



The late shift

Photo by Kevin Walker

Local artist Lee Shackelford got a lot of attention Saturday night as he painted the window of a new barbershop on Liberty Street. The new shop, AJ's Unisex Barber-shop, just opened its doors last month. Owners hope that Shackelford's artwork will help attract customers.

Hill

from page A2

Party. "His philosophy was that you can't put everybody in the same boat," said the Rev. Perry Jones, pastor of Messiah Baptist Church in South Los Angeles. "He had to get in a different one, but his objectives were still the same: to advance the cause of Christ, primarily, and, second, to advance the cause of his people."

Hill gave the prayer for President Richard Nixon's second inauguration and twice led clergy committees

during Ronald Reagan's presidency.

In 1993, Hill was named a special volunteer adviser on South Central Los Angeles by Republican Mayor Richard Riordan.

Hill is survived by his second wife, La Dean, whom he married in 1992 after his first wife, Jane Edna Hill, died in 1987. Besides his son, Hill also is survived by daughters Norva Rose Kennard, a Boston attorney, and Ilesha Garrett; three grandsons; and a stepson, Lawrence Anthony Donald of Orlando, Fla.

Shaw

from page A1

of the days the days the Shaws visit. She said residents eagerly await the days they come, not just because of the food but also because of the couple's jovial personalities.

"They are beautiful people, and this is really a beautiful thing that they do," she said.

Shaw's sister, Willie B. Shaw, often comes down early from her apartment to help her brother prepare the food.

"He has always been a pretty good cook," Willie Shaw said, as she transferred hot biscuits from a baking sheet to a large bowl.

Jim and Clementine Shaw don't see what they do as anything special. Jim Shaw owned several gas stations and convenience stores before he retired. He now devotes much of his time to serving the local NAACP chapter as second vice president. Clementine Shaw worked as a nurse for more than 30 years.

"We have gotten so much from this community. We just want to give something back," Clementine Shaw said.

She has also agreed to volunteer her services as a nurse at the center two days a month.

Jim Shaw said he will continue his breakfast routine for

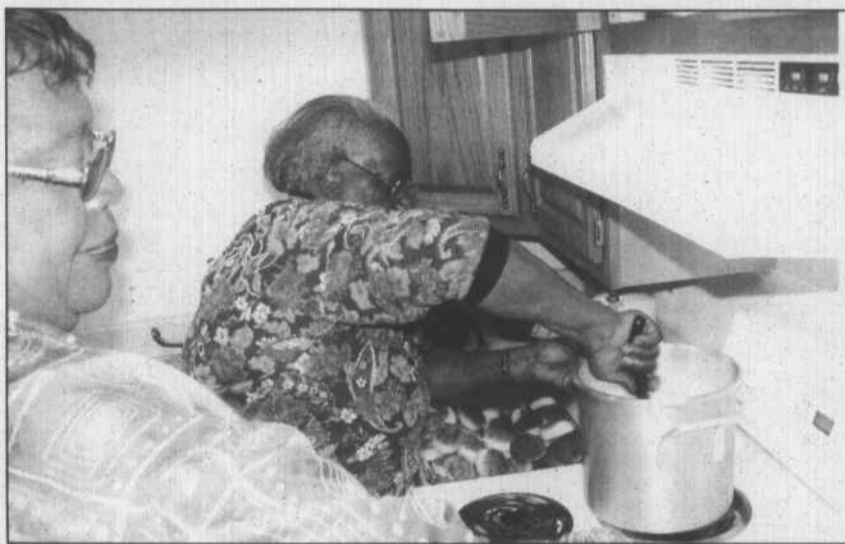


Photo by Kevin Walker

Above: Clementine Shaw, right, and Willie B. Shaw help out in the kitchen.

Right: Jim Shaw removes biscuits from the oven.



the foreseeable future. He says he gets as much out of the experience as the seniors.

"These are good people here. I am happy to be able to do what I do," he said.

Dixon

from page A8

world-class business results. I've always strived to diversify my organizations, thanks to my experience in Albany."

Dixon began his career at P&G as an automatic controls engineer and has since worked as a telecommunications systems analyst, advertising section manager, sales associate director, European director, and director - global SAP.

In December 2001, he was promoted to vice president of IT for the baby, feminine and family care global business unit, which produces brands such as Pampers diapers, Always and Tampax feminine products, Charmin bath tissues, Puffs facial tissues, and Bounty paper towels.

Without hesitation, Dixon readily attributes his meteoric rise through P&G's corporate ranks to his education, parents, caring mentors and good timing.

"I've been able to progress at P&G because I've always asked for the tough assignments that are absolutely critical to the company's success - assignments that have prepared me for executive level responsibilities," he said. "Also, I thank my parents for instilling in me strong work ethics and Christian values, and I've been blessed with tremendous managers, mentors, sponsors, and great timing," he said.

Dixon has a knack for striking an even keel in his life. He successfully divides his time between a demanding work schedule; spending

time with his wife, Dr. Sheree Jones Dixon, and their two children, Kiah, 15, and Robert III, 11; volunteering for his church; and serving on the board of trustees at his children's school.

"I'm committed to my church, family, and community and tend to devote most of my personal time to them as well as my kid's school. I believe it's important that parents be visible in their children's school. It makes for better students and parents," he said. "P&G encourages its employees to get involved in their local communities. The skills you learn at P&G make you a better volunteer."

Dixon credits much of his growth and development at P&G to others and is eager to share words of wisdom to those aspiring to executive positions.

"Master the business fundamentals and seek mainstream assignments that broaden your skill base," he advises. "Know how you've contributed to achieving breakthrough business results and maintain that balance between professional and personal priorities," he said.

Asked what code of ethics should African-American executives adopt and live by in such a competitive environment, Dixon answered, "I don't think the code of ethics is any different for African-Americans. However, I do believe that African-Americans should serve as role models in their communities, inspiring youth and young adults to pursue education and careers in business."

Harley

from page A8

times 2001's earnings, and Capolino said it could not have been done without Harley's knack for drawing a clientele that reads like the Who's Who of the sports and entertainment worlds. Harley not only pitches jerseys to big-shots, he's also become somewhat of a fashion advisor, sitting in on video sets, magazine shoots or standing backstage at awards shows, suiting up performers in the latest old-school athletic look.

While Capolino is quick to brag on Harley's accomplishments, Harley is much more subdued, almost oblivious to his meteoric rise to success. He even downplays his own celebrity status, blushing at the sight of a "Vibe" magazine ad in which he is prominently featured. That's not surprising since, a few short years ago, Harley was pushing water ice carts and selling food at

local hair salons. Today, he's driving a 2003 custom-made Cadillac Escalade with \$16,000 rims and having a house built in Delaware.

"My whole life, I always hustled. That's who I am and who I represent," said Harley, a 1992 graduate of West Philadelphia High School. "When [I] come like that to the millionaires, they accept me more. I'm genuine to them."

Harley has become such a fixture on the entertainment scene that, on any given weekend, he's invited to spend quality time at the homes of the rich and famous. When he's not a guest in Donovan McNabb's luxury box at a Philadelphia Eagles game, he's rolling with rapper Fabolous during the NBA All-Star Weekend or jetting off to the Super Bowl, American Music or Grammy award shows.

Just how did Harley become the man when it comes to throwback jerseys? An avid sports fan, Harley began frequenting

Mitchell & Ness about 10 years ago, stopping in to buy authentic Negro Leagues hats. After a while, he developed a fondness for the throwback jerseys, which cost between \$200 and \$400. Harley would wait on tables and use tip money to pay on jerseys he placed on law-away. In 1999, Harley challenged Capolino, saying he could make Mitchell & Ness and its stock of throwback jerseys famous.

"But Harley doesn't mind the grind. He enjoys being the being the front man for throwbacks, of which old-school basketball and Major League Baseball jerseys are most popular. Football and hockey jerseys are quickly catching on, according to Capolino.

In order to stay abreast of the demand, Harley continues to do what he did initially to get throwback jerseys in the spotlight, networking with celebrities at parties and record premieres. He admits that the jerseys may be pricey for non-celebrities, but if you save up

like he did, it's worth it.

"When you come up in the inner-city, what do you identify with? Being a doctor is a great thing to be, but as a kid, you looked up to Dr. J," Harley said, remembering when he couldn't afford a Dr. J jersey, so he settled for a 76ers T-shirt.

"Now, I can purchase a Dr. J jersey," Harley said. "Throwbacks spark childhood imaginations and let you wear what your heroes wore. Right now, I'm living a dream."

Harley's grandmother, Mary Gibson, also finds his success almost unreal. She still lives in the West Philadelphia rowhouse she reared Harley in. A seamstress, Gibson would brush off a young Harley whenever he mentioned he wanted to dress people. One day, Gibson noticed him watching an episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that dealt with pursuing your dreams. From that point, Harley was on his way, she said.

Need a college savings plan for your grandchild?

North Carolina's 529 plan.

Tax-Free. Flexible. Affordable.

800-600-3453 www.CFNC.org/Savings

North Carolina's
**National College
Savings Program**