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Adam Clayton Powell Jr. at the end of the Black agenda RE-ELECT

by Saeed Shabazz
Staff Writer

NEW YORK—In his 1954 Savior's Day address, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad talked about Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr., calling him a fearless politician. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad mentioned the Harlem Congressman in his 1965 book "Message to the Blackman," saying he was "the strongest politician of our kind" who "is not afraid and would not be easily bribed."

Mr. Muhammad continued, "We must give good Black politicians the total backing of our population."

"We've elected over 12,000 black elected officials since 1968, yet our political system is moving further to the right," writes Dr. Manning Marable, director of the Center for Contemporary Black History at Columbia University. He continues: "The politics of liberal reform and integration has reached an effective end, and it requires serious and critical thinking from the black community on where do we go from here," Dr. Marable wrote in January 2002.

In an exclusive interview with *The Final Call*, Dr. Marable said that Blacks in America were, in his opinion, in a period of "Post-Black Politics" where there has been a retreat from building strong institutions. He said Adam Clayton Powell Jr. understood the nature of the struggle. "Congressman Powell enjoyed a mandate from the Harlem community to bring back from Washington programs based on reality," Dr. Marable said.

Dr. Marable explained that the reality of the "linked fate" of Blacks—the context that created the earlier Black politician—gave Congressman Powell his agenda to fight for better housing and more

jobs for Blacks. This linked fate related to segregation to the imperative development of grassroots organizations and institutions that would deal solely with the needs of Blacks.

Analysts of the works of Mr. Powell suggest that, while he addressed the Black agenda, he passed many bills that benefited all Americans. For example, an increased minimum wage and the Defense Education Act that helped generations of high school and college students.

"As the wall of legal segregation no longer existed, we began to elect Black politicians that actively sought support from Whites," Dr. Marable said. But after Congressman Powell, no one emerged with the ability to deliver to Black constituencies through a Black Agenda and also serve the needs of all people, Dr. Marable observed.

"Adam understood that all politics is local. He knew his place in history," Dr. Chuck Stone, professor of political science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a former special assistant to Mr. Powell, told *The Final Call*.

"Blacks were elected because of those rebellions—127 to be exact—and that still did not solve the problems," Dr. Stone said. Black communities were still not receiving equitable services, and it was creating a backlash, he added. "Adam created a groundswell of resentment in Washington when he hosted a Black Power meeting in the Rayburn Building in 1965. There were afros and dashikis all over, and the Whites were alarmed," Dr. Stone recalled. "That is when his political enemies decided that Adam had to go," Dr. Stone said.

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Powell, accusing him of various improprieties, and denying him his seat in Congress. He was no longer a player as the seventies began.

By 1970, four million Blacks had migrated north, a movement that began in the 1940s, as America moved from an agrarian to an industrialized economy. Only 59 percent of the Black population remained in the South. "Urban ghetto formation gave rise to the militant new Negro," writes Kenneth L. Kasner in his book "A Ghetto Takes Shape." This militancy led to Black mayors in Detroit, Mich; Gary, Ind; Newark, NJ; Cleveland, Ohio, and Los Angeles, Calif., according to Dr. Stone.

According to Dr. Clayborne Carson, a professor of History at Stanford University, mass demonstrations at the local level gave political leverage and credibility to the national leaders

who spoke on their behalf. In 1994, Dr. Carson wrote: "Black mass protests and insurgencies of the 1950s and 1960s were grassroots movements that emerged with little guidance from national African American organizations and leaders." Dr. Carson said, "African American militancy of the period since 1965 has more often drawn inspiration from the speeches of Malcolm X than from the organizational techniques displayed by Ella Baker."

Ms. Baker helped to develop the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Dr. Marable adds that the post-Black political period defined itself clearly after the 1984 presidential campaign of Rev. Jesse Jackson, which galvanized people around the hope for modern day Black institutions. However, the

Democratic Party demonized him and abandoned their core constituency. As a result of the face-slap of 1984, he said "Black politicians are not sensitized in the realm of Black institutions; they only respond to the need of the Party."

But analysts such as Dr. Carson, Dr. Stone, Dr. Marable and Dr. Jeffries say that there is a need for a revival of Black mass militancy.

"Blacks now have to take control of their politics," stated Dr. Jeffries. He said that a Black Agenda should be followed that stresses the program of the Nation of Islam under the guidance of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. "Mr. Muhammad said put your own economics together, and back your own political and cultural institutions. The Million Man March reminded us of our need to stay committed to what Mr. Muhammad had said. And today, we must construct our political movement through a proven philosophy of do for self. That is the engine that must drive our political movements," Dr. Jeffries stressed. "Elijah Muhammad is the god-father of Black American politics, he created our political movement when he gave us the mechanisms to control our own destiny, and he warned us not to cast our lot with political parties."

Dr. Marable believes that Black politicians must now display integrity. "Adam Clayton Powell understood the integrity issue," Dr. Marable added. "Blacks must return to what got Adam elected," he warned.

"Adam taught Black people how to live," Dr. Stone said. He said a political movement that does not symbolize the aspirations of the grassroots such as what Blacks have been handed today is destined to fail.



Pictured is Greenville's City Council Woman Mildred Council along with Town Alderman of Grimesland, NC, Evelyn Little. Sister Little has worked hard for all the Citizen's of Grimesland, the Minority Voice ask Pitt County to show their support for both Sister Council and Sister Little in their bid for re-election.

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Publisher's Family Meet In Greenville Happy Anniversary !



Brother Jim Rouse sister Betty Saww who live in Jamaica NY is pictured with her mother Elisie Rouse and other family members and grandchildren. There shown returning from Sunday Service at Victory Dominican Church where Pastor Zepp Sheppard honored Bro. Rouse with a plaque for dedicated service.

Photo by Jim Rouse



Pictured above is Sister Shirley McNeal, Regina, Joyce, Na' Jons Francis (not shown) all of whom will be celebrating their 3rd anniversary at Edgecome Community College. Don't Miss It !

Photo by Jim Rouse

Office tells foundation to freeze accounts

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — A drug and alcohol counseling program founded by U.S. Rep. Frank Ballance, D-N.C., has been told by the state attorney general's office to freeze its accounts following a critical audit.

The state auditor's report this past week identified \$325,000 in questionable expenses by the John A. Hyman Foundation. The audit also



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determined the foundation was riddled with conflicts of interest.

Grayson Kelley, a senior deputy attorney general, told the foundation that he would ask a judge to dissolve the organization if it spent any of the \$238,925 remaining in its accounts.

"No further expenditures of state-appropriated funds should be made without the express consent of this office," Kelley wrote Thursday, a day after the audit's release.

The foundation, which has received \$2.1 million in state money since 1994, paid thousands of dollars to Ballance's relatives and campaign workers, according to the audit.

Election records show at least \$16,400 has been donated

to Ballance's campaign from pastors, their family members and others whose churches or day care centers have benefited from foundation grants.

Ballance, a former state senator from Warren County elected to Congress in 2002, has said the audit showed some errors were made but added that public money was used to serve the public good. The foundation closed its doors last month after the state cut off money.

Another Black Idol Bites The Dust

By Wilbert A. Tatum

Kobe Bryant gets his day in court in a small town in Colorado today. He is being accused of raping a 19-year-old woman who worked in a hotel where he was staying while awaiting surgery for his knee, which was going out of whack. The place in Colorado, Eagle, is a resort community that most of us never heard of.

Kobe is an idol for millions of kids who believe that basketball is the route to riches or to heaven, whichever comes first. He is 24 years of age, and his accuser, whose name has not been released but is available on the Internet, is 19.

His accuser is alleged to have gone to his room voluntarily sometime around midnight and to have left a short time later. The following day she made the charges against Kobe that he had sex with her without her consent and against her will.

Kobe insists that the sex was consensual and that he did not, in any shape or form, force this young woman to submit to him. It is a case of she says yes and he says no. There are no witnesses.

Whether the sex was consensual is something that even a court cannot determine with certainty, but the town of Eagle, Colorado, and its prosecutor are poised for the biggest case in their history, and Kobe's lawyers are poised for what could be the most important case in theirs.

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Who should pay to rebuild Iraq?

Commentary



ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

According to an Oct. 12 Gallup Poll, only slightly more than four in 10 Americans now believe that the situation in Iraq is "going well." As recently as three months ago, however, the public evaluation was the reverse, with 56 percent of those polled expressing an upbeat attitude.

Even considering the enormity of the "nation-building" task that the Bush administration has committed us to performing in Iraq, this is an extraordinary turnaround in public opinion.

A number of factors have contributed to this change in the national consensus, including the continuing rise in U.S. casualties and the administration's failure to find any of the "weapons of mass destruction" that the Bush team asserted as the primary justification for its

preemptive war.

There is also a growing awareness on the part of most Americans that they - and their children - are going to bear a huge financial burden as a result of President Bush's decision to go to war without U.N. support.

Earlier this year, the Bush administration requested, and the Congress approved, nearly \$79 billion for U.S. costs in Iraq. Now, six months later, the administration says that it needs \$87 billion more.

The Gallup organization's polling data reveals a solid majority of the American people (57 percent) opposes congressional approval of this latest request, especially the \$21 billion earmarked for the "reconstruction" of Iraq's infrastructure.

Why, Americans are asking, should we be building fire stations in Iraq when we are being forced to close them here at home?

The 39 members of the Congressional Black Caucus unanimously agree with the public's evaluation that the United States should not - and need not - be solely responsible for the rebuilding of Iraq.

The president has declared that we must assure America's security today and not leave

that obligation to our children. In the abstract, who could disagree?

As a nation, however, we must come to terms with an emerging reality. No credible evidence has been produced that would link Saddam Hussein or Iraq to the September 11 terrorist attacks.

It is reasonable to ask, therefore, if our invasion of Iraq has

We have a responsibility to support our troops in the field, and most Americans understand that the reconstruction of Iraq would be in our national interest. Nevertheless, a fundamental question remains.

Who should pay the cost?

The \$166 billion that we will spend in the Middle East this year is just a down payment. Hundreds of billions of

what is necessary to enlist the support of other major nations and the U.N., we will continue to ship scarce national resources to the Middle East for the foreseeable future.

There is a better, more equitable way.

First, there must truly be shared sacrifice within the United States. We can maintain the small tax cuts for working

Third, Iraq is not a poor nation. It has the second largest oil reserves in the world, worth between \$2.8 trillion and \$5.5 trillion at current world market rates.

The U.S. should not have to provide the Iraqi people with what they can provide for themselves. Yet, if we were to maintain unilateral U.S. control of the reconstruction process while using Iraqi oil resources to pay for some of Iraq's rebuilding and security costs, serious questions would be raised about our motives.

U.N. control of the rebuilding process would make the use of Iraqi oil resources far more acceptable, both within Iraq and abroad. Participation by major U.N. nations would reduce the cost to the American people, and a truly international process of reconstruction in Iraq would give far greater legitimacy to the results, allowing us to bring our troops home as soon as possible.

We won the battle to oust Saddam Hussein. Now, we must act wisely if we are to win the peace.

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truly made America a safer place.

The administration's latest request for \$87 billion comes at a time when we have not yet provided the additional federal funding that our states and local governments need to protect Americans from terrorism here at home.

That \$87 billion, we must recall, is more than twice the entire Department of Homeland Security budget for fiscal year 2004.

dollars more will be required to finish the job.

In the context of the administration's massive tax cuts and growing federal deficits, these funds must be borrowed, placing a burden upon future generations. Because the Bush tax cuts disproportionately benefit this nation's most affluent citizens, that burden will fall most heavily upon America's working families, unless we adopt a different strategy.

Unless the president does

Americans, but the Bush tax giveaways to this nation's wealthiest two percent are more than we can afford and must be repealed.

Second, we must take another hard look at outdated military expenditures - such as the Strategic Defense Initiative - that no longer make sense in terms of our major security concerns at this time. The billions saved then could be redirected to helping the states with our homeland security needs.

Condo for sale: Bushes included

JAMES CLINGMAN

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"The lie can be maintained only for such time as the state can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the state to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the state." - Joseph Goebbels, German Minister of Propaganda, 1933-1945.

Sometimes I am at a loss for words when it comes to some of the things Black people say and do, especially when it comes to politics. I have seen some of them grovel before politicians and walk in lock step with political parties, even to the detriment of other Black people. I have witnessed our so-called Black leaders compromise (a softer word for sell out). I have seen them collaborate against their own people. I have seen them stand idly by and do and say nothing when they see with their own

eyes gross injustice all around them. It's as though some of us just want to be accepted or need to be validated by the White power structure, so much so that we are willing to lie, distort and skirt the truth, and run interference for our former slave masters even today. Gabriel Prosser would be outraged.

As I sat and watched National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice explain on television the debacle in Iraq, I was outraged, I was ashamed, I was insulted and I was hurt. Here is a woman - a highly intelligent woman, a respected woman, an affluent woman - answering questions about the escapades of George W. Bush and what he and his comrades have done since his rise to power. Tim Russert would ask her a question and you could hear her voice quivering, something I have not heard before, shaking at the prospect of having to say some of the most ridiculous things ever to come out of a person's mouth. She had to know that some of her answers were not quite true, not quite to the point, and not quite convincing. She was just there to cover for Bush. Rice, also having worked

for George H.B. Bush, George W.'s father, is always there, always close to the village idiot's side to take the slings and arrows that come his way. She jumped to his rescue to defend those infamous 16 words in his State of the Union Address. She fell on her sword, after CIA Director

Whatever the situation, it is shameful. Rice, recipient of the NAACP's president's award for advancing the ideals of the NAACP through image, personal achievement and service to all people of color. The NAACP president even said those attributes accurately describe Rice. Yes, Rice has a

ple of color in this country, except for the warm feeling some of us might get when we see a Black woman walking just behind the president, staying at his ranch, going to Camp David with him, and sometimes whispering sweet nothings in his ear for dramatic effect.

rial things they ever wanted.

But, what about ethics? What about responsibility? What about principle? What about truth?

In the midst of a storm such as the one we are in, it sure would be great to see someone of her stature stand up and proclaim that what we are doing in this country and in this world is wrong. What an image that would make! What a role model for our children!

On "Meet the Press," when asked about the additional \$87 billion requested by Bush, Condo said, "We did not have perfect foresight into what we were going to find in Iraq."

What in the world is "perfect foresight"? How much of the future is foreseeable? On another occasion, she justified the Iraq debacle by saying the terrorists are there now because Iraq is the center of the war on terror. Well, who made it that way, Condo?

Yes, this Condo is for sale, but, caveat emptor, Bushes are included.

James E. Clingman is an adjunct professor in the University of Cincinnati's African-American Studies Department.

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George Tenet did the same thing, and some underling before him, to protect George Bush.

By that time I was asking myself how much more Rice - and Secretary of State Colin Powell - would take before they speak out, before they resign from this corrupt and horrid administration. Apparently they think they are doing a great job or they are in so deep they cannot find a way out.

nice image and she has certainly achieved a great deal on a personal level. As to the part about "service to all people of color" (whatever that means), I don't know.

Looks to me like she's doing more for people of non-color, and if you count the people of Iraq, Korea, Iran and Syria as "people of color," then it is questionable if she is living up to all of the award's credits. Of course we certainly could not be talking about peo-

So what is it? What makes Condo tick? What keeps her going? Is it money? Probably not, at least not to the highest bidder. If this Condo is for sale, it's only to the Bushes, or, as the title of this article implies, this Condo comes with the Bushes. Besides, surely she has a little something tucked away from her days with Chevron Oil. Is it power? Probably so; power is such an aphrodisiac to those who already have all the mate-

Parents beware: Chain stores going crazy

DAVID ALMAST

Probably thinking of himself as being on the cutting edge of the civil rights struggle, rapper Snoop Dogg broke his ties with Mantra Entertainment - makers of the "Girls Gone Wild" videos - because it doesn't feature enough Black and Hispanic girls getting naked.

"Girls Gone Wild" is a perverted outgrowth of reality TV. Producer Joe Francis has made a mint filming usually drunk females exposing themselves at beaches, bars and other public places. Francis enlisted Snoop to bring celebrity to his smut, but Snoop doesn't think Francis practices enough adults-only affirmative action.

"If you notice, there hasn't been no girls [of color] at all or none of those tapes," Snoop disjunctly told *The Associated Press*. "That ain't cool, because White girls ain't the only hos that get wild."

Noting that Black and

Hispanic "hos" have been "complaining to me like crazy," he wants to produce his own line of dirty videos to "bring some flavor to the table."

That might have to wait, because Snoop and Francis are being sued by a girl who appeared on the cover of their "Girls Gone Wild Doggy Style" video.

Jamie Capdeboseq alleges she was only 17 years old when they filmed her, and that she was plied with drugs so she would flash her breasts for the camera during a 2002 Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans.

For Francis, this legal trouble is in addition to the 22 counts of racketeering, drugs and other illegal activities he has been charged with in Panama City, Fla. If convicted, he faces a possible 30 years in prison. Police raided a condo rented by Mantra this past April and seized 175 hours of footage from spring break parties. Parents have complained that their underage daughters were told to say they were over 18 on

camera, and prosecutors say the footage contains alleged minors performing sex acts. A Francis attorney downplays the charges, commenting, "It doesn't become child pornography when you're just dealing with nudity."

Classy.

"Girls Gone Wild" com-

in the children's section may be just steps away from "Girls Gone Wild" titles stacked at kid-high level in the miscellaneous section, such as "Sexy Sorority Sweethearts, Volume 2" and "Forbidden Spring Break." To prove Snoop wrong, by the way, Francis also offers "Black Girls Gone

an imposing barrier, because Best Buy also sells over 70 "Girls Gone Wild" selections and similar titles through its Web site, where kids can buy anonymously. They can even use the gift card they got from grandma.

I checked out the Web sites of similar retailers. Here's

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mercials are a staple of late night television, which advertise the videos for sale directly from Francis's company. Since I thought purchasing directly from Francis created a barrier - albeit a thin one - that kept minors from purchasing the videos, I was surprised to recently find them on sale at my local Best Buy. The "Rugrats Go Wild" DVD

Wild: Funkin' at Freaknik."

Best Buy doesn't sell explicit pornography, but "Girls Gone Wild" is close. Their presence at a mainstream store makes it more likely these videos will get into the wrong little hands. Kids attempting to purchase one may be thwarted by a conscientious register clerk, but this still doesn't present

what I found:

- Goody got it! Sam Goody and Suncoast, both owned by Musicland, boast the same 30 "Girls Gone Wild" and related titles.

- Barnes and Noble also has 30 titles and offers discounts to member of their "Readers' Advantage" club.
- Amazon (which also sells for Borders) has 22 titles.

- FYE has 40 titles, but Tower only has 14.

To their credit, Circuit City, Target and Wal-Mart do not sell titles from the "Girls Gone Wild" collection.

Bookstores usually keep dirty magazines on high shelves or behind counters, away from children. Blockbuster refuses to rent NC-17 and hardcore adult videos altogether.

While Snoop Dogg struggles to make the world of adult entertainment color-blind, it seems that many of our large-scale electronics chains are making it easier for these videos to get into the hands of impressionable kids.

Don't want your kids to be exposed to "Girls Gone Wild" filth? Here's an idea: Don't patronize stores that sell it. Block their retail sites as you would a porn site.

When it hits them in the pocketbook, maybe then they'll get the point.

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East Carolina University and The Minority Voice Newspaper Combine To Collect Historical Facts Of Local African Americans

staff writer
Minority Voice

East Carolina University, in cooperation with THE 'M' VOICE newspaper, is bridging the history gap. Together, they are giving each African American citizen of Greenville and Pitt County the opportunity to record their stories, their family's history and the chance to tell of their real-life experiences. These historical recollections will forever be archived in East Carolina University's library to be available for all and to be read by future generations. Whether it is your story or that of a deceased loved one, this unprecedented effort to record stories from the descendants of America's slaves will become a valuable piece of history that most American librar-

ies have neither seen nor had available.

This is a search for the truth, an effort for black people's story to be told correctly and the chance to look back to and from which we have come. We have the help of columnist and retired librarian, Mrs. Beatrice Maye, to assist in compiling names of area residents. However, none of this is possible without you. You are the person who really knows your history. Let's go down memory lane so that all can access the truth and rich history of a people who rose from a past that includes memories too painful to recall and an array of accomplishments that were made against insurmountable odds. Do not let it be said that you said nothing. What future gen-

erations know of you and your community depends on your telling it NOW!

How can your story be recorded?

Join us October 20, 2003 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at ECU's Greenville Center, located 2200 South Charles Boulevard here in Greenville. Shuttle service is available for those who wish to be picked up. Call THE 'M' VOICE office at 252-757-0365 to reserve your space and to get your story recorded. ECU students of journalism, along with professors, will be on hand to begin what is destined to be a great moment in history. This is one of the most important events to ever occur in our community. Be a part and be heard. Join us as we give God the glory.

Violence against the homeless

by Bernice Powell Jackson
—Guest Columnist—

In Cleveland, Public Square is the symbolic heart of the city. It is neither east nor west in a city where everyone is identified by whether they live on the east side or the west side. It is the place where the Cleveland Orchestra holds its annual free Independence Day concert. It is the place where, until economic hard times hit a few years ago, there was an ice skating rink set up amid the Christmas decorations. It is the place where monuments honor veterans and where key Cleveland financial and corporate entities are located. It is also the place where homeless persons were attacked with stun guns while sleeping last month.

Not too long after that attack, I received an email and an essay written by a seminary student in St. Louis on the growing number of attacks on the homeless across the nation and I began to look around me. According to the National Coalition Against the Homeless, last year there were 123 homeless persons murdered by non-homeless persons and another 89 violent attacks which did not result in death.

These murders and attacks against the homeless are not just violent crimes, they are hate crimes. They include horrible beat-

ings with baseball bats, beheadings and setting homeless persons on fire. They are directed against homeless persons because they are homeless and vulnerable; mentally disabled or addicted and vulnerable; alone and vulnerable.

Some of the attackers are White supremacy group members, such as those in the Pacific Northwest, who have attacked White homeless men, telling them they need "more White

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pride." Some attackers are individual citizens who harbor hatred against the homeless or see themselves on a mission to cleanse the world. Some attackers are thrill-seeking teenagers in some horrible "Lord of the Flies" moment. Indeed, most of the attackers of homeless persons were teenagers and young adults.

The attackers assault the homeless because they feel they can get away with it. Crimes against the homeless, except the most egregious, receive little media attention. Some of the attacks on the homeless are never reported to the police, especially in cities where po-

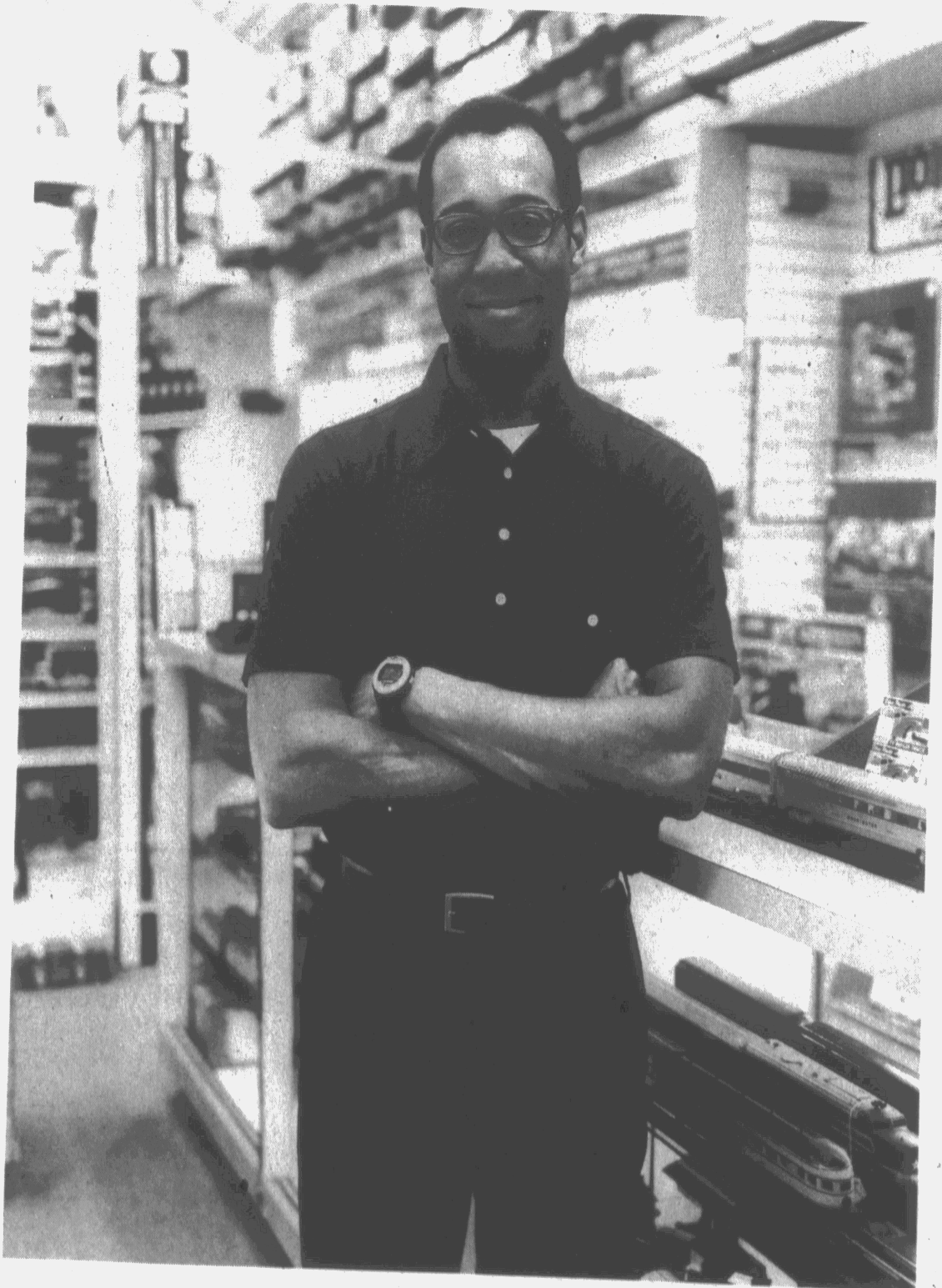
lice target the homeless for arrest for vagrancy and so-called "quality of life" violations.

As our society has de-humanized homeless persons over the past decades and rendered them invisible, attackers feel little remorse about attacking homeless persons. When talk show host Michael Savage said last year that society should take "bums" and beat them up, throw them in a van and take them to a work camp, he, in effect, gave public permission to attackers.

Yet, we know from the U.S. Conference of Mayors and from governmental and human service agencies across the nation that homelessness is rising. One of the most frightening aspects of this increase is the number of working families with children now homeless. There is no reason to believe they will be immune from this violence against homeless persons.

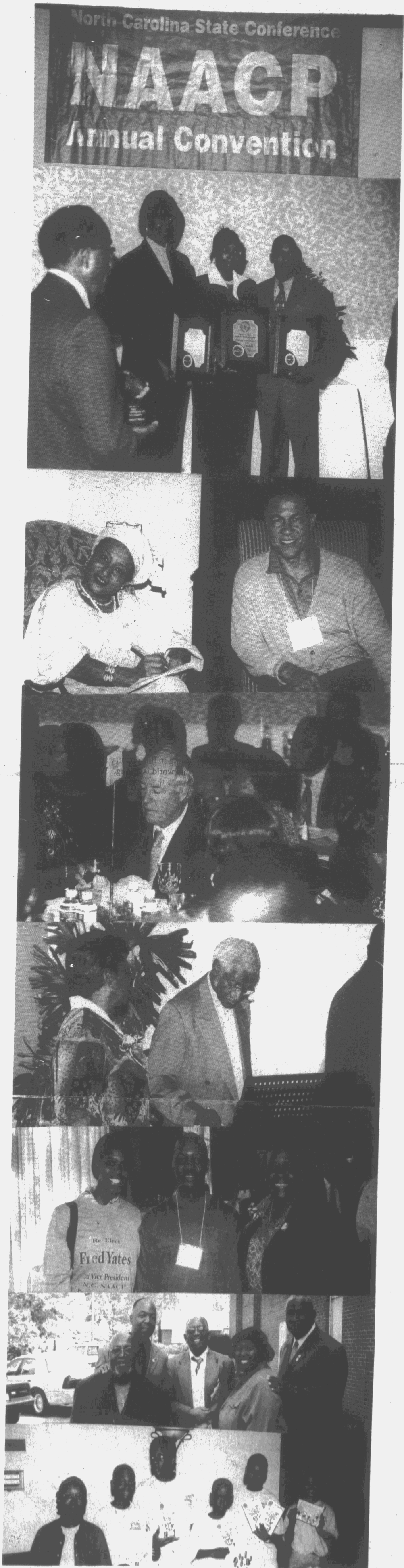
As a society, we will be judged not by our strength, but by how we treat the most vulnerable. As communities, we can insist that we stop both criminalizing and ignoring the homeless and find creative ways to provide housing and human services for homeless persons, even in difficult financial times. As parents, we can monitor the activities of our teenagers and talk to them about the value of all of God's children. As individuals, we can write our Congresspersons and urge them to include the homeless in hate crimes legislation and insist that our nation invest in affordable housing for all Americans.

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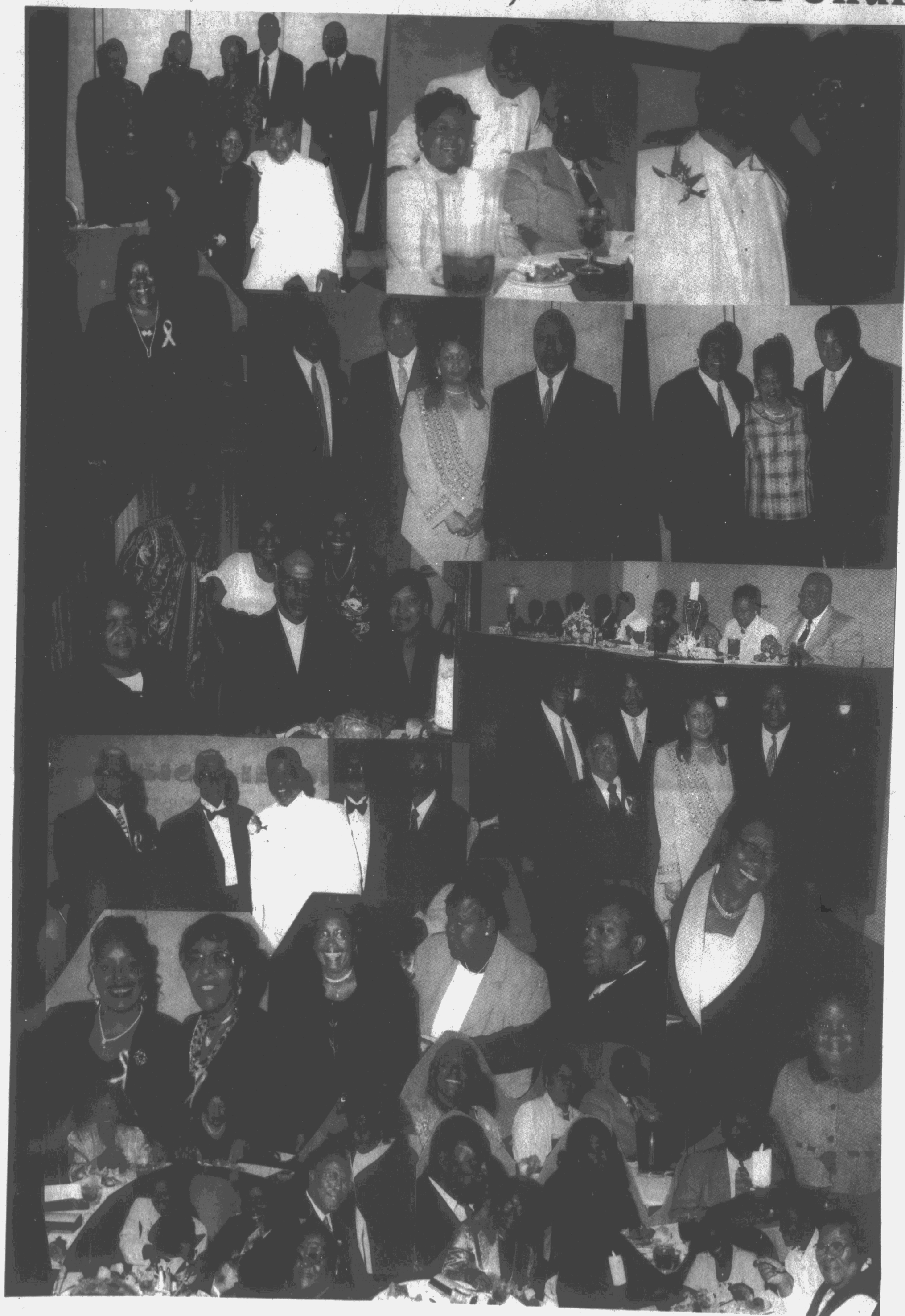


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Reflections, Expressions and Reviews



Ms. Suejette Jones

FORMER NEGRO LEAGUE PLAYERS FACE HARD TIMES

In the past few years, former Negro League baseball players have been honored with congressional declarations, invited to throw ceremonial first pitches at major league jerseys are in fashion, selling in sporting goods stores alongside the uniform tops and caps of today's stars.

But the former Negro League players—one as old as 101—say that while they are also

they don't want any handouts, but they could use some help.

Professional baseball was segregated until 1947, when Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier. But the last team to integrate, the Boston Red Sox, did not do so until 1959. In 1953, half of the 16 teams denied black players the opportunity to earn a major league salary and the pension that went with it, leaving open the question of whether anyone should be responsible for their financial well-being now.

An undisclosed number of former Negro Leaguers and their families have gotten help from the Baseball-funded charity that helps former players, umpires, coaches and scouts. The 64-year-old widow of Hall of Famer Leon Day, struggles today for clothing and her many prescriptions, and she could not afford to have her car repaired when it broke down. Her daughter also struggles with her health; she and her son have slept in the living room of her mother's two-bedroom apartment for more than a year. There is no pension plan that covers widows of Negro Leaguers. Benjamin "Billy" Felder, 76, who played from

calling for congressional hearings on the matter. The NAACP passed a resolution at its annual convention in July in Miami Beach.

Raydell "Bo" Maddix, a left-handed pitcher for the Indianapolis Clowns, says he pitched against Willie Mays, hung out with Ernie Banks and brainstormed with Jackie Robinson. "They could give us a little something", says Maddix of Major League Baseball. "They could give us something to last the rest of our lives with the baseballs they throw away.....Just give the old Negro Leaguers a shot in the arm. It don't make me angry. It just makes me disappointed, because I know they could afford to do this and it wouldn't even be a drop in the bucket." (Current major leaguers minimum salary in \$300,000 with a \$16,200 annual lifetime pension for each year of service).

Extracted from an article by Steinberg and Sheinin

There are some of us who can recall the days of Herbert "Briefcase" Simpson, Buck Leonard (Rocky Mount, N.C.)

getting very old, becoming sick and many of them, and their wives, are dying poor. They get little or no revenue from the merchandise sales or from a museum that honors them. Most of the living former players are not eligible for a \$10,000 Negro League pension that has been offered by Major League Baseball since 1997. These players were playing baseball in the prime of their lives. When they turned 65, there was no money available for them except a meager Social Security check. Many of them live in destitution. They are a proud group of men and

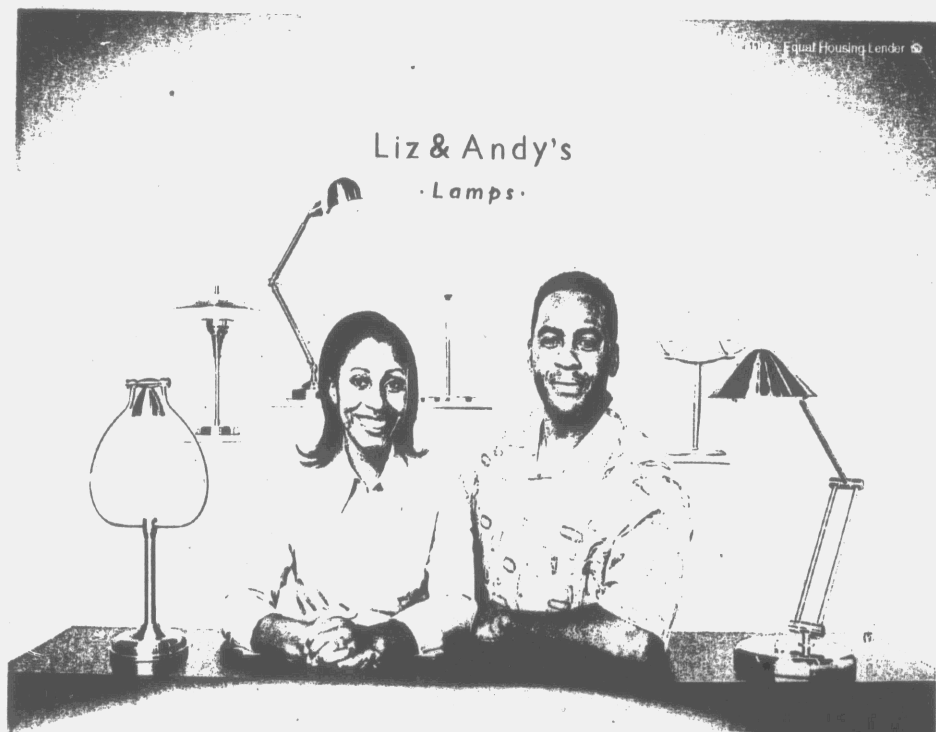
1945-1948 with various teams, struggles to pay for his year-old hospital bills from a heart attack, can't cover his prescription costs and lives in a house owned by his brother.

Several ex-players have pleaded for an expansion of the Major League pension plan that originates from an industry with revenues in excess of three billion dollars in 2001. Democratic Senator Bill Nelson of Florida says he has tried in vain for two years to land a meeting with the Commissioner of Baseball, and is considering

who played for the Homestead Grays, Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Wilmer Fields (Manassas, Virginia) and Ernest Burke, who played for the Baltimore Elite Giants from 1946-1948. Some noted Negro League teams were: the Birmingham Black Barons; Chicago American Giants; Homestead Grays; Indianapolis Clowns; and the Albuquerque Dukes of the West Texas-New Mexico League.

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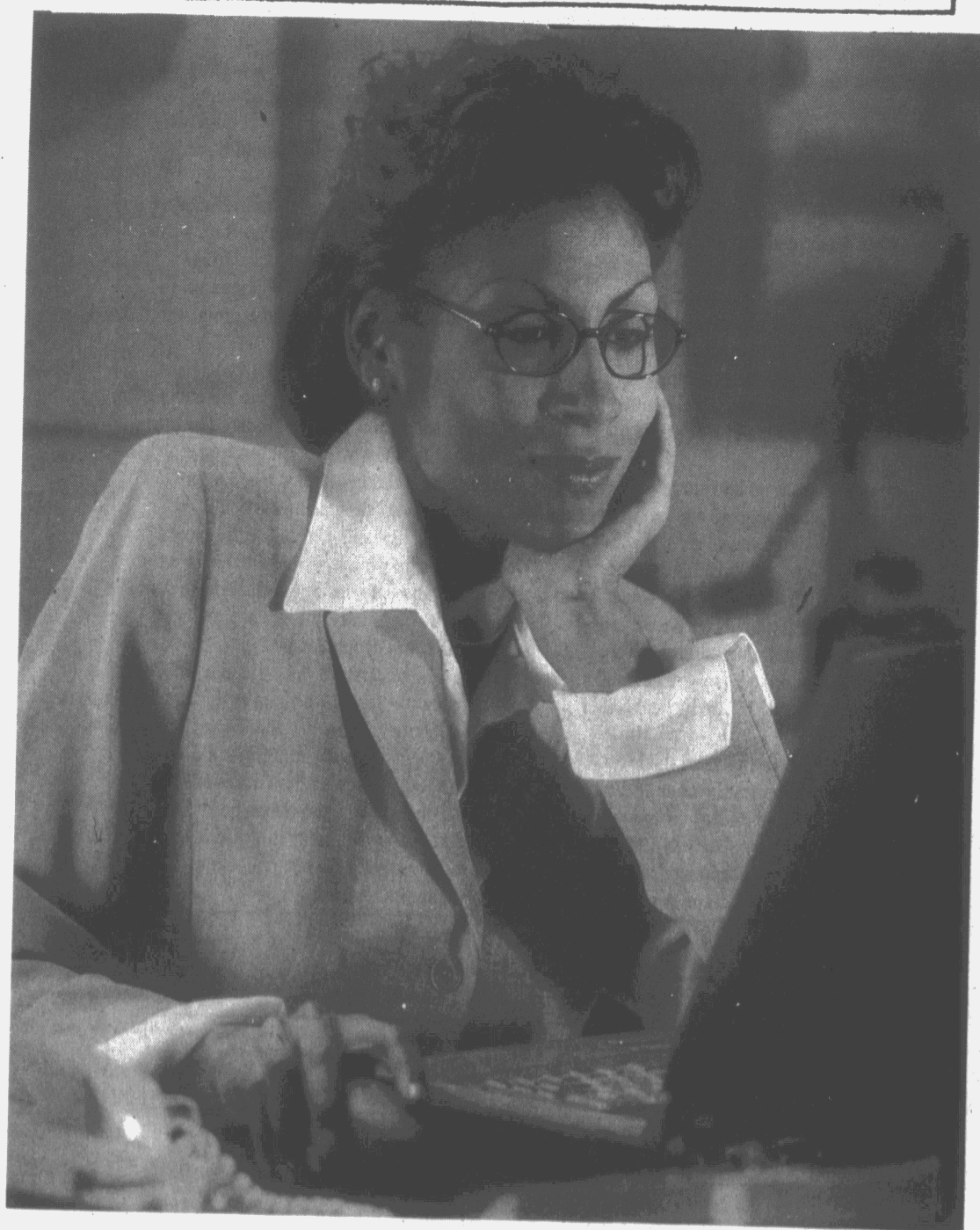
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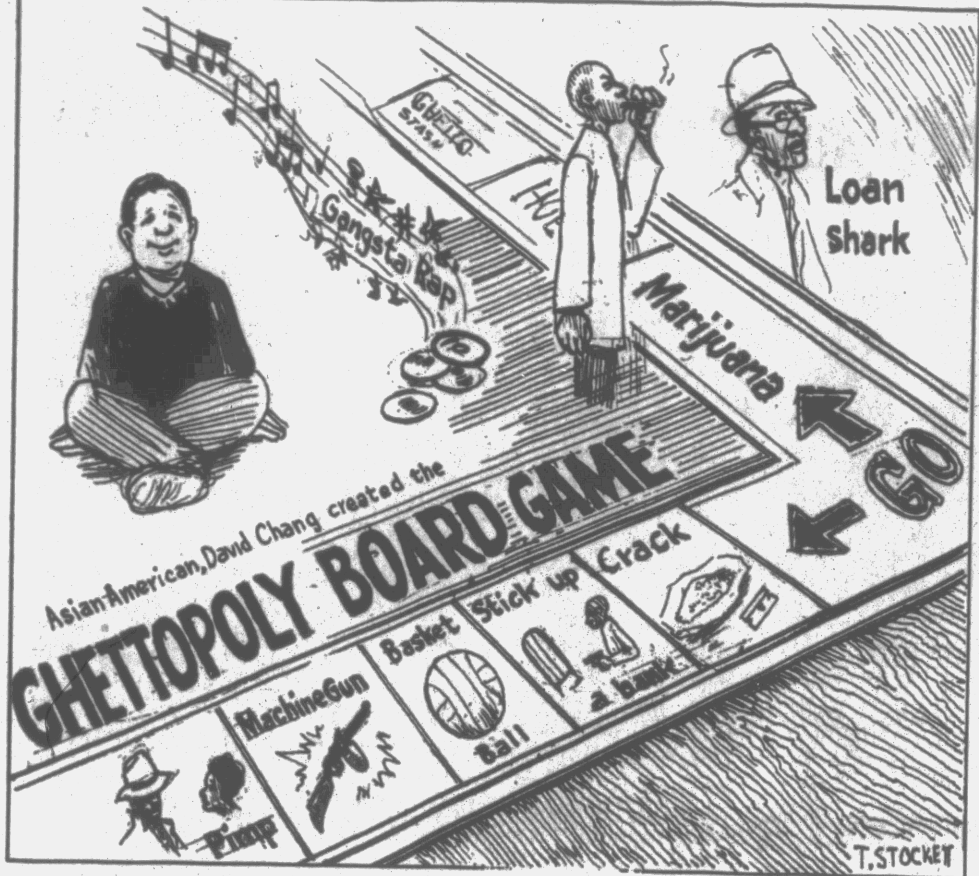
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Ghettopoly board game: Wake-up call on racism

Eight years ago, when Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, national chair of the National Congress of Black Women, urged her organization to adopt as one of its initiatives a program to "lead the assault against 'gangsta rap' and misogynistic lyrics that are directed toward African-American youths and threaten the moral foundation of the African-American family and community," few could envision the great impact this kind of music was having on our families.

Dr. Tucker and her group went to war against Time Warner, distributor of Inner Scope music, and Time Warner stopped producing and selling it. But Blacks soon emerged as the "fronts" and rappers continued to make millions by selling to the White and Black communities songs that degraded Black women and families, at the same time creating a culture all its own.

Many came to believe this was the kind of culture that existed in the Black community, and it was hard to tell the world otherwise. As Dr. Tucker said, it was "entertainment genocide that was trying to purposely destroy our people."

Thus, it is no wonder that an Asian-American, David Chang, has created the Ghettopoly board game using the same language of gangsta rappers.

Ghettopoly, now the subject of a growing nationwide protest against Urban Outfitters, the retail store that sells it, is just the kind of wake-up call needed to once and for all show how damaging bad music can be, not just to the Black community, but to the nation at large.

Ghettopoly is similar to Monopoly, but instead of sporting a top hat, cane and mustache, the Ghettopoly guy is a thuggish, bandana-wearing Black man with bug eyes, peering over dark glasses. He clenches a marijuana cigarette and holds an Uzi in one hand and a bottle of malt liquor in the other.

Game cards include "ghetto stash" and "hustle" cards, a loan shark tray, 40 crack houses, 17 projects, pink-slip cards, seven game pieces ("Pimp," "Hoe," "40 Oz.," "Machine Gun," "Marijuana Leaf," "Basketball" and "Crack") and counterfeit money. Players draw "hustle" and "ghetto stash" cards with directions such as, "You're a little short on loot, so you decided to stick up a bank; collect \$75" and "Steal \$\$\$ if you pass Let \$ Roll."

The *Seattle Times* reported that the local NAACP conducted a protest in front of the Urban Outfitters store, and forced it to remove the game from its shelves. Seattle NAACP president Carl Mack, the *Times* reported, said the game's overt use of racial stereotypes is an insult

to the Black community that would not be tolerated.

"They can expect that their whole holiday season is going to be made tough by the NAACP," he said, according to the *Times*.

Hasbro, maker of Monopoly, issued a statement: "We find this game to be reprehensible and a violation of our intellectual property rights. We have sent a cease-and-desist letter to Mr. Chang."

In its Oct. 10 edition, the *Massachusetts Daily Collegian* reported that Ghettopoly is being marketed toward a young crowd, an excellent reflection of the game's maturity level.

The newspaper said, "Undoubtedly, Ghettopoly is crude, racist and offensive. It advertises a message about a lifestyle highly popularized in our culture, and an inaccurate mes-

sage wallowing in the stereotypical depths of ignorance. Sadly, Ghettopoly may simply be a by-product of a cultural phenomenon - the likeness of an image marketed by the hip-hop industry - as evidenced by the details of the game mirroring the subject matter of many MTV hip-hop and rap music videos."

The Rev. Michael Pfleger told the *Chicago Defender*, "It is not only insulting and ignorant, but it's shameful. It promotes the absolute worst

of racism. It's racial pornography. It takes the worst elements of race prejudice and begins to glorify it and raise it up."

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium released a statement by Rep. Mike Honda, a Democrat, that condemns Urban Outfitters for selling the racist board game and demands that the company pull the product from its shelves.

It further said that Ghettopoly (www.ghettopoly.com) spreads very damaging stereotypes of African Americans in inner cities. "The fact that Urban Outfitters would sell this game demonstrates racial insensitivity, and a serious lack of judgment," the statement concluded.

Have the gangsta rappers heard the protest? Do you think they have any knowledge of what their music and ugly, insulting words have done to their own community, where their mothers, sisters, aunts and daughters live?

Those who understand the damaging effects of all this should sign the petition being circulated on the Internet demanding that Urban Outfitters stop selling Ghettopoly. At the same, time they should join with Dr. Tucker and the National Congress of Black Women (at 301-562-8000) and support this group in its drive to get people to stop buying the records of foul-mouthed gangsta rappers.

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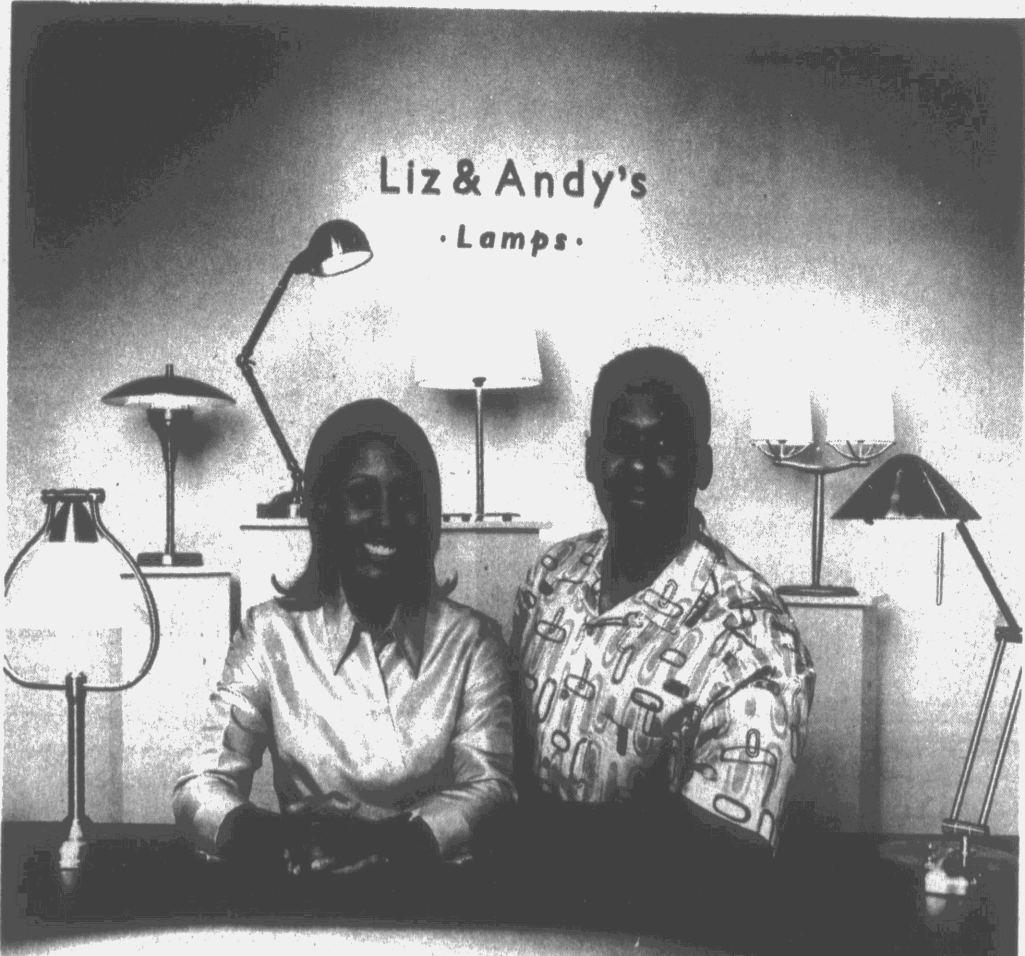
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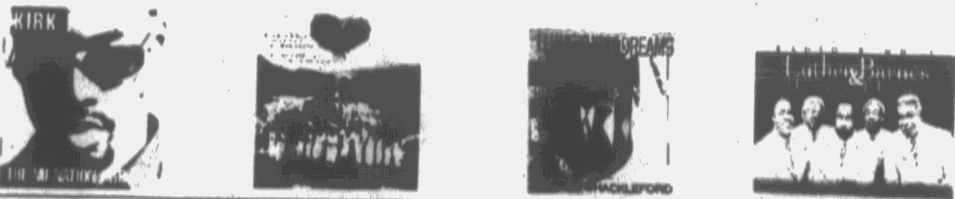
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Does Racial Discrimination Still Exist in America?

Commentary



By William Reed

Whites say "No," blacks say "Yes!" All Americans admit racial prejudice exists but the perceptions of actual racial discrimination differ widely between whites and blacks. In a 2003 Gallup poll, 81 percent of blacks said they had experienced racially-motivated discrimination during the past year, while a plurality of whites feels that blacks exaggerate the amount of discrimination they experience. Although hundreds of thousands of racial discrimination cases are filed each year by blacks, 69 percent of whites say race relations are "good or very good."

The business of America is business, and 75 percent of Americans believe that Corporate America has done an adequate-to-good job of fighting discrimination and protecting diversity in the workplace. "Corporate Responsibility" policies have yielded many jobs and contracts for blacks in the past 30 years. Ironically, America's corporations have been both the champion of, and the worst perpetrator against racial equality.

In 1996, officials of the Texaco Corporation were recorded on tape making derogatory remarks about blacks. When made public, those remarks cost Texaco \$175 million. Texaco's was the largest employment discrimination settlement ever; until two years later, when Coca-Cola Co. paid a record \$192.5 million to

America's whites contend that racial discrimination is on the wane.

settle a class action case brought by African American employees claiming they'd been systematically bypassed for raises and promotions. Coke's record settlement may soon be eclipsed by one pending for \$1 billion. The U.S. Supreme Court has allowed a class-action discrimination lawsuit brought by African American managers against Sodexho Alliance's U.S. food services unit.

The lawsuit, filed in March 2001, alleges the company discriminated against African American employees on promotion and pay decisions at many of its U.S. locations. Over 2,000 employees seek damages from Sodexho that could total \$1 billion. The blacks accuse the company of denying promotions and engaging in a wide array of discriminatory practices and want management to revise promotion procedures. The workers' representative, Kerry Alan Scanlon, says that black managers "face a glass wall, as well as a glass ceiling, because they have been shunted into dead-end 'black' accounts that serve and are supervised mostly by African Americans."

Sodexho Alliance was founded in 1966. Today it is the world's leader in food and management services. World-wide it has 305,000 employees, operations in 70 countries and 22,200 sites. Sodexho Alliance is an endorser of the Global Sullivan Principles for Corporate Responsibility.

Sodexho, Inc. is the North American subsidiary of Sodexho Alliance. It is the largest food services company in the United States and the leading provider of food and facilities management in the United States and Canada. Sodexho, Inc. has more than 110,000 employees and \$5.5 billion in annual sales. The company's services include: food service, housekeeping, grounds keeping, plant operations and maintenance, asset and materials management, and laundry services to corporations, health care

facilities, schools, universities and colleges. A partner to the Marriott chain, Sodexho, Inc. is headquartered in Gaithersburg, MD.

Sodexho employees' contention that they are "shunted into dead-end jobs" is bolstered by similar acts across Corporate America. Often, companies allow certain departments or divisions to become top-heavy with black employees and managers while others are virtually lily-white. This illustrates that the "ole boy" system never left. Middle-and-top corporate managers identify certain employees as "go getters" and put them on "fast tracks," benignly excluding blacks from upward mobility. Over the years, blacks find themselves in dead-end jobs, or stacked in corporate ghetto positions — either way these jobs keep blacks away from access to vital internal company information and decision-making.

Although the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) alone handles over 85,000 racial discrimination cases each year regarding racial discrimination in work places, the majority of the America's whites contend that racial discrimination is on the wane. To be sure, African Americans have made some gains among private and public sector companies and organizations. But the bulk of blacks are two times more likely to be unemployed as whites, and when they do get jobs, few blacks, particularly males, can crack glass ceilings to the upper levels. There are only a handful of black CEOs at Fortune 1000 corporations; black managers make up less than ten percent of the total managerial positions for all races and earn, on average, less than their white counterparts. Corporate America leads all segments of American society in "equitable treatment" of blacks, yet they still face an avalanche of lawsuits. The race-based lawsuits filed in our "color-blind" society indicate many still just have their eyes shut.



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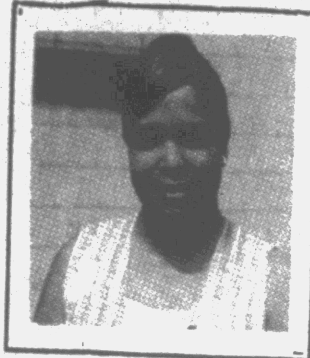
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THE RESTORATION OF ONENESS: THE CALLING OF A WIFE

A wife is called by God to demonstrate her Christlike love for her husband by the healthy way she respects and submits to him.

A wife's call to respect her husband (Eph. 5:33). A wife can respect her husband when she knows that God has given him a role and responsibility for which he will be held accountable. She respects him as an expression of her desire to honor the Lord. She gives weight to her husband's calling to protect and provide for her "just as Christ loved the church" (v.25). She doesn't take lightly this responsibility given to him by God.

It's important to understand, however, that if a wife truly honors her husband, she will help him remain true to his

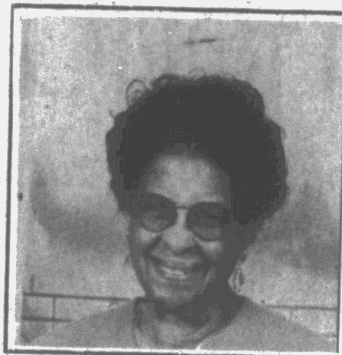
commitments. While offering herself to God, she offers husband an inner beauty that helps him enjoy the opportunity to nourish and cherish her (Eph. 5:29; 1 Pet. 3:4-6).

A wife's call to submit to her husband is found in Ephesians 5:22, "Wives submit to your husband's right to call all the shots and the woman's duty to do whatever he tells her to do. Many abusive marriages are built on this hellish view of submission. It deadens the heart and soul of both partners and often leads to violence. Nothing could be further from what God had in mind. A woman is never called to put up with abuse under the guise of submission. Instead, by living out her calling to respect her husband, she will hold him accountable for an abuse of his God-given strength.

The term submission in the context of marriage literally means that a wife is to voluntarily align herself under the loving protection and provision God built into a husband's role. Such submission relates to a woman's original calling to be a "suitable helper" for her husband. There is something about a woman's having been made to complete what was lacking in a man that is reflected in God's call for a unique kind of submission in marriage. Submission in no way diminishes a woman's value, spiritual equality, or place of honor in the relationship.

In the Garden of Eden, submission was safe. Since the fall, however, willful submission to a sinful man has become an act of vulnerability for a woman. It directly cuts against the grain of her curse (Gen. 3:16). Instead of doing what self-protection would dictate-working hard to control her husband so that she doesn't experience the pain of his failure to love-she puts her hope for security in God (1 Pet. 3:5), not in her husband, remembering that one purpose of her submission is "so that no one will malign the word of God" (Ti.2:5).

From The Desk Of Mrs Beatrice Maye



A Checklist for Kids and Teens

1. I feel loved and supported in my family.
2. I can go to my parents or guardians for advice and support. I have frequent, in-depth conversations with them.
3. I know three or more other adults (besides my parents or guardians) that I can go to for advice and support.
4. My neighbors encourage and support me.
5. My school provides a caring, encouraging environment.
6. My parents or guardians help me succeed in school.
7. I feel valued by adults in my community.
8. I am given useful roles in my

community.

9. I serve in my community one or more hours each week.

10. I feel safe at home, at school, and in my neighborhood.

11. My family has clear rules and consequences for my behavior, and they monitor my whereabouts.

12. My school has clear rules and consequences for my behavior.

13. Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring my behavior.

14. My parents or guardians and other adults in my life model positive, responsible behavior.

15. My best friends model responsible behavior.

16. Both my parents or guardians and my teachers encourage me to do well.

17. I spend three or more hours each week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts.

18. I spend three or more hours each week in religious services or participating in spiritual activities.

19. I spend one or more hours each week in religious services or participating in spiritual activities.

20. I go out with friends "with nothing special to do" two or fewer nights each week.

21. I want to do well in school.

22. I like to learn new things.

23. I do an hour or more of homework each school day.

24. I care about my school.

25. I read for pleasure three or more hours each week.

26. I believe that it's really important to help other people.

27. I want to help promote equality and reduce world poverty and hunger.

28. I act on my convictions. I stand up for my beliefs.

29. I tell the truth-even when it's not easy.

30. I accept and take personal responsibility for my actions and decisions.

31. I believe that it's important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.

32. I'm good at planning ahead and making decisions.

33. I'm good at making and keeping friends.

34. I know and am comfortable with people of different cultural, racial, or ethnic backgrounds.

35. I resist negative peer pressure and avoid dangerous situations.

36. I try to resolve conflicts nonviolently.

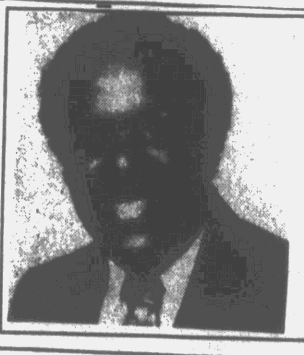
37. I believe that I have control over many things that happen to me.

38. I feel good about myself.

39. I believe that my life has a purpose.

40. I'm optimistic about my future.

Spiritual Reflections



Apostle George Hawkins

HOW STRONG IS YOUR THEOLOGY?

Greeting:

It has been my experience from observing church folks that many of them know about Jesus but they don't really know Him. It's one thing to know about a person but it's another thing to really know that I'm the Pastor of Tabernacle Center Church of Deliverance, you may even know my age, the name of my mother and father, but you still may not know me, yet you will tell others that you know me because you know some things about me. That's how it is with Jesus many people know about Him but they don't

Really know Him as who He really is.

We are living in a day and time that we must know who Jesus really is. My Pastor,

Bishop T.D. Jakes ask us a question at the last leaders conference that I attended and I'm going to ask you that very same question. How strong is your theology? At first it

sounded like a strange question but when he began to analyze it I fully understood the essence of what he was asking us. He

wanted to know are we basing our theological

Approach to Jesus on what the Bible declares or are we basing it on what have been

passed down to us by tradition. You see we are living in a time that most of us as Christians

don't even want to take the time and study the Scriptures for ourselves we rather gain knowledge from the pulpit but the Bible declares in 2 Timothy

2:15 that every person should study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that

needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. You see the strength of your theology (study of God)

will give you a relationship

with Him in return He will reveal to you the hidden mysteries that is given to those Christian that diligently search the Scriptures.

Now, the question of how strong is your theology remains. Do you base your theology on what people say or what God has spoken? Do you know and believe that the Bible is the spoken Word of God. Do you know enough

Scriptures to know that you have passed from death to life? The question is personal and should be approached in a personal manner. We

need to search the Scriptures, study the Scriptures, and meditate on the Scriptures because when you draw

near to God He will draw near to you. God has charge each of us apostles and evangelists to have a strong theological

foundation based on what the Scriptures have declared. Our knowledge of the Word should be so great that we can be like Job who desired the

Word of God more than his necessary food. Strengthen your knowledge of God and do all that is written and you

will then strengthen your relationship with Him. When your relationship with God is strengthened your witness-

ing will change then you can tell a dying world that the wages of sin is death and the gift of God is eternal life. Get rooted and grounded in that Word.

Apostle George Hawkins

Honor Your Loved Ones In The Minority Voice

NELSON HOPKINS, JR.

Nelson Hopkins was born February 22, 1891 in Pitt County. Died April 1, 1973 in the Quigges Clinic, Tarboro, N.C. at the age of 82 and is buried in the Sunrest Memorial Park, Farmville, N.C. He was the son of the late Sina and Nelson Hopkins, Sr.

Mr. Hopkins grew up in a Christian home. He went to school in Pitt County.

He married Miss Amanda Artis in 1913. They lived in Farmville; while living in Farmville, he ran Hopkins Theatre and Café.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins separated, he moved to Bruce, N.C. where he ran the Greenwreath Park.

Later he bought a farm over the river in which he had tenants and anything else from farm products to animals. He had the prettiest peacock.

"Nep" as we sometimes called him served parties as his home on his long back porch for different organizations. His cheese biscuits that he cooked on a wood stove were the best.

There were tourist facilities for persons that wanted to get away from the busy city. He wanted to live in the house by the side of the road to be a friend to mankind and he did.

Mr. Hopkins was a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church. While a member, he served on the Trustee Board, joined the Willing Workers and Dollar Clubs.

Each year he would prepare a big dinner for his club members. Sometimes he would invite other friends. I can distinctly remember Daddy saying to anyone that would ask to take food with them. "Eat all the food with them. "Eat all the food you can hold, but I'm a dam if you can carry food with you; if any food is delivered to anyone, I will deliver it, it's my food." Then he would break out in a big laugh.

He was very attentive to friends, the sick, relatives and others that were in need. If they needed food or anything, he would take her class on a trip, he would get if for her. He did that. One night he called and told her he had gotten \$100 from members of the Bar Association for her to take her class to Raleigh, N.C. These were just some of the things Mr. Hopkins did to help people.

On December 9, 1970, he was made an honorary member of the Pitt County Bar Association.

He was also honored by some of his friends with a Gala Affair on his 81st birthday. We did have a great time that night and Dad was as happy as he could be to know that his friends thought much of him. We ate barbecue with all of the trimmings. He received many pretty and valuable gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins' seven children were Vernell Warren of New York City, Rosalie Ross of Indianapolis, Indiana; Charles Hopkins of Farmville, N.C.; J.E. Hopkins (deceased); Arzrow and Nelson Hopkins of Jacksonville, N.C.; and James Milton Hopkins of Greenville, N.C. A foster son was Earnest Barrett (deceased).

Because of all the outstanding work and deeds Mr. Hopkins did during his lifetime, the Hopkins Park and Drive on Evans Street Extension was named in his memory.

Sources: Interviews with family members, Mr. Hopkins' obituary, personal knowledge of James Milton Hopkins



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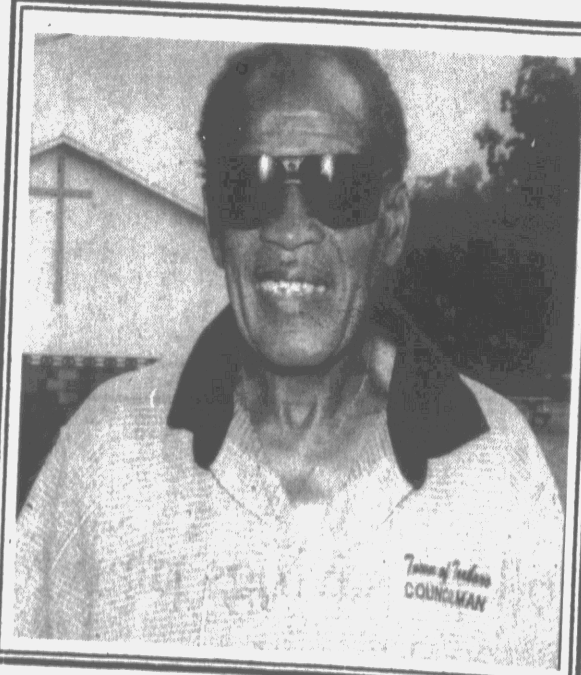


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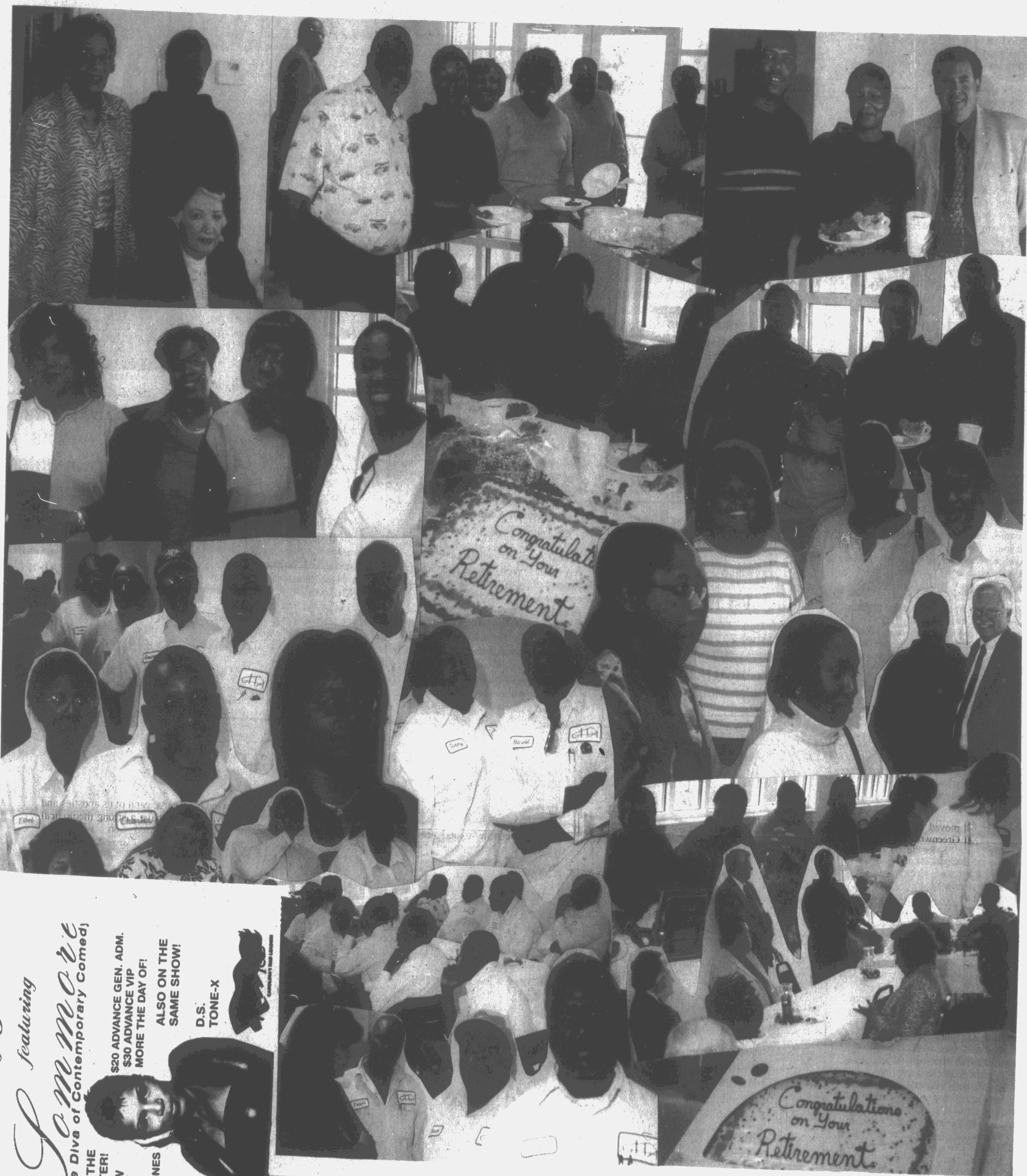
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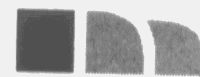


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STRANGE THINGS

Democracy in action

When Laura J. Bertelli, a member of the Longmeadow, Mass. School Committee wouldn't sit in her assigned seat, Chairwoman Mary Ryan-Kusiak adjourned the meeting less than a minute after convening it.

"It was about the refusal of one school committee member to follow rules that protect the school system, the meetings and the public's trust," Ryan-Kusiak said. "It's not about where she sat."

Why don't we do it in the road?

Norwegian condom manufacturer RFSU launched a campaign urging people to have sex outdoors in public places, including the country's royal palace and parliament building.

The ad campaign, titled "Discover Oslo's Pearls," displays prominent tourist sites such as the Vigeland Sculpture Park, with large, white arrows pointing out possible spots for sex. RFSU manager Tone-Berit Lintho conceded that some people may be offended but believes the humor of the campaign will win out. Last summer, RFSU condom vans patrolled places where young people gather, bearing the emblem "Need a condom? Call this number." The call summoned a driver with an emergency delivery.

Foiled again

While Ben N. Rogozensky, 31, was awaiting a hearing at the DeKalb County, Ga., courthouse after being arrested, he asked to use the bathroom. From there, he climbed into the ceiling crawl space and tried to escape. The attempt ended when the barefoot prisoner crashed through the courtroom ceiling and landed in Judge J. Antonio Delcampo's chambers. The judge was in the courtroom, but a technician who was fixing the judge's computer called security to apprehend the errant Rogozensky.

German police reported that a 42-year-old man tried a smash-and-grab robbery at a convenience store in Cologne but thwarted his escape by getting his little finger trapped in a wooden display rack. Police representative Juergen Laggies said the suspect was forced to wait until police arrived to free, then arrest him.

Irony of the week

Officials in Ider, Ala., said a fire truck that had just returned from an emergency call set the firehouse aflame. The truck's engine had been turned off, but a gasoline leak or other malfunction caused a flame under the hood that quickly spread, destroying the building and the vehicle.

Nobel Prize nominee of the week

Automaker Toyota announced it has developed a car that parallel parks itself. Upgrades to the Prius gas-electric hybrid use sensors and automated steering to scan the parking location and help guide the car into the space.

People making a difference

City officials in Murfreesboro, Tenn., adopted a policy requiring all city employees to smell nice at work, because one worker had a persistent problem of body odor, despite repeated counseling. "They were stymied," City Attorney Susan McGannon said, explaining that the ban on odors resulting from a lack of good hygiene or excessive use of cologne or aftershave "further details the city's authority."

When Missouri's Kansas City Public Library announced during its annual food drive that each can or package of food donated would reduce fines for overdue books by \$1, a patron with the last name of Muhammad brought in 600 packages of ramen noodles. Since his family owed only \$100, he asked the library to apply the other \$500 to the fines of anyone else with his last name.

Between a rock and a hard thing

After fighting a seven-year battle to receive a monthly sex allowance from the government, a disabled Dutch man complained that he can't find a prostitute willing to take his money now.

According to Amsterdam's De Telegraaf newspaper, the man is entitled to be reimbursed by his local council for up to \$150 a month spent on sex workers, but he said none of the prostitutes he approached would provide the receipt he needs in order to get his money, because they are worried about declaring any taxable income to the government.

Revenue-enhancement scheme

Edwin Brennan, 85, a former mayor of Whitehall, Pa., asked the borough council to consider charging people \$10 for a license to go through other people's trash. "So much stuff is thrown away, especially in the suburbs," Brennan said, explaining that his proposal would limit the number of licensed scavengers to avoid full-scale ransacking.

Read the fine print

After John Bothe lost his job as track announcer at Batavia Downs in upstate New York, he paid a local radio station \$1,000 to let him host a Saturday sports show. The state Labor Department declared that the unpaid appearance qualified as work and denied him further unemployment benefits. It also insisted that he return \$605 he'd already collected from the agency. Bothe said labor officials explained that conditions for benefits state that the person receiving them must report "any activity that brings in or may bring in income at any time." He conceded that he bought the airtime to improve his chances of finding a paying radio job.

People & Places

In the News

Soulful Diva

Black Entertainment Television (BET), will honor legendary Queen of Soul **Aretha Franklin** at the "Walk of Fame" celebration Oct. 28. The award-winning superstar known for her gospel-charged, classic and soulful sounds will be the 9th star honored at BET's Walk of Fame.

Howard Univ. renames school after pioneer publisher

At its recent annual convocation, Howard University renamed its School of Communications, The John H. Johnson School of Communications after **John H. Johnson**, legendary founder of Johnson Publishing Co., which produces Ebony and Jet magazines. Also honored was **Earl G. Graves**, publisher of Black Enterprise magazine with the Citation of Achievement Award and actor **Ossie Davis** was named a visiting professor to the school beginning in October.

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Oct. 16, 2003

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Haitian president calls for reparations

by **Saeed Shabazz**
Staff Writer

UNITED NATIONS—Jean-Bertrand Aristide, president of Haiti, after stating that slavery was a crime against humanity, told the United Nations General Assembly on September 26, that his generation has the "duty" to call for "restitution and reparations."

He spoke about the genocide inflicted on the Amerindians and then on the 15 million Africans taken as slaves and brought to Haitian soil in 1502. "For three centuries, my continent provide 170 percent of the world's gold reserves, which would equal 2,849,000 tons of gold evaluated at \$36 billion U.S. currency," Mr. Aristide argued. He added that Haiti, though impoverished, would continue to shine like a gleaming beacon beyond the darkness of colonization.

"Haiti is the mother of liberty, and its sons and daughters are the product of that liberty," Mr. Aristide said. He also said that Haiti was the geographical axis for the freedom of all Blacks.

The General Assembly loudly applauded Mr. Aristide's speech, after which a long line of diplomats and officials wanted to greet him in the Indonesian Lounge located behind the General Assembly hall. One diplomat, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told *The Final Call* that Mr. Aristide was "a Black revolutionary."

While Mr. Aristide used the General Assembly debate to push for reparations, other diplomats spoke of the need to strengthen the General Assembly.

Julian Robert Hunte of Saint Lucia, president of the 58th session of the General Assembly, called for the revitalization and strengthening of the assembly. He said that current global problems and challenges had opened a window for the General Assembly to broaden its impact on global affairs, and, in that regard, it needed to move boldly to

respond to criticism with deeds, not words.

"The people of the world look to the United Nations for hope in implementing solutions to their problems," Mr. Hunte said. He expressed his hope that the General Assembly was ready to break new ground and record significant accomplishments. "However, that would require choosing principle over expediency, precision over ambiguity, objectivity over bias, creative thinking over inflexibility," Mr. Hunte stressed.

Mr. Hunte is Minister of External Affairs, International Trade and Civil Aviation, a Senator and Member of Parliament, a Justice of the Peace and a business executive.

But some diplomats spoke of a pessimism that shrouded the world body. Felipe Perez Roquez, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba said he believed that all would agree that the role of the United

Nations was irrelevant, or at least, was on its way to being so.

"Frankly, what role did the General Assembly play today?" asked Mr. Roquez. "Almost none, really," he said. It was merely a forum for debate, without any true influence or practical role whatsoever, he commented. In his view, sadly, international relations are not governed by the purposes or principle of the UN Charter or the respect for the sovereignty of nations. "The unilateral action in Iraq, as well as the imposition of a near 40-year economic blockade on Cuba was proof of that," Mr. Roquez argued.

"The new world order should be founded on the honest and generous recognition by the only remaining superpower that it should contribute to, and not interfere with, the creation of a peaceful planet, where everyone is entitled to justice and development," Mr. Roquez said. Still, he said he believed that the international community should not relinquish multilateralism.

"We cannot relinquish the United Nations and we cannot and should not relinquish the struggle for a world of peace, justice, equal-



Jean-Bertrand Aristide

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—**Jean-Bertrand Aristide, president of Haiti**

ity and development for all," Mr. Roquez added.

Some diplomats are saying that the only solution is to reaffirm the power and prestige of the General Assembly by having it share the power with the Security Council on questions of peace and security, as conceived by the Charter signatories—one nation, one vote.



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(Originally Parent Conference Day for Grades 9-12 was scheduled for October 13, 2003.)
This is now a make up day for the cancellation of the first day of school. All students need to report to school on October 13, 2003.

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Make up Days

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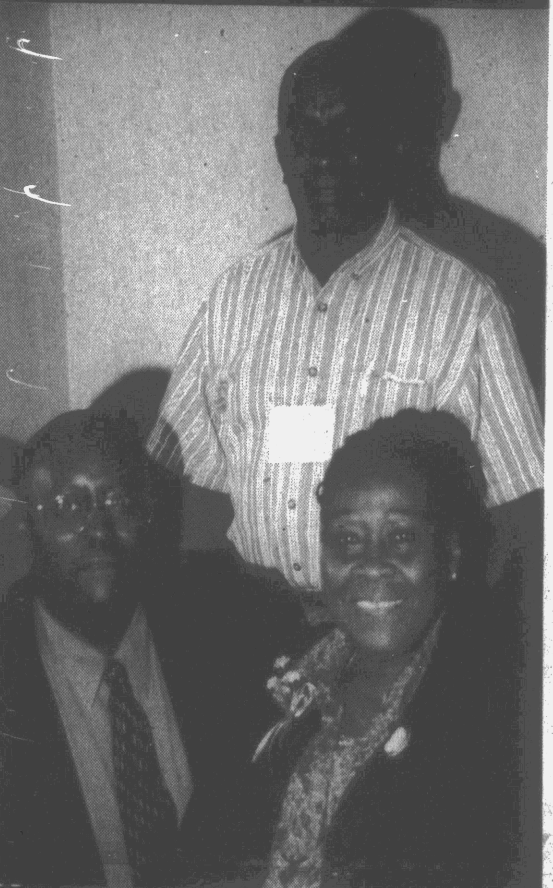
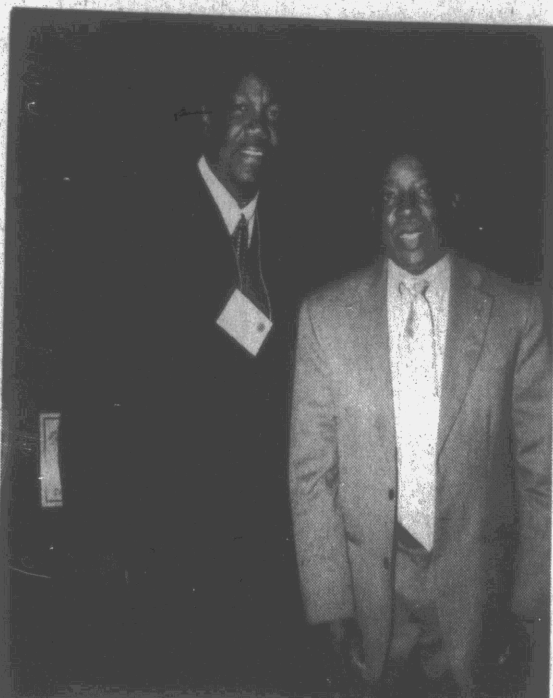
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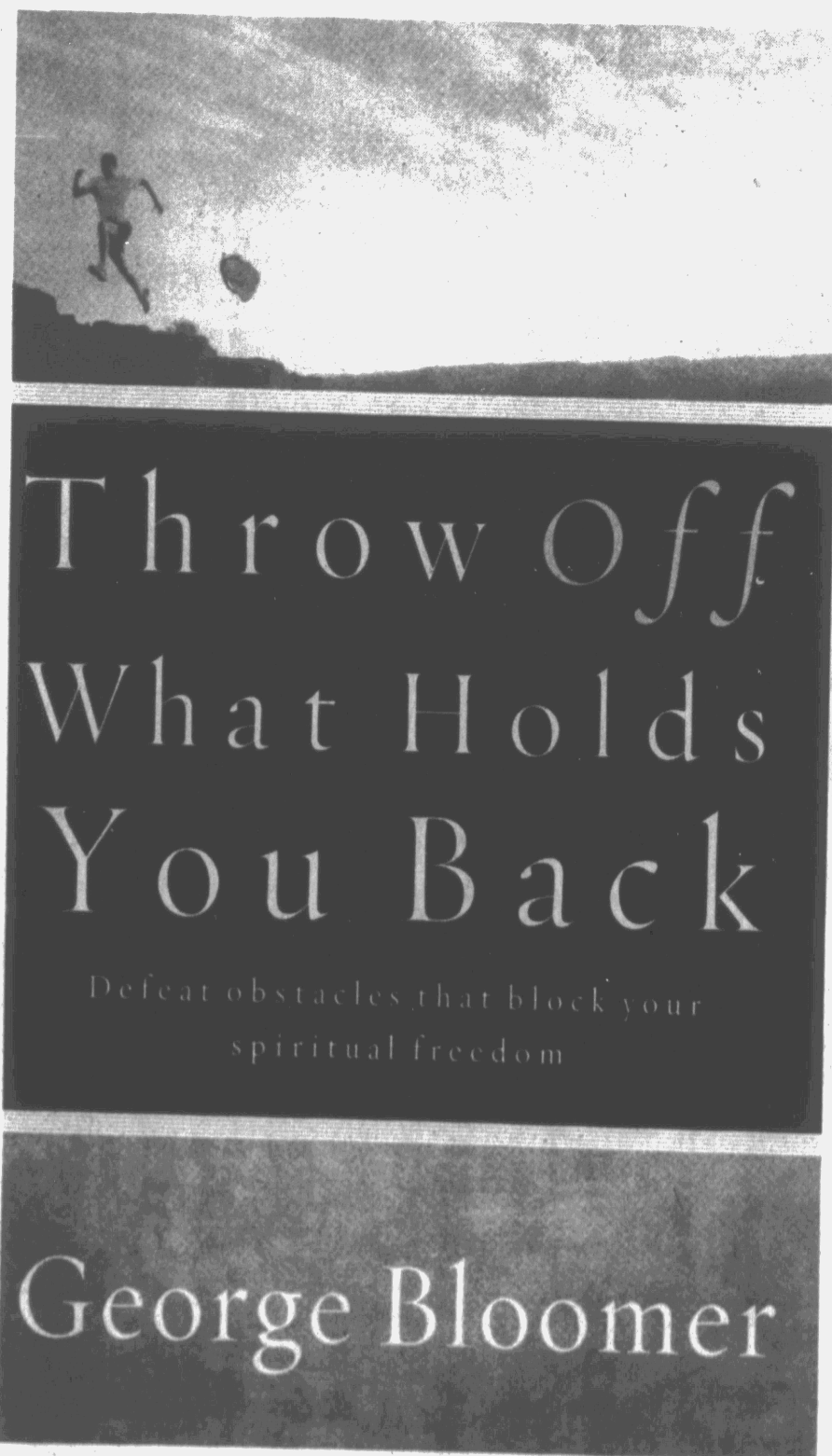
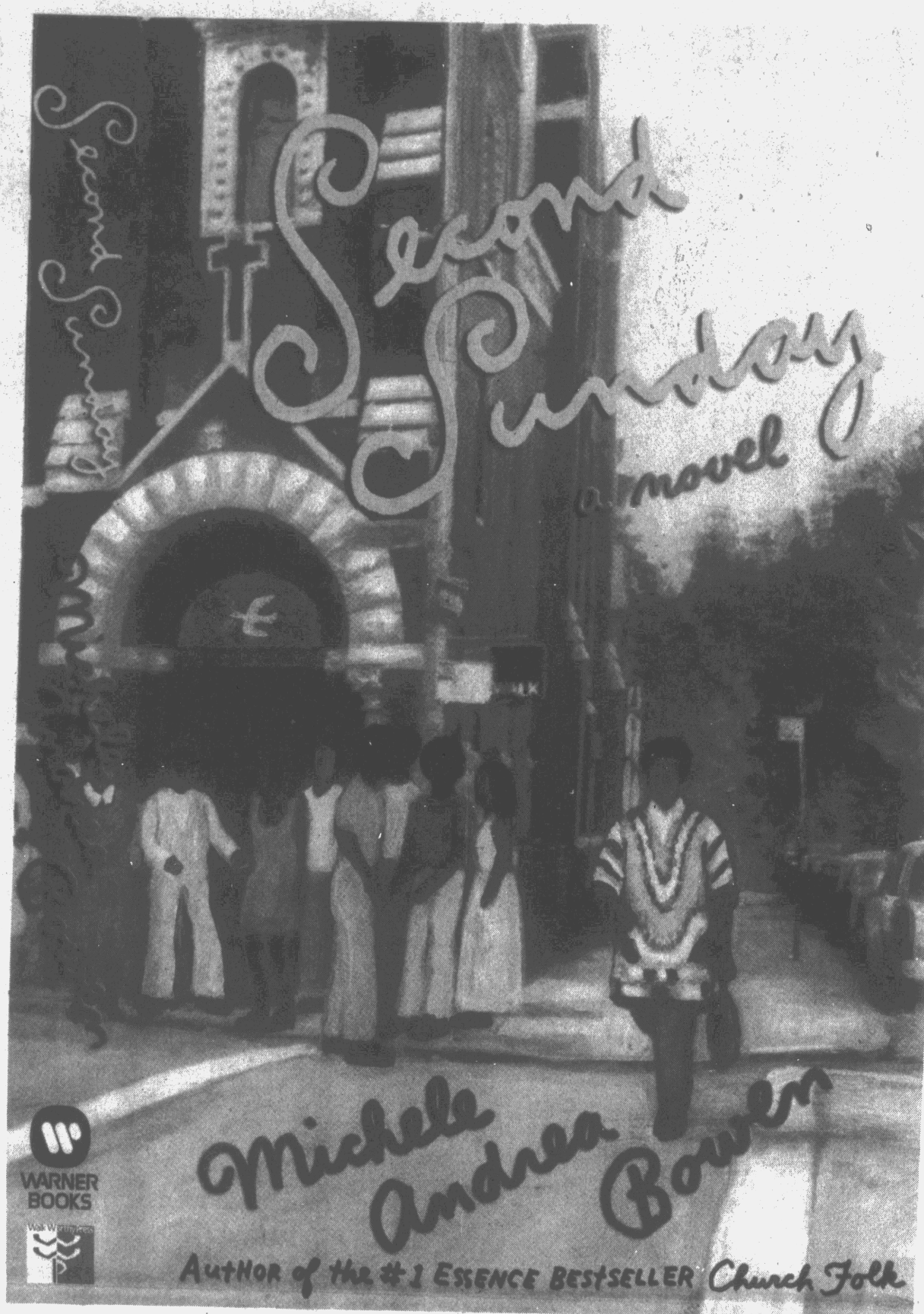
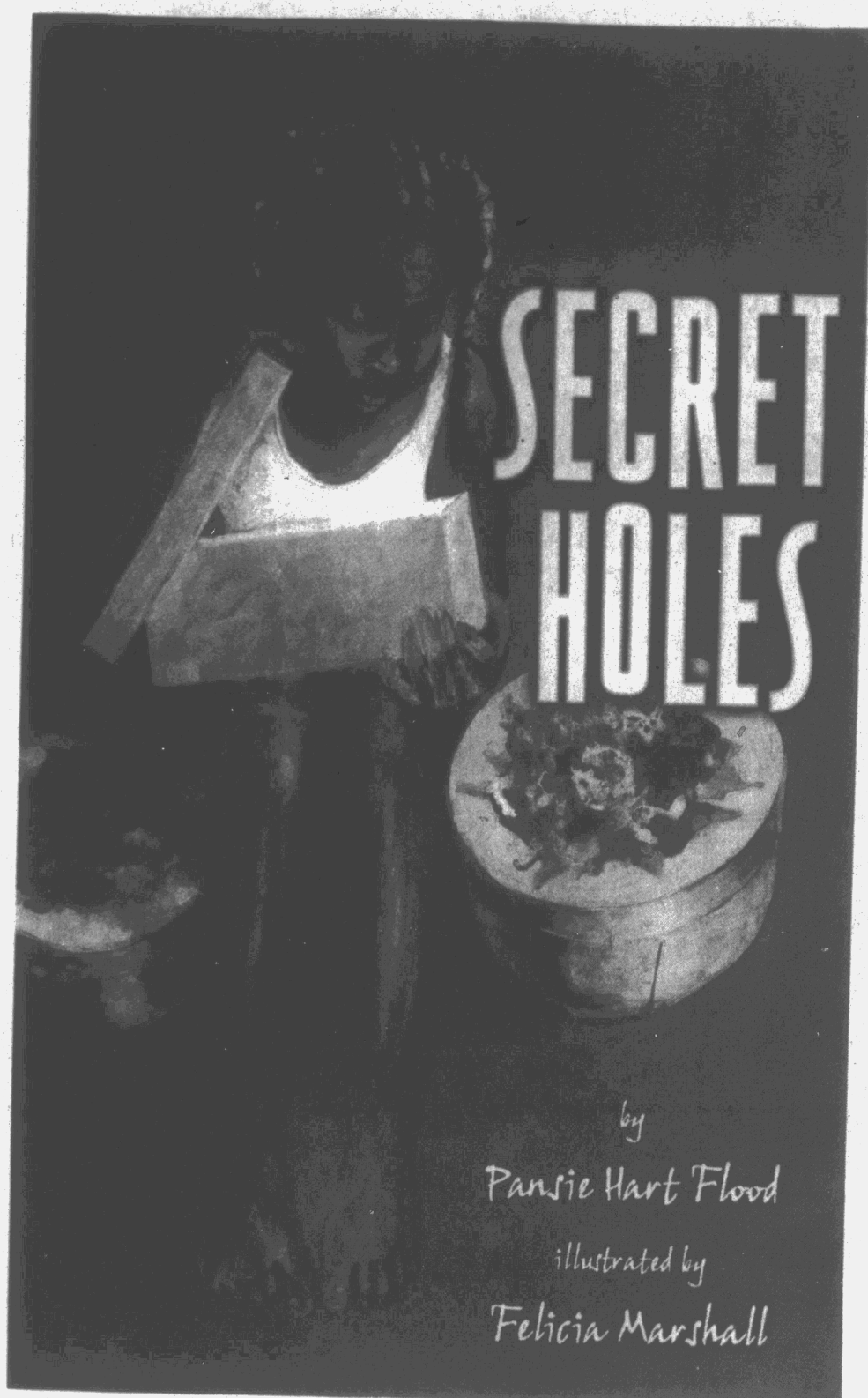
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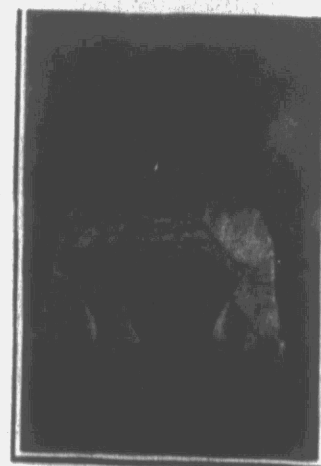
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