

Bradley pledges commitment to racial justice

NEW YORK (AP) — In the city where his professional basketball legend was crafted, Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Bradley told thousands of NAACP delegates Saturday night that matters of racial justice would get top priority in his administration.

"Quite frankly, race is the reason I'm in politics," Bradley said in brief comments to a gathering of 3,500 at a gospel show to

start the NAACP's 90th annual convention. Bradley, a former New Jersey senator, explained that watching the discussion and successful vote on the 1964 civil rights bill helped push him towards a life of political service.

Bradley, the lone candidate facing Vice President Al Gore in the Democratic field, said that while blacks are advancing in some quarters like home ownership rates, 40 percent of black children live in

poverty, compared to 20 percent of all children.

"If I become president, I promise those numbers will go down in my time in office," Bradley said to applause from the audience.

He added that he would strengthen hate-crime legislation, support affirmative action laws and appoint people "who reflect the talent in the African-American community."

Bradley's visit to the nation's largest civil rights

group was somewhat unexpected.

He wasn't listed on the program and NAACP officials expressed doubts as late as noon Saturday that Bradley would be able to attend.

They could confirm Bradley's appearance only hours before the gospel show started.

While Gore raised more than \$18 million through June 30, Bradley took in a respectable sum of more than

\$11 million.

His fund-raising efforts have been aided by prominent sports figures like Los Angeles Lakers Coach Phil Jackson, who roomed with Bradley while playing for the Knicks.

Gore enjoys several advantages over Bradley, including a greater number of political endorsements and the platform of the White House. And a June CNN-Gallup-USA Today survey gave Gore a 64 percent to 28

percent lead. The survey had a plus or minus 5 percentage point margin of error.

But appealing to the black vote in 2000 may be an area of Bradley strength. Bettering race relations was one of Bradley's reoccurring themes during his 18 years as New Jersey senator.

In April, Bradley termed racial unity as "the defining moral issue of our time" and set the pursuit of social integration at the top of his presidential campaign.

Former Moulin Rouge owner Joe Preddy succumbs to heart condition

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Joe Lee Preddy, a 40-year resident of Las Vegas and former owner of the historic Moulin Rouge, passed away last week from a heart attack.

Born on July 2, 1936 in Wilmar, Ark., Preddy came to Las Vegas to become one of the busiest African-American entrepreneurs here.

He and his wife of 28 years, Sarann Knight-Preddy, owned People's Choice Restaurant, and became the only blacks to own the first all-race casino, the Moulin Rouge.

He is survived by his wife, four children, eight grandchildren, and seven grandchildren.

Viewing of the body will be held this Friday July 16, from 9 am to 5 pm at Palm Mortuaries and Cementaries, 1325 N. Main. Funeral services will be held at Zion Methodist Church on 2108 N. Revere at 11 am.



JOE PREDDY



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Members of the Western High School orchestra performed during opening festivities for the Clark County School District Area Service Center inside the Nucleus Plaza.

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"A large number of the citizens who live close to these centers access the resources," he said.

"The closer we can bring services to the people, the better off we are. School business is personal business, so we want to get as close to people as we can."

Present at the luncheon were Ray Willis, director of the Clark County School District Public Information Office, Andre Denson, principal of Charles I. West middle school, Sen. Joe Neal, Federal District Court Judge Johnnie Rawlinson, Assemblymen Wendell Williams and Morse Arberry, and Trustees Mary Beth

Scow, Dr. Lois Tarkanian and Sheila Moulton.

Highlights of the grand opening ceremony included selections by the Western High School orchestra, led by Gerald Reid, and a theatrical rendition of "I Love Chocolate" by the H.P. Fitzgerald Choir, under the direction of Quanisha Stokes.

Scurry

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"I was telling them to come on, make it as loud as you can," Scurry said.

After Kristine Lilly beat Chinese goalkeeper Gao Hong to put the Americans ahead 3-2, the pumped-up goalie stalked back to the line for her next challenge.

Scurry, who has a black panther tattooed on her left shoulder, roamed left, then right before finally taking up her spot in the center of the goal. She stared defiantly into the eyes of the next Chinese

player, daring her to beat her from 12 yards out.

Two more penalty kicks got by Scurry before Brandi Chastain won the World Cup for the United States, 5-4, following a 0-0 tie. Chastain ripped her white jersey off, exposing a black sport top, and waved it wildly.

Scurry ran into the stands for an embrace with her best friend while her teammates piled on top of each other.

"Like Brandi, I lost control," she said.

Scurry got a scare in the 100th minute. She fell to her knees trying to stop a header by Fan Yunjie that would have won the game for China. But Scurry wasn't the last

line of defense.

Kristine Lilly headed the ball clear, saving the game.

"We had a little miracle today," the 27-year-old Scurry said, smiling. "I was like, 'Uh-oh. The ball is behind me.' I didn't know Lilly was behind me, but I'm glad she was."

Scurry is known for her calmness, leaping ability and great hands—and she needed all three when Liu approached the ball for China's third penalty kick.

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