

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

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 at 436-4220 or visit www.lightthenight.org.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

The Las Vegas Chapter of Links, Inc. is sponsoring their annual Walk-A-Thon, to "Take Charge Of Your Health," at Jaycee Park, located at Eastern and St. Louis, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Funds raised at this year's walk will benefit the E.O.B.'s Children's Dental Program which provides dental exams, x-rays, extractions, fillings and crowns to low-income children who participate in Head Start Programs. There will be games, prizes and refreshments. Call Toni Morgan for more information at 461-5626.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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 Mountain Crest Park, Pavillion B, 4701 N. Durango Drive. For local information, contact the Las Vegas Branch of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at 436-4220 or visit www.lightthenight.org. ... **HOLY TRINITY A.M.E. CHURCH** presents... Carlton Malone & God's Beloved in concert. Taking place at Holy Trinity A.M.E., 700 Lola Ave. at 7 p.m. For information call 877-0790 or 256-3301. Donations are \$10. Ticket locations are at Sight & Sound Records (MLK & Washington), Christian Connection (MLK & Craig), and Holy Trinity A.M.E. Church (day of concert at the door).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Economic Opportunity Board Of Clark County presents Testimonies of Recovering Addicts during The Statewide Drug and Alcohol Recovery Fair held at the Sammy Davis Jr., Center Festival Plaza Stage located at Lorenzi Park from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. for more information contact Vil Paskevicius at 648-0663.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Red Rock Canyon's 7th Annual Harvest Festival will be held at the Red Canyon Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Smokey Bear and Woody Owl will be present. For additional information call 363-1922.

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, for further instruction. ... **Keeping the Dream Alive Association** meets each 1st Sunday night at the Holy Cross-Baptist Church at Lake Mead and Lexington, where Rev. G. Turner is the Pastor. The meetings begin at 6:30pm. For more information call 649-6511.

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Report: Lifespan for Blacks shorter

ATLANTA (AP) - Life expectancy is about six years shorter for blacks than whites, and homicide is a leading contributor to the racial gap, a government study said Thursday.

Homicide adds about seven months to the gap, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in what it called the first report analyzing life expectancy by race and cause of death.

Overall life expectancy is

about 75 years for whites and 69 years for blacks, the CDC report said. Heart disease and cancer were the leading causes of the difference between the two races. Life expectancy for whites with each of those diseases was more than a year longer than for blacks, the CDC said.

Health officials expected that much because heart disease and cancer are the nation's two leading causes of death overall, and medical

experts have long said that blacks often suffer from poorer medical care.

The next leading cause of the difference was homicide, which ranks just 13th on the overall list of causes of death for Americans.

"It's pretty dramatic," said Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, an epidemiologist in CDC's Division of Violence Prevention. "We were surprised to see that homicide is such a major player."

Life expectancy has been rising for decades in the United States and other major industrialized nations. It is a key measure for public health officials. Stroke, HIV, diseases among newborns and motor-vehicle crashes all killed blacks more often or at a younger age than whites, making smaller contributions to the lifespan gap. Only suicide, more common among whites than blacks, narrowed the gap.

Powell

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"We mean no ill to the people of Afghan," Powell said. "They are a suffering people. They are a poor people. And for that reason alone they should not allow these invaders to put their society at risk."

While an Islamic court in Afghanistan considers an American demand for bin

Laden's expulsion, delivered by Pakistan, Powell said the United States intended to reinforce it with "some communication in the future." He declined to provide any details.

Powell has taken charge of a diplomatic drive to line up support for a wide range of actions, including political, economic and military

measures.

"I am pleased that the coalition is coming together," he said. "I think everybody recognizes that this challenge is one that went far beyond America, far beyond New York City and far beyond Washington."

Powell gave his positive account after talking by telephone to President Ali

Abdallah Salih of Yemen, who he said was very helpful.

The Arab leader said Syrian President Bashar Assad, who was visiting Yemen, would join him in a statement condemning the terrorist attacks "and committing themselves to work with us in the days and weeks ahead," Powell said.

Conference

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Scheduled speakers include a business professor, authors, the CEO's of Recycling the Black Dollar and Computing Services Support Solutions, the president of Operation Hope, an executive from Interscope Records and the executive director of the Urban Chamber of Commerce.

Said the administrator of the Micro Business Program, Kimberly Bailey Tureaud:

"The diverse CEOs and business experts in the field who we have invited to participate in the conference this year will give not only new business owners true perspec-

tives of what it takes to make millions, but other business development students, local high management personnel, and big-business professionals can benefit from our interactive business simulation."

Tureaud, who is also the creator and coordinator of the conference, said the "interactive" aspect is an innovative instructional exercise that was popular last year and will be repeated this time. Experts will collaborate with those attending the conference to develop an imaginary product, complete with a board of directors, marketing strategy and shareholders.

The basis for their product will be the common credit card, and they will create one that, in theory, could be used to obtain services from various industries, such as hotel, travel and tourism.

"We're building this from the ground up," Tureaud explained. "I've made a prototype, and we're actually going to be distributing the cards."

Participants will analyze consumer insecurity as a residue of last week's terrorist attacks. "Are people actually going to be going anywhere," Tureaud asked, hypothetically, "and how will that affect the business?"

The Micro Business Development Program was started in 1992.

Representatives say it "has been very successful in developing hope and ambition in our most depressed areas of Clark County," providing training, technical assistance, mentoring and strategic advice to the Valley's minority communities

"I'm encouraging everyone to attend this conference and to participate, and build their own security by owning and operating their own business," said Tureaud.

Tickets are \$50. For registration or for other information, call 647-7735.

Hardball

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tacted, the asthmatic, and even the Danny Almonte, the overaged all-star with an altered birth certificate.

Paramount pared down the profanity to get Hardball a PG-13 rating. Still, the movie offers an arrestingly graphic and grim look at life inside the projects as likely to disturb as it is to enlighten young viewers. An effective tearjerker certain to send you weeping up the aisle.

Very Good (3 stars). PG-13 for frequent profanity, sex talk, illegal drug usage and drive-by shootings, including murder.

Shakur

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disappearance. However, hard evidence has remained hard to find, the lieutenant said. No one has been identified, arrested or prosecuted in the slaying.

"Even though it happened just off the Strip on a busy weekend on a fight night, no one provided anything more than a generic description - a white Cadillac with California license plates," Petersen said of the car in which as many as four suspected assailants were seen. "And no description of the occupants."

Shakur died Sept. 13, 1996, six days after he was shot. Before the shooting, he attended a Mike Tyson-Bruce Seldon heavyweight boxing match with the BMW driver, Marion "Suge" Knight.

Knight, a former UNLV student who became chairman of Los Angeles-based Death Row Records, suffered a superficial scalp wound and recovered.

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