

'60 Minutes' Ed Bradley Remembered

Journalist of his time, dead at 65

Legendary '60 Minutes' correspondent Ed Bradley, the pre-eminent African-American journalist of his time, died of complications from leukemia. He was 65.

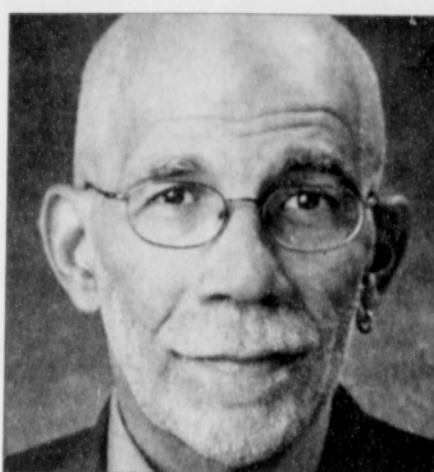
Bradley, whose probing questions and salt-and-pepper beard distinguished him to millions of television viewers, passed away Thursday at Mount Sinai hospital in New York City. Bradley was diagnosed with leukemia in 2004, but the disease was in remission. He took a turn for the worse two weeks ago, contracting pneumonia.

Bradley, who first joined "60 Min-

utes" in 1981, won 19 Emmy Awards, a Peabody Award, a Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award, and the Paul White Award from the Radio and Television News Directors Association for his reports. He also won a lifetime achievement award from the National Association of Black Journalists.

He grew up in a tough section of Philadelphia, where he once recalled that his parents worked 20-hour days at two jobs apiece. "I was told, 'You can be anything you want, kid,'" he once told an interviewer. "When you hear that often enough, you believe it."

After graduating from Cheney State College, he launched his career as a DJ and news reporter for



Ed Bradley

a Philadelphia radio station in 1963, moving to New York's WCBS radio four years later.

He joined CBS News as a stringer in the Paris bureau in 1971, trans-

ferring a year later to the Saigon bureau during the Vietnam War; he was wounded while on assignment in Cambodia.

After Southeast Asia, Bradley returned to the United States and covered Jimmy Carter's successful campaign for the White House. He followed Carter to Washington, in 1976 becoming CBS' first black White House correspondent — a prestigious position that Bradley didn't enjoy.

He jumped from Washington to doing pieces for "CBS Reports," traveling to Cambodia, China, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. It was his Emmy-winning 1979 work on a story about Vietnamese boat people, refugees from the war-torn nation that

eventually landed his work on "60 Minutes."

"60 Minutes" producer Don Hewitt, in his book "Minute by Minute," was quick to appreciate Bradley's work. "He's so good and so savvy and so lights up the tube every time he's on it that I wonder what took us so long," Hewitt wrote.

Accepting his lifetime achievement award from the black journalists association, Bradley remembered being present at some of the organization's first meetings in New York.

He was married to the artist Patricia Blanchett and had homes in Woody Creek, Colo. and New York City.

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Great American Smoke Out

Events shed light on harm caused

BY YUGEN FARDAN RASHAD

Tobacco use in America has been as socially accepted as eating apple pie. But the times are a changing.

The changes can be mightily attributed to work done by the tobacco control community across the nation. And for the last 30 years, one of the biggest days to get the anti-smoke message out has arrived.

Oregonians across the state are expected to participate in the Great American Smoke out Thursday, Nov. 16, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The day marks a unity of purpose between tobacco control advocates, and community-based organizations. Their message is clear — it's everyone's right to breathe clean air.

Research has created transparency about the harmful affects of tobacco but social norms and perceptions remain partly clouded, with

predictably dreadful outcomes.

According to Oregon physician reports through death certificates, tobacco contributed to 6,933 deaths in 2003, and an estimated 800 deaths caused by secondhand smoke.

But there is some good news. Research analysts for the Tobacco Prevention and Education Program at the Department of Human Services found that from 1996 to 2004 per capita cigarette use decreased 42 percent. Among Oregon 8th graders, tobacco use declined 55 percent, and dropped 39 percent among 11th graders. An estimated 2,300 children in Oregon were born without fetal exposure to tobacco smoke due decreases among pregnant mothers who smoke.

Tobacco also compromises the body's immune system and can be linked to respiratory diseases such as bronchitis and asthma in both children and adults.

Even as positive changes occur that prohibit smoking in public places and the workplace, underserved populations exhibit more apathy around tobacco use and remain at high risk. Factors such as low social economic factors,

education, and targeted advertising also play a major role in smoke rates.

Research also reveals a link between African Americans as the number one user of mentholated tobacco products.

Data reveals that blacks as a group smoke less but die at a much higher rate. Some reasons point to menthol from the cigarette, which dilates the lungs, which allows for a deeper inhale, but also makes the smoker more susceptible to air-borne disease, along with an increased nicotine intake.

Blacks in Oregon represent approximately 55,662 citizens. Among that population, 27 seven percent smoke cigarettes, 87 die annually from tobacco related diseases and 1,700 suffer from serious tobacco-related illness.

LifeWorks NW, a mental health and addictions service provider, through a grant from the Oregon Department of Human Services, created the African American Tobacco Prevention and Education Network. The mission is to reduce tobacco use through partnerships with community-based organizations, schools, faith-based and social service providers.

Cogan Beats Frederick in County Race

Jeff Cogan outdistanced Lew Frederick in the Nov. 7 General Election to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, representing District 2 in north and northeast Portland.

Cogan, the chief of staff to City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, received 27,237 votes or about 53 percent of the vote compared to 23,177 votes or 45 percent for Frederick, a former Portland Public Schools spokesperson and TV broadcaster.

In statewide balloting, Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski was easily re-elected, beating former Portland School Board Chairman and Republican Ron Saxton. Democrats will also control the Oregon Legislature after winning key races to give them a 31-20 majority in the House.

Voters defeated most ballot



Lew Frederick



Jeff Cogan

measures, including term limits for state lawmakers, proposals to limit government spending, and elect Supreme Court judges by districts.

Winning approval was a mea-

sure to expand access to the state's discounted prescription drug program and a law that blocks government from using eminent domain to take private property for private development.

Officer Guilty of Misconduct

Gets probation for looking up skirts

(AP) — An officer accused of asking women to lift their skirts during a traffic stop pleaded guilty to official misconduct and resigned from the Portland Police Bureau Monday.

John Wood, 31, had his police certification revoked as part of a plea bargain and he faces two years of probation and 100 hours of community service.

Two women told detectives Wood pulled them over while they were driving home on Interstate 205 at about 3:15 a.m. and told them to reveal their underwear or he would take them to jail for driving under the influence. The women



John Wood

said that Wood also asked them if they had breast implants and if they shaved their pubic hair.

The women said they complied with the requests and didn't get a ticket.

During a police department investigation, detectives contacted a third woman who said Wood asked

her to show him a tattoo on her groin.

Police Chief Rosie Sizer, at a news conference, said the allegations were disturbing. "Community members should be able to trust sworn police officers," Sizer said. "It is my hope that the community will view this as the isolated case it was."

Wood is the second law enforcement officer from the Portland area to come under scrutiny recently for inappropriate demands during traffic stops.

An investigation begun two years ago found that Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputy Christopher Green asked several women to unhook their bras or unzip their pants while he pretended to search for a suspect with a tattoo.

Police Kill Man Outside Motel

(AP) — Portland police fatally shot a man during a confrontation outside a motel on Sunday.

Officers went to the Hospitality Inn in southwest Portland after learning that a man wanted on a felony warrant was inside. The sus-

pect, David Earl Hughes, 52, had failed to appear at his sentencing on arson, burglary and weapons charges.

Police said Hughes yelled at the officers to kill him and ignored repeated commands to sur-

render. Three officers fired after Hughes put his hands in his coat, where he could have had a weapon, said Sgt. Brian Schmutz, a spokesperson for the police bureau.

Hughes was unarmed.



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