



Serena Williams wins U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — The kid sister turned out to be the real champ. Serena Williams finished the job that big sister Venus couldn't, beating Martina Hingis 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) to capture the U.S. Open title Saturday at age 17 in only her second year as a pro.

As graceful and quick as a gymnast, the powerfully built Williams put on a spectacular display of mature tennis with an all-court attack to become the first black woman to win a Grand Slam title since Althea Gibson in 1958.

"It's just too exciting to compute right now," Williams said. "I've been practicing for this moment so long and it's here. Of course I said I could win the Open, but to actually

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Williams sisters win doubles final

NEW YORK (AP) — After winning the U.S. Open doubles with her sister, Serena Williams was the life of the party, joking about taxes on nearly \$1 million in winnings and how next year she might look for new challenges at this Grand Slam.

"I'm thinking maybe next year I should try the men's event and see if I can win a round," she said, working the room for a laugh.

"Just hope not to play anyone like Andre (Agassi) or Pete (Sampras) in the first round."

Serena laughed. Her audience did, too. And all the time, the older sister looked on glumly.

Venus Williams was not in the mood for humor, even after winning the Open doubles crown with her sister on the Open's final day Sunday. The pain from her semifinal loss to Martina Hingis was still too

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Gospel inspires listeners

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For the second time this year the gospel music industry converged on the city of Las Vegas for the combined "Diamond Festival," catering specifically to television programmers, producers and hosts, and "Explosion XXI," which provides a showcase for gospel music veterans, while showcasing new comers alike.

Presented by the preeminent man of gospel music himself, Bobby Jones, host of the No. 1 show on Black Entertainment Television for more than 20 years now, the combined events provided three days of gospel bliss to 1,000 fans and gospel enthusiasts.

Gospel music superstars came from all across the nation and the world at large to take part in the celebration.

"I do concerts at Disney Land, Disney World, in Nashville,



Sentinel-Voice photo by John Broussard

Vickie Winans was one of a host of gospel music stars lending their names, voice and testimony during Jones' event.

Europe, Spain and more. We go all over the world. Is there something special about Las Vegas why we shouldn't go? No there isn't.

There are people that live here like they do everywhere else. Gospel music flourishes here. So, that's why we're here," according to Bobby Jones.

The "we" that PHD certified Dr. Jones referred to is indeed an "A" list of performers including such giants as Kirk Franklin, Albertina Walker, Shirley Caesar, Vickie Winans, Mom and Pop Winans, Yolanda Adams, Edwin Hawkins, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Gospel

Gangstaz, along with the Nashville Super Choir, his signature group New Life, and many, many more. Secular artists such as the legendary Nancy Wilson, Shirley Murdock, and Regina Bell were also on hand to sing, shout and offer praise. Artist Wanya, of the multi Grammy Award winning group Boyz II Men, also performed a duet with MCA Records' newcomer, gospel recording artist Ametria. Like many others, the two together brought the house down while lifting us up at the same

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Mistake boosts Rebels

Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

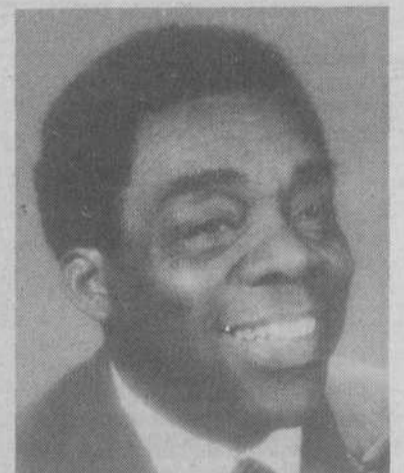
WACO, Texas — Kevin Thomas returned a fumble 99 yards on the final play of the game Saturday night to give UNLV a 27-24 victory over Baylor.

Leading 24-21, Baylor had a first down at the UNLV 8 with less than 20 seconds left and UNLV out of timeouts.

A knee to the turf after the snap could have won the game for the Bears. But Darrel Bush, whose 9-yard TD run with 6:06 to go had given Baylor (0-2) the lead, took a handoff and tried to score again.

Linebacker James Sunia forced

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JIMMY GAY

Activist, pioneer succumbs

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James Arthur Gay III, who cemented a stellar reputation in Las Vegas as civic-minded citizen, recorded a slew of firsts for black Nevadans and championed recreational activities for West Las Vegas children in the late 1940s, died Friday at Odyssey Hospice of complications from a stroke. He was 83.

Gay served as the director of the Jefferson Recreation Center, a city-run center opened in the late 1940s at Jefferson Avenue and "D" Street. The Fordyce, Ark., native also made a name for himself in civic and

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IN MEMORIAM

Nearly two dozen Tupac supporters gathered Monday for a candlelight vigil to commemorate the second anniversary of his death.

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