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Black Mayors Elected In Four Major Cities

DETROIT--(NBNS)--Blacks were elected mayors of four major cities in balloting last Tuesday. The victories for blacks came in Detroit, Raleigh, N.C., Dayton, Ohio and Grand Rapids, Mich.

One of the biggest victories was scored by Michigan State Senator Coleman A. Young, who narrowly won election as the first black mayor of Detroit.

Young, the 55-year-old former labor organizer, served as senate Democratic leader in Michigan. In the polling last Tuesday he had 229,563 votes to his opponent's 217,231.

Former city commissioner John Nichols, Young's opponent, insisted that the race did not have a divisive effect on the city. The race was almost totally free of racial innuendo, but Young said he was certainly aware racial fears could persist.

"I'm going to insist on equality for everybody. That's what this election is all about," he said in his victory statement.

Young, who carries a .38 caliber revolver for his protection, will replace Mayor Roman Gribbs. He

decided not to run for mayor again.

One of the biggest surprises of the day though was the election of Clarence E. Lightner as the first black mayor of a metropolitan Southern city with a majority white population.

A 52-year-old funeral director, Lightner defeated a white, G. Wesley Williams in a non-partisan race. He had served as mayor pro tem of the city before his election as mayor.

The incumbent mayor, Thomas Bradshaw, did not seek re-election to the post.

Lightner polled 17,733 votes to 15,948 for Williams.

With a population of about 125,000, which is about 30 per cent black, race was not an issue in the campaign. Basically, the voting was against the city's business and development interests and Williams is director of the Raleigh Merchants Bank.

In Dayton, Mayor James H. McGee was re-elected and in Grand Rapids Lyman Tarker was elected.

Prior to Tuesday's balloting, there were 88 black mayors in the country. Now there are 95 black mayors through the nation.

We have marched, we have cried, we have hated, and we have prayed. Now it is time for us to VOTE!! This Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1973, the people of Waterloo stand to gain a voice in City Government. We all know that those elected to City Council on Nov. 6, are now those that recognize our concerns. It is more important, now than ever that the issues which Mary Berdell, stands for, be voiced. We can only do this by electing her to office. This is our last chance for the next two years!

Mary Berdell is vitally concerned about people--all people. Mary Berdell is vitally concerned about the conditions of our streets--all our streets. Mary Berdell is vitally concerned about the lack of facilities for our youth--all the youth. Mary Berdell is vitally concerned about how our tax dollars are being spent. Mary Berdell is vitally concerned about trains that sit across our tracks at the busiest times of the day.

VOTE
NOV. 20, 1973
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MARY BERDELL

Supportive Services Program

The EEO Division of the Contracts Department, Iowa State Highway Commission, has developed a Supportive Services Program to aid 7-2 (2) trainees working on heavy highway construction projects in Iowa. Briefly, this program assists contractors in recruiting prospective trainees and maintaining a good working relationship between

trainee and employer. Our aim is to get trainees on the job and keep them on, through assistance in the program.

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She knows our community. She has worked in three of our schools with our children. She has supported us in these schools whenever we needed it. She still cares and is trying to be more supportive by giving us a voice in City Government. She knows how City Government has been operating. She knows and will see that City Government operates the way

the community wants it to.

Mary Berdell is running as an independent candidate and will answer only to the people. Remember, pull lever (1) B in the Independent section on your ballot.

She pledges to keep you informed. She pledges to develop a youth program for all the youth of the

city. She pledges not to spend our tax dollars, unless she has the feedback from the community. She pledges to see that our streets are cleaned up and old houses torn down. She pledges to meet your needs! It is our city and we have a right to have a voice.

Vote Nov. 20, 1973, Mary Berdell, 4th Ward Council Woman.

Doctors Sterilizing The Poor And Black

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(NBNS)-- An investigation into sterilization practices in seven American cities has uncovered evidence that doctors are performing most operations on poor, black women.

The Health Reserach Group, an arm of Ralph Nader's Public Citizen, Inc., went on to charge that doctors were "cavalierly" subjecting women to surgical sterilization without explaining either potential hazards or alternative methods of birth control.

Citing sources among hospital interns and residents, the study charged that "considerable 'pushing' of elective sterilization and 'hard-selling' of these procedures" were taking place in hospitals in Los Angeles, Baltimore, Boston,

New Orleans, Louisville, Chicago and Nashville.

The report cited twelve cases of sterilization performed at Baltimore City Hospital in which women "were given sterilization permits to sign literally minutes before a Caesarean section and sterilization was to be carried out.

"In most cases, the woman was in labor when asked to sign the permit, and in none was there evidence that the woman had expressed an interest in sterilization when she registered into the clinic, weeks or months prior to delivery," the report added. In all the cases, the subject of sterilization was brought up by the doctors rather than by the women.

The study was conducted by Dr.

Thanksgiving Fast Urged To Combat Racism

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--(NBNS)--A committee of social activists has asked college students to forego their traditional Thanksgiving dinner to protest to their parents "racism in the universities, in the White House and in their home towns."

Mrs. Bernice Miller, former headmistress of the New School for Children and a lecturer at the Harvard Education School, announced the plan at a press conference attended by Dr. Benjamin M. Spock,

Bernard Rosenfeld, a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the Los Angeles County Hospital, Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe, a physician with the Health Research Group and Robert E. McGarrah, Jr. They recommended stronger rules to prevent indiscriminate use of sterilization.

Dr. George Wald, and Mrs. Endicott Peabody, the 82-year-old activist from a prominent New England family which has produced high clergymen and a son who was governor of Massachusetts.

Other sponsors, she said, included Julian Bond, Ossie Davis, Dick Gregory, John Howard Griffin and Dr. Robert M. Coles.

Another sponsor appearing at the press conference, Jonathan Kozol, author and school critic, said a major target of the Thanksgiving protest was the racist teachings of such sociologists as William H. Stockley, Arthur Jensen and Richard J. Herrnstein who have concluded, he said, that black children are inferior and cannot be taught.

Mrs. Miller said the group was attempting to give students a new way to protest, since many feel, she said, "it is not hard to stand up in a crowd and wave a sign in

common with 100,000 others."

"It is more difficult," she said, "to sit across a dinner table and refuse to eat unless our mothers and fathers are prepared to speak with us, or pray with us, in the face of evil or injustice carried out by Presidents whom they elect and policymakers whom they dare not oppose."

Thank You!

The family of Mrs. Lily Furgerson wish to express their deepest appreciation to the Waterloo Defender, the members of Operation F.R.E.E. and to all the many people who extended their concern and did so many thoughtful acts at the time of her death.

"FRED BABY or, As Much of Fred Williamson As You Can Possibly Take"

To hear Fred Williamson tell it, he's King Kong. "I've been called a sexist pig and an egomaniac. Great! Let 'em keep calling me names," says Williamson.

On TV talk shows, he puffs up larger than his 6'3", 210 pounds. "But nobody falls asleep when I'm doing my thing. Nobody touches the dail; they hang in there. And you can bet they wouldn't if I suddenly came on as a nice, sincere and humble guy."

For Fred Williamson to come on with humility would necessitate a 360-degree turn. He is cloaked, shrouded, entombed in his image, and at face or image value, he is so externally boring that he becomes an object of increasing interest. He is like the inscrutable East -- something is suspected to be hidden behind the borders.

Interviewed by Alan Ebert in the November issue of Essence magazine, Williamson does his thing the only way he seems to know how -- with flair, and infuriating self-confidence. Ebert describes their first meeting. "From the moment he opens the door he's on; his handshake is weak, or perhaps disinterested is more apropos. He is cool (as opposed to warm). Overtly, he is not rude but subtly he is hostile in his self-involvement and refusal and/or inability to recognize the presence of other human beings."

Ebert continues, "His traveling companion is a Cybill Shepherd-type, and reminiscent of his name-

sake movie, perhaps he captured her atop the Watts Tower. He introduces her reluctantly and then dismisses her abruptly, leaving Fred the only beauty in the room. He begins to explain that he is producing his first film, "Boss Nigger," which he wrote and will star in. He is also thinking of directing it, and if it were totally within the realm of possibility for him to look virginal, he would undoubtedly don drag and play the school marm. Such is his one-man band desire."

There are several propositions that come to mind regarding Fred Williamson during the infectious period when one is close to him recalls Ebert, 1) he is cracked, 2) he is a crook, 3) he is the biggest put-on artist of all time, 4) he is Mr. Smarts, the man who is laughing last, having it off with everybody. There is one other possibility: He is equal parts of all. And, when he thumps his chest and expounds the glories and beauty of his mind and body, you almost believe that King Kong believes it himself.

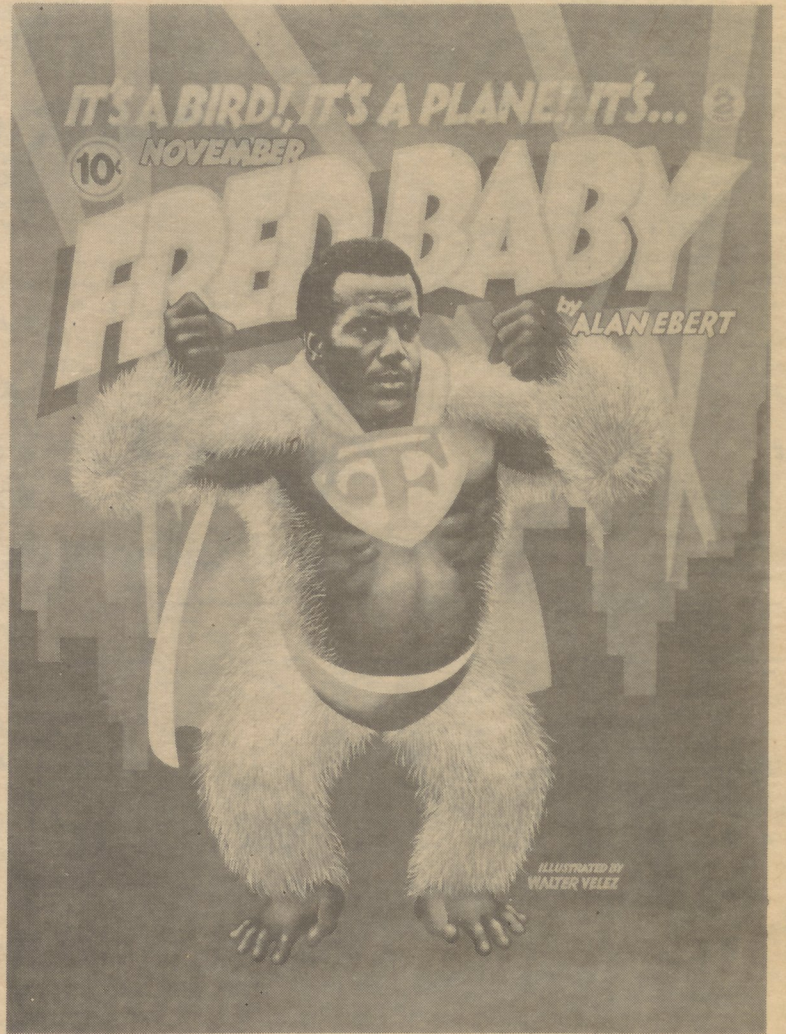
Fred was six when his father skipped out of his hometown, Gary, Indiana. He remembers, "one day the old man just wasn't there anymore. I can't say I cared much. He left no lasting impression on me one way or another. I didn't feel much for him then and I don't feel much now." When he was 13, his mother remarried and he liked his stepfather. He also admires his year-older brother, Robert, whom he says "is an international playboy. He lives in Rome and has more money than me. I don't know what he'd done to earn it; I don't think he's worked one day in his life." Maybe it runs in the family.

At Northwestern University, he earned a BA in psychology and a master's in architectural engineering but will not discuss either. "I'm not big on the benefits of education, and I don't think you necessarily need it to make it." Nor will he discuss his I.Q. other than to say that it is "big like all

the rest of me." Last among things not to be discussed is his age. Sex objects, unlike wine, do not mellow with age . . . they just get old; and who wants an aging romeo?

The business of filmmaking and being a star mean little to Williamson he says. "I could leave it tomorrow, just like I did football." After a decade in the American Football League, "One day it began to feel like work instead of fun, so I quit." He looked around for a business that would afford him the same latitude . . . "I'm no nine-to-five; I need flexibility in my life. After football, I needed a job that would give me as much money, as much attention, and as much freedom. Acting was it." Williamson claims he's made his pile in movies. "If I wanted to pull out for Spain tomorrow, I could. I can do anything I want to do." He has a very simple philosophy about himself and life; it begins with "M" and ends with "E".

On women, Williamson comments, "they amuse me; they've spoiled me, but that's only natural. You can't blame some gorgeous hunk of stuff for wanting to be close to another gorgeous hunk of stuff. Women dig me; all women. They view me as a male sex object." As to preferences, he has none other than they be tall and well-built. "What difference does it make," he asks. "Color is unimportant in a woman. It's the last thing I see. Right now I'm with a white chick, but if I meet a soul sister next, that's cool." ("Next," is has been noticed,



has been a long time coming). Despite his current status in the film industry, Williamson claims to dislike it. "Hollywood is for losers. The film business is dog-eat-dog. Everyone lies and everyone is afraid. Someday I want to be as far away from Hollywood as I can get and do something new, somewhere new." Will there be a woman with him? "There will always be a woman," he says. A wife? "Maybe . . . maybe someday when

I don't think I'm a bad marital risk. When I do marry, it won't be because I've fallen madly in love but because I feel I can handle the responsibility . . . that I can be honest and truthful, even faithful."

Somehow that just doesn't sound like "Fred Baby" . . . but then, even in the old-time movie, "King Kong" turned out to be a good guy, so who knows maybe there's still hope for Fred.

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Frazier Forms Clinic

PHILADELPHIA -- (NBNS) -- Former Heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier is establishing a new clinic to treat sickle cell anemia and other blood diseases that affect blacks. The clinic is named after Frazier's manager, the late Yancey Durham Jr., who has worked for years for the National Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation.

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Tougaloo Gives B. B. King Honorary Degree

TOUGALOO, Miss. --(NBNS)-- Soul singer B.B. King received an honorary doctorate of humanities degree from Tougaloo College. That made him the first blues singer to receive an honorary doctorate for his contribution to the world of music.

King was given the award during the 104-year-old black college's annual Founders Day observance by the school's president, Dr. George A. Owens.

King's name was proposed by Miss Lou Holloway who taught a mini-semester course on Nina Simone, Isaac Hayes, Ray Charles and B. B. King. The course was so successful she proposed King's name to the Committee on Honorary Degrees.

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Highest Juvenile Fire Heroism Award Presented To South Carolina Boy

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 21 -- The nation's highest award for juvenile fire heroism, the Hartford Junior Fire Marshal Gold Medal, today was presented to a 14-year-old Rock Hill, S.C., eighth grader who pulled a blind man from a burning house. Joe Hutchinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hutchinson, received the medal and a paid-up \$5,000 life insurance policy during opening ceremonies of the International Association of Fire Chiefs convention at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel here.

Last April 15th, young Hutchinson was playing basketball when he noticed flames shooting from the roof of the home of John Every McCoy, half a block away. Joe raced to the burning house to find that a man had already tried to enter, but had been turned back by the intense heat.

Undaunted and unconcerned for his own safety, the lad charged inside, knocked a board out of the way, moved a dresser, and finally reached the unconscious, 55-year-old McCoy. "I had to drag him out by the hand," said Joe. "The roof and walls were burning." A few days later, John McCoy died.

The Gold Medal was presented by Chief L. L. Kenney of Miami, Fla., president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, who praised Joe for "ignoring his own safety for the sake of a stranger." John J. Butler, Jr., general manager for The Hartford in Baltimore, presented the paid-up \$5,000 Hartford life insurance policy to the

young hero.

The highest award for heroism given by The Hartford Insurance Group, the Gold Medal is presented in conjunction with the company's 27-year-old Junior Fire Marshal public service program of fire safety education. Through JFM, which annually reaches three million youngsters throughout the country, children learn the principles of fire prevention and fire safety, and are recognized for performing acts of heroism.

Joe was chosen to receive the award from a field of six finalists, all winners of 1973 Hartford Junior Fire Marshal Silver Medals, by a panel of judges representing the fields of the fire service, education, safety, sports and entertainment. Among those selecting the winner were: Howard Pyle, president of the National Safety Council; Donald M. O'Brien, general manager of the IAFC; Dennis Smith, New York City fireman and author of the best-seller, "Report from Engine Co. 82,"; and Johnny Carson, Mary Tyler Moore, Jim Nabors, Willie Mays, Ted Williams, and Abigail Van Buren.

A student at Sullivan Junior High School in Rock Hill, Joe participated in the Junior Fire Marshal program as an eight-year-old third grader. He was nominated for the award by George Schwab of the Peoples Trust Company, an independent insurance agency which represents The Hartford and sponsors the Junior Fire Marshal program in the Rock Hill schools.

Brooklyn Schools Close For Black Holiday

NEW YORK --(NBNS)-- Public schools in two Brooklyn school districts closed to commemorate Black Solidarity Day, although the Board of Education had clearly directed that the districts would be assessed for any loss in state aid due to the

unauthorized closings.

Twenty-three schools in District 13, in Brooklyn Heights and Bedford-Stuyvesant, and 16 in District 16 in Ridgewood closed for the day despite the directives, according to school officials. There were no estimates immediately available as to how much money the school system that day because of the closings.

The city stands to lose money if the day is used to compute state aid, but only the districts that ordered the closings will be assessed by the Board of Education. The total number of students throughout the city out of school that day was not determined immediately.

Carlos Russell, chairman of the Black Solidarity Day committee, urged people to stay home from work and school to celebrate the day.

The commemoration was begun four years ago by black intellectuals and activists. The Black Solidarity Day was established to give black families a day on which they could spend some time together and renew their faith in their race, their community and their Afro-American culture.

Russell, as an example, said 10 families spent the day at his home in Brooklyn, "sharing the solidarity of the day in the African tradition." They also discussed black politics and black history during the day, he said.

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HELPFUL SAFETY TIPS

by Elizabeth Stimley
Plymouth Safety Writer

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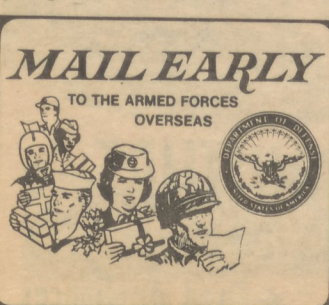
If you put your foot on the brake pedal and nothing happens, don't panic, use the parking brake.

Modern cars have three braking systems -- one for the front, one for the rear -- and the parking brake. The possibility of all systems failing at the same time is small. You can also slow down by moving the gear shift lever into a lower gear.

One day, go to a deserted parking lot and practice using the parking brake to stop the car.

First, put the car in drive and start the car rolling slowly. Pull out on the hand lever, and press down on the parking brake. You'll find that you have to jam down on the parking brake quite hard, but it will stop the car. Do this several times until you get the feel of it.

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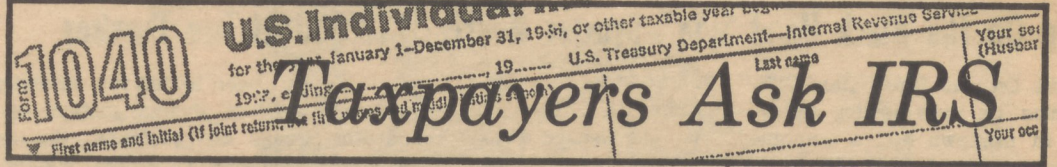


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Q. When I retire, will I have to pay income tax on the pension I'll receive?

A. It depends upon the kind of pension you will be receiving. Social Security benefits are not taxable. However, if yours is a company pension and you did not contribute to the fund, the pension benefits are fully taxable. If you did contribute to the fund and will recover your contribution within three years, the pension is not taxed until you have recovered the total of your contribution; the remainder is fully taxable. For more details, see IRS Publication 575, "Tax Information on Pensions and Annuities." Contact your Internal Revenue office for a free copy.

Q. I loaned my brother-in-law some money for a business venture that flopped. I know I'll never collect from him. How can I tell if the loan qualifies as a deductible bad debt expense?

A. When you claim a bad debt deduction you must have good evidence that the debt is worthless and will remain so in the future. You must take reasonable steps to collect the debt. It is not necessary to go to court if it can be shown that a judgment, if obtained, would be uncollectible. If, in the exercise of sound business judgment, it is determined that there is no likelihood of recovery at any time in the future, the debt has become worthless.

Secondly, gifts cannot form the basis of a bad debt. Thus, if an advance is made with the understanding that it is to be repaid and is later forgiven, the advance is considered a gift and not a loan. Loans to children and other relatives are presumed to be gifts. This presumption, however, may be overcome by convincing evidence. Facts, and not the form of the transaction, will determine whether an actual loan was made.

For more information, see IRS Publication 548, "Tax Information on Deduction for Bad Debts," available free from your nearest IRS office.

Q. I pay a nurse to come in and take care of my disabled husband while I'm out working. Are these payments subject to the three percent-of-adjusted-gross-income limitation on medical expenses?

A. Yes, if you decide to claim the payments as a medical expense. However, in the alternative, you may claim the expenses as a deduction for disabled dependent care. This deduction has more liberal limitations than those for medical expenses: (1) You must be gainfully employed, (2) have an adjusted gross income of \$18,000 or less (for every \$1 your income exceeds \$18,000 your deduction is reduced \$2, disappearing completely at \$27,600), and (3) maintain a household for you and your husband. In addition, the deduction is limited to \$400 a month for dependent care services performed in the home.

More details may be found in IRS Publication 503, "Child Care and Disabled Dependent Care," available free from your local Internal Revenue office.

Seale Testifies In Chicago Contempt Case

CHICAGO -- (NBNS) -- Bobby Seale, the former Black Panther chairman returned to the Federal courthouse here where he was shackled and gagged during his 1969 Chicago Seven conspiracy trial.

Saying he had not intended to be "disrespectful to the court," Seale testified at the trial of five members of the Chicago Seven and two attorneys on charges they were contemptible toward U.S. District Court Judge Julius J. Hoffman in their riot-conspiracy trial.

"I only wanted the judge to listen to me and to my reasons for exercising my right to defend my-

self," he told the judge hearing the case, U.S. District Judge Edward Gignoux.

Dressed in a conservatively-cut tan suit, Seale said he acted the way he did because Judge Hoffman had rejected his appeal to act as his own lawyer. During the trial he called Hoffman, who is since retired from the court, and the government attorneys "racists," "Fascists," and "lying pigs."

Hoffman later in the trial separated Seale from the other defendants and sentenced him to four years in prison for contempt. But the contempt and conspiracy charges were

later dropped after a Federal appellate court overturned Hoffman's contempt ruling.

The seven defendants, along with Seale, were tried on charges that they had conspired to incite the street and park riots during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

The defense, in attempting to show that Judge Hoffman had forced the behavior of the defense with his "intimidation" and "sarcastic nuances," with the testimony from Seale and Charles Garry, a San Francisco lawyer who withdrew prior to the trial of the Chicago Seven.

Garry testified that in the pre-trial proceedings he participated, "There was a tremendous amount of intimidation. It was just impossible for a defense attorney to open his mouth."

Saying Judge Hoffman gave him "the shock of my life," when he requested a six-week delay in the start of the trial, Garry pointed out that he had to have a gall bladder operation and was forced to withdraw when the request was turned down by Hoffman.

Plea Bargaining Resumes For Rap Brown

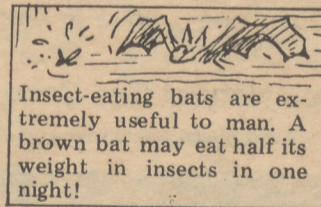
BALTIMORE -- (NBNS) -- Lawyers for H. Rap Brown and Maryland prosecutors are continuing plea bargaining conversations. Prosecution attorneys are considering a proposal in which Brown would plead guilty to one charge of failure to appear at his trial in April, 1970.

In return the state would recommend a one-year prison sentence to run concurrently with a 5 to 15 year term he is now serving in Attica State Prison in New York.

The prosecution would have to drop charges of arson, rioting and inciting to riot against Brown in connection with the 1967 Cambridge, Md., disorder.

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Pearl Collapses

LAS VEGAS --(NBNS)-- Pearl Bailey, shortly after her first performance at the Tropicana Hotel, collapsed and was rushed to the hospital where she was placed in intensive care.

The 55-year-old singer has been plagued with health problems for some time. In 1972, she suffered two heart attacks, but doctors said they felt her condition was more likely fatigue and she would need a complete examination.

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"Five On The Black Hand Side" Grosses Nearly \$110,000 at Two Theatres

"Five On The Black Hand Side" continues its pace-setting engagement in midtown with a combined 11-day gross of \$109,110 at the Cinerama and RKO 86th Street Twin #2 theatres, it was announced by James R. Velde, United Artists

Senior Vice President.

The UA Sales Chief pointed out that the second week is exceeding the first for the initial four days, and he expects this trend to hold through the end of the week.

"Five On The Black Hand Side"

has been hailed for stressing comedy and drama instead of crime, drugs and violence, the usual ingredients of Black-oriented films.

Clarice Taylor, Leonard Jackson, Virginia Capers, Glynn Turman and D'Urville Martin are starred.

Based on Charlie L. Russell's American Place Theatre hit, the motion picture is being presented by Michael Tolan and Brock Peters for release by United Artists, an entertainment service of Transamerica Corporation. Oscar Williams directed from a screenplay by Russell, Peters and Tolan produced.

Probe Of Panther Raid Asked

NEW YORK (NBNS)--A citizens commission, headed by Roy Wilkins of the NAACP and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, has asked the Justice Department to reopen the police raid investigation of Black Panthers headquarters in Chicago in 1969.

In a 284-page book, entitled "Search and Destroy," the commission states clearly why it believes the investigation into the raid should be reopened and lists the probable causes for filing charges against public officials involved in the case.

The self-appointed citizens commission was necessary, according to Clark, because other grand juries "had failed to do their duty."

At a news conference to discuss the report, Clark labelled the report "a remarkably important document" of the shooting deaths by police of two Black Panther leaders, Fred Hampton and Mark Clark. The raid also left four others injured, three by machinegun fire. No officers were injured or killed.

Although the former Chicago States Attorney Edward Hanrahan and 11 others were indicted and tried on charges resulting from the raid, they were subsequently found innocent. No policeman or officials has been convicted on any charges arising from the raid.

After a great deal of "soul searching," Clark said the commission had decided there was "probable cause to believe that Fred Hampton was murdered, in the legal sense of the word."

The report, which will be sold at book stores, was delayed over a conflict between the staff and the citizens' commission over its tone.

Simon and Schuster were originally scheduled to publish the report in paperback, but the wrangling caused the publisher to withdraw his offer. Harper and Row ended up publishing the book, but the costs had to be borne by the NAACP and Dr. Kenneth Clark, head of the Metropolitan Applied Research Corp in New York.

Illinois Votes Death Penalty

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. --(NBNS)--The state legislature has reinstated the death penalty again, but the bill calls for approval by the courts of the measure. The bill has been sent to Governor Daniel Walker for his signature. Walker earlier vetoed and under a special provision given Illinois governors re-wrote the bill.

The Senate, by a 40 to 2 margin, gave approval to the governor's amendment to a bill passed by the Illinois General Assembly last spring that would reimpose the death penalty for only certain crimes.

The amended bill of the governor's permits a three-judge panel to grant clemency to a convicted murderer

Minority Participation In Public TV Needed

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(NBNS)-- Greater participation by members of minority groups in program decisions and on policy-making boards at the local station and network levels are needed to make public television reach its potential.

This assessment is contained in a 14-page report made by a blue-ribbon advisory panel on minorities which evaluated the nation's public television network of 236 stations.

The 10-member board, headed by

Washington Post associate editor Robert C. Maynard, included Dr. Andrew Billingsley of Howard University, Emma Bowen of New York, Professor Kellis E. Parker of the Columbia University law school and Dr. Robert Butler of George Washington University.

The panel urged production of a series portraying black, Chicano, Indian and other "under-represented ethnic groups" in realistic terms, particularly in terms of family structure. Also recommended was a program discussing food preparation and nutrition to meet the needs of households with a limited food budget.

Members of the panel focused on the program content of "Black Journal," "Soul," "Behind the Lines," and "51st State." John Jay Iselin, president of WNET in New York City, said he found the report to be "most constructive" and said program changes are "already in the works" to reflect criticisms.

The panel also urged more programming directed toward women, the elderly, adolescents, the physically handicapped and the mentally retarded. The study was sponsored by the Ford Foundation's Office of Public Broadcasting, which has provided more than \$200 million for public television in the past 18 years.

if "compelling reasons" indicate such.

Walker must still officially approve the measure, although it's essentially his revision of the original bill. The measure was approved after little debate in the Assembly. The house okayed the amendment last week, 129-37.

The bill, as passed, would reimpose the death penalty for the murder of on-duty policemen, firemen and prison guards, and killings in connection with hijackings, rape, robbery, kidnapping, arson and sexual assault on children. Mass murders and professional killers would also be put to death under the measure.

S.C. Welfare Mothers Sterilized

Three Aiken, South Carolina obstetricians are being investigated by the State Department of Social Services and the Atlanta regional office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare following an allegation that welfare mothers with three or more children must agree to sterilization in order to receive medical treatment.

The charge was made by Carol Brown, a 30-year-old white welfare mother of four, who said she was refused medical care by one of the doctors because she would not agree to be sterilized. Mrs. Brown, whose husband has been in jail since February, is now being treated by an Augusta, Ga. physician.

The physicians -- Drs. C. H. Pierce, Niles A. Borop Jr. and Kenneth N. Owens -- said their policy was based on their personal social views and emphasized their right as doctors to decide whom they will treat.

All three physicians confirmed that they required sterilization before agreeing to deliver babies for welfare patients with three or more children. Dr. Owens has since discontinued treating Medicaid patients. In this state, only welfare recipients are eligible for Medicaid because there are no matching funds provided to care for the working poor.

The executive committee of the South Carolina Medical Association met for three hours last week with one of the doctors, but would say only that the practice is being investigated.

It was learned, however, that

nearly half the welfare mothers who had babies at Medicaid expense in Aiken County this year have been sterilized. Hospital records show that at least 16 mothers agreed to the operation.

R. Archie Ellis, state director of the Department of Social Services, said it was unfair to get a patient to agree to sterilization by what he called "implied duress" and praised Mrs. Brown's decision to find another physician. He said he knew of no other county in which such a policy was being practiced but added that his agency plans to make a full investigation.

Dorothy Waters, a 30-year-old black woman and the mother of five children, said last week that she was denied medical care by Dr. Pierce under Medicaid unless she agreed to be sterilized and that her offer to pay for the delivery was rejected.

She charged that this refusal forced her to accept sterilization, especially after she was told by Dr. Pierce, one of only three obstetricians in the county, all of whom are white, "Listen here, young lady, this is my tax money paying for this baby and I'm tired of paying for illegitimate children. If you don't want this (sterilization) find another doctor."

Dr. Pierce could not be reached for comment and his attorney, B. Henderson Johnson, refused to comment.

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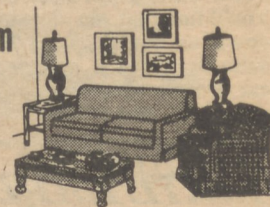
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For variety, you might can in smaller units or can the same fruits and vegetables in different forms such as juice, catsup and chili sauce when canning tomatoes. Be sure to use the size jar that will fit the family needs.

CHECK YOUR SUPPLY OF JARS; Decide on the sizes and types of jars you are going to need. Choose only standard jars, made and intended for home canning. If you plan to can and freeze, buy jars that are designed to serve both purposes.

Jars are available in half-pint, pint, 1 1/2 pint, quart and half-gallon sizes. They might be wide-mouth, tapered or regular; some are marked for measuring. Jelly glasses often have decorated caps and a cut glass appearance.

Jars can be used repeatedly but self-sealing lids must be new each time. The metal screw bands can be used many times.

Examine the jars, caps, lids and rubber rings. Discard the jars with chips or cracks, and buy additional jars and lids when grocers have ample supplies.

BEFORE YOU START CANNING; Watch the garden and the orchard and start canning as soon as the

Seattle Moves Against Abandoned Homes

SEATTLE -- (NBNS) -- Mayor Wes Uhlman has ordered abatement proceedings against 1,300 houses repossessed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Calling HUD a "slum landlord," Uhlman said a substantial portion of properties the agency has not only are a blighting influence on the immediate neighborhood but also pose a safety and health hazard.

It is believed that the legal proceeding is the first in the nation against the federal government. The mayor said the city would move against the federal government as it would proceed against a private landlord.

fruit or vegetables are at their peak for table use. If you buy at the market, sort produce for ripeness. Immediately can and process all that is ripe.

Check your water-bath canner and steam-pressure canner to be sure they are in perfect condition.

Read the recipes and carefully check the jar manufacturer's instructions for filling and sealing.

Set out all the equipment and clean cloths needed. You'll probably need a sieve or strainer, a colander, a foodmill, large measuring cups, wire basket and knives. **PACKING;** There are two methods of packing the food in the jars: hot pack (cooked) and cold pack (uncooked).

To pack jars with hot-pack-prepared fruit, you'll need a large saucepan for cooking the fruit, a slotted spoon for placing fruit in jar, a funnel, a ladle with a lip to put the hot syrup. The jar, lid and for additional hot syrup. The jar, lid and screw band should be in excellent condition. You may also want a knife or spatula for removing air bubbles and a cooling rack to set the jars on.

If you use the cold pack method, you fill the jars with raw food before processing. The equipment needed for cold pack is the same as for hot pack, except you won't need the large saucepan for cooking the fruit or vegetables.

PROCESSING; Be sure to check a reliable cook book for timing and specific instructions for processing. Two methods can be used; water bath and pressure canner.

Black Legislator Wants Texan Impeached

AUSTIN, Texas -- Texas State legislator Eddie Bernice Johnson wants to impeach 81-year-old Texas comptroller Robert S. Calvert because he called her "a nigger woman."

Rep. Johnson, a Democrat, said she began the request for Gov. Dolph Briscoe to convene the Texas Legislature to impeach the 81-year-old comptroller for racial and sexual discrimination.

"We charge that Mr. Robert Calvert has unlawfully discriminated against more than 65 percent of the people of the state of Texas who are women, Mexican-Americans and blacks," she said.

Calvert, a white, has been comptroller since 1949.

To process fruits, tomatoes and pickles, you'll need a water bath canner. This can be any big, tightly covered metal container which is deep enough to allow for an inch or two of water over the tops of jars plus a few inches for brisk boiling. You'll need a rack to keep the jars from touching the bottom. Jars should not touch each other while in the canner.

Remove the jars with a jar lifter and place on a cooling rack or several layers of dry cloth.

The pressure canner is used for processing vegetables and meats. It is very important to follow directions given as pressure canning is the only method that supplies enough heat to destroy the bacteria which cause spoilage.

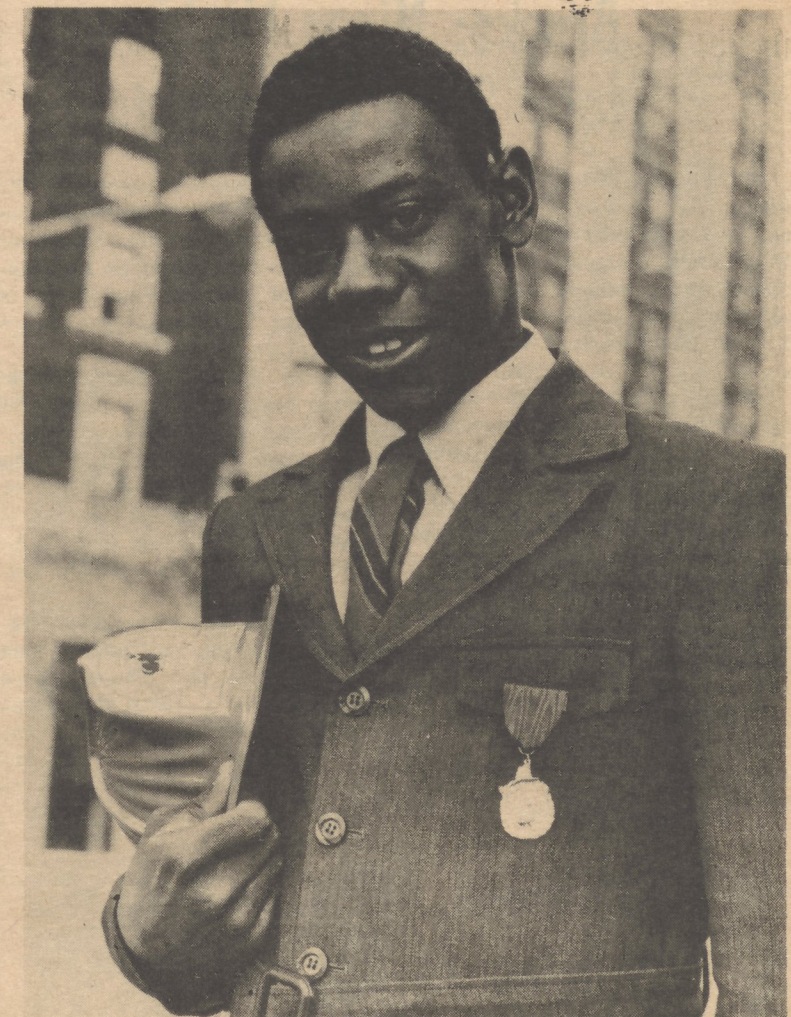
When using the pressure canner, place jars on the rack in the canner containing two to three inches of hot water. Fasten cover securely. Let a steady flow of steam escape ten minutes before closing pet cock. Begin counting the processing time when the gauge reaches specified pressure.

Keep the pressure constant by adjusting the heat, rather than by opening and closing the pet cock. When the time is up, remove the canner from the heat and let the pressure drop to zero. Then open the pet cock slowly and unfasten cover. Remove jars with jar lifter.

Letters To Editor

Dear Editor:

The University of Northern Iowa, in attempting to further utilize our affirmative action program, is seeking new methods of reaching more minority group members. The "Waterloo Defender" has been referred to me as a newspaper that may assist us in this venture. It is my understanding that it is written by, published for, and read by the Black community of Waterloo, Iowa. If this referral is correct, would it be possible for you to forward us



Joe Hutchinson, 14, of Rock Hill, S.C., received the 1973 Hartford Junior Fire Marshal Gold Medal, the nation's highest award for juvenile fire heroism, at opening ceremonies of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Convention in Baltimore Oct. 21. Given annually by the Hartford Insurance group in conjunction with its Junior Fire Marshal Program, the award included a \$5,000 paid-up Hartford Life Insurance Policy.

Decried Separate Pay Scale For Races

LONDON -- (NBNS) -- One of the biggest businessmen in South Africa, Harry F. Oppenheimer, has sharply criticized the two-tier pay scale for blacks and whites, but he doesn't think a crash program should be established to get rid of it.

"It cannot be right in principle to pay different wages for the same job depending on the color of the skin of the worker," he told a London dinner meeting of the South African club.

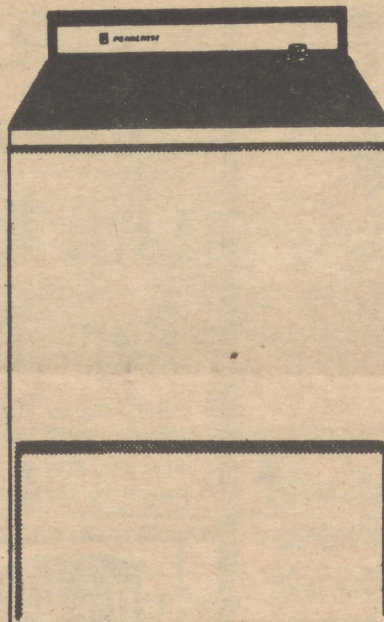
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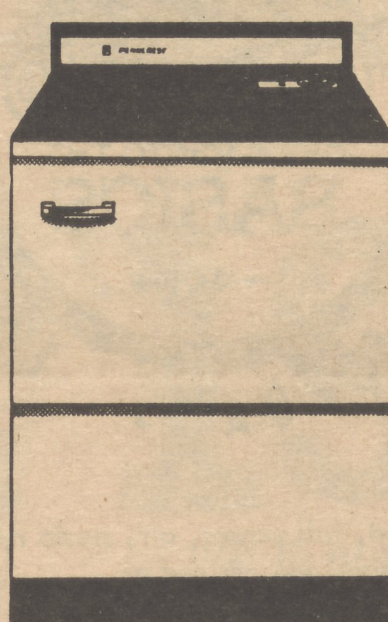


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Brooke: Nixon Might Make Good Consultant

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (NBNS) Edward W. Brooke, the first Republican Senator to call for Richard M. Nixon's resignation, said here that if the President were to bow to growing demands to leave office he might be very valuable as a foreign policy consultant.

"He (Nixon) doesn't have to take his services from the government. He could act as a foreign policy consultant. He could be very valuable to the nation in that regard," Brooke said during a press conference at Eckerd College.

The Massachusetts Republican was one of the featured speakers at a Free Institutions Forum lecture series entitled "Distortion of Power" held at the Bayfront Center Auditorium.

"I don't think foreign policy need change because of a change in presidents," Brooke said. Nixon, he

added, has been working closely with Secretary of State Henry M. Kissinger in foreign affairs. Kissinger could "continue on in the Administration of Gerald Ford if he is confirmed as Vice President," Brooke said.

Unless Nixon resigns, Brooke said it was his personal opinion that Republican congressional candidates would "fare poorly" in the 1974 November elections. "If the President does resign, we can at least begin to rebuild the Republican Party and the nation's confidence," he said.

Among the latest to call for Nixon's resignation or impeachment are U.S. Senators Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), a member of the Watergate Committee, and John Tunney (D-Calif.), as well as conservative columnist James J. Kilpatrick.

Liberation Army Leader Indicted In Cop Murder

NEW YORK -- (NBNS) -- The leader of the Black Liberation Army, Joanne Chesimard, has been indicated on murder, kidnapping and robbery charges by a Grand Jury.

Eight others were also indicted with Miss Chesimard on charges ranging from murder to robbery. Miss Chesimard has been held in New Jersey for some time now in connection with the killing of a state trooper.

Police say that the Black Liberation Army is a small "militant" group that is dedicated to the killing of policemen.

Indicted along with Miss Chesimard were Fred Hilton, 21; Andrew Jackson, 25; Melvin Kearney, 22; Victor Cumberbatch, 22; Twy-

mon Meyers, Ronald Meyers, Robert Johnson and Avon White.

In announcing the indictments, Brooklyn District Attorney Eugene Gold said the group was in "a period of decadency." According to Police Commissioner Donald Cawley, the group was responsible for the murder of five policemen in New York and of the New Jersey state trooper.

Only Jackson, Hilton and Cumberbatch are in custody among the eight men. They have pleaded innocent to the charges against them.

The group is dedicated, according to Gold "to killing cops" and supports itself by robberies.

Vanilla Sugar — From Vanilla Beans — Sweetens, Flavors This Cake



This elegant, fine-grained cake depends for flavor on poppy seeds and that classic gourmet trick, vanilla sugar.

U.S. customs officials, used to seeing almost anything in the luggage of homeward-bound American travelers, aren't surprised to find a handful of vanilla beans — these grown in the Indian Ocean area—tucked in beside a pair of French gloves.

It's obvious that these tourists have been enjoying some of the best and most famous of European desserts—pots de creme vanille, nockerl, torten, kuchen, souffles and glaces, delicacies which so often depend on vanilla sugar for exquisite flavor.

Nothing is more easily made than vanilla sugar: Just fill a jar with two pounds of sugar, split a vanilla bean down the center, cut into 1-inch pieces, and tuck them in the sugar. Cover tightly. In about two weeks this sugar will be permeated with the most heavenly fragrance of vanilla—ready for all kinds of wonderful baking and dessert-making.

As you may have noticed, more and more specialty food stores and glass packed lines of spices in supermarkets are carrying whole beans; they are also sold by mail. Gourmet food sections of department stores and delicatessens are other sources.

As a final word on the delights of vanilla sugar: Use it in baked goods, custards, puddings; over cereals, pancakes, waffles, fruit compotes and in the many other ways in which the lovely scent of vanilla can give verve to the dainties you prepare for family and guests. And for the simplest of treats, stir some vanilla sugar into a glass of milk; the kids will love it, too.

If you have difficulty getting vanilla beans, you can use 1 teaspoon vanilla extract in place of 1 cup of well flavored vanilla sugar.

VANILLA POPPY SEED CAKE

2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 cup poppy seed
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
 1 1/2 cups vanilla sugar*
 4 eggs
 3/4 cup milk

** Creamy Vanilla Frosting

Combine flour, poppy seed, baking powder and salt; set aside. In the large bowl of an electric mixer beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs 1 at a time,

beating well after each addition. With mixer at low speed, blend in half of the reserved flour mixture; blend for 1 minute. Add in milk; blend for 1 minute. Add remaining flour mixture; blend for 1 minute. Turn into a well-greased, lightly floured 9-inch tube cake pan. Bake in a preheated moderate oven (350° F.) for 55 minutes or until a cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in a pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan onto a wire rack to finish cooling. Frost with Creamy Vanilla Frosting.

YIELD: one 9-inch tube cake

** CREAMY VANILLA FROSTING

1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
 3 cups vanilla confectioners' sugar*
 1/4 cup light cream or milk

Beat butter until fluffy. Add confectioners' sugar alternately with cream until mixture is smooth and well blended. Spread over top and sides of Vanilla Poppy Seed Cake.

YIELD: 1 1/2 cups frosting

* In place of vanilla sugar, use 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract for each cup of vanilla sugar. Add to butter and beat.

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Civil Rights Fight Shifted; Rep. Andrew Young

Civil rights fight shifted; rep. WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- Rep. Andrew Young (D-Ga.), former executive director of the South-

ern Christian Leadership Conference, told a meeting of the American Federation of Teachers that the civil rights struggle has now moved into the classroom.

Speaking at a civil rights luncheon that was part of the AFT's annual convention, Young told the teachers that the schools, once used to further racial segregation, are now a vehicle for segregation by class.

"We have three types of schools: public education for the poor, parochial schools for the middle class in big cities, and private schools doing in the North along economic lines what private schools did in the south for racial reasons."

Young said he saw "creeping polarization in every segment of our society," and that he saw "the challenge to protect and save our public schools" as "the only way that our nation can remain united."

The AFT, composed of union-affiliated, big-city teachers, is proud both of its civil rights record and of its ties to the labor movement. It has a membership of 375,000

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Sew And Shine For The Holidays

Excuses won't make it this year! No matter what your commitments are this holiday season -- vacation, parties, family dinners, or nights on the town -- glitter and lots of shine are the fashion clues you should heed in getting together your sensational holiday wardrobe. And, the way to do it quickly and inexpensively is to stitch up pretty metallics and glimmering knits like these; they're all so simple to do... and, would you believe two seams and you're through?

New Four-Picture Agreement With United Artists

Woody Allen, one of the most versatile and original personalities in the entertainment industry, has made a new four-picture agreement with United Artists, it was announced by Eric Pleskow, President and Chief Executive Officer of UA. These films will be produced by Charles Joffe and Jack Rollins, who have produced all of Allen's previous movies, including "Sleeper," which Allen is presently completing for Christmas release.

The new agreement will become effective upon the expiration of the current multiple-picture agreement between United Artists and Allen. The agreement will give full scope to Allen's wide-ranging talents as a writer, director and actor.

Allen's current agreement with UA includes one additional film.



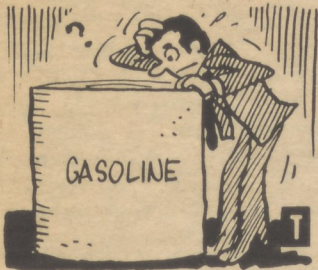
Left, cover up barely but beautifully in a halter of gold and silver stripes. Vogue #8609. Sizes 8-16. A gold metallic bias flared long skirt completes the ensemble. Vogue #8351. Sizes 24-30. Right, it could be you in a shimmering, glowing silver and white gown gathered on a drawstring with a U-neck. Vogue #8583. Sizes 6-14. As seen in the November issue of Essence magazine.

Under the terms of the new agreement, Woody will write, direct and star in three of the pictures, and has the option to write, direct or star in the fourth.

In addition to "Sleeper," other Allen pictures for United Artists include "Bananas" and "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex* But Were Afraid To Ask."

ENERGY TALKS

By Warren B. Davis
Director, Energy Economics
Gulf Oil Corporation



"What are the prospects for next summer? Will we experience a gasoline shortage equal to or greater than the 1973 problem?"

"While it's not inevitable, we probably will be short of gasoline. The conditions that have caused the shortages this summer cannot be radically changed before next summer. All our refineries are running essentially at capacity and we will not solve the problem until we get more refineries built. It will take several years to build enough refineries to overcome the shortage."

• Mr. Davis was principal author of the National Petroleum Council's "U.S. Energy Outlook" prepared for the U.S. Interior Department.

Michigan Klan Leader Convicted

DETROIT -- (NBNS) -- Former leader of the Michigan Ku Klux Klan, Robert Miles, has been convicted of tarring and feathering of Willow Run High School Principal R. Wiley Brownlee two years ago.

The U. S. District Court jury found him guilty on three counts of conspiracy, assault and aiding and abetting to deprive Brownlee of his civil rights.

Of the five men accused in the tarring and feathering incident, Miles was the only one to plead not guilty. He is also awaiting sentencing on his conviction in the 1971 bombing of empty schoolbuses at Pontiac, Michigan during the desegregation transition there.

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November Essence Woman

Picture a 26-year-old woman, soft-spoken, but with a firm, articulate manner; multi-faceted, with a strong point of view and a definite direction, and you have some idea of the personality gradations of Sue Booker, profiled by writer Agnes McClain in the November issue of Essence magazine.

Back in 1970, Sue came to Los Angeles as a TV producer for KCET public television, with an idea for a unique, news bureau for the Black community -- a bureau which would not only cover the community but be a genuine part of it. Last October, her dream became reality and "The Storefront" opened in South Central Los Angeles with Sue heading a staff of four. Today, "The Storefront" serves not only as the base of a weekly KCET series of Black news and cultural affairs, but as a resource pool for individuals and organizations needing information on the media, as well as a meeting place for seminars and workshops planned in cooperation with various Black organizations.

"Because we're regarded as a part of the community, people walk in off the street with news stories for us," Sue points out. "This aids us in presenting news that receives very little, if any, coverage in the general mass media."

A native of Jersey City, N.J., Sue earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and television from the University of Illinois, a master's in journalism from Columbia University, and began her career in New York as a production assistant with CTW, producers of "Sesame Street." She later was co-producer of NET's historical series, "The Black Frontier."

One of her first projects upon joining KCET was to co-produce the first documentary probing into the violence at California's Soledad Prison; a one-hour show carried nationally on public TV which won the Gold Medal and Grand Jury award at the Atlantic Film Festival.

With the "Storefront" bureau now well on its way and operating smoothly, Sue has left to become a freelance producer. Her deep and continuing interests include young people, teaching, writing and photography, and weekends often find her cruising the streets of Los Angeles in search of photographic material

to illustrate a book of poems she's putting together, "Close Your Eyes and Look at Me." Says Sue, "It's about what 26 years on this planet has done to me and for me. The title, like life itself, is a paradox." Sue Booker, however, is not!

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Woman Gets Alabama Police Job

BIRMINGHAM --(NBNS)-- A 29-year-old black woman has been named the city's first black police-woman -- but she had to lose 35 pounds to qualify for the job.

Betty Jean Gamble, who is only a little over 5 feet 4, had to go

WASHINGTON--(NBNS)--Most of the drop in the country's welfare rolls in fiscal 1973 occurred among the elderly, who were taken off welfare and started receiving higher Social Security benefits.

The downward trend, the first in seven years, also saw a rise in expenditures for the public assistance program.

The biggest reason for the drop in welfare came in the Old Age

Assistance program which evidenced a drop of 180,000, or 8.9 per cent, to 1.8 million persons, and general assistance fell another 136,000, or 15.3 per cent, to 760,000 persons.

The largest assistance program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, showed a relatively insignificant decrease of 5,000 persons over the previous year when it grew by 6.8 per cent or close to 700,000 persons. It now stands at 10.9 million AFDC recipients.

In other categories, the Aid to the Blind caseload decreased to 77,900 recipients, or 4.1 per cent, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled increased 6.6 per cent to 1.2 million.

Beginning January 1, aged, blind, and disabled welfare cases will be moved to the new Supplemental Security Income program.

Cash payments to federal welfare recipients totaled \$10.5 billion last fiscal year, which represented an increase of 2.3 per cent. Medicaid spending came to \$8.8 billion, which was a 14.2 per cent increase.

The Federal-state welfare programs totalled \$19.4 billion for last fiscal year, or 6 per cent over the 1972 fiscal year when spending was 17.4 per cent up and the number of recipients totalled more than 15 million.

Welfare spokesmen said the last time the rolls decreased was in 1967, when a net loss of about 100,000 recipients dropped the total 1.2 per cent to 7.7 million persons.

At the end of last June, Health, Education and Welfare officials said that 14.8 million persons were on public assistance, for a decrease of 249,000 or 1.7 per cent fewer than a year ago.

Rap Sees Maryland Finally Drop 3 Charges Against Him

ELLICOTT CITY, MD.--(NBNS)-- Charges against H. Rap Brown of inciting to riot, riot and arson have been dropped by the state of Maryland and the black leader of the late 1960's pleaded guilty to failing to appear for trial in 1970 on the charges.

In a development that had been in the working for some time, Brown, who had just been brought to Maryland from New York's Attica State Prison, had insisted on being tried on the Cambridge charges in order to clear himself.

But Dorchester County State Attorney William B. Yates asked that all the charges be dropped by the judge.

Howard County Circuit Judge James Macgill then sentenced Brown to a one year term in jail on the failure to appear charge which had been changed from a felony to a misdemeanor.

But the sentence will run concurrent with the time Brown is spending in the New York prison for his conviction of armed robbery last year. He is currently serving a 5-to-15 year sentence on the charge which he is appealing.

Brown's lawyer, Carl Broege, said the dropping of the charges proved that the state never did have a solid case against Brown and had "used Mr. Brown as a scapegoat for their own evil."

Following the decision to drop the charges, the state attorney claimed that his decision to drop the charges against Brown "would have been very different" if Brown had not already been in prison.

"What do we have to gain? Times are changed. Things are different," he said.

However, the state's chief law enforcer, Attorney General Francis Burch said he "regretted very much" the decision to drop the charges. He said, however, that his office could not overrule the decision.

Brown was arrested on the original charges after he made a speech in the racially divided city of Cambridge on July 24, 1967. At that time he told a crowd of 400 blacks:

"Get your guns. . . I don't care if we have to burn him down or run him out, you gotta take over those stores, gotta take your freedom."

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