

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Economic Opportunity Board Of Clark County presents Testimonies of Recovery 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... **Imani Cathedral** is sponsoring their **First Annual "Sidewalk Bazaar"** from 7 a.m. til 5 p.m. at 1559 N. Decatur Blvd. Vendor booths are available for more information call Helen Greer 647-7467... **Alzheimer's Association** will host the **Oscar Goodman 5k run and memory walk** to benefit the Alzheimer's Association of S. Nevada. It will be held at the UNLV McDermott Complex. For registration and information call the Alzheimer's Association 248-2770... **Clark County Parks and Recreation** present the 2nd Annual Arts in the Community Family of Unity Ollimpaxqui "Joyful Movement. From 1pm -5pm at the Clark County Government Center Amphitheater. For event information call 3936163.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

The City of Las Vegas, YMCA of S. Nevada and Health Projects 2000 is sponsoring a community, health, fitness, recreation, sport and wellness fair at the city of Las Vegas northwest Leisure Center. Beginning at 10 a.m. until 3p.m. For information call 558-3229.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

The Boulder Dam Area Council, Boy Scouts of America will host a Marine Science Program Open House for high school students interested in marine biology, SCUBA diving or snorkeling at the Atlantis Aquarium, at the Forum Shops at Caesars Palace beginning at 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11

Metro & North Las Vegas Gang Units advise on how to tell if your child has joined a gang, and what parents can do. 6:30 pm in the North Las Vegas Library. For information call Kathleen Hanselmenn at 633-1070.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

New Bethel Baptist Church is hosting a Senior Choir Annual Musical at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at New Bethel Baptist Church, 400 W. Adams Ave. For more info call 648-8663... **Keeping The Dream Alive Associated and The Ministers & Pastors Counsel** will honor the three oldest Black Pastors of the state of Nevada. 3pm at Greater Evergreen M.B. Church, 1915 Lexington St. For more information call Rev. Ted Cuveston at 649-6511.

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.

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.

Health

(Continued from Page 16) from the blast," explained Dr. Cohen, "the Health Department working with numerous agencies have been actively monitoring the condition of buildings in and around the blast area to determine when occupants may safely resume tenancy."

"Property owners and

managers are being instructed to assess the stability and safety of their buildings," said the Health Commissioner. "This includes checking and, if necessary, restoring utility services."

DOH has also advised that individuals re-entering their homes should check for the smell of gas: If the apartment

smells of gas, leave immediately and report it to the building manager and to Con Edison.

Officials have also warned that the power outage in much of lower Manhattan may have caused refrigerated and frozen food to spoil.

DOH has advised that if the power has been out for

more than two hours individuals should discard raw or cooked meat, poultry and seafood, dairy products, and cooked foods.

Frozen foods that have thawed and any open food contaminated with dust should be thrown out.

John Price writes for The New York Amsterdam News

Blacks

(Continued from Page 13) such host say that we "must racially profile," a chilling thought just at the moment when we are attempting to stop racial profiling. Where do you stop this, since many Black Americans also look like they could be from the Middle East? The prospect is that this line of reasoning could deepen the practice.

Black people in America have often suffered from this super-patriotism, because even though many of our ancestors helped to build this country, White immigrants often are among the first to tell us to "go back to Africa." So we have suffered from many of the things our

Middle Eastern and Middle East Asian brothers and sisters now suffer from, all from at the hands of the "real" Americans.

In this sense, we have a responsibility to help them fight back against the tide of vilification, through organizations like Dr. James J. Zogby's Arab American Institute (www.aaiusa.org/), located in Washington, D.C.

In any case, Black patriotism has always been different from that of other Americans. For while Blacks may also take the opportunity to express pride in the symbols of the Americanism by going off to war, waving flags, singing anthems, etc., just under

the surface is the hope that through this assertion of their fidelity to the country's ideals, they could also widen their access to its opportunity structure. This point is poignantly made in Roger Wilkins, new book, "Jefferson's Pillow."

The problem here is that if the "real" Americans get their way, the political culture will tilt even more against those suspected of all sorts of illegal or dangerous activity. Thus the new security procedures may find their resting place-ironically-on the backs of those of us who are already victimized and suspect.

Historically, the character of patriotism has most

often been conducted from a vantage point of those who dominate public affairs, expressing their pride in the status quo. Rarely has it been used officially as it should-to enhance and legitimize diversity and inclusion in America.

This is such an opportunity and a moment to decide whether this crisis pushes America in the direction of becoming a more democratic state or backward toward a racist fascism.

Dr. Ronald Walters, a political science professor at the University of Maryland College Park, is co-author of the book "African American Leadership."

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(Continued from Page 13) omissions and distortions about terrorists and their traditional targets.

There were not "thousands" of terrorist attacks worldwide last year, as one expert claimed, but 423 according to a State Department report: "Patterns of Global Terrorism."

This was a marginal increase from the number of attacks in 1999. The majority of the terror attacks were not in the Middle East but in Latin America. The most frequent target was a multinational oil pipeline in Columbia that Marxist guerrillas blew-up 152 times.

The next highest number of attacks occurred in Europe, mainly in Germany, Greece, Italy and Turkey. This was not a departure from the terrorist norm. Most of the attacks in recent years have been in Europe and Latin America, and few of the attacks were directly linked to the Middle East or Islam.

The State Department has fingered freewheeling, anti-government groups such as the Tamil Tigers of Ceylon, Shining Path in Peru, Basque separatists in Spain and the Red Army in Germany as major terrorist attackers.

The Arab countries, which in the past downplayed, ignored or provided safe ha-

vens for terrorist groups, in recent years have mounted crackdowns on these groups. In 1998, Arab League countries formally agreed to tighten security, exchange information with the U.S. on terrorist activities and cooperate in their extradition.

Jordan, Egypt and Kuwait banned Hamas and agreed to provide more protection for U.S. ships in the Suez, U.S. embassies, and American citizens. The Arab governments took action against terrorists not because of any newfound love for the U.S. or Israel.

Their saber-rattling rhetoric remains just as hot against both countries. That was much evident in their near hysterical condemnation of U.S. and Israel at the recent World Racism Conference. They have taken action because they woke up to the fact that their fragile governments are in dire peril from terrorist guns.

Arafat, Egypt and Jordan did not make swift and heated denials of any responsibility for the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks solely to ward off a shower of American cruise missiles on their heads-though that was likely the motive of Afghanistan's Taliban, Pakistan and Algeria. They denied responsibility because they realize that reining in

terrorists is in their national interests too.

The clamor by Bush and the Americans to hit even harder at the guilty will grow to a roar. But the guilty must not translate into anyone with

an Arab face and a Muslim surname.

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HERE IS A LIGHT,
THIS WE KNOW.

We express our deepest sympathy and concern to all of those who have suffered the tremendous loss of loved ones.

Our prayers are with you.
The families, friends and associates of
The Chisholm-Mingo Group

- Amtrak
- Campbell-Ewald
- Denny's
- General Motors Corporation
- Ogilvy & Mather
- Pfizer
- Raynal & Cie
- Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines
- Sankofa Communications
- Seagram Americas
- Starrett at Spring Creek
- The Hunter Miller Group
- 3-Tree Productions
- World Wide Partners