

# COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**Mountain Faith Ministries** invites the community to their church for their "Annual Youth Quake" at 7pm. Guest speakers include Minister Christopher Foster from Berkeley, CA and Dr. Naida Parson from Las Vegas, NV. For additional information please call 367-1636... **Barnes & Noble** present Sheila Copeland, author of *Chocolate Star*. There will be a discussion and a signing of her new novel, *A Chocolate Affair*, at 3 pm located in the Barnes & Noble, Henderson. For more info, please call 434-1607.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**Mountain Faith Ministries** invite the community to their church for their "Annual Youth Quake" from 10am til 6pm. Guest speakers include Minister Christopher Foster from Berkeley, CA and Dr. Naida Parson from Las Vegas, NV. For additional information please call 367-1636.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**Help of Southern Nevada** to host Second Annual Tea, Trends & Tranquility at the Four Seasons Hotel at 2:00 p.m. For more info call Jane Jensen 369-4357 or Terri Maruca-737-3100.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

**The Junior League of Las Vegas** is hosting their Fifth Annual Jingle Bell Jog at the Sunset Station Hotel and Casino in Henderson, NV. For more info please call the Junior League at 822-6353.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

**The Las Vegas All-Star High School Jazz Band** presents its first concert of the season at The Reed Whipple Cultural Center at 2pm. Admission is free. Call 229-6211 for info. This event is sponsored by the Dept. of Leisure Services Cultural and Community Affairs. They are also hosting a two-hour class at The Reed Whipple Cultural Center entitled **Understanding Kwanza** from 11am-1pm or on Tuesday, December 11 from 7pm-9pm... **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Theta Theta Omega Chapter & Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, Kappa Xi Chapter** are holding their 3rd annual Money Matters Workshop from 10am-1pm at Community College of Southern Nevada, West Charleston Campus. This event is free and open to the public... **Left of Center Art Gallery and Studio** will hold an artist's demonstration by Jorge Arcos on his exhibit "Faces of Mexico: Exploring Traditions" from 12 noon until 2 pm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

**Left of Center Art Gallery and Studio** will hold an Open Reception for Jorge Arcos's art exhibit, "Faces of Mexico; Exploring Tradition." It will last from 1-3 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

**The International Association Of Business Communicators** will hold a Luncheon at the Las Vegas Country Club featuring Lynn Garlock, president and COO of Catch a Rising Star and a guest performance by one of the comedy club's comedians at 11:30 a.m. \$23 for members and students; \$28 for guests; and walk-ins will be charged an additional fee of \$5. Please R.S.V.P. @391-5517 or via email to [mcaleer@ccmail.nevada.edu](mailto:mcaleer@ccmail.nevada.edu) by Dec. 12.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

**Mountaintop Faith Ministries** invite the community to a special Christmas service which will be held in their sanctuary at 6 p.m. entitled "Every Knee Shall Bow." For more info please call 367-1636.

ONGOING

**The Reed Whipple Cultural Center** will feature *The Riches of Family: An American Journey from Slavery to Prosperity*, the works of Rick Hyman, through February 23... **Left of Center Art Gallery and Studio** will hold an art exhibit by local artist Jorge Arcos entitled "Faces of Mexico." Over 30 oil and watercolor works depicting the rich and colorful Mexican culture. It will run from December 9 until February 15... **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 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.

## City fire & rescue to hold citizens fire school

Special to Sentinel-Voice

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a firefighter, or what a firefighter does when responding to a call or while in the station? Since the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11th, there has been an increased interest of firefighters.

Since 1999, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue has been holding a class that informs citizens about the fire service, both in the classroom and with actual hands-on experience. The first "Citizens Fire Academy" graduated with 49 participants and in 2000 another 48 people completed the course. Everyone that completed the class said it was worthwhile and enlight-

ened them about firefighters.

The Class of 2001 will be limited to 50 students. One class of 25 students will be held on Tuesday nights and another class will be held on Thursday nights. Classes meet from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM. In addition to the classroom training which consists of a tour of the Fire & Medical 9-1-1 Communication Center and of Fire Station 1 (the busiest fire station in the country), students will also participate in a "hands-on" class at the fire training center where they will get to see what it is like to wear the protective gear of a firefighter and crawl through a building during a simulated fire. Each student will also have the opportunity to spend four hours with a fire crew at one

of the city's fire stations and go on actual calls as an observer. The 40-hour program consists of an orientation in the areas of: fire service organization, fire investigations, emergency medical services, fire prevention, fire communications and fire operations. Students will also learn simple first aid and CPR during the academy.

There is no cost for the academy. Students are required to purchase a personal academy shirt that is worn during academy activities, ride alongs and during the graduation ceremony.

The academy is open to anyone over the age of 16 years and has an interest in the fire service. They must also make a commitment to attend the classes until gradu-

ation. Applications for the academy are now available at Fire & Rescue Headquarters or on the departments website at:

[www.lasvegasfire.org](http://www.lasvegasfire.org) <<http://www.lasvegasfire.org>>. Applications will be taken until the end of December, those accepted will be notified in January and the class begins in February. Graduation is scheduled for May 2002.

Graduates of the academy may be used in future fire & rescue activities as volunteers. Already a number of graduates have been used as "victims" at simulated accidents for firefighter training.

For more information about the Citizens Fire Academy call 383-2888 or visit the departments website at: [www.lasvegasfire.org](http://www.lasvegasfire.org)

## Brown

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Morris Day and Bobby Womack. She expressed her knowledge of the difficulties of women attempting to break into the business, but encourages them to "learn to read music, and form your own band." She proved to be more than just a good advice-giver, she is also giving back something solid to the young people. She has her own recording studio in neighboring Los Angeles, "Bill The Kid Music," and teaches at the Musicians Institute. "I try to get them around eight, at least get them interested, they need to just want to do it- dedication, discipline and patience," she said.

## Overstreet

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of Americans.

The exploitation of our compassion is why we are going along, without regard to the financial status of the victims of the Trade Center tragedy, as laws have been passed waiving income and payroll taxes for these individuals and donations being made to their families totaling hundreds of millions of dollars. Yet, at the same time, we do not feel any compas-

sion to advocate for the basic shelter and health care needs of the homeless- many of whom are veterans.

The aid authorized for New York City by the federal government is 40 billion dollars. This amount of money is more than twice that of the combined total of 18.6 billion from federal and state government sources that went to public welfare for over 2.6 million American families in the 1999 fiscal year.

I wondered if Gail dreamed of the same musical conquest as her male counterparts, when she shared, "I'm hoping I can hear my song on the radio, just one time, cruising down Sunset somewhere, and I can hear my song on the radio, so that would be probably my dream." My guess is that her dream is like that of most of today's musical warriors.

Norman Brown is keeping alive what brought so many new jazz followers to the table. Funky jazz delivered in a complex mixture of melodic delights. Look for him this summer, I'm willing to bet he'll be back. They were to good not to come back.

When manipulative tactics are used to focus our compassion as a nation on a lone horrific event, this eliminates the need to debate and address public policy issues we are facing as a society.

The consequences of providing financial, political and military support to avenging the deaths of less than six thousand citizens, while continuing to disregard the plight and nightmare experienced by millions of other Ameri-

cans, in time, will come to haunt us.

I have no doubt that for far too many persons in our society there is a fate worse than death. Living a life where no one cares about your well-being is such a fate. Our basic humanity should move us to demonstrate a level of compassion for the living as great as or greater than that we exhibit for the dead, not only during a time of war, but in peaceful times as well.

## Error

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States?

Supporters of the presidential order and other proposals which curtail certain civil liberties and impose a "guilt-by-association" cloud over people of Arabic descent say our national emergency justifies such actions. The situation, they say, is unprecedented.

Yes, it's true that the September 11th attacks have pushed us, and the world, into uncharted territory full of insecurity.

But America has faced this crisis of civil liberties before.

During World War II the American government and the majority of the American people, driven by fear and prejudice, chose, with no credible evidence at all, to consider law-abiding Japanese Americans as "probably guilty of" or "likely to commit" espionage for Japan. Their property was confiscated and more than 110,000-most of whom were American citizens- were imprisoned in concentration camps for the duration of the war.

Lest we re-commit the error of our old ways, Congress, as the peoples' representatives, must hold hearings on the appropriateness of the curtailment of our freedoms.

## Charity

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some crook lurking nearby to steal as much as he or she can. Whether it's the "Lootery" (Lottery to some people), social programs, the stock market, or any other money-laden business activity, we eventually read the headlines about some dishonest person facing trial and punishment for absconding with the money.

While I hope and pray this is not the case with the donations sent to New York, I kinda doubt it. It should not have taken this long to move those funds to the grief-stricken families affected by the tragedies. I know we can do better. Why haven't we? Let's not sleep this one, folks. Don't allow this latest venture in fundraising to go unchallenged.

Too many people have sent in their hard-earned money. Too many children have worked hard to pool their pennies. Too many other charitable organizations have fallen short of their goals because so many dollars were diverted from traditional contribution channels.

More importantly, too many lives were lost in the three tragedies on Sept. 11th for us to tarnish their memories, ignore their children, and disgrace this country by not following through on our promise to assist their families.

We have done a whole lot of giving since the disaster in New York. Who's doing the taking?