

LAS VEGAS HI STEPPERS DRILL TEAM AND DRUM SQUAD

The Las Vegas Hi-Steppers Drill Team and Drum Squad has been invited to participate in Antlered Guard Drill-A-Rama, sponsored by Albert Edwards Drill Team of Baltimore, MD. The competition will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 1993 at the Grand Lodge convention in Baltimore, MD. This competition will consist of various fancy and military drill teams, R.O.T.C. units, Precision and rifle teams. For us to be able to attend this event, we need your help. We are asking for sponsors to offset the cost of the trip. Our donation categories are as follows:
 Sponsors For The Team — \$5,000.00
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 The deadline for sponsors is July 25, 1993. For more information call 399-5888 or 649-7382.

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Washington, D.C. — In a unique bit of "political role reversal," Washington Post columnist Dorothy Gilliam (right) seeks some campaign pointers from Congressional Black Caucus member Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-District of Columbia) during a reception held in Ms. Gilliam's honor recently. Ms. Gilliam is campaigning to become president of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) which holds it's national elections later this month in Houston, Texas. The reception was held in Washington, D.C. and was sponsored by three of the foremost African American communications organizations in Washington, the Capital Press Club (the oldest African American press organization in the nation), the Washington Association of Black Journalists (the NABJ's Washington, D.C. chapter) and the Black Public Relations Society of Washington.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY
ELIZABETH FREEMAN (FREEDOM FIGHTER)

By Gwen Walker

Born in 1742 to native Africans, at the age of 6 months she and her sister were purchased by Colonel Ashley of Sheffield Massachusetts. In 1781 Elizabeth, also known as "Mum Bett," left the Ashley house after sustaining a bum when struck by a hot kitchen shovel in the hands of Mrs. Ashley who had been trying to hit her sister.



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The Ashley's sought legal assistance to force Mrs. Freeman to return to her slave position and Mrs. Freeman in turn sought legal counsel to maintain her new found freedom. Theodore Sedgwick, a young lawyer, took her case when she convinced him that the Declaration of Independence and the Massachusetts Constitution, adopted a year before, made slavery illegal in the state. The jury agreed and the Court of Barrington ordered Colonel Ashley to pay Mrs. Freeman for damages. Her action brought an end to slavery in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Freeman worked for the Sedgwick's and lived to be 85 years old. An ancestor of W.E.B. DuBois, Mrs. Freeman successfully challenged rights promised by the American Revolutionary War. She was honored by two of the Sedgwick children; one in a painting of her and in money.

Read more at the West Las Vegas Library.

CONGRADUALTIONS to Ms. Raniell Cooper Smith for winning the July Beautification Award in Valley View Estates.

Ms. Smith is a single mother who does all the up keep on her home on Matheson Street. Each week she is seen cutting her own lawn, trimming the shrubbery and cleaning her flower beds. Ms. Smith will receive a \$50 cash award donated by Judge Gary Davis. Keep up the good work!!!

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