

## Exhibition on BLACK WOMEN in History Opens at The Historical Westside School

They introduced the Charleston and the cakewalk to American audiences; they wrote stories, poems and songs; they fought both personal and national battles for freedom; they contributed to fields as varied as art, labor and medicine, and their achievements went virtually unnoticed. "Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds," an exhibit on Black women and their contributions to American history, culture, and society, opens at the Historical Westside School on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 3:30 p.m. Project Directors, Dr. Porter L. Troutman, Jr., Associate Professor of Education at University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Mrs. Bobbie Jean Troutman, Reading Specialist, Clark County School District, Cashman Junior High School, have planned a program to inaugurate the exhibit. Dr. Patricia Geuder, Associate Professor of English, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, a specialist in Black literature, will speak about selected contemporary Black women writers.

The set of 20 posters, produced by the Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibition Services (SITES), "Black Women: Achievement Against the Odds," will acquaint viewers with Black women whose accomplishments have chan-

ged our lives.

Originally researched and developed in 1975 by the Smithsonian Anacostia Neighborhood Museum and circulated nationally by SITES, "Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds," was the first serious museum study on this topic. The 120 women selected for this new version of the exhibition represent 200 years of achievements in 16 subject areas: religion, military, civil rights, art, sports, education, labor, journalism, entertainment, government and politics, science and math, law, music, literature, medicine, and business.

The exhibition is organized around 18 women whose portraits have been drawn in carbon pencil by illustrator Nancy Edwards Calder, who has incorporated scenes from their lives, and placed them in historical perspective. Each panel includes a quotation and story of the featured woman plus reproductions of vintage photographs and statements about five to seven other women whose lives reflect the challenges and inspirations typical of many women in each area of study. Unable to credit all the women who merit attention, SITES has carefully selected women who represent a wide range of outstanding achievements in America's history. Little

known figures are combined with famous ones to offer an historical balance.

An introduction to the topic, a chronology and a conclusion complete the set of 20 posters which are printed in two colors and measure 24"x36" each.

The Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds" exhibit is available to schools, churches and organizations upon request to Afro-American Cultural Services and Clark County Library District, Flamingo branch. Please call 739-3229 or 733-7810 for further information.

The program is funded through a grant from the Nevada Humanities Committee and the admission at Westside School is free.

Afro-American Cultural Services was organized in 1980. The purpose of Afro-American Cultural Services is to promote, encourage and increase community

awareness of past, present and future Afro-American cultural contributions for all mankind in this pluralistic society.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST THE ODDS



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## GRACE

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Calif. will be guest choir.

Don't miss these events during the week of Jan. 8-13 at True Love Missionary Baptist Church, 1941 "H" St. Rev. I.W. Wilson, Pastor.

### DELTA'S DID IT AGAIN

A delightful New Year's Eve party sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was held in the Canyon Club party room on Bruce St. on last Saturday night. This party was given by Deltas as a thank you appreciation for the support given us by the Las Vegas community during the observance of the annual Sepia Fashion Show at Caesars. It was a sell-out, a success, a triumph. Most of all, many dollars in scholarships were handed out to deserving students. The victory is yours as well as ours. Thank you!

### WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS

Visiting our family during the Holidays were Lena South from Panama and our eldest son's Godmother, Ethe-lyne Perry of Pasadena, Calif. We were also glad to have Bishop and Mrs. Augustin Quinones, and their cousin Mrs. Brown of Los Angeles over for New Year's dinner. What a festive time we spent!

### MORE PARTIES

A Birthday and Christmas party sponsored by the Christian Women Willing Workers of Pilgrim Church of Christ Holiness was held at the beautiful home of Sister Donna Shipp on Ophir Dr. Birthday honorees were Sisters Mattie Jones, Naomi Frazier, Lucille Hughes, Donna Shipp and Sister Whitehead, who received many useful gifts.

All others in attendance received a gift and enjoyed a rich gumbo dinner, coconut cakes, and sweet potato pie.

Lucille Hughes of Gold Street entertained the members of Pilgrim Church of Christ with a party. Everyone present at her beautiful home enjoyed juicy slices of pizza, lots of spaghetti and meatballs, salads, cakes, pies, etc., etc., etc. Your witer enjoyed party hopping. This was a super way to end 1983.