

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

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 2 pm. 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 by Dec. 12.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

The Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park invites you to create both your own Christmas tree decorations, and also ornaments to share with the fort. The event will take place from 10 am to 1 pm. The fort is located at 500 E. Washington Ave. An entrance fee is required. \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child (age 6-12). For more info please call 486-3511.

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.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

The West Las Vegas Arts Center will hold an African American cultural focus entitled "Employ your mother wit: optimal health of the body, mind and spirit." At 1pm.

JANUARY 14-MARCH 9

The West Las Vegas Arts Center will hold a Community Gallery featuring Beyond the Boundaries and Craps: A Black Man's Game.

ONGOING

Matt Kelly will be holding a food drive for the community which will run through Dec. 21. For more information please contact Ms. Deborah Harris at 799-4750... **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, care-giving 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.

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.

The LAS VEGAS SENTINEL-VOICE

Black Friday

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Black and proud to support his brothers and sisters.

Change your buying behavior and our economic relationship in this country, and around the world, will surely change. This year, and in years to come, BUY BLACK. Start in your own city with your local Black businesses and get involved with the MATAH Network buying at least \$50.00 per month from your "Black Channel of Distribution." Call 1 800 977 6282 to get more information, or go to www.matah.com and let's start our own Black Friday, once each month, when we make our purchases from Black businesses and the MATAH Network.

Cloning

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In the aftermath of World War II, with the dangers of indulging man's will fresh in everyone's mind, the international community adopted the Nuremberg Codes which specifically prohibited the use of human experimentation without consent.

On such matters, there should be no room for compromise. Science can never be allowed to supercede the sanctity of human life.

The House of Representatives has already voted against allowing human cloning and President Bush has urged the Senate to condemn this god-like tinkering with human embryos, before such experimenting reaches its logical conclusion: the cloning of soulless humans and the triumph of science over the sanctity of life.

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Powell

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cultural divide is enhanced and, therefore, the foundation of the political differences and alienation is maintained. There must be a breakthrough in the nature of the American commitment in order for the perception of people in the Middle East about America to change.

How is the fundamental commitment of the U.S. to Israel rewarded when the Sharon government has all but thumbed its nose at U.S., which provides billions of dollars in aid to that country each year? Powell has had occasion to ask Sharon to come back to the peace table, only to be embarrassed by the Israeli leader's refusal to do so, warning America not to push too hard. Does the U.S. really have so little leverage over Israel it cannot induce it to stop the expansion of settlements?

The Bush administration often refers to the report of the committee headed by former Sen. George Mitchell released earlier this year. Even that report abounds in word games about relating to whether the expansion of new West Bank settlements should be totally prohibited, or whether such expansion is a result of the natural growth of those who are already there.

Decatur

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on cocaine or crack it is also lack of access to health insurance. It is bad to born at risk, but don't compound the risk with policies such as "Zero Tolerance."

This unfair policy was changed.

These were young men whose lives would be completely different today had the Decatur school board had its way.

But what we maintained all along is that the schools cannot be turned into a feeder system for the jails.

We must nurture our children's potential and not treat them like criminals.

Keep Hope Alive!

Jesse Jackson is founder and president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

Overstreet

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tion, not acts that suggest we are anti-white.

Our biggest problem is buying into the belief that our votes do not count. Here again, a little history is in order. I am not going to refer to the mess that took place in Florida in November 2000, but to something that took place back in 1886 and is the main reason we have been catching hell ever since then.

In the election of 1886, Tilden, a democrat, won the popular vote but was one vote short of having the needed 185 electoral votes to be elected president. Hayes finished a close second in the popular vote and had 169 electoral votes. Hayes, understanding his plight and the sentiment of the South, cut a deal!

In exchange for the support of southern democrats in the electoral college, he agreed to four conditions, namely:

Removal of federal troops stationed in the South; placement of a southerner in his cabinet; giving control of federal patronage jobs to the local yokels, and placing under the control of the local yokels the letting of federal public works projects.

We should all know the consequences for blacks from this deal. The most tragic being that between 1886 and the mid-1950s, over four thousand blacks were lynched in the South. Folks, if more of us understood what is at stake in any and all elections at the local, county, state and federal levels, we would make more of an effort to "drag our lazy butts to the polls."

Am I right this time, or, as usual, did I not make any sense at all?

In any case, it is clear there will be no resolution to this issue-or others-without a much stronger investment of the U.S. stating a position that is actually even handed and then placing some discipline behind it.

In this speech, Powell's credibility was also invested in his leadership of the project of nation building-a concept President Bush rejected during the campaign. He has promised to help rebuild Afghanistan and to shore up Pakistan economically, acknowledging there can be no reduction of tensions without closing the gap in social status between Western and Middle Eastern peoples.

However, there is a grave risk that the Powell may be hung out to dry because of the difficulty of making peace in the context of the pursuit of a war policy by the Bush faction. The cynical person would say this looks like a version "good cop, bad cop" if it weren't so obvious that the bad cop in this scenario will undo everything that the good cop is attempting to accomplish, as flawed as it might be.

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