

LAS VEGAS WINS BLACK MEETINGS

Whether in response to the popular Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority advertisement: "Las Vegas, the American Way to Play... and Met," or just a natural desire to visit a new area, there is conclusive evidence that Las Vegas is attracting a larger share of black conventions.

From 1989 through 1992 there are no less than 14 black groups that have confirmed the "entertainment capital" for either a board meeting, a regional conference, or a national conclave.

The organizations that have chosen Las Vegas are listed below:

National Association of Black Social Workers (Board Meeting), 100 attendees, January 26-29, 1989, El Rancho Hotel; National Gospel Music Workshop of America, 300 attendees, March 14-17, 1989, Riviera Hotel; Washington-Lincoln Alumni Association of Dallas, 500 attendees, June 24-26, 1989, Aladdin Hotel; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity-Western Region, 350 attendees, March 23-25, 1989, Riviera Hotel; American Medical Students Association, 500 attendees, March 15-17, 1989, Alexis Park Hotel; National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, Inc., 300 attendees, Oc-

tober 10-14, 1989, Flamingo Hilton; American Bar Association, General Practice Section, 500 attendees, May 1990, headquarters hotel and date are not confirmed; National Georgia Pine Society, Inc. (a family reunion), 300 attendees, July 7-9, 1990, Riviera Hotel; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Far West Region, 900 attendees, June 13-16, 1991, Mirage Hotel (aka Golden Nugget-Strip); Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Far West Region, 700 attendees, July 1991, headquarters hotel and date not decided; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, 1000 attendees, May/June 1991, hotel choice and meeting date undecided; National Conference on Black Student Retention in Higher Education, 700 attendees, November 12-15, 1991, Riviera Hotel; Chi Delta Mu Fraternity, 150 attendees, June 1992, hotel not selected; Chums, Inc., 700 attendees, October 15-18, 1992, hotel not selected.

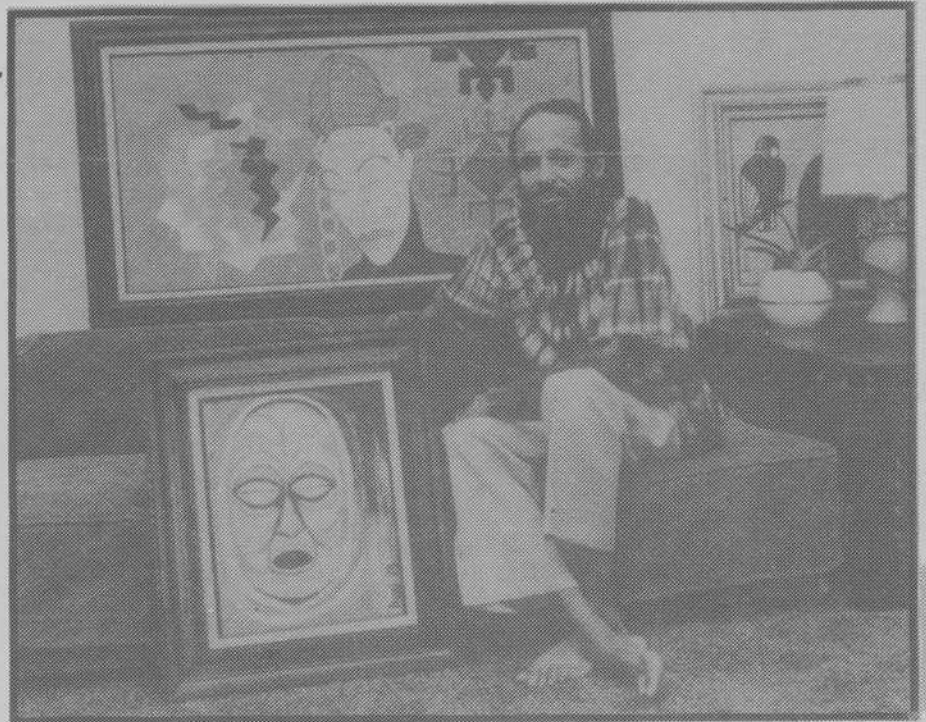
While the above organizations have voted Las Vegas for their future meetings, 7 other groups — among them, National Medical Association, August 1991; West Virginia State College National Alumni Association, October 1989, and National Association of Black Chiropractors — are expected to approve our city before years end, according to Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority Sales Executive, Roosevelt Toston.

New Library Art Gallery Named for Beni Casselle

The inaugural exhibit of the new West Las Vegas Library Art Gallery will be a memorial exhibit of the paintings of the late and well-known local artist, Beni Casselle, for whom the gallery is named.

The exhibit will continue through February, during which time a formal reception and dedication of the gallery will be presented in his memory, as a part of Black History Month.

The public is invited to attend this important occasion.



The late Beni Casselle with his art based on African motifs.

NEW WEST LAS VEGAS LIBRARY OPENS

A long time dream has finally become A REALITY. The new West Las Vegas Library opened for business on January 3.

The free-standing, copper-roofed building, located at 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd. replaces the old library, which had been housed in a store front on "D" Street for

the past 15 years.

The new \$1.35 million facility, which was designed specifically as a library, has 12,200 square feet of space, includes a main reading room, a children's section, a literacy station, an art gallery and a multi-purpose room that can be divided into two rooms to accommodate more activities. This meeting room

also kitchen facilities available.

Most of the money for the building and furnishings came from state and local library bond funds in addition to a small amount which came from federal block grant money allotted to the library by Clark County. The \$1.35 million does not include the cost of books or

building was built on land donated by the city of Las Vegas, and stands adjacent to the Doolittle Community Center.

In accordance with the wishes of community members, the library hours will be shifted toward the evening and the weekend. It will be open from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thur-

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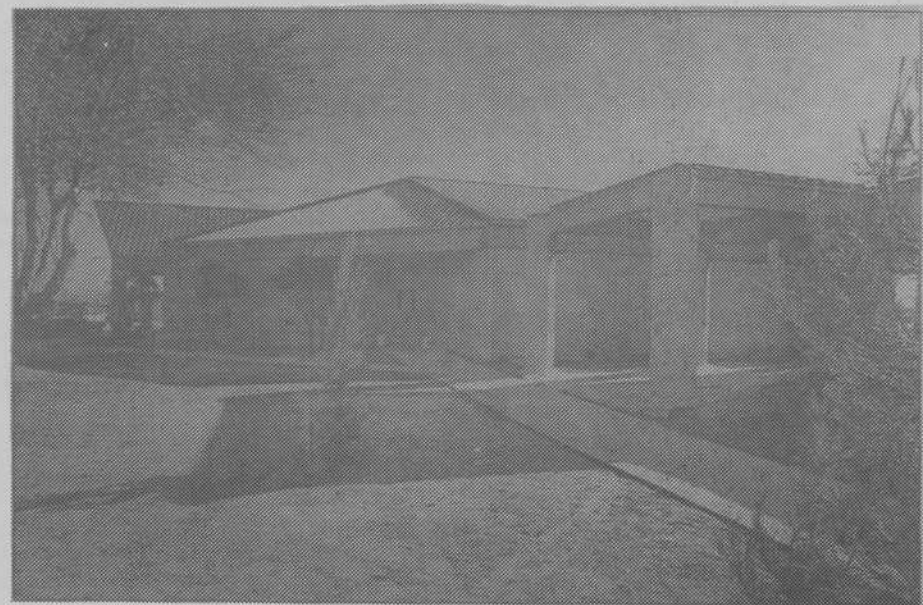
This firm accepts claims for a contingent fee; there is no charge for legal services until the claim is settled or won.



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The new West Las Vegas Library

is equipped with a movie screen, a speaker system and a new piano. There are

other materials, however.

The eye-catching peach and turquoise colored

Friday and Saturday and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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systems. For example, in Atlanta, Georgia; portland, Oregon and in Phoenix, Arizona, the police routinely cite homeless persons with violations of city ordinances as a means of moving them off the streets. Yet, this does nothing to solve the problem of the state of homelessness

in these cities. It just adds to the misery of the homeless. The criminal justice system is no place for the homeless.

It appears that many municipal shelters are no place for the homeless, either. In New York City alone, the shelter system costs \$300 million annually. Yet, this system is replete with unsanitary, overcrowded conditions and violence. Douglas Lasdon,

the director of the Legal Action Center for the Homeless, stated, "this system is by definition in humane."

We believe that there is only one solution for the homeless and that is to provide adequate, affordable housing for all persons living in this nation. We should no longer tolerate persons freezing to death. We should no longer tolerate the homeless being homeless.