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PROFESSIONAL BLACK WOMENS ALLIANCE HOSTS SIXTH ANNUAL ROSE AWARDS

The Professional Black Women's Alliance will present their Sixth Annual Rose Awards this Saturday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pyramid Room of the Dunes Hotel.

"Sister In The Struggle" commemorates the theme for this years ceremony, which will recognize twenty-two (22) women of color who have

made a monumental impact in their career fields, community and personal growth. This is a chance to honor these women who may otherwise go unnoticed.

This year, 29-year Las Vegas resident, Jackie McKinney, will be honored with the Alliance's 1992 Rose Award.

McKinney, known for her many years of volunteer service, is a twenty-two year employee of the Clark County School District, and is on the Board of Directors of both the Dula Senior Citizens Center and the Educational Support Employees Association (ESEA).

The Sulpulpa, Oklahoma native and mother of

six, was also selected Clark County Mother of the Year in 1977.

Shirley Barber, principal of Mabel Sixth Grade Center, will receive the 1992 Community Service Award from the Alliance, for
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Jackie McKinney

BLACK CULTURAL AWARENESS SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN NEVADA PRESENTS 1992 AFRICAN DIASPORA SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL

The local African-American "image" has always been a top priority for the Black Cultural Awareness Society of Southern Nevada. Throughout its short existence, The Society has presented material and explored the concept of black identity. But today in Las Vegas, with negative stereotypes of black people being sensationalized through the media, The Society is even more determined to expose a variety of "truthful" images that represent black people through the AFRICAN DIASPORA SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL.

The 1992: AFRICAN DIASPORA SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL will feature films from four corners of the black world. The FESTIVAL will also crisscross Las Vegas and North Las Vegas giving everyone in the community an opportunity to screen the films that have never been seen in Southern Nevada before. The major purpose of the FESTIVAL is to expose the viewing audience to diverse black cultures in three levels: 1) by showing what different black people throughout the world look, sound and act like. 2) by touring different neighborhoods and showing the films to a multitude of

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FROM BEGINNING TO END...UNQUESTIONABLY
JULIE DASH HAS TALENT...IT IS A PLEASURE TO
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-NEW YORK TIMES

"JULIE DASH EMERGES AS
A STRIKINGLY ORIGINAL
FILMMAKER!" -NEW YORK TIMES

DAUGHTERS
OF THE DUST
A FILM BY JULIE DASH



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people representing different ethnic backgrounds, incomes, social status, education and age levels. 3) by engaging the audience in dialogue that encourages communication between people of different backgrounds.

The year's features are: Daughters of the Dust

- The first feature length directed by a female African-American filmmaker Julie Dash. **Xica & Quilombo** - Historical Sagas by Brazilian filmmaker of 17th century Africans in Brazil, Carlos Diegues. **Sitting in Limbo** - A coming of age film directed by Canadian filmmaker John N. Smith. **Yaaba** - A story based of African folklore directed by Idrissa Ouedraogo of Burkina Faso.

These films will be presented along with guest
(See Summer Film Festival, Page 20)



Shirley Barber



Betty Brown

ETHICS COMMITTEE WILL NOT INVESTIGATE NOLEN

Members of the city's Ethics Committee, after a closed door meeting on Tuesday, said that they lacked the jurisdiction to investigate City Councilman Bob Nolen's claims that he gave black ministers money in exchange for campaign support.

While the ethics committee, which was created in January with the intent of restoring public faith in local government, has met on two other occasions, the controversy between Nolen and West Las Vegas ministers was the panel's first test.

Bishop E. N. Webb, who is a member of the Ethics Committee, had to excuse himself from the meeting, because he was one of the ministers named by Nolen, who knew of monies given to clergymen during Nolen's campaign.

The panel met publicly Tuesday morning before moving into a closed session because of a state law which states that any opinions, motions or requests made of local ethics committees be kept confidential.

It was after the closed meeting, however, that commissioners reported they had no jurisdiction in the dispute.

Members of the committee, as well as a spokesman for the ministers, also said they would like to see some of the laws changed that prevented them (the Ethics Committee) from

getting involved.

"We are asking the City Council to make an amendment to the law that prevents them from acting on cases such as this," said Chester Richardson, spokesman for the Ministers Alliance. Richardson also stated that the ministers would be meeting with District Attorney Rex Bell some time next week.

It was last Tuesday that the Ministers Alliance called for a grand jury investigation into Nolen's allegations, and personally delivered a document to Bell's office asking for the probe.

After reviewing the case the Clark County Ministerial Association pledged its support for the black pastors.

The Rev. Ara R. Guerguezian, alliance president, issued a statement which said, "It is time for us, as citizens of Southern Nevada, to continue moving and working toward a future of reconciliation, redevelopment and progress in human and community relations for all rather than the continuing focus on a divisive word that has been sufficiently addressed by the appropriate ecclesiastical religious leaders."

He said he and his colleagues support the Pastors Conference of Southern Nevada and the West Las Vegas Ministerial Alliance and their swift action to investigate the claims and call for a grand jury probe.

MILLER APPOINTS GLORIA BANKS WEDDLE TO STATE WELFARE BOARD

Governor Bob Miller has named Las Vegas Gloria Banks Weddle to the State Welfare Board, replacing Vincent Ochoa who resigned in June. Ochoa was first appointed to the Board in 1983. His current three-year term was due to expire Oct. 30.

Banks Weddle is vice president of human resources at Nevada Power Co., where she has been employed since 1973.

Banks Weddle is a member of the board of directors of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce and is also a member of the Boys and Girls Club steering committee.

She graduated from Bishop Gorman High School in 1967 and received her undergraduate degree from UNLV in 1986.



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