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San Diego Black History 1519-1900



The black presence in what is now San Diego County was established long before whites from the United States began arriving in numbers. During the Spanish and Mexican period blacks, who had accompanied Cortez in 1519 and had been slaves until 1829, as well as mixed-blood Californios were found at all levels of society. They had been assimilated into the population of Mexican-ruled California. In fact, Pio Pico, the last Mexican governor of California, was part black-his grandmother was described as a "mulatta" in a census taken in 1790.1 The first known black from the United States to set foot in San Diego was a sailor named John Brown who in 1804, while the naval vessel O'Cain anchored in San Diego Harbor, jumped ship and successfully deserted.2 When California entered the Union in 1850 only eight blacks in a total population of 798 resided in the county. In 1870 there were only seventeen, but by 1880 there were fiftyfive. The great majority came from the rural South, which is noteworthy in that proportionately fewer blacks migrating to other parts of California came from the former slave states.

Allen B. Light, a sailor, made his way to California in the 1830's and quickly gained a reputation in the sea otter trade.

Nathaniel Harrison, born a slave in Kentucky around 1819, came to San Diego in 1848 and settled near Mt. Palomar. He was the first non-Indian to live in that area of San Diego county. Harrison Grade, a road which ascends Mt. Palomar, is named for Nate who lived in the area for over 60 years.

America Newton, a former slave from Missouri, came to Julian in 1872. She settled in a small cabin and worked collecting and delivering laundry for over 40 years. Today America Grade on highway 76 just outside Julian is named for America Newton.

But even before the turn of the century there were those courageous blacks who protested discrimination. The best example was that of businessman Edward Anderson and wife, Mary, who were not allowed to take orchestra circle seats they had purchased tickets for at the Fisher Opera House in 1897. They were told to stand in the balcony or leave. The Andersons sued and won a judgement of \$150. They lost the case on appeal but it represented an historic first of its kind in Southern California.

Since the Civil War, blacks had been staunch Republicans and there were no less than four local political clubs organized by them: the Colored Voters Political Club in 1886, the Silver Gate Colored Republican Club in 1890, the McFarland Club in 1892 and the McKinley Club in 1896. Political heresy would not be tolerated as Issac Atkinson learned after he sold his bakery in Julian, moved to San Diego and started the first black-owned newspaper in 1892, the *Colonizer*. His Democratic views prompted the Republican *San Diego Union* to label him a "Judas" and black Democrats as "freaks of nature."

In the Gay Nineties the cakewalk was popular dance craze and black couples entered and won local contests. A brass band organized by blacks in 1893 with thirteen musicians first performed with shiny new instruments at the corner of Seventh and H. A desire for social recognition brought together members of the Hotel Florence Social Club.

The Violet Club, founded by women in 1899, admitted only the black elite of San Diego.

Walter W. Meadows, the city's only black jeweler, (later vaulted R.C. Marshall of Coronado to Grand Master of California's Prince Hall Masons.) To satisfy the need for religious communion Second Baptist Church and Bethel A.M.E. Church were founded between 1886 and 1888, and Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1900.

Issac Wooden, Sr. married Dimple Johnson in 1912. Wooden served as secretary of the Colored City Employees' Social and Aid Club in the 1920s.

Fred Coleman discovered gold in a creek in Julian in 1869 which launched the county's first gold rush.

By 1890 San Diego had a downtown and the city's black population had risen to 289.

The first black to be admitted to the San Diego bar in 1891 was Joseph H. Steward, formerly of South Carolina. The third professional, S.A. McFarland, was a federal government clerk who had been quite active in Minnesota Republican politics before moving here because of failing health.

Commander Ellison J. Hearn

Commander Ellison J. Hearn was born December 29, 1933 in Jeffersonville, Indiana. He is the son of Fannie Morgan Hearn (class of 1928) and the late Ellison Hearn. He received his education as a student of Taylor High School, graduating with the class of 1951. He also attended Chapman College, San Diego, California.

Ellison is married to Dorothy Johnson Hearn, a nurse, also a devoted mother and wife. They have two sons, Ellison J. Hearn II and Reginald B. Hearn. Ellison is a past president CPO Toastmaster Club, Great Lakes, Illinois and a member of the San Diego Chapter National Naval Officers Association.

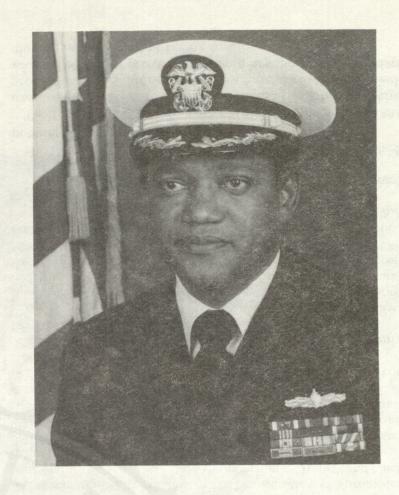
Ellison Hearn enlisted in the United States Navy in September 1952 as a recruit at the USNTC San Diego.

His career highlights include: 6 Dec 1979—Promoted to CDR, U.S. Navy. Awarded the Navy Commendation Medal from the Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific, Fleet. Currently serving as engineering training and readiness officer for the commander amphibious group eastern pacific, responsible for engineering readiness in the Pacific Amphibious Force. Most significant duty—three and one half years served as a member of the Cincpacflt Ped (Propulsion Examining Board) where he inspected over 120 ships for their capability to safely perform under all conditions of readiness. Most interesting/enjoyable duty—training recruits as a company commander and special drill instructor.

Commander Hearn has received numerous awards and decorations in his 28 year career, most notable being: Two Navy Commendations, one with Combat V, The Navy Achievement, The Navy Unit Citation and The Navy Meritorious Unit Citation. Personal Achievement Include: His promotion to PO1 in less than 4 years, promotion to MMC in less than 8 years, promotion to Ensign in 1964, and his subsequent promotion to full Commander in December 1979.

At sea Commander Hearn has served aboard: The Battle Ship, USS Iowa (BB-61), The Tanker USS Canesto (AO-99), 1200 PSI Destroyers, USS Preble (DLG-15) and Henry B. Wilson (DDG-7) with his latest sea duty assignment being the USS Chicago (CG-11), known as the "World's Mightiest Missile Cruiser." Commander Hearn's shore assignments included, three separate tours at recruit training commands (two in San Diego, and one at Great Lakes, Illinois), head of engineering training at the Development and Training Center and one year as an advisor in the Vietnamese Navy Shipyard.

Hobby—Public Speaking in 1962 and 1963, Commander Hearn was a member of the Great Lakes CPO Toastmaster Club. He held every office in the club and was the Toastmaster's District "30" area one speech contest winner in 1963.



Currently Commander Hearn is The Director of Propulsion Plant Training for the Simulations Systems Corporation in El Cajon where he is involved in Development and manufacturing of an Engineering Training Simulator. He continues to provide assistance to the U.S. Navy as an Engineering Training Consultant. In addition Commander Hearn is a District Manager with the San Diego based R.C. Ferro Insurance Agency, Inc.

In his spare time he provides assistance to the Jackie Robinson YMCA, The UNCF and The NNOA.

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Hartwell Ragsdale

Four Generations of Success

Few black families can describe four of its generations succeeding in the same business or profession. The Ragsdale family has that kind of rich heritage—four generations in the mortuary business. Our books do not record facts about such families, but the following is the Ragsdale history of success.

The story begins with Hartwell Ragsdale's great-grandfather and his family. After the Emancipation Proclamation, they moved to Arkansas and began farming.

The first generation of Ragsdales in the funeral service began with Hartwell's grandfather, William Ragsdale. He was born, grew up, and married in Arkansas. He moved his family to Indian Territory, which was under federal jurisdiction, where they could escape the deplorable racial conditions in Arkansas which existed at this time.

William Ragsdale opened a livery stable in Muskogee, which was the largest and most prosperous city in Indian Territory. He began to manufacture coffins and rent horse-drawn hearses and family carriages. After completion of an embalming course in 1894, he established the Home Undertaking Company.

William Ragsdale and his wife, Malyndia, raised a family of five sons, all of whom became licensed funeral directors and embalmers. They operated funeral homes in Tulsa, Bristow, and Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

The second generation of Ragsdale were Hartwell's parents, Onlia and Hartwell, Senior. The late Hartwell, Senior, left Muskogee in 1916 to open his own business in Tulsa, fifty miles away. This was the first black-owned funeral home in Tulsa. He married Onlia Violet Perkins, a schoolteacher, in 1924 and two sons were born to this union, Hartwell and Lincoln. The Ragsdales were living in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, when Hartwell was born on March 26, 1925.

Having been inspired by those generations preceding him, Hartwell chose the mortuary profession. In 1946, he completed his formal mortuary science education at the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He took the state boards and became licensed in California, Arizona, and Oklahoma. The senior Hartwell Ragsdales built a mortuary for their sons in Phoenix, Arizona, where Hartwell started the business in 1947.

On November 23, 1950, Hartwell married the former Hazel Virginia Williams, a native Phoenician. She was a teacher in the Arizona Public Schools and worked alongside her husband in the family business. On March 19, 1953, their first child was born. Named after his father, Hartwell W. Ragsdale III ("Skipper") became the fourth generation of Ragsdales.



In 1955, the Hartwell Ragsdale family came to San Diego, California to reside. Purchasing Anderson Mortuary on the corner of Twenty-sixth Street and Imperial Avenue, Hartwell began his second funeral home. In 1957, Rosalind Renee' Ragsdale was born. Skipper and Rosalind represent the fourth generation of success continuing the proud tradition of Ragsdales in the mortuary business.

During the past twenty-two years, Hartwell Ragsdale has taken an active part in the religious, civic, social, and fraternal life of San Diego. Among his outstanding contributions was the dynamic leadership that he exhibited while president of the NAACP during the turbulent sixties and his determination and role in the establishment of the first black bank in San Diego.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY RUTH!

La Mesa, CA 92041

Clifford W. Graves

Clifford W. Graves was appointed Chief Administrative Officer by the County Board of Supervisors on July 14, 1978. In this position, he oversees all County operations on behalf of the Board and is the Board's principal advisor on matters that come before it. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Graves was Assistant Chief Administrative Officer for Management and Budget.

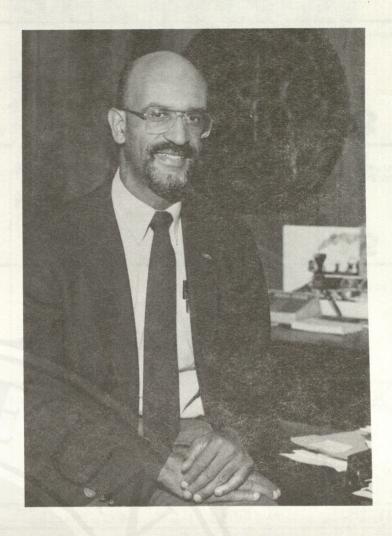
Mr. Graves came to San Diego County after seven years in Washington, D.C. From 1974 to 1976, he served as Deputy Associate Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. Prior to that, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Management and Deputy General Manager of the Community Development Corporation at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He received HUD's Distinguished Service Award in 1972. He stayed involved in Federal matters, serving as an Advisor to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Health and Human Services in recent years.

His professional career dates to 1961, and includes assignments as an urban planner and administrator with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission; the East Sussex County Council in Great Britain, and the City of Santa Rosa, California.

Mr. Graves is currently an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at San Diego State University. He has served on the faculties of the University of Maryland, the University of California and Howard University. He has also lectured at many colleges and universities throughout the country.

A native of San Francisco, he was graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. He was awarded a Master of City Planning degree from the same school.

He holds membership in several professional and civic organizations. He has served on the Governing Board of the American Institute of Planners and other professional organizations; and is currently on the Boards of Public Technology, Inc. of Washington, D.C. and the Metropolitan YMCA of San Diego County.



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Open Letter to Parents & Students

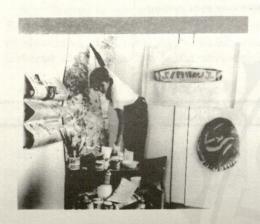
This letter is intended to assist students and their parents in selecting a course of study during junior and senior high school which will afford one of the best graduation gifts of all—an excellent education for the challenges beyond.

The best course of study for all studentswhether or not they plan to attend college—is one which encourages the development of reading, writing and reasoning skills, and good study habits. Such skills require regular practice, just like athletics or music

To acquire these skills, students should enroll in English classes, which require regular written composition, and mathematics courses every semester during junior and senior high school.

Appropriate college preparatory courses in mathematics (algebra, geometry) and foreign language completed in the seventh and eighth grades, with grades of "C" or above, may also be counted toward the subject requirements described below.

Students interested in careers related to science and engineering should complete full-year laboratory science courses in biology, chemistry and physics (three years total) and also enroll in mathematics courses every semester of high



High School Subject Requirements for Fall 1986 Admission to the University of California

A. History—1 year
One year of United States history or one-half year
of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government.

B. English-4 years Four years of college-preparatory English composition and literature (all English courses must require frequent and regular practice in writing expository prose).

C. Mathematics—3 years Elementary algebra, geometry, and intermediate algebra (prior to 1986 only two years are re-

D. Laboratory Science—1 year A year course in one laboratory science completed in the tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade.



E. Foreign Language—2 years Two full year courses in one foreign language containing grammar, vocabulary, reading, composition, and emphasis on the development of aural and oral skills.

F. College Preparatory Electives—4 years Four units in addition to those required in A. through E. above, to be chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: history, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science, foreign language, social science, and fine arts. (In general, elective courses should involve considerable reading and should aim to develop a student's analytical and reasoning ability, and skill with written and oral exposition.)

You should consult your principal or school counselor for more detailed information concerning these requirements. Your nearest University of California campus will also be happy to answer your questions. You can obtain assistance from the University of California, San Diego through the following offices

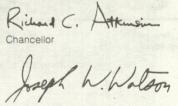
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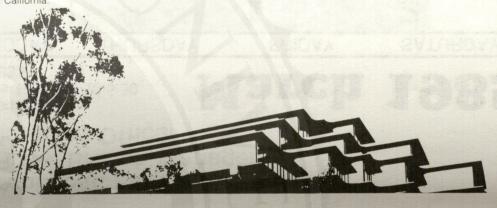
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Carlton August Hargrave Jr.

Carlton Augut Hargrave Jr. is a graduate of Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio. He was born in Toledo, Ohio. He is the son of Carlton and Virginia Mae Hargrave.

Mr. Hargrave is an owner/operator of McDonalds Restaurants in downtown San Diego, at 929 Second Avenue and at 1260 12th Ave. He has been a McDonald's franchisee since 1976; when he opened his first restaurant in Southeast San Diego.

Upon his arrival in San Diego, he immediately became involved in the local community of his business and the community at large. He provided and sponsored many valuable services and activities in the Southeast community. He provided educational, financial, recreational and political assistance to the residence of the community.

Mr. Hargrave became a Board Member of the Jackie Robinson YMCA, Alpine Christian School, School of Urban Resources and Monte Vista High School Parents Association.

Mr. Hargrave sponsored the following community activities. Encanto Little League team, Lincoln High School Pancake Breakfast, Sickle Cell Drive, "Mother of the Year Contest", I am Somebody" Oratorial Contest, zoo trip and luncheon, for Southeast San Diego youngsters.

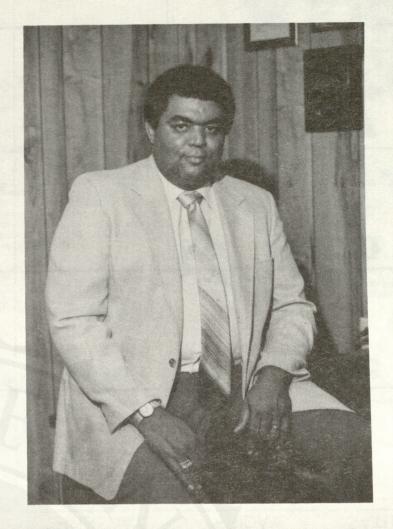
Mr. Hargrave contributed to and participated in the following community activities, Lincoln High School Football Banquet, Lincoln High School Annual, Harambe House, Malcom X Kuzalina Celebration, Mountain View Tennis Club, Pacific Coast Tennis Championship, Southcrest Park Halloween Carnival, Eastern Star Charity Fund Drive, Gingerbread Nursery School Carnival, Harley Knox School and Alonzo Horton School Activities, Groundbreaking Ceremonies of the Market Street Industrial Park, Richard Morfield Homecoming, San Diego High School, San Diego City College, Project Skip, Citizen Aid to Law Enforcement, Marcus Allen Celebration, Kings Day Parade, Special Olympics, Muscular Dystrophy, Bike Ride for Diabetes and the Downtown Re-development Project.

Mr. Hargrave is a member of YMCA, NAACP, Urban League, Catfish Club, National Black McDonalds Operators Association, ROAB and the NOAB.

Mr. Hargrave is listed in Who's Who in California 1981, and Outstanding Young Man in America, 1980.

Mr. Hargrave has received many awards and recognition for his community and civic activities.

Mr. Hargrave and his wife Alma have two sons, Kevin and Carlton.

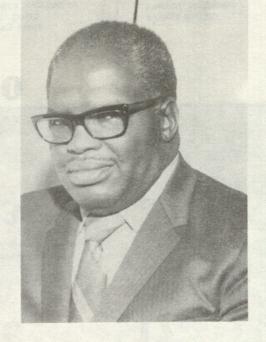


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Reverend Louie LeNeldon Henderson

The Pastor, Reverend Louie LeNeldon Henderson was born October 4, 1923 in the town of Richton, Mississippi. He was one of a family of six—three brothers and two sisters. Rev. Henderson grew up in the state of Mississippi where he attended grammar and high school, and was graduated from the Stone County Training School as valedictorian in 1942. He continued to work in the lumber mills and with construction crews after graduating from high school, and was married to Miss Floriece Steen Overstreet, daughter of the late Reverend John E. Overstreet and Mrs. Annie B. Overstreet of Wiggins, Mississippi, on December 24, 1942. During the world conflict when our nation was at war, Reverend Henderson volunteered to serve in the United States Navy in January 1943. He was among the first Negroes to be admitted to the regular branch of the U.S. Navy at Camp Robert Smalls, Great Lakes, Illinois. During basic training Reverend Henderson was selected as a candidate for the United States Naval Training School at the Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia. He was graduated from this school as top student in his class and was chosen to make the graduation address upon completion of training. It was while he served with the Navy that Reverend Henderson came to San Diego in the fall of 1943. He remained here for some months before being transferred to the USS Hermana, a San Diegobased submarine patrol craft. While aboard this ship, Reverend Henderson united with the Calvary Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend N. E. Taylor. His service continued at Calvary until he was transferred to the Seal Beach Ammunition Depot near Long Beach, Calif. There he united with Second Baptist Church and served until his transfer to Oahu where he remained until V-J Day in 1945. After World War II, he returned to his native Mississippi and thence to San Diego where he reunited with Calvary Baptist Church in 1945, serving in the Sunday School and as director of Youth for Christ. Reverend Henderson was called to the ministry in October of 1954 under the pastorate of Reverend S. M. Lockridge after having served several years as a deacon of the church.



He was licensed and ordained for the ministry by the Reverend S. M. Lockridge. Reverend continued his studies after being separated from the Navy, acquiring the A.A. degree from San Diego Junior College in 1952. He was graduated from San Diego State College and the University of California in June 1960. He majored in English and Industrial Arts at San Diego State and in Bible Literature at University of California Extension.

Reverend Henderson was certified to teach by the University of California and has since taught at the U. S. Naval Air Station, North Island, Cal Western University, and San Diego City College. He gave himself unreservedly to the call of the ministry and the development of the Bayview Baptist Church. Reverend Henderson served for years in the engineering field, at General Dynamics/Convair, and was with the Engineering Publications at Solar, a Division of International Harvester Co., in San Diego where he was the only Negro in that capacity. He is the father of four.

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Noble W. Shade

Noble W. Shade was honored as an outstanding young man of the year in the field of education by the San Diego Jr. Chamber of Commerce in 1966. He became the first Black employee of the San Diego School District to be promoted to an administrative position.

Mr. Shade graduated from Field E. Kindley Memorial High School, Coffeyville, Kansas in 1949. He then became an undergraduate of Coffeyville Junior College, Coffeyville Kansas, where he received his AA degree in 1951. Mr. Shade went on to Kansas State College, Pittsburg, Kansas to major in Elementary Education and earned a B.S. degree in Education.

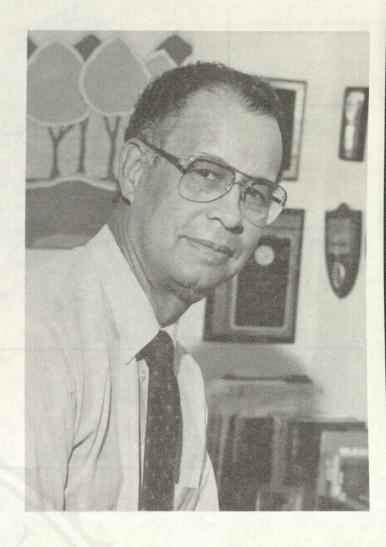
Mr. Noble Shade became a member of Kappa Alpha PSI and Alpha Phi Omego Fraternities, serving as president of Kappa Alpha PSI and Secretary of Alpha Phi Omega.

Mr. Shade received the M.S. degree in Educational Administration with a minor in Psychology. He attended San Diego State University 1958-1969 to obtain additional California Credentials and to increase his professional competence through numerous professional growth courses.

As a member of the Association of California School Administrators (Past-Chairman, Urban Affairs, Region (XVIII), San Diego City School's Administrator's Association, and San Diego City School's Administrator's Association, Black Administrator's Association, San Diego City Schools, Mr. Noble Shade has played a major role in San Diego education.

His community activities include: past president, San Diego Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha PSI Fraternity; Board member, S.E. YMCA; Past President, S.E. Y's Men's Club; Past Member; S.E. Kiwanis Club; Past Member, San Diego Park and Recreation Council; Past Member, the San Diego Urban League; Past Member, the Governor's State Advisory Committee on California's Changing Environment; Christ United Church; Board of Elders, Board of Trustees and Building Committee Chairman.

Mr. Shade is married, with two children.



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Howard H. Carey, Ph. D.

Dr. Howard H. Carey is the Executive Director of The Neighborhood House Association, and has been for the past 12 years. He has worked for Neighborhood House (NHA) for the last 15 years, spending 3 years as the Program Director for NHA.

Howard is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, receiving a B.A. Degree in Sociology in 1957 after which he served 4 years in the U.S. Navy. During those four years he was stationed in Hawaii and San Diego. He earned his Masters Degree in Social Work at Atlanta University in 1963, with special emphasis in community organization.

Dr. Carey returned to San Diego in 1963 to become the Director of Job Development and Employment for the San Diego Urban League, where he remained until 1966 when the War on Poverty program lured him to become the Manpower Specialist for the San Diego Economic Opportunity Commission. In 1969 he joined Neighborhood House Association and later entered the Doctoral Program at United States International University. He graduated in 1977 with a Ph. D. in Leadership and Human Behavior with special emphasis in Urban Development.

Highlights of just a few of his involvements and awards:

Leadership, Education, Awareness, Development (LEAD, San Diego, Inc.) as a charter member and currently Treasurer.

National Association of Black Social Workers, founding pioneer of the San Diego Chapter and member of the State Board of Directors, recruited, trained and provided advocacy on behalf of Black students.

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Alpha Pi Boule, Leading Archon (Speaker of the House), past Sire Archon (President), the past Grammateus (Secretary).

San Diego City College Advisory Committee, Vice-President, and member of the City College Foundation.

San Diego Unified School District's court ordered Integration Task Force, member of the Human Relations Committee and Coordinator/Supervisor of monitors on various school sites.

United Way Agency Executives Association, past President and currently Co-Chair of Minority Relations Committee, past representatives to the Board of United Way.

Black Federation of San Diego—1973 Special Thanks for Outstanding Contributions in Black Community.

Cathy Ramsey

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Howard, like many others, has earned a vast amount of kudos, a few of which are mentioned below:

U.S. Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin—1979 "...One of the most dynamic, intelligent, energetic young men in Southern California..."

Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia—Maynard Jackson—1978 "Dr. Carey's leadership for Neighborhood House Association has enabled the agency to be in the forefront of concerns for poor, minorities, disadvantaged...NHA has grown, because of Howard, from a small storefront social service agency to a complex, professional agency which has gained national prominence.

Mayor, San Diego, California—Pete Wilson—1978 "...Howard is one of the top young administrators in this community. He has developed one of the most viable and respected social agencies in San Diego..."

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Dorothy L.W. Smith

Dorothy Louise Smith—known as "Louise" to her family and childhood friends and as "Dorothy" to those who have known her since she left her home in Tennessee—was born in a rural area of Memphis, Tennessee called Capleville. She was born on September 28, 1939 to Rev. Theodore E. White and Mrs. Ellie Mae White as the sixth of ten children.

In 1966, Dorothy entered the teaching profession as a teacher of high school English at Glenville High School in Cleveland. After teaching for one year, the family moved to Long Beach, California. Here, Dorothy returned to school to receive her master's degree in English from California State University, Long Beach. She graduated with honors in 1969. After graduating, Dorothy worked for one year at Millikan High School in Long Beach and then transferred to Long Beach City College, where she taught English for three years before she, Carl, and the children moved to San Diego, California. Dorothy had been very involved in community activities in Long Beach and she continued her involvement when she moved to San Diego in 1973. She has been a full-time teacher at San Diego City College since 1973. In addition to her full-time work, she busies herself in numerous community activities that benefit youth and promote education.

In 1981, Dorothy Smith became the first Black woman elected to public office in San Diego history. In April of 1981, she was recruited by concerned community citizens to seek the Board of Education position. She vied for the seat, along with fifteen other candidates, and won the appointment in 1981. During the same year, she ran for election to the School Board and won by a 69% majority citywide. In 1983, she ran for re-election and won with an 80% majority citywide. In January, 1984, Dorothy Smith became President of the Board of Education of San Diego City Schools.

Dorothy is active in many professional and community organizations and has received many awards for service to the community. Her memberships include: General Education Committee, San Diego Community College District; Delegate Assembly, National School Boards Association; Delegate Assembly, California School Boards Association; Treasurer, Association of California Urban School Districts; Vice-President, Coalition of California Black School Board Members; Member, National Caucus of Black School Board Members; San Diego Women Inc., Candidate, Life Member, NAACP; National Council of Negro Women; Black Child Development Institute; Allensworth State Historic Park Advisory Committee; Chairperson, Ronald Griffith Memorial Education Fund at Christ United Presbyterian Church; Soprano in the Chancel Choir at her church; and member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



Among the many awards Dorothy has received are the Catfish Club Woman of the Year Award "for many years of dedication to the educational, cultural, and civic life of the community; the Salute to Black Women Achievement Award; the Western Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Distinguished Soror Award; the Urban League Award for Outstanding Leadership as President of the Board of Education; a Proclamation from the County Board of Supervisors for outstanding leadership and service to the community; the Trailblazer Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Education from the National Black Professional Women's Clubs; Neighborhood House Community Service Award.

Of all the achievements, however, she is proudest of her family, including Carl, her husband of 26 years; Carlton, her son, age 25, who has chosen medicine as a profession; and Sharian, age 22, a recent college graduate who is employed by IBM as a Computer Programming Specialist.

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Barbara D. Anderson

Mrs. Barbara D. Anderson graduated with a B.A. degree from Bridgewater College. She then went on to Tuft University, Medford, Mass., where she earned her M.A.

With advanced studies at S.D. State University and U.C.S.D., Mrs. Anderson was awarded the John Harp Fellowship award.

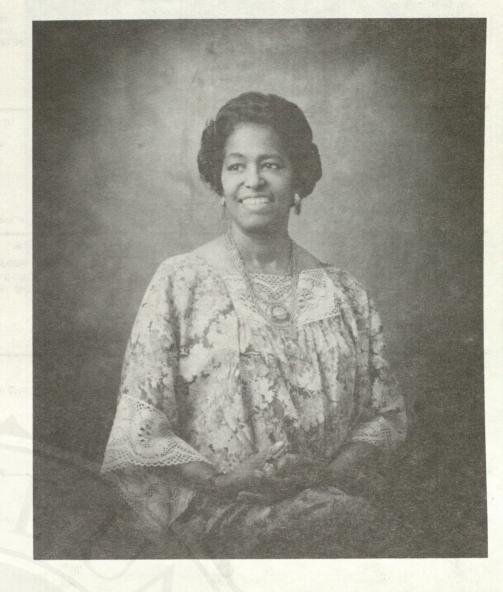
Mrs. Barbara D. Anderson is on the Board of Directors of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Head Start, Teacher Preparation and Licensing; Past Member, Teacher Credential (Charter Member), State Licensing and Training of Nurses.

She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Past Basileus, President), First General Chairperson of the AKA Debutante Ball (1955) Jack __ Jill, Inc. (Charter Member), Aztec Duplicate Bridge Club, (Charter Member). Recipient of the National Scholorship Bridge Tournament, topped 4,500 competitors who played computerized hands across the United States Bridge. Member of Christ United Presbyterian Church and served as Elder, Superintendent of Sunday School.

Mrs. Anderson was awarded, Woman of Dedication, 1973, and was a sponsor of the Salvation Army, and Mother of the Year; Christ United Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Barbara D. Anderson is mother of four sons, and grandmother of six.





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Yvonne Johnson

Dr. Yvonne Johnson currently serves as a Director in the Community Relations and Integration Services Division for the San Diego Unified School District: Her duties are diverse as she and her staff provide services to the districts 160 K-12 schools staff persons, and the community at large. Yvonne was born and spent her childhood in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is the 9th of 13 children born to Mervin and Vashti Taylor Mosely. Education was emphasized in the Mosley household and communicated as a vehicle to "free oneself from the bondages of ignorance and poverty." As a determined youth, Yvonne overcame many racial barriers as she dared to become the first black in many of her high school activites: Cheerleader, editor of the school newspaper, and president of the french club, to name a few.

Throughout her adult life, Yvonne has pursued the quest for excellence. She perceives that all youngsters, and primarily black youngsters must constantly be reminded of the necessary pursuit..excellence. . in all that is undertaken. Self-pride, dignity and self-worth results from pursuing and attaining excellence.

Yvonne is married to Dr. Isaac Johnson, a local businessman. She is also the mother of three daughters whom she describes as beautiful, talented, and outgoing; 13 year old twins and a nine year old.

Dr. Johnson has received many awards and recognitions for her work in the field of education and community work.

Member: San Diego Assn. of Black Administrators, State Superintendent's Council on Black Affairs, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Advisory Board—San Diego Community Colleges, Golden Hills Head Start Board of Directors, Jack and Jill Inc., Past President of Region XVIII, Assn. of Calif. School Administrators, listed in Who's Who Among San Diego Women.

Appointed: Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum for the El Cajon Valley School District.



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Alwin Benjamin Holman

Alwin Benjamin Holman, born in December 26, 1925 in Alton, Illinois. He entered the Navy in 1944 and came to San Diego in 1945. Ben married Ruby Penn in 1948 and they have two children.

Ben was hired as a probationary fire fighter in 1951. The day Ben came to work ended segregation of the San Diego Fire Department. Shortly after his coming to work the other black fire fighters were sent to various stations in San Diego for the first time. A major milestone had been achieved.

As Ben progressed through the ranks of fire fighter, he also served the fire service throughout the state on various committees. He was promoted to Battalion Chief serving as Suppression Chief, Training Officer, and Data System Officer. He was promoted to Deputy Chief where he served as Director of Support Services, Director of Suppression and Director of Administration Services. Ben was the first black in California to attain the rank of Deputy Chief.

Ben retired in 1983 after thirty-two years of service in which there were several firsts for blacks. He was the first not assigned to an all black fire station, the first black elected to represent the fire fighters on the Retirement Board of which he became president, and the first black Deputy Chief.

Ben has served the community as chairman of the advisory board of the Golden Hill Headstart, president of Southeast Kiwanis, president of Board of Directors of the Elementary Institute of Science, president of the San Diego Retirement Board of Administration, and member of the Citizen's Equal Opportunity Commission, Employment Development-Rehabilitation Demonstration Task Force, Central Labor Council, Democratic Central Committee, the Advisory Board of Mira Mar College and Board of the San Diego Historical Society.

Ben is an elder of Christ United Presbyterian Church and has served on various Presbytery committees.



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Albert Robinson, probably the most well-known Black resident, came to San Diego after the Civil War and worked in El Cajon valley before making his way to Julian in the 1880's. He married Margaret Tull and together they opened a small restaurant. Today the Julian Hotel, as it is now called, is one of the city's landmarks.

Washinton Woodby came to San Diego in 1902 as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Woodby was a self-educated former slave from Tennessee. Rev Woodby, a noted Socialist, had the reputation of being the greatest Black Socialist orator in the nation. Willa Hosman, had a little chile stand on Fourth and Market. It was very profitable and with the money she made there she purchased the Richmond Hotel just before the fleet came to San Diego in 1920. It was the first hotel in San Diego for Blacks.

Ed Anderson, a prominent community leader at the turn of the century, owned the IXL Laundry and held the first sanitation contract for the cities of San Diego and Coronado. Mr. Anderson was probably most famous for his hog ranch near the Del Coronado Hotel. Often Blacks would take the ferry to Coronado and spend the day on a pleasant outing at the Anderson Ranch. His ranch was used as a picnic ground and recreation center for Blacks who were excluded from "Tent City", an exclusive resort area.

George Ramsey and his good friend, Bob Rowe, opened the Douglas in 1924, a plush hotel with numerous Black owned shops including a restaurant, cleaners, and a barber shop.

But, it was the Creole Palace that was the most famous attraction in the hotel. Top Black entertainers performed there making it the most popular night club in the city.

In 1920, Mr. Allen was successful in getting Mayor Louis Wyle of San Diego to open employment to Blacks in the San Diego fire department.

The NAACP was also very active at this time. Dr. Jack Kimbrough, the first Black dentist to establish a permanent practice in the city, was another of the leaders in the struggle for human dignity.



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