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## Charged with political corruption, Lee Faye Mack carries on with her work

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down Cleveland Avenue for more blocks and enter another world; a hood where five or ten people are the corner, in the yard or on the there is one: and they notice you. seem to know who belongs and who Children look tough and move force- stare at strange cars intruding on et. Young black men cut through dead-end streets, wearing back ed with precious drugs and cash. ice cruisers roll down Cleveland st 21st Street, they don't linger. here that the Rev. Lee Faye Mack on old wood frame house into a center an development. The Back to Life ers drug prevention counseling, aca- toring, Bible study and referral ser- used to give away clothing and food, hat got too expensive," says Rev. We're all volunteers, and we mostly from little people." Mack, affectionately called "Mother

*"I have no fear. When you haven't done anything wrong, you aren't afraid."*

— Rev. Lee Faye Mack

Mack," is widely known for 20 years of commu- nity involvement and her fiery nature. "But I'm a minister, not a rebel," she says, as a broad smile crosses her round face. "God's the only real rebel." Rev. Mack and three other local black leaders are charged with political corruption. She is accused of establishing several non- profit organizations that were allegedly used to conceal money that was defrauded from busi-



nesses. Faced with 50 years in prison and a \$1 million fine, Rev. Mack appears confident and poised. "I have no fear," she said this week. "When you haven't done anything wrong, you aren't afraid." Birdie Lipscomb, who was selected as First Minister of the center, is one of Rev.

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## NAACP opposes Thomas on court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NAACP on Wednesday urged the Senate to block the Supreme Court nomination of Clarence Thomas, saying the nominee's "reactionary" philosophy was detrimental to the interests of blacks.

"We have concluded that Judge Thomas' confirmation would be inimical to the best interests of African-Americans," said Dr. William F. Gibson, chairman of the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

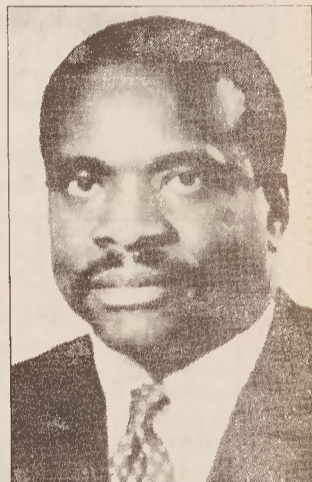
The NAACP, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, is widely seen as the group best positioned to lead any serious organized opposition.

Gibson said, "While we appreciate the fact that Judge Thomas came up in the school of hard knocks and pulled himself up by his own bootstraps ... our concern is for the millions of blacks who have no access to bootstraps."

He said the NAACP decided

to oppose the nomination after extensive study and soul-searching.

Gibson said that Thomas'



Clarence Thomas

opposition to affirmative action and his tenure as head of the

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## N.A.T.I.O.N.A.L NEWS



### Michael Jackson's gift

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson Tai Sherrod, 3, at the Community Youth and Arts Foundation, which assists at- outh and their parents in dealing with and drug-related problems, where he a check for \$5000 and a large commitment unit, in Los Angeles recently. The ay it was announced that Jackson will Elizabeth Taylor away in marriage to Larry ky in October at his estate.

### Charged with racism

BOSTON (AP) — A Boston bank holding mil- city deposits has been named in four discrimination complaints in the past six s. Boston Safe Deposit & Trust received a g grade for affirmative action from Mayor and Flynn's Linked Deposit Banking Pro- which qualifies the institution to do busi- with the city. the Boston Herald reported today that minority employees and job applicants ed formal complaints.

### Investigated for rape

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Authorities have d some video footage taken of former eight boxing champion Mike Tyson and Black America contestants and conducted a search of the hotel where he stayed dur- ana Black Expo. Indianapolis Police Chief Paul Annee Monday that an allegation that Tyson raped a ear-old woman was just that — an allega- that you have right now is an allegation — ore, no less than that," Annee said at a conference.

## Malloy says four are targets of revenge by Smith

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Alderman Nelson Malloy (second from left) reiterated the call for contributions to the defense funds of the Rev. Lee Faye Mack (left), former Alderman Patrick Hairston, Consultant Rodney Sumler and Southeast Ward Alderman Larry Womble during a press conference held Tuesday.

The Winston-Salem Four Defense Fund Committee issued another call for solidarity and contributions this week. A press conference held Tuesday at Christ Cathedral on Third Street was called not to convey news, but to solicit the media's help in spreading the word about the defense fund.

Alderman Nelson Malloy Jr. opened the press conference by asking the media to refrain from questioning the four, who are accused of political corruption including bribery and extortion. Reading from a prepared statement, Malloy, the only speaker, reiterated the group's contention that the FBI and William Smith conspired to entrap and disgrace them.

Rodney Sumler, Patrick T. Hairston, the Rev. Lee Faye Mack and Alderman Larry Womble have all pleaded not guilty to the charges they face as a result of a two-year FBI investigation. William Smith is the former owner of Larco Construction Company and the key informant in the case.

"Larco had a reputation for racist practices," Malloy read. "Larco found a perfect ally in the FBI which

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## Prejudice in the emergency room

### If you're black and poor, be careful

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Sometimes mothers see what doctors don't. When Michael Tyrone Styles developed a fever of 106 and severe pains in his head and neck, his mother knew something was seriously wrong.

Doctors on duty in the emergency room at Baptist Hospital told Sharon Walker that her son had the flu, to take him home and give him pain reliever and fluids.

"I begged them to check on his insides," she said this week, sitting in her apartment on 10th St. "I asked them to take X-rays; the doctor said he didn't need any more tests. I asked them could another doctor see him; she said a different doctor would just tell me the same thing. I got so upset and she finally told me to lower my voice and get out of there."

Two days later, Michael Tyrone Styles died.

According to Mrs. Walker, she requested that an autopsy be performed on her son's body, and the first autopsy showed nothing unusual. But a second autopsy she ordered was performed in Chapel Hill and showed that Mike died from a rare disease called Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome.

Two of Mike's birthdays have passed since she first retained an attorney to file suit against the hospi-

tal for an undisclosed amount, charging negligence in the wrongful death of her son.

A medical specialist hired by David Crawford, her attorney, concluded that routine tests such as X-rays and a urinalysis would have shown that the boy was bleeding internally at the time he was first brought to the hospital on June 12, 1989. "I'll never forget that date," says Sharon Walker.

Mike was her oldest and was fond of her four little sisters, often telling them, "Brother Mike will take care of you." Sometimes they still ask their mother when he will be back.

Is Sharon Walker's story unusual, or is her son a victim of what is known in medical circles as "excess death" — life lost that theoretically could have been saved?

Those who are black and poor are likely to suffer most from the health care system. According to data from the National Center for Health Statistics, reported in the November 1990 issue of American Health, nearly one-third of all black people who died in 1987 fell into the excess death category.

A study in the May 2, 1990 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association reported that black pneumonia patients, regardless of their income

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Mrs. Sharon Walker continues her plea to redress the wrongful death of her son, Michael Tyrone Styles.