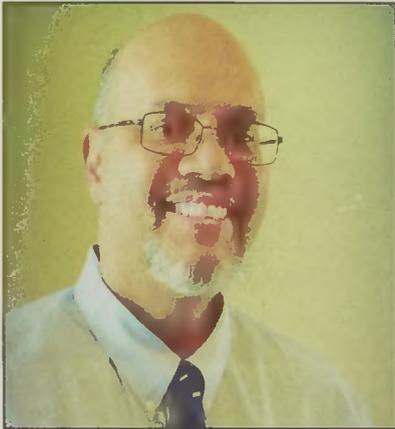


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**Sam Gomez:
 A Good Insurance Man**

Sam has worked in small group and individual major medical insurance for 17 years. In 2004 he added Medicare and Long Term Care plans to his portfolio and has become a sought after adviser, speaking at local churches and senior groups throughout the North Carolina Triad area. He is an independent agent that has access to the most competitive products on the market today. The companies that he has in his portfolio include; Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Car-

olina, United Health Care, Aetna, Humana, Coventry, Legal Shield, Transamerica, Genworth, Liberty Bankers, Allstate, Colonial, AFLAC, Monumental Life, Med-America, Kemper, Petersen International and Mutual of Omaha.

One of his company's major focuses from now until the fall is to help churches get international health insurance for their mission teams. "We can do short term for mission trips and long term for full time overseas missionaries."

This year he have added "Spiriter" a company that specializes in reverse mortgages. Many of his clients have expressed interest in this service and asked if it could help. "I believe "Spiriter" works hard for each client and we share the same basic business philosophy, our client's needs always come first."

Their leadership staff and families take joy in giving back to the community, his mother, Joan Gomez and partner, Sharon Grubb-Benson, are cancer survivors. His father, Sam Sr. passed from cancer and Muscular Dystrophy, so they work with the Susan G Komen Foundation, as well as the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The other basic principle this company lives by is, "givers gain either in this world or the next."

"I am blessed to have an amazing wife (Cheryl Gomez), six wonderful children (Tiffanie, Justin, Bobby, Christina, Jarred and Kaylyn) and three happy and healthy grandchildren (Samuel, Luke and Abriel)."

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**John Raye Goes
 Back Home**

By John Raye

Some 25 years ago, I worked as a television news anchor in Washington, D.C.

Before making it big in the nation's capitol, history had rewarded me with the position of being the first Black television news anchor in the Pacific Northwest, and one of the first in the nation.

I was based in Seattle. Washington and anchored for KING-TV, the NBC affiliate. In Washington, D.C. I anchored for what is now the Fox television affiliate. In order to integrate the TV news business, a selected group of Black and Hispanics were sent for training to Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in New York city, and later for me, the Washington Journalism Center in Washington, D.C.

After my television career came to an inglorious end, I became a self-employed business and marketing consultant. By now, I had developed an intense interest in health and wellness primarily because of chronic health problems, many being stress related.

I joined an Arizona-based company called Forever Living, a multi-billion dollar conglomerate and now the world's largest maker of Aloe Vera products. This particular brand of Aloe Vera, not sold in stores or any retail outlets, soon cleared up my chronic health issues.

Before long, our team became the largest predominately Black group of customers and distributors in the entire Forever Living Company. Things were going well. We were resolving health challenges and making money at the same time.

Then Dudley Products came calling; the founder, Dr Joe L. Dudley, Sr., made me an offer I couldn't refuse —[continue on page 13]



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**Welcome Home
 This War Has
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Throughout the day cable networks show news clips of our brave men and women from the other side of the world fighting to reserve the freedom that Americans love to enjoy. Simultaneously strangers illustrate a sense of pride due to their tremendous sacrifice by offering suppications for their safety. Eventually pictures are televised of these heroes being reunited with their loved ones, whom have no clue of the fact that their return marks the beginning of the

greatest battle that they will ever fight.

Starting with their departure, family members dream about the return of their loved ones unharmed, so they think. Yet the truth is that family and friends can be greeted by someone that they do not know or have never met. Only a shell of the person that they last embraced while whispering "hurry back" during their departure has returned.

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