Two Women Turn 90 One East, One West

By Cheryl Brown

Ninety seems to be a magical age as two women one local and one in the east celebrated their birthdays just a few months apart.

Ninety years ago most people had a mother, father or grandmother, who had been enslaved. Ninety years ago life was much different from the year 2000. Horse and buggy was the standard mode of transportation, flying was only a dream and the moon was still made of green cheese. "Aunt Dodie" as Eldora Philpot is affectionately called and "Nonie" as Frances Polee is called, are two women who do not show their age and who are in great shape, excluding the knees of both.

The two have other things in common, they both have loving families who would not let the day pass without a big celebration, and President Clinton congratulated them both in communications from him and Hillary.

That is where the similarities of the two who have never met end.

Mrs. Polee's celebration was a knock down birthday bash lawn party, complete with BYOLC "bring your own lawn chair" and Mrs. Philpot's was a formal sit down dinner at the Four Points Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Both of these ninety year old women are an inspiration to all who know them.

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**MONTEREY STAGES 3 DAYS OF NONSTOP JAZZ**

**By Taylor Jordan**

The 34th annual Monterey Jazz Festival, presented by the Monterey County Foundation and the Monterey Jazz Festival Association, is back for another year. The festival, set for Sept. 15-17, will feature over 20 stages of music on the main stage, the Turf Club, and the Monterey Miniature Park, as well as over 400 vendors and local art exhibits.

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What's Going On Round Town

September 14, 1 to 5 p.m., The Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties invites all healthy residents to donate blood at Riverside County Credit Union located at 11160 Magnolia Avenue. For more information, call Elaine Hice at (909) 778-2162.

September 15-17th, Big Bear Lake's first annual International Film Festival will be held for Bear Fest 2000 in various venues throughout the mountain community nestled in the San Bernardino National Forest. For more information, call (909) 865-3433.

September 16-17, 'The Zone' for healthy family fun at San Bernardino's Route 66 Rendezvous will be unveiled. Empire Health Plans Fun Zone attractions include: Red Rider Bicycle Safety Comic Brochure, 1,000 Red Rider Bike Helmets.

September 19, 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., a complimentary forum (on grandparents raising grandchildren) will be held at Valley Wide Villa in Hemet, sponsored by the Riverside County Office on Aging, Advisory Council on Aging, and Department of Public Social Services. Those interested in attending the forum or needing additional information should contact Edwin Scott at (909) 791-3573.

September 22, 23, 24, Jazz and Blues Festival & Poinz Art Event will be held in the city that is known as the Jazz Capital of Orange County — Santa Ana. The outdoor event features, members of the prestigious California Art Club exhibit their works at the new Santa Ana Performing Arts & Event Center, 505 N. Broadway. The $15 ticket price includes a full evening of entertainment by vocal trio Triple Threat and soul jazz by Idris Muhammad. For Plain Air Painting Event information contact Jim Gallien at (714) 571-4229; for Jazz and Blues Festival information contact Donna Schulte at (714) 571-4258.

September 23, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Motivational speaking/art personality, Rita Jackson will present a free workshop for women at The Hilton, 285 E. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino. For more information contact (909) 820-6606.

September 30, and October 1, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., support the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House "Great Day in San Bernardino" by attending the action-packed event of the year. There will be M-Car drive, a Vintage and Custom Car Show, Celebrity Carabas, games and fun for the entire family. All proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House, "a home-away-from-home" for families of critical or injured children receiving treatment at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. For more information call (909) 786-1591.

October 8, The Twentywince Palms Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to compete in the fun-filled Annual Outdoors Race slated for Saturdays, Oct. 8. Cost to enter is $50 per outboard and includes free t-shirts to the first 11 teams to enter. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third places, and other awards will be given out for the creepiest, best dressed, biggest Cheater and highest bidder. The trophies are true works of art, hand-painted by the Desert Sagebrushes. For additional information, please call the Chamber at (909) 367-3445 or Dan McCure at 367-0604.

October 14-22 The Farmers Fair and Expo invites Riverside County residents to turn competitive entries into gold at this year's annual event. Ribbons and cash awards are offered in hundreds of classes including youth and adult categories. The 4th edition of the fair is themed, "Farming for California Gold." For additional information contact (909) 657-6501.

October 21, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., The Institute for Black Parenting will and the University of California at Riverside will introduce Black Family Day at UC. Black Family Day is a day to celebrate, educate and uplift the minority family through art, music, food and workshops. For more information contact (909) 782-8080.

Classmates are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All American Boys and girls age 7-19 can sign up. College basketball scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For tryouts contact (909) 372-6610 anytime.

Volunteers Health Care, Inc., Odyssey, is looking for dedicated volunteers who can make a difference. Help raise awareness of the costs and value of the abut of hospital. Contact Carolyn R. Gooch, Volunteer Coordinator at (909) 689-0011 or (909) 512-5562- pager. Training is free and fun Classics now being formed.

Tutors Wanted Help adults learn to read. Volunteers are needed for the Adult Literacy Program serving the Fontana, Rialto, and Bloomington areas. The part-time training workshops are being held Jan. 22 and 29 at the Fontana Library. To sign up or for more information, please call Virginia at (909) 350-4211.

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SAFE KIDS Urges Proper Restraint in Cars for Children

The Loma Linda SAFE Kids Coalition

Proper Restraint in Cars for Children

Many parents are unaware of the proper restraint methods for children, especially when their children outgrow the safety restraints they have been using. Parents need to be aware that booster seats are best for children between 40 and 60 pounds, and that children need to be in a booster seat if:

- They are between 40 and 60 pounds.
- Their legs do not comfortably bend over the seat.
- The seat belt cuts across their neck.
- The lap belt rides up over their abdomen.

The Loma Linda SAFE Kids Coalition recommends the following tips for riding safely in the car:

- Remain all children is the appropriate restraint on every trip.
- Never put shoulder belts under kids' arms or behind their backs. This could result in serious injuries in the event of a crash.
- Never boost kids with pillows or books — they won't prevent injuries in a crash.

**Gore and Lieberman Promote Learning**

**Dr. Michael L. Levetter, M.D. P.A.C.T. F.A.C.P.**

Riding with students, parents and teachers on school buses across southeast Ohio, Dr. Gore and Lieberman discussed their plans to promote learning for a lifetime. The Gore-Lieberman education plan starts with universal pre-school reform, cleans microsystem unintended consequences and promotes lifelong learning and skills training. George W. Bush has a narrow education agenda because his massive tax cuts leave him little resources to invest in education. Gore and Lieberman focused on their plan to help create a quality classroom where children can learn.

"Our focus is on the classroom," said Gore. "We want to help local schools create a high quality, classroom environment by recruiting 100,000 new teachers to increase demand and notified classes, by helping local school districts build new schools and modernize classrooms, and by emphasizing the fundamentals like reading and literacy. And in my discussion recently, it's important that we put safety, discipline, and character first in every classroom."
The Harriet Tubman Pilgrimage Continues In Delaware: Wilmington A Hotbed of Abolition, Saluting Abolitionists

By Cheryl Brown

The first African Union Methodist Protestant Church (Mother AUMP) was located at the same site from 1815 to 1750 when the Black community was removed to make way for city buildings. Leaving just a marker to mark the site. Spencer also organized the festival celebrated since 1814 he called the 'Big Quarterly' now known as the Annual Quarterly. The last weekend in August was set aside to celebrate religious freedom and the founding of the African Union Methodist Church. The Quarterly brought together African American Free and enslaved persons from several states in the region. It was frequently used as a vehicle to facilitate the planning of escapes on the Underground Railroad. It is the oldest continuously celebrated Black festival in America.

Although they were suspected to be conductors, Spencer and Abram Schuck, who also opposed the American Colonization Society's movement to return Blacks to Africa, were among the many people who never got caught in their activities as part of the Underground Railroad. These were often those who were not so fortunate and to whose Black American one or a debt of gratitude be. They were Thomas Garrett, a station master and good friend of Tubman and John Harn, the chief engineer of the Southern End. Both Quaker abolitionists put on trial for their activities. The storyboard in the New Castle Court House tells the story of how these men broke the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850. Garrett helped some 2,300 freedom seekers to safety, but both were tried and convicted for helping Emeline and her six children who were freedom seekers escaping from Queen Anne's County in 1845. They were captured at the farm of John Harn, taken into custody, fine collected. Thomas Garrett provided the transportation on the way north. The Hawkins family settled in Byberrry Township, Pennsylvania. The two were tried as an explosive trial in May of 1848 and both Garrett and Harn were found guilty. Garrett was fined $5,400 a fine so heavy he never really recovered from the experience, but they both remained staunch supporters of the abolitionist movement until 1865 when the 13th amendment was ratified.

When Garrett died, the Black community came out in force and carried his body up the hill to its final resting place in the Wilmington Friends Cemetery, one of the Meeting Houses where the congregation split over UGRR activities in the Black-Orthodox Separation in 1827. The split was caused by opposing views on doctrine and a struggle for power. Friends, as Quakers were called, believed in nonviolence, simplicity and equality for all people. In general Quaker Abolitionists were followers of Elias Hicks. The Hocks are better known as Hocksites. Although most of the Wilmington members were Hocksites, and Garrett kept his membership there. He also joined the Reesev Quarter Meeting, and the Free Will Primitive Friends. The Hocks were successful in bringing more conservative meetings, its closing as a result of the Hicksite-Orthodox split. John Harms was a member of the Appoquinimink Meeting and his farm was located just west of the Underground Railroad. After a clash up a dangerous flight of stairs the second story. The meeting reveals a movable panel in the floor area under the stairs. It is chilling to know you are walking where Tubman walked, crouched and hid.

As the Inaugural 2000 Harriet Tubman Pilgrimage, sponsored by the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the International Network To Freedom Association continues best work following in the footsteps of Tubman, we will visit Philadelphia, Pennsylvania home of Mother AUMP. As Quakers were called, the Home of Frederick Douglass.

Have you ever thought about retracing this exciting history for yourself? Join the next Harriet Tubman Pilgrimage Memorial Day week 2001 Call Black Voice News, Cheryl Brown for information, (909) 682-6070.
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