



EOB director retiring after 30 years of service

Tyree increased funds, outreach

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Director James W. Tyree is calling it quits after 30 years of service to the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County.

Effective Oct. 1, Tyree will officially retire and have his retirement party at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino.

"People said that I could not use family management at EOB and get things done," Tyree said. "But, I didn't have to prove myself to anyone. I thought success would be my proof."

Tyree started his career with EOB in 1969 as a volunteer management analyst through a program that helped U.S. veterans make the transition from military to civilian employment. In 1970 he became the organization's deputy director and then executive director as he watched EOB's budget grow

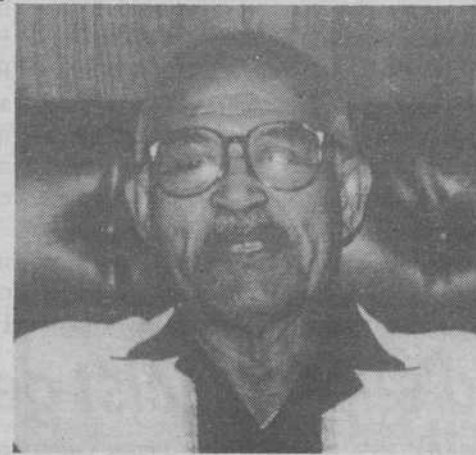


from 1.5 million to 32 million. "Although EOB serves all low-income people, regardless of ethnic background, people have always associated EOB with the Black community," he said.

Said Christine Brady, community relations officer for EOB: "That's probably from us (EOB) coming out of the civil rights movement ... an element which I hope never gets lost."

A veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, Tyree first came to Las Vegas in 1946 with his new wife to celebrate their honeymoon. The bliss of that visit was anything but eternal because the Tyrees were unable to participate in any of the leisure activities and entertainment on the strip because they were Black.

Years later, Tyree returned to Las Vegas when he was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base. After retiring from the armed services he sought civilian employment at the "Community Action Agency," which is now EOB.



James Tyree (left) stands in front of the many awards and certificates he's received for his service. Sentinel-Voice photos by Ramon Savoy

"He's (Tyree) been a true asset to EOB and the community, unfortunately, all good things must come to an end."

*KCEP Station Manager
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EOB was established in 1964 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Board Act, which started the war on poverty in the U.S.

Today, there are more than 1,500 Community Action Agencies/EOB offices

throughout the country that offer programs to help the poor.

Southern Nevada's local branch has nine divisions with more than 30 programs to help the community. Child-care assistance, early head (See Tyree, Page 13)

Philanthropist Oseola McCarty dies

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — Oseola McCarty, a washerwoman with a sixth-grade education and an enormous generosity that made her a national folk celebrity, has died. She was 91.

She died Sunday at her Hattiesburg home after battling cancer.

McCarty accumulated \$250,000 over 75 years of laundering and ironing other

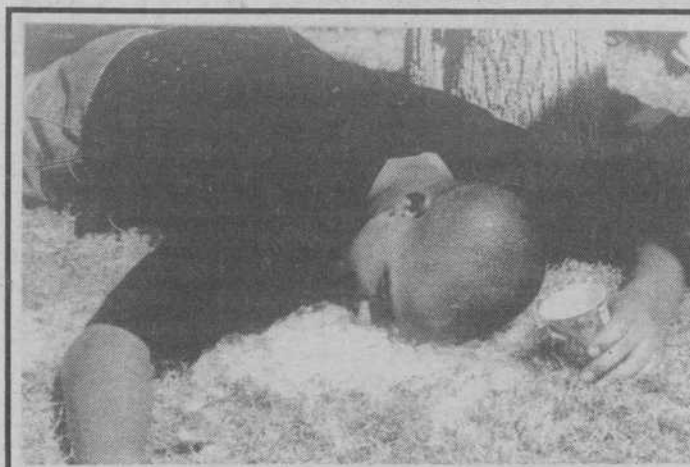
people's clothes in her unairconditioned home. She gained fame in 1995, when she gave away \$150,000 to a scholarship fund for poor blacks at the University of Southern Mississippi. At the time, she had never even visited the school.

"Heaven couldn't have gotten a better angel," said Stephanie Bullock, who received a McCarty scholarship. "She was an

inspiration, a blessing, a treasure to the entire earth."

McCarty had dreams of furthering her education and becoming a nurse, but she quit school after the sixth grade to help support her mother, grandmother and an aunt.

After her donation to the school, the woman who never married or learned to drive was praised by President (See Heroine, Page 13)



JUST CHILLIN

Zach Ream naps in some ice during the Friendship Games '99 at UNLV. The event kicked off the new school year by promoting goodwill amongst the student body.

Photo by Ramon Savoy

Pastor leaves legacy of service

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Family, friends and parishioners mourned the recent passing of the Rev. John Henry Jr., who was known as the "humble servant" for his decades-long service to the church.

Henry was laid to rest Sept. 18. His viewing and memorial service were held the day before at New Light Missionary Baptist Church on 1165 Lawry St.

Born May 6, 1927 to Emma Roseberry Walker and John Henry Sr. in Tallulah, La., Henry was raised by his grandmother Flora Freeman in Sanheimern, La. He had 22 brothers and sisters.

In 1947, he married his first wife Juanita Miller and had a son, John Henry III. The family moved to Detroit where he attended Detroit High School and



REV. JOHN HENRY JR.
Detroit Seminary while working for Chrysler Corporation.

Henry was licensed and ordained to preach by the Rev. R.P. Moore of the Greater St. John Baptist Church. On Aug. 14, 1955, he married Eliza Pearson. The couple bore five children: evangelist Lenorthern Henry (Angel) Brewer, Van Patrick Henry, the Rev. Timothy Henry, the Rev. Enoch Henry and Mark

D. Henry.

Henry became the legal guardian for one nephew, Reginald Wilson, and three nieces, Lucretia Holloway, Adriene Johnson, and Vicki Wilson.

He ministered at the New Light Baptist Church for 34 years and retired from the Culinary Union Staffer Chemical and E.G.G Special Projects, Inc.

Henry is survived by his wife of 44 years, Eliza M. Henry; four daughters, Evangelist Lenorthern "Angel" Brewer, Sandy Holloway, Adrienn Johnson and Vicki Wilson; six sons, Van Patrick Henry, Rev. Enoch Henry, Mark D. Henry, Timothy Henry, Elder John Henry III and Reginald Wilson; 28 grandchildren, three great grandchildren, 13 God children and many nieces, nephews and cousins.