

## African-American Summit '90 Announced

May 18th, 19th and 20th, 1990 are the dates selected to hold Nevada's first statewide African-American Summit.

Las Vegas Summit, titled "A Call To Unity/Human Rights An Agenda For The 21st Century And Beyond", will call together statewide participation in what is seen as the first of several steps which is necessary to develop a broadbased agenda which sets forth options

and priorities for Nevada's African-American communities.

Initial organizations of the summit are Rev. Chester Richardson of Reno, Nev. and Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams of Las Vegas. However no particular individuals or groups will sponsor the summit, but a collective call of every single human resource available in our state will be responsible for pulling the summit

together.

Issues dealing with economic empowerment, political empowerment, education, health, culture, youth, employment and labor, housing, international affairs, and the administration of justice are just some of the items to be addressed. Interested parties should contact Chester Richardson at 786-2893 in Reno or Wendell P. Williams at 646-1018 in Las Vegas.

## The Brothers Of The Dove Host An African American Greek Show Extravaganza

by Derrick Wicklife

On December 1 inside the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' student union ballroom, the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. hosted an event that many will probably be talking about for years to come -- "The UNLV Step Show Extravaganza".

Over five hundred people filled UNLV's student union ballroom for this event. Fraternity and sorority members chanted, cheered, and "bagged" on each others' organization, as family and audience members cheered, applauded, and laughed, while everyone had a good time.

This event featured the showcase, stepping performances of the "Blue Phi Brothers of the Dove" -- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., the "Pretty Boys" of Fraternity, Inc., the Sigma Beta Club of Western High School (a high school division of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.) and the Kappa Sweathearts (a college division of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.). In addition, this event served as a homecoming for many Greeks in attendance, in that it provided a common "stomping ground" for them to fellowship (since graduation) among African American Greeks in a "Greek show capacity".

This was a first time that many people had seen and/or attended a step show, and we (members of African American Greek organizations) are delighted we had the opportunity to share this piece of heritage with them.

For those of us who are familiar with step shows (an African American art form created by African American Greeks to express identity, uniqueness, heritage, and pride), we felt this function

was long overdue. That's why the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. took it upon themselves to host a step show for UNLV students and the Las Vegas community.

Most African American Greek organizations were founded in the eastern and southern parts of the United States and have had their biggest successes and prominence in these areas. However, as far as the west coast of the U.S. is concerned, these Greek organizations are only well-known in the state of California.

In an effort to increase the presence and awareness of African American Greeks, the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., hope to make this an annual event and host as many Greek functions (of this magnitude) for Las Vegas as they possibly can.

We (the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.) are ecstatic that we had the opportunity to host a positive function where brothers and sisters were "maxing", there weren't any fights, no gang violence (even though

## Twin Sisters Exhibit Artwork In Library

In "Parallel Paths," twin sisters Joy Fiore and Georgia Gandalf exhibit their two distinct painting styles at the West Las Vegas Library gallery, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., Jan. 4-30. A free public reception to meet the artists will be held January 4, 5-7 p.m.

According to the artists, their exhibit reflects two independent paths of spiritual development. Mountain and desert vistas are featured in

gangs were instrumental in helping us with the step show and dance. Also, we hope students to attend college and join a historically African American Greek organization, (The eight dominant, historically, and worldwide African American Greek fraternities and sororities include the mighty Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the sweet Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.).

## Robert Brewer Appointed To Housing Authority Board

Robert Brewer was recently selected by Mayor Ron Lurie to fill the position of ousted commissioner and chairman James Jones, as the newest member of the Las Vegas Housing Authority's Board of Directors.

Brewer who comes on board after a long battle to remove three longtime Commissioners who have been on the authority's Board of Directors for more than twenty years, stated that he is "eager to work relentlessly to restore the appropriate trust needed to move the authority to it's potential."

Brewer is a lifelong resident of Las Vegas and serves as a manager with the Southwest Gas Corp.

the artwork. Poetry by the artists accompanies the paintings, lending meaning to the painted subjects.

For information about the exhibit, call the library district's gallery manager at 435-0919.



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