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**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. . .** A family that prays together usually stays together. Shown visiting her mother, Sister Catherine Reddick is left to right, Tiffany, Monica, Debra, Pamela and daughter Evelyn who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. and enjoys visiting her mother and coming back home to Washington, N.C. Happy Mother's Day to each of the lovely ladies.

(Voice photo by Jim Rouse)



**POSITIVE BROTHERS . . .** Shown is Brother John Jones, who will be writing the Washington news for The 'M' VOICE Newspaper. Brother Jones and the other Brothers enjoy reading Washington's new Black newspaper. They urge everyone to inform Mr. Smith at Smith Brothers Supermarket to keep advertising in this Black newspaper.



**MR. HENRY C. DAVIS. . .** Sales Consultant at East Carolina Used Car Sales in Greenville.

## Attorney deplores cops handling of rape arrests

### Leaders urge fairness in brutality cases

Although some of the teenage boys involved in last week's rape and beating of 28-year-old Patricia Meili in Central Park have admitted to the crime, a lawyer for one of the teens said Tuesday, evidence in the case was extremely weak.

Attorney Colin Moore charged that subjection by police of the boys to 24-hours of intense questioning in the absence of a legal counsel, amounted to blatant violation of their constitutional rights.

According to Moore, psychological studies have shown that if a 14 or 15 year old is subjected to continuous interrogations of this nature, the youngster will yield and say almost anything his prober wants to hear.

"These are techniques normally associated with Nazi Germany or the Josef Stalin era in Communist Russia. They are not the type of tactic that should be employed by any police in a democratic society," Moore said.

Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau has already charged eight of the teens with attempted murder in the second degree, rape in the first degree,

and assault in the first degree of Ms. Meili.

While the Brooklyn-based Attorney Moore said he does not condone the vicious attack against Ms. Meili, he felt the so-called evidence which consists of statements made under pressure to police by the teens, was weak.

"Any attorney worth his salt," Moore declared, "could prove that these statements given under such conditions by 14 and 15-year-olds should be suppressed as being the product of physical and psychological duress."

Attorney Moore said he was also troubled by the double standard taken by law enforcement officials in the attack on Ms. Meili. "Whenever the victim is white and the perpetrators are African-Americans, an arrest is usually made within less than 24 hours."

He cited the cases of fashion model Marla Hanson, Dr. Kathryn Hinnant of Bellevue Hospital and the Marshank brothers of Staten Island all of whom were attacked by African-Americans. The per-

petrators said Moore, were arrested in 24 hours.

On the other hand, Attorney Moore continued, when the victim happens to be African-American and the perpetrator is white, arrests are seldom made. He cited the following cases to support his point:

The alleged rape and abduction of Tawana Brawley in Wappinger Falls, N.Y., the attack on Derick Antonio Tyrus of Staten Island, the beating of Akeem Davis in Brooklyn's Park Slope community, and Frederick Pinkley in Williamsburg.

"So how can African-Americans be expected to show remorse for the attack of white victims when the system does not care a damn about them?" Attorney Moore asked.

The Brooklyn lawyer charged that a number of people are focusing on the assault against Ms. Meili in Central Park, but not on the underlying conditions which gave rise to the crime.

Being an African-American youth in the U.S. today, said Moore, calls for living in a constant state of anger, paranoia and hostility against institutional racism, economic violence, massive unemploy-

ment, homelessness, deplorable living conditions and inferior education.

"How can a system expect to treat African-American people like animals and not expect these co-called animals to strike back against their conditions. As long as this city continues to treat us with contempt, it must be prepared to reap the social costs," Attorney Moore declared.

Borough President David Dinkins condemned the attack on Ms. Meili and called it the most "outrageous example of the crisis proportions that crime has assumed in this town."

Dinkins urged New York City residents to unite and reclaim all parks in the five boroughs from those who are nothing more than "urban terrorists and deserve to be treated as such."

Mayor Koch referred to the Central Park incident as a "gang-bang rape" and disagreed sharply with Attorney Moore who said that societal problems are to blame for the assault against Ms. Meili.

"You name me one special reason that would cause 36 people to engage in a wolfpack

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## We've Come A Long Way

By: Deacon James Vines

We ran all the way to my house and we sat on the front porch for a while then we decided to take the girls home for it was almost time for them to be home. After we had taken them home we decided to go back and see if we could find out who the man was that was shot. We got almost where the shooting took place and we met a friend of mine who told us who it was, and we turned around and I went home and my friend went to this house.

After the weekend was over and school was to start that Tuesday and I knew that I didn't have to go because I had graduated that past May 31. My mother and father had wanted me to go to college but times were hard so I decided to work a while longer and if I didn't get caught by the Draft Board and sent to the Army I would go the next year. I got up that Tuesday morning and I went back to the drug store and began working to save my money to go to school. There was only two delivery boys there at this time because the other two had volunteered for the Navy. As

time passed by and things were getting better as far as jobs were concerned, everything was going fine. I knew things couldn't last like they were for long because I had found me a nice girlfriend and was beginning to feel very happy. We were both happy we had met and we vowed to love each other as long as we lived. We would go to Sunday School together, we would go to church together, and we seemed to be getting along fine. I wanted to tell her about my experience with those people on my delivery route but I was afraid of losing her. So we went on together having a good time together.

On Fridays she would come by the store and I would walk part of the way back home with her and we would talk about what we would do when we got older. She was not out of school and was not supposed to graduate until the next year in June and I was to register the next year in June. I reached my 18th birthday on the 20th day of September 1941, and I had a nice birthday party with a lot of my schoolmates and

friends. As time passed by I worked very hard at the drug store, just the two of us and we were paid very well because help was getting scarce and hard to find. Halloween came and then Thanksgiving and the year was just about gone. After Thanksgiving was over I started thinking about Christmas. We were sitting around the radio listening to the news about the Japanese had just bombed Pearl Harbor and we knew for sure that the U.S. would surely get into war. The next day I went to work and that was all you could hear. It seemed that everybody in town tried to order something that day.

That evening about time for me to get off work, I had an order to Ms. G's house and I had one to go to another section of town, so I picked up the order and decided to go to Ms. G's house last because I knew it was her intention to call so that she could hold me until closing time. I arrived there and went on the porch and rang the door bell and after it had rang twice, the door came open.

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## New Sales Consultant Joins Local Firm in His Native County

Mr. Henry C. Davis, a native of Ayden, has joined the East Carolina Automotive Sales group. Mr. Davis, who recently moved "back home" after spending the last 19 years in New Haven, Conn., invites all his old friends and his new acquaintances to stop by and say hello. Henry's office is located at East Carolina Used Car Sales in West End Circle, Greenville.

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peeve" is social as well as academic education of the youth of Greenville and Eastern N.C. Henry chose to come back home because of the economic growth and development of the area.

In addition to that there's a tremendous stability factor in the area now. Mr. Davis quotes, "When I came out of high school in 1967 the choices were very limited. If you didn't work at a tobacco warehouse or the pickle plant then you had to farm."

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(VOICE photo by Jim Rouse)



OBSERVING NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

As National Family Week is observed by most of the major denominations, it may be a time when churches work together on their observance or in the public square, study classes, picnics, parents' meetings, meetings of senior citizens on their responsibility for family life, and sessions for young people looking toward marriage. The churches have discovered that the family is an area of life in which cooperation is helpful and desirable.

In your family you can call attention to family week and suggest some opportunities to do things together as a family. These might include a family picnic or other type of outing, some family travel, an evening of games at home, a visit to grandfather's house, a telephone call to parents living at a distance, or going to church together. Be cer-

tain to go together on Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May.

Many families use this week to try out some new form of family worship. In one family each member was asked to be responsible for planning one day's devotional activities. In another, there was agreement to use the devotional material furnished by their church for special use during "National Family Week." This material was offered by the church in the hope that a week of use might result in families becoming interested in regular, daily family worship.

Some specific suggestions of events your class might sponsor include:

1. Plan a recreation night when persons can play games that might be used in the family circle later.
2. A family night supper, followed by discussion groups on themes of interest to families, offer possibilities. Or focus on ac-

tivities such as worship or recreation, that can be used to strengthen family life.

3. Plan a program to encourage family camping. Each family with camping equipment can bring it to the church and set up in the parking lot. One family might demonstrate camp cooking and another show their campfire activities, including worship. A third could discuss sleeping arrangements, while a fourth could tell about interesting places to camp within your state.

4. Make a study of family life in your community and report it at a family night dinner. Or invite a sociologist who has made a study of your community to share his findings with the families in your church. Your study might focus on such questions as: Is delinquency increasing or decreasing? Is the divorce rate climbing or stable? At what age do young people marry? What preparation is available to young

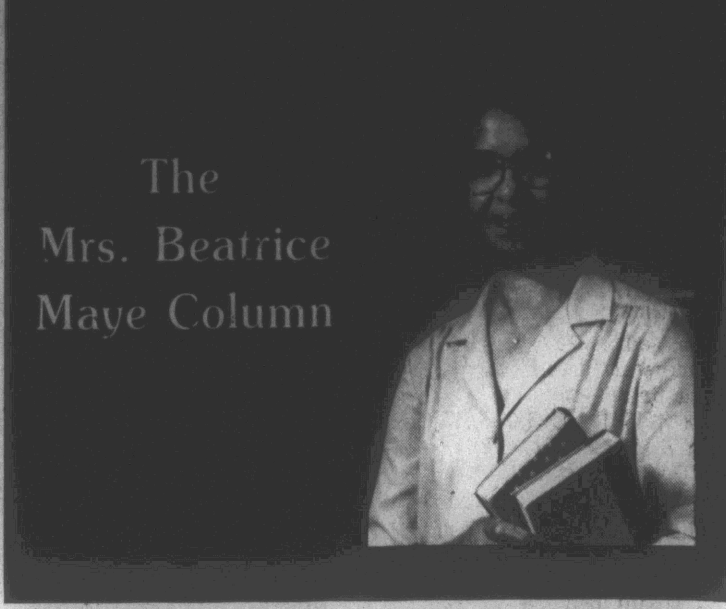
people looking toward marriage? Is there any opportunity for young marrieds to get together and discuss their common problems? Do young people have study groups? What literature is made available to young parents in your church? What effect does television have upon the young people in your community? Does high pressure advertising influence the children?

SOME INTERESTING TITLES AT CARVER LIBRARY

1. LOSS AND HOW TO COPE WITH IT by Joanne Bernstein is an exploration of how the death of a loved one affects the survivors with practical discussion of how to handle the many emotional and physical reactions we may encounter in bereavement.

2. COPING WITH LONELINESS by Paul J. Gelinas concerns that loneliness is not a primary emotional disturbance. It is not a disease, but merely a symptom of a deeper personality disorder. Loneliness is a warning signal that there is something radically out of line within thyself. Read this book to find the secret of how to get rid of loneliness.

3. YOU'LL MISS ME WHEN I'M GONE by Stephen Roos: Convinced that he is a rotten kid and disgusted that his father is still taking physical advantage of his mother even though they are divorced, sixteen year old Mar-



The Mrs. Beatrice Maye Column

cus finds that a vodka bottle is the only thing to get him through one horrible day to another. Emotional problems, alcoholism, and family problems are within this family. Marcus, a 16 year old, is an alcoholic.

4. ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN, Uncommon thoughts on common things by Robert Fulghum. These are the things I learned: Share everything, play fair, don't hit people, put things back where you found them, clean up your own mess, don't take things that aren't yours, say you're sorry when you hurt somebody, flush, are some of the things I learned. Read on to find out the others. Oprah Winfrey had the author of this book on her show recently. Remember? This book is one of the best sellers. You are never too old to read.

5. SAD BUT O.K. MY DADDY DIED TODAY: a child's view of

death by Barbara Frisbie Juneau: Through the eyes of her nine year old daughter, the author shares the events that befell her family during the time the author's husband was faced with a terminal brain tumor.

6. YOU CAN SAY NO TO A DRINK OR A DRUG: What Every Child Should Know by Susan Newman. This book shows preteens and young teenagers how to resist or get out of difficult alcohol and drug related situations portrayed in ten photographically illustrated scenarios.

7. HOPE AND DIGNITY: Older Black women of the South by Emily Herring Wilson documents the achievements of women in a variety of roles—as mothers, midwives, church workers, gospel singers, artists, teachers, business leaders, and community activists. Among

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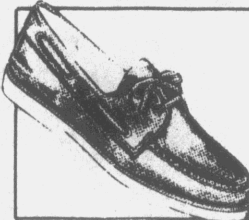
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# Mrs. Beatrice Maye

these celebrated is Betty Hill Lyons, age 104, who spent her life in the field and the kitchen; alone at night, she sang "This love I have, the world didn't give me, and the world can't take it away." Though life in North Carolina and in all the United States has been hard for the Black woman (and man and child), it has been borne with dignity and pride and it can be changed. Maya Angelou says, "I understand them. They are my grandmothers."

8. ANSWERING CHRISTIANITY'S MOST PUZZLING QUESTIONS by Richard Sisson. Does prayer really change things? Can I be a Christian even when I don't feel like one? Isn't faith just a substitute for reality? This book is comprehensive, a reference guide. It asks questions, then leads you to the Bible for the answers.

## THINK POSITIVELY

Some older people are their own worst enemies. When asked "What do you do?" they tend to reply, "I'm retired."

They do not realize that by saying this they are projecting negative images of themselves to others. But even worse, they are setting up negative images in their own subconscious minds. They are telling themselves that they are no longer of any use to others.

Do that with yourself, and you are sure to grow old fast—no matter how old you are. That negative thought will color everything you do.

Paul suggested a positive exercise for your subconscious mind. "Whatever things are true... honest... just... pure... lovely... think on these things." (Phil. 4:8) Think positively. Don't spend your time thinking about the negatives or problems or difficulties in your life. Focus on the positives. Focus on Christ. He is the source of true contentment and genuine joy.

## THE JOY OF SHARING

The Dead Sea received that name because it doesn't support life. It is a wasteland. It takes in the life-giving waters of the Jordan River, but it never gives anything out. It has no outflow. Everything that it takes in dies. Some people are like that. They take in everything, but give out nothing. And before long, their life becomes an arid wasteland. They are dead, and everything around them is dead. And everything they touch has the smell of death.

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learned to rejoice in spite of circumstances rather than because of them—who has found the secret of true contentment. "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

QUESTION: How can you help someone who is prone to think negatively?

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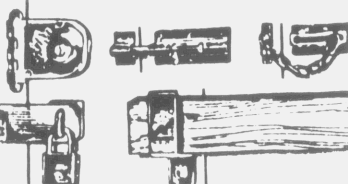
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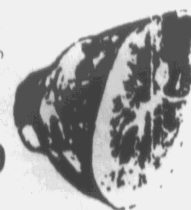
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## We've Come A Long Way

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and there she was. "Come on in and I'll be with you in a minute." She then turned and went back to the bedroom and came back with the money for the order and I started toward the door when she called me back and asked me how I had been in the last few days. I told her I was just fine, she then asked me if I missed her and I said I did. She then came up to me and said, "I haven't been doing well because I didn't have anything to do and on jone to talk to. Can't you stay just a little while. I have really missed you and I need someone to hold me and make love to me." I told her it was getting late and the store would close in a few minutes and I had to get back before 10:00 but she still insisted that I stay a little longer, but I turned her down, opened the door and left. As I got to the steps she said with a low voice, "Please come back tomorrow." I told her I would. I arrived at the store, put my bicycle in the storeroom and left for home. It was early so I decided to stop at the poolroom and I had become 18 years old. So I went through the block and to the poolroom. I was sitting there watching the game and enjoying it and I looked up and in walked three policemen. In those days when the police came around everybody became real quiet because they were white and they had guns. Some of the players stopped shooting and just stood around and looked at the officers waiting for them to say something.

After pausing for a few minutes the officers walked down the side of the poolroom asking each person where they were working, and if you didn't have a job you were being picked up for vagrancy. He finally got to me but instead of asking me where I worked he came up close and asked me if I had my registration card and I took out my card and showed it to him and he walked away without asking me where I was working.

I stayed until the poolroom closed and a couple of friends of mine left and went home. The next day I got up from a good night's rest and washed up, ate breakfast, and headed for work. It was early and the drug store was not open when I got there, so I waited until the boss got there to open in about 30 minutes.

The other delivery boy arrived and while we were waiting I looked down the street and I saw a lady coming towards me. It turned out to be Ms. G's cook. She came straight to me and said she wanted to talk to me. So I told her that if I had the time I would. She said it wouldn't be long so I told her to go ahead and say what she had to say. "What are you doing to that white woman that makes her talk about you all the time? Whatever it is you had better stop before she tells someone else besides me. She has gone completely crazy. I want you to come by my house tonight and I will finish telling you."

## Rose-Aycock won first and second place in competition

The Rose-Aycock Orchestra won 1st Place in the Mid-Atlantic National Adjudicators Invitational Orchestra Division Champions and won 2nd Place overall, competing against 17 other high school bands and orchestras from New York, Michigan, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The Rose-Aycock orchestra has won the distinction of being invited as one of only three orchestras to perform at the Grand National Adjudicators Invitational which will be held at the Keal Concert Hall in St. Louis, Missouri in March of 1990. There will be 60 ensembles performing, comprised of high school bands, jazz bands and orchestras.

## Mental Retardation month observed

During the month of March Sandra Everette, Robin Eaton, Cathy Barrett, and Faye Suggs, exceptional children's teachers at W. H. Robinson School observed Mental Retardation Month with a variety of activities. The teachers wore badges daily, and a poster of curriculum areas covered by each class was displayed in the school. A reception honoring support personnel was held in the school's computer lab. Jean Wilson, Jean Weathering, and Calvin Henderson, key communicators from the community, joined the special classes for lunch. The activities helped promote the awareness and importance of exceptional programs at W. H. Robinson.



# ISLAM IN FOCUS

By: Noria Halimah Namaz

The Quran teaches that God does not change the condition of a people until they make the first step to changing their own condition. In the parable of the talents, Jesus is teaching us this very rule. The master of the household, before leaving on a trip, gives each of his servants talents. Each in accordance to his ability. Now, the master has a scheme. Jesus does not tell accordance to his ability. Now, the master has a scheme. Jesus does not tell us this in detail, but nevertheless you know the master has a plan. Why didn't he just promote them? Why did he feel necessary to test them? He didn't promote them outright, because he wanted to know without doubt which of his servants deserved a promotion. He also wanted to clear the air. If he had raised one servant over another, the other servant would have felt slighted. Then there would have been no peace in his household. By testing them, he separated the good servants from the bad. He cleaned house.

God is like the master of the household. He loves us and wants us to be happy here on earth, and later with Him in paradise. He provides us with guidance so that we can find our way. However, since He gave us free will, He will never send His guidance running after us unless we ourselves freely move towards it. God's guidance is like a talent to us. We can take it and bury it, and by doing so never grow in knowledge of God. Or, we can use it, study it, question it, and by so doing come into a greater knowledge of God.

Now, many of us fall into the first category. For various reasons, we may decide to bury God's guidance or talents. We pretend that it either doesn't matter what we do, or that God will promote us even if we do nothing. Jesus makes it perfectly clear, that those of us who bury God's talents, will without doubt be thrown into hell. Christ teaches that only those following God's commands will enter into paradise.

What does this mean? It means we should seek out God's will in everything. Don't take it for granted that everyone around is following the truth. Ask questions, knock on every door, seek out the truth, don't settle for second best. Because second best won't buy us salvation. Today no excuse will be accepted from us. Truth is here for the asking. Seek and you shall find. It is not right for the God-fearing to run from knowledge.

The month for fasting is coming to an end. Soon will be a great feast. The Muslim community worldwide will celebrate the end of the fast through prayer and social events. I would like to extend an invitation to you to come and join us Sunday, May 7, at Jaycee Park, here in Greenville, at 1 PM. Bring nothing but yourself, your love and peace in God.

## ECU Faculty Member Speaks In Boston

Patricia Pertalion of the East Carolina University Department of Theatre Arts dance faculty appeared on the program at a national meeting in Boston, April 23.

Her presentation, "A West African Dance Safari," was given at an international dance panel at the annual meeting of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. It was based on research in the field of traditional African dances and folk rituals undertaken by Ms. Pertalion during a tour of Africa two years ago.

Ms. Pertalion, president of the N.C. Dance Alliance, represented that organization at the statewide Arts Congress in Raleigh earlier this month. The congress, organized by the N.C. Association of Arts Council and sponsored by Hardee's, enabled officers of arts organizations to meet with Gov. James Martin and members of the General Assembly.

**ENTERTAINMENT EXTRA QUESTION:** What are the true statistics about the numbers of blacks in organized sports?

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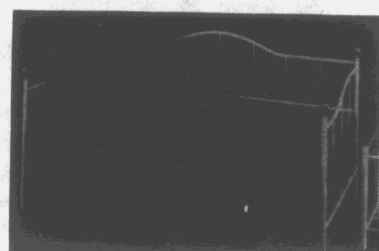
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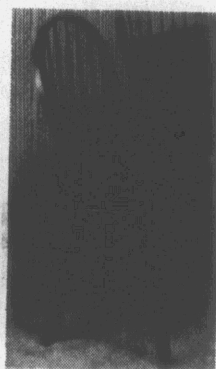
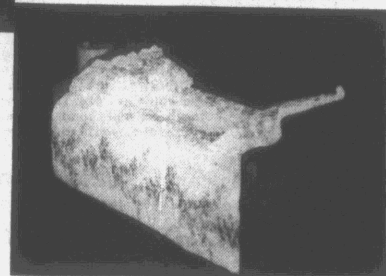


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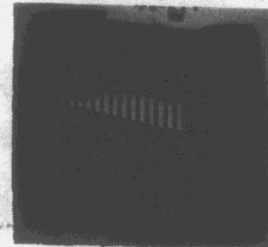
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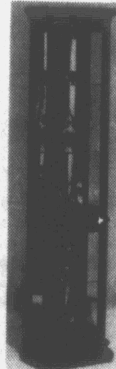
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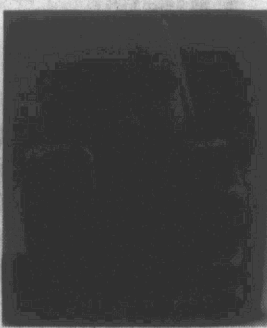
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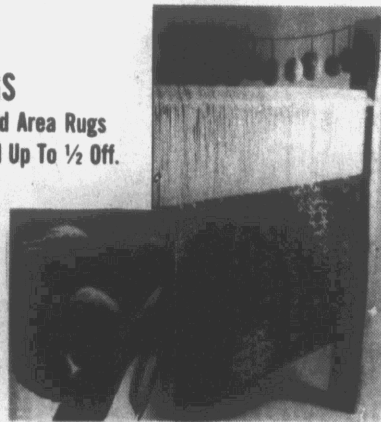
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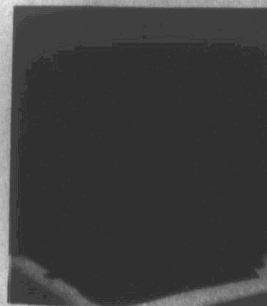


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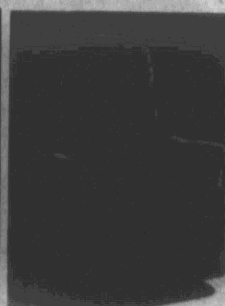


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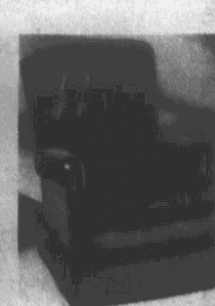
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operation looking for victims, and eight or nine of them to engage in a gang-bang," said Mayor Koch.

Ms. Meili who regularly jogged in Central Park, was repeatedly raped, viciously beaten and left for dead by a gang of more than a dozen teenagers.

Police said the teens grabbed Ms. Meili and dragged her off the path through heavy underbrush and trees, down a ravine toward a small body of water known as The Loch.

It was there, Chief of Detectives Robert Colangelo said, 200 feet north of the transverse, that

the teens beat and assaulted Ms. Meili. After the attack, Colangelo said she was left wearing only sneakers and jogging bra, her hand bound to her face with blood-soaked jogging pants.

At deadline Tuesday, physicians at Metropolitan Hospital where Ms. Meili is on a life-support systems, said it was unlikely she would recover fully

from brain damage.

"She had a significant brain injury and has been in a coma now for about five days," said Dr. Ken Duffy, chief of neurology at Metropolitan. "Statistically speaking," he continued, chances are that she will not make that full recovery."

Relatives of four of the teens who live at Schomburg Plaza on Fifth Ave. Tuesday expressed sympathy for Ms. Meili. Willia Perkins, a district leader who heads the Schomburg tenants' association registered his own concern over the incident as follows:

"The tragedy is one in which we all feel pain," Perkins was quoted as saying. He added, that the families believe "their boys are innocent, but will leave such judgment to the courts and God."

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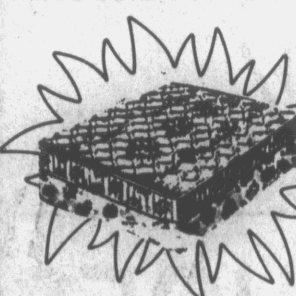
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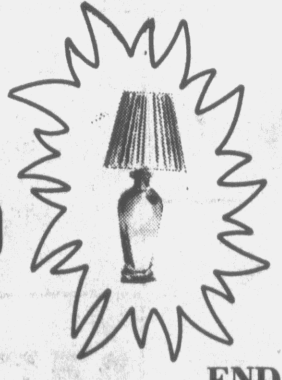
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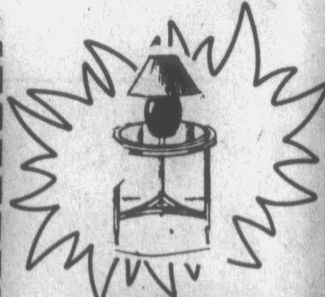
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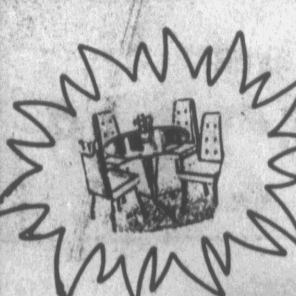
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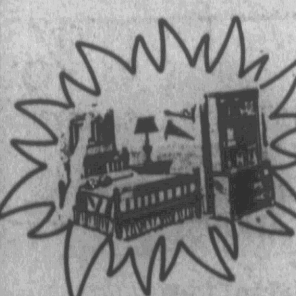
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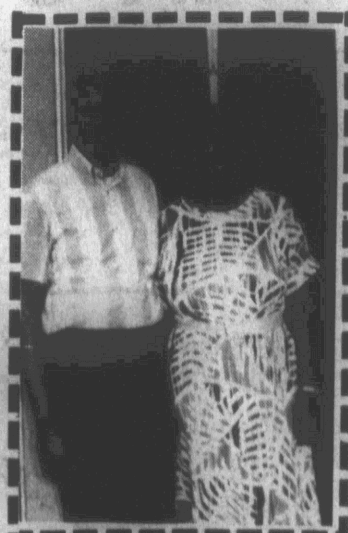


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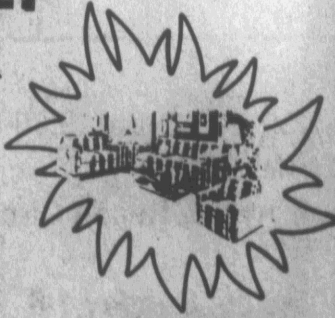


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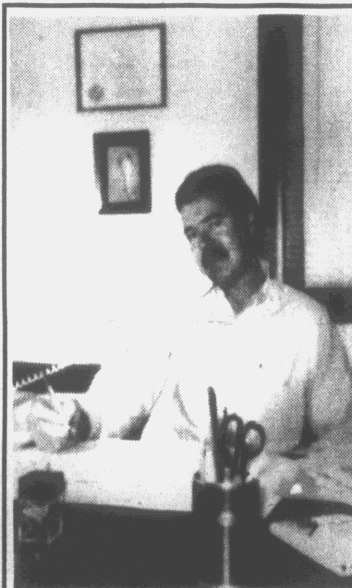


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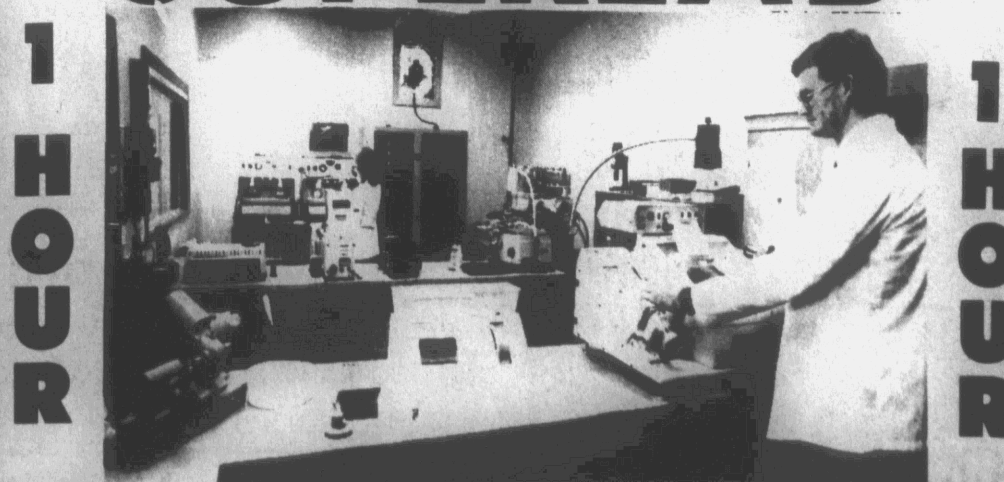
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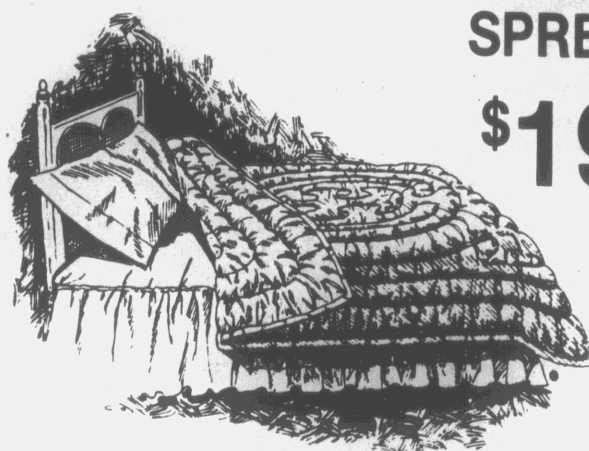
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