

Center to host 15th Annual Unity Fest

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It's that time again. Staff of the Doolittle Community Center wants area residents to come out enjoy the outdoors its 15th Annual Unity Fest, scheduled for Saturday, May 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the center, 1950 North J Street. If you've never been, you don't know what you're missing.

Sponsored by the City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services, the festival will offer a "Taste of West Las Vegas" food court, car show, carnival games, vendor booths, jump houses, demonstrations, contests, health and wellness information, youth basketball camp, softball and flag football

tournaments, special guest performers, free open swimming and a concert. Admission and activities are free. Refreshments will be available for sale.

There will be contests galore: bean bag toss, pop-a-shot, potato sack races and tug-o-war. Adult competitions will be held in dominoes, bid whist, spades and "The Largest Electric Slide Contest." A basketball camp for youth ages 7 to 16 will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Doolittle Pool will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Swimsuits are required.

The car show, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. will showcase the hottest rides in Las Vegas. Think your vehicle has the

right stuff? Then enter. The fee for each vehicle is \$25. Trophies will be awarded for "Best Car Overall," "Best Paint Job," "Best Rims," "Best Truck," "Cleanest Motor" and "Best Bike."

Hip-hop dance groups will perform; teen-girl group Flavas will sing; martial artists will demonstrate their fighting prowess; step dancers will step.

There will also be Double Dutch jump roping, aerobics and booths with information on services and community programs.

Those interested in participating in the food court or obtaining an information booth should contact Victoria Franklin at (702) 229-6374.



Photo special to the Sentinel-Voice by Marty Frierson

Cleveland hip-hop legends Bone-Thugs-N-Harmony were part of a line-up of hip-hop's brightest talents past and present on Friday during Rebelepooza at UNLV.

Concert

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audience after the rapper used a racial slur onstage.

"The White guy who said the n-word pissed a lot of people off. I don't think it's because of what he said, but the way he said it and the way he got up in that dude's face," said Summers.

Notwithstanding the fight, the main show was at best, okay.

Ghostface Killah was a little late getting to the stage, performing his recent single "Back Like That," which features Ne-Yo on the track, and other classic hits like "Ice Cream." He kept the crowd entertained throughout his set by interjecting snippets of the late rap icon, ODB's more famous songs in his show.

This idea was repeated when Bone Thugs-N-Harmony interjected snippets of classic hip-hop songs that they collaborated on with the late Eazy-E and Tupac into their set. Bone also performed material from their new album "Strength and Loyalty," including the new single which features Akon, "I Try."

"I thought that Verbal Ase and The Chapter were really great acts for Rebelepooza," said Ashley Summers, a UNLV student. "I thought that Bone put

on an amazing show and didn't disappoint," she added.

The final act on the stage, Oscar-winners Three-6-Mafia, performed snippets from several of their hit songs, including "Sippin' on Sizzurp" and "It's Hard out Here for a Pimp." They kept stopping their show because of excessive fan rowdiness; once, because a fan threw something on stage, and later, to alert security to an altercation happening in the crowd.

It wasn't a surprise when attendees began leaving early even before Three-6-Mafia performed their more recent songs.

"Three-6 came off like they were too cool to be there. It seemed like they did a lot of yelling about the crowd. They should have just came in, did their thing and enjoyed the people," said Ashley Summers.

"It looked as if there was a big crowd for Bone, but then it thinned out for Three-6-Mafia," he added. Even though there were some problems the majority of attendees seemed to enjoy the show.

"The Music was okay, and the venue was clean," said Juarez. "I thought the concert was great," said Josh Summers. "All in all, I thought Rebelepooza was fantastic and I will definitely be going again next year," added Ashley Summers.

Workshop lets youth unleash inner clown

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Hey kids, for once, clowning around won't get you in trouble. In fact, it can be a learning experience. Children and teens ages 10 through 18 can learn about clowns and themselves during In the Spirit's "Yes I Can" workshop on Saturday, May 19, at the West Las Vegas Arts Center.

Danise Payne will lead the workshop, which begins at 12 p.m. A clown with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus and UniverSoul Big Top Circus, she devised the workshops to inspire and en-

courage young people.

Over the years, Payne has served as a role model for African-Americans interested in the field of clowning, a vocation devoid a significant Black presence. Payne was the first female Black clown in Ringling Brothers' "Red Unit" and the first who worked in an English circus.

The workshop fee is \$5 per person and reservations are required. The arts center is located at 947 West Lake Mead Boulevard. Call (702) 229-4800 for more information.

Sorority hosts meeting seeks shoes for youth

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Southern Nevada children in need of shoes will get a well-deserved contribution when the Eta Chi Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. hosts its annual regional public meeting in Las Vegas.

The public meeting begins at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Tuscany Suites and Casino, 255 East Flamingo Road, and marks the beginning of the sorority's three-day Western

Regional Conference, which runs through Sunday. The theme for the 55th annual conference is "The Catalyst for Greater Community Service."

A highlight of the public meeting will be the sorority's annual Soles for Little Souls presentation in which two Southern Nevada charities will accept donations on behalf of hundreds of children who need footwear. Sigma Gamma Rho will present a

\$2,500 donation to the Shade Tree shelter to help abused and homeless children. In addition, the sorority will donate an estimated 500 pair of shoes that will go to children.

"Recent statistics show that approximately 90,000 Nevada children live at or below the poverty level. Their families struggle to provide even the most basic necessities, including shoes."

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