

ENTERTAINMENT

EATING OUT WITH THE HUNGRY ONE

The Glamorous Life

By Barbara Robinson J.D.
April, Flo and Eddie Gray owners of **Unique Party Planning** had a fabulous Superbowl party at their gorgeous home that is decorated with furniture and art from their travels around the world. This party was definitely a Dallas party. The napkins engraved with Superbowl-Dallas Cowboys told the story. The food served at half-time was delicious. We feasted on deviled eggs, chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, miniature croissants, beef tenderloin, b.b.q. hot links and hot wings, and Swedish meatballs. The desserts included several types of cheesecake and a Dallas Cowboy football cake. Next time I do a party I'm going to call Unique. Seen in one of the many rooms were Lowell Witten, Benden Parker, Bobby Lackey, Atty Teddy Parker, North Las Vegas City Councilman John Rhodes, Drs. Martina Callum and Andres Costas, Jannet Brooks, Sam Wright with his foot in bandages due to a skiing accident, the Osarios, photographer Bob Morgan and his beautiful wife Pearl, Prof. Ester Langston, Betty Ann

Railey, Rose Coker's mother in from Phoenix, Karen Scofield Bank of America's branch manager. We are all looking forward to seeing the super bowl at the Gray household next year. Congratulations to **Dr. Anthony and Diane Pollard** who were blessed with another baby. **The Charles I. West Medical Society** elected **Dr. James Tate** as their new president.

The National Conference will hold their award dinner tonight at Caesars Palace. Call 387-6225 for further information. **The Hispanic Museum/ Museo Hispano** will hold a Bachelor/Bachelorette and Silent Auction to benefit its Building Fund on Saturday, February 3, 1996 at Palace Station's Hotel and Casino Ballroom. Call 382-6252 for further information. **The Lied Children's Museum** is opening an exhibit February 3, entitled "What About AIDS" designed for children over the age of 10. This Saturday the Museum will host a workshop illustrating How to Make and African Pouch from 1-3. Call 382-5437 for further information. **West Las Vegas' Library** has an interesting display in their art gallery

featuring portraits of African and Afro-Caribbean faces set against a backdrop of African batik. Call 647-2118 for further information. **The Latin Chamber of Commerce** is having an Installation of Officers and an awarding of Scholarships Banquet, Friday, February 16 at the MGM Grand's Grand Ballroom. The main speaker for this event will be Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority's president **Manuel J. Cortez**. See you around town.

The Hungry One ate well this past Friday at the Grand Opening of **The Great Buffet at Sam's Town** on Boulder Highway. Sam's spent over \$1.3 million renovating the buffet. Sam's new look included a new Director of Food... **Rudy McMillian** a brother with over 20 years' experience in food and beverage service. For \$9.95 you were able to eat fried and raw oysters and clams. There were hot and cold dungeness crabs and shrimp. My favorite was the spicy bayou crawfish. Also corn on the cob, carrots and an assortment of delicious salads. If you don't like seafood Sam's buffet has well seasoned rotisserie chicken. There was a carver, slicing roast turkey, ham and roast beef. They also make Chinese food to order while you watch.

not limited to apple cobbler and crepes. Rudy has thought of everything; he has assorted sugarless desserts for diabetics and others watching their sugar intake. I tried the coconut creme pie ... I didn't even miss the sugar. You can make yourself a sundae with chocolate or vanilla fat free yogurt. The homemade cookies will ruin any diet. Chocolate pecan cookies were my favorite. Save room for the homemade candy that included the best peanut brittle and chocolate fudge candy I ever tasted. They also have sugarless candy. Your non-alcohol beverages are included. **The Hungry One recommends Sam's Town's Great Buffet**. You can't beat the food, or the price, also a great place for diabetics and others looking to avoid sugar. Friday is seafood night. The dinner is served from 4:00 to 10:00. You can call 456-7777 for further information.

Now if you could eat all of this and have room left...there are wonderful desserts including but

Simba Jambalaya Dance Theatre presents "Fusion of Spirit"

Black History Month is a time when we proudly celebrate the many contributions and achievements African Americans have made to society. And what better way to celebrate these achievements than to join the newly-formed Simba Jambalaya Dance Theatre as they present a series of concerts — "Fusion of Spirit," highlighting the rich and varied heritage of black dance.

It wasn't until Simba had gained some credibility and notoriety, that African American youth started coming," she adds.

Utilizing the rhythm and styles of African, jazz, modern, Lindy, tap and current social dances, this exciting 3-day concert series will be performed at the new West Las Vegas Library Theatre (951 West Lake Mead) on Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4, and the Flamingo Library Theatre (1401 East Flamingo Road) on Sunday, February 11. All performances begin at 2:00 p.m.

Over the years, Simba, a non-profit organization, funded in part by a grant from the Nevada State Council on the Arts (a state agency), had primarily performed dance demonstrations at schools, and during special occasions, such as Black History Month and theatre arts celebrations. However, it's always been Ligon's ambition to establish a major multi-cultural dance company here in Nevada.


The Simba Jambalaya Dance Theatre, Nevada's first multi-cultural dance company, is comprised of professionals in the areas of dance, dance theatre and choreography, according to founder and executive director, LaVerne Ligon.

"Where Simba's concerned, our goal has truly been to develop this company (Jambalaya Dance Theatre) so youth would have somewhere to go to further develop their individual talents."

Formed in 1984, says Ligon, "Simba was originally established to help at-risk youth, even though that's not who was in attendance in the beginning.

Now, after over 10 long years of hard work, her dream has become a reality. Comprised of black, white and Hispanic performers, the multi-cultural dance theatre consists of 13 artists, most of whom perform at various major shows on the Las Vegas Strip. Of the 13, there are five apprentice members, including four which study at the Las Vegas Academy for the Performing Arts.

A total of six choreographers round out the group. Choreographers Pamela Noble (See Simba, Page 14)



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