

History

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Charleston in the 1920's.

1949 - The first African-American-owned radio station, WERD-AM in Atlanta, Ga., is founded by Jesse Blanton, Sr.

1951 - Dave Winfield is born in Saint Paul, MN. He will be a baseball star with the San Diego Padres, the New York Yankees, and the California Angels.

1974 - Frank Robinson is named manager of the Cleveland Indians. He is the first African-American manager in major league baseball.

1989 - Art Shell is named head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders. He is the first African-American coach named to the National Football League in over 60 years.

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Independence Day - The Kingdom of Lesotho

1934 - Malvin Gray Johnson dies in New York City. His deceptively simple paintings, with their warm colors and serene, sensuous charm, had earned him a large and loyal group of admirers during the Harlem Renaissance.

1935 - Welterweight boxing champion "Jersey" Joe Walcott dies in Ohio.

1937 - Lee Patrick Brown is born in Wewoka, Okla. He will become one of the top-ranking law-enforcement executives in the US, first as Public Safety Commissioner in Atlanta, Ga., then as the first African-American police chief in Houston, Texas, and the second African-American police commissioner for New York City.

1943 - Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee chairman and black nationalist H. Rap Brown is born in Baton Rouge, La.

1944 - Dancer Pearl Primus makes her Broadway debut at the Belasco Theater. She will become widely known for blending the African and American dance traditions.

1991 - The Harold Washington Library in Chicago, Ill. is dedicated in the memory of its beloved former mayor.

OCTOBER 5

1872 - Booker T. Washington leaves Malden, WV to enter Hampton Institute.

1878 - George B. Vashon dies of yellow fever in Rodney, Miss. He was the first African-American lawyer in the State of New York and an educator and poet whose most famous work was Victor Oge (1854), the first narrative, nonlyrical poem by an African-American writer.

1929 - Autherine Lucy (later foster) is born in Shiloh, Ala. She will be the first African-American student to enroll at the University of Alabama (1956).

1932 - Perle Yvonne Watson is born in Los Angeles, Calif. As Yvonne Braithwaite, she will serve as staff attorney on the McCone Commission investigating the causes of the Watts riots and will become the first African-American woman elected to the California state assembly, as well as the first African-American woman elected to the House of Representatives.

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1871 - The Fisk Jubilee Singers begin their tour to raise money for the school. Soon they will become one of the most popular African-American folk-singing groups of the late 19th century, performing throughout the US and Europe and raising large sums for Fisk's building program.

1917 - Fannie Lou Hamer is born near Ruleville, Miss. She will become a leader of the civil rights movement during the 1960's and founder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Freedom Democratic Party, is born in Montgomery County, Miss.

1921 - Joseph Echols Lowery is born in Huntsville, Ala. An early civil rights activist, he will become a founder, chairman of the board, and president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He will lead SCLC to great levels of civil rights activism including a 2,700-mile pilgrimage to extend and strengthen the Voting Rights Act, protesting toxic waste sites in African-American communities, and actions against US corporations doing business in South Africa.

1981 - Anwar Sadat, president of Egypt, assassinated.

1986 - Abram Hill dies in New York City. He was the founder of the city's American Negro Theatre in 1940, where the careers of Harry Belafonte, Ruby Dee, and Sidney Poitier were launched. Hill's adaptation of the play Anna Lucasta premiered on Broadway in 1944 and ran successfully for 900 performances.

1991 - Williams College's exhibit of African-American photography Black Photographers Bear Witness: 100 Years of Social Protest opens. The exhibit includes photography by C.M. Battey, James Van Der Zee, Marvin and Morgan Smith, Moneta Sleet, Carrie Mae Weems, and others.

Rebels suffer second straight home loss

Patrick McGee

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For the second week, the Rebel football team's stagnant offense and porous defense contributed to a lopsided loss. And for the second week, an opposing rusher had a field day.

Utah running back Mike Anderson rushed for 116 yards and four touchdowns, leading the Utes to a 52-14 win and UNLV's first loss in the new Mountain West Conference.

The Rebels gave up 26 first downs — 15 rushing, eight in passing and three on penalties. UNLV had a mere 10 first downs.

"UNLV needs to focus on a plan to get it done offensively," Rebel coach John Robinson said. "Our football team is now 2-2. We have had two bad performances. And it seems to me that we are not playing with the same skill, recklessness and passion as we did in our first two games."

Rebel special teams provided the few highlights. Len Ware returned a kickoff



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Utah running back Mike Anderson (22-white) adjusts his direction as UNLV defensive back Randy Black (22-red) closes in for a tackle.

97 yards for a touchdown midway through the second quarter. It was the first kickoff return for a touchdown since Henry Bailey ran one back on Nov. 11, 1992.

The offense failed to pick up from there. The Utah defense held UNLV to 153 yards total offense. The Rebels didn't cross the 50-yard line until midway through the fourth quarter.

Utah capitalized on an interception and a blocked

punt for two touchdowns early in the third quarter to go up 39-7. Anderson scored on runs of 1 and 4 yards. He added his fourth touchdown run with 3:31 left in the third quarter.

UNLV's only offensive score came with 5:36 left in the game when Jason Vaughan hit Nate Turner in the corner of the end zone. The 3-yard scoring pass capped an 11-play 79-yard drive.

"Utah is a good team," Robinson said. "My problem is not with Utah; it is with our team. We have not responded when called upon to get the job done."

Robinson promised the Rebels will perform better.

"There was no bright point for me," he said, "but there will be in succeeding weeks."

UNLV plays intrastate rival Nevada-Reno Saturday. The Rebels have not beaten Reno in four years.

Hamlet

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an accessible, modern quality. He was reminiscent of 60's rock icon Jim Morrison.

Both the character and the man were young, handsome and powerful, yet overwhelmed by melancholy. Though Mendieta's Hamlet was more indecisive and conscientious than the impetuous and sometimes cruel Morrison, both rushed headlong into self-destruction.

Notable performances were also turned in by Gregg Daniel (Polonius), Jane Longenecker (Ophelia) and John Serembe (Claudius). Daniel's Polonius is more than a garrulous counselor for the court. Daniel empowers the character by suggesting the man is motivated to control the lives of his son Laertes (Mark Edgar Stephens) and daughter Ophelia because

he's a prisoner of his own lust.

Ophelia is a compelling, interesting statement on the state of women 400 years ago and now. This Ophelia with her hope, naivete, confusion and madness seems very much like a devastated 1999 woman who is so hungry for love that she doesn't realize that she is being used by all the men in her life.

Claudius is ably portrayed as a king without a conscience. Serembe's imperious stance and cold demeanor made the audience believe that his character had an irredeemably corrupted soul.

Daniel and his wife, Veralyn Jones, who played the Player Queen, hoped that "the production would encourage the community to support theater." The couple said minorities should embrace theater because color barriers are falling.

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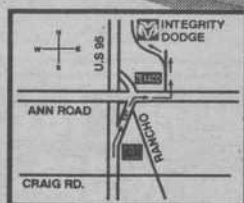
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