast it dates back more than 1,000 years and is associated more with Arabs.

Scholars say Arab traders brought Islam to the eastern African coast in the first millennium, and also took Africans back home as domestic slaves.

"The pattern of slavery in North Africa and Arab-speaking lands doesn't entirely fit with the Western pattern of economic slavery, as linked to the cotton plantations in America," said Nelly Hanna, chairwoman of the Arabic Studies department at the American University in Cairo.

There was some economic slavery, she said in an interview, but the dominant types were "military slaves, and then those used for domestic slavery and as concubines."

Economic slavery included Africans from the mainland working on the vast clove plantations in Zanzibar that enriched Arab sultans.

There were unconfirmed reports of a mosque burned in the Nassarawa neighborhood where both Christians and Muslims live. Muslim-Christian fighting was also taking place in the rugged, impoverished neighborhood of Congo-Russia.

Zakar Davou, an accountant at Mountain Greens Hotel in Holwshe, a suburb of southern Jos, said he saw Christian youths setting up a

makeshift roadblock, where they singled out suspected Muslims and burned their cars.

"Oh man, it is a terrible situation," Davou said, adding that he, a Christian, was allowed to pass unhindered.

There were also reports of looting of stores and restaurants. Major roads were blocked by youths armed with guns, machetes, clubs and other weapons, witnesses

said. State hospitals were said to be filling up with wounded.

Smoke was rising from homes burning in the city, said Mary Dung, a Christian resident of a neighborhood in southern Jos.

Rival bands had split her street into Muslim side and Christian side, and were shooting it out. "My neighbor was shot in front of my face," the woman said.

"Put us in your prayers."

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