

Haley Estate Goes To Highest Bidders

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not a businessman," Bill Haley said.
When Alex Haley died of a heart attack on Feb. 15, he owed \$1.4 million on his farm and another \$570,000 to creditors.
Nor was the Haley estate able to fulfill the substantial financial gifts to Alex Haley's family and friends specified in his will.
Haley's will includes \$60,000 for his first wife, Nannie, \$10,000 for Juliette Collins, his second wife, and Mrya Haley, Alex's third wife, was to receive all

household furnishings, jewelry, clothing and automobiles. Lois Haley Butts, Alex's half-sister was to receive \$30,000; friends Arthur Sims and Phyllis Graham were to receive \$30,000 and \$10,000 respectively; and, Jackie Nalpo, the secretary who ran Haley's Los Angeles office, was to receive \$30,000.
It was Alex Haley's debts and the complications created by the terms of his will that led George Haley, Alex's younger brother and executor of his will, to liquidate the Haley estate.

"I was stunned to learn the extent of Alex's financial position" George Haley said. "I had no idea." An attorney and Chairman of the U.S. Postal Rate Commission in Washington, George Haley, despite considerable family and public criticism, presided over the three day auction proceedings with quiet resolve and dignity.
The Haley auction is expected to net more than \$2 million for the estate. More than 3,000 items were sold to buyers who came from across the country to buy a piece of history. The most

valuable item offered, the original manuscript of "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," hand edited in red ink by the slain Muslim leader, was purchased for \$100,000 by singer Anita Baker.
Most of the sales were to institutions, including the Schomburg Center in New York, the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee State Museum, where many of the most important items, such as Haley's Pulitzer Prize and Chicken George's hat will be on display. Perhaps Bill Haley can find some solace in that.

Biography To Touch On 'Powerful Truth'

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Anne Romaine, a Gastonia writer and Haley's biographer and friend, remembers her friend as a man of many contradictions, but an "ordinary man who had incredible vision."
"I became very close to Alex... and I saw the multifaceted man who was flawed, terribly flawed," she said.
Haley, who learned his craft during a stint in the Coast Guard in the 1940s, was a self-made writer who maximized his abilities, Romaine said. The result is a



Romaine


legacy of works, from "Autobiography of Malcolm X" to "Queen," a miniseries that will air on CBS-TV next year.
"He trained himself as a magazine writer, he was never trained as a scholarly writer," she said. "For me, someone who is trained a scholar, the idea of not putting a refer-

ence source next to someone else's quotes is unthinkable."
Haley's works coincided with his search to learn more about his own heritage. His efforts earned him worldwide acclaim and a Pulitzer Prize for "Roots," which later broke new ground as a television miniseries in the 1970s.
"Alex was rushing forward with a powerful truth that came from his own family, his own people," Romaine said. "Watching it is not irrelevant, but it is not, to me


a primary factor."
Although the author was a complicated man, Romaine said he was dedicated to being himself around friends, family and the people he wrote about.
"Alex thought of himself as a truthful man, as the way he presented himself to the public: gentle, accessible, an ordinary man, a storyteller," she said.
"Alex was a terribly contradictory person in his life, but he always thought of himself as someone who was doing the best that he could."

Pittenger

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needs of the people in the community," Pittenger said.
Pittenger plans to revitalize N.C.'s economy by establishing enterprise zones in designated areas and economically distressed areas.
"This would in turn create more and better jobs as well as opportunities for people to start their own businesses. Therefore more minority-owned businesses," he said.
"Bobby Kennedy said in his book 'To fight poverty without the power of free enterprise is like waging war with a single platoon while great armies are left to stand on the side,'" he said.
Pittenger is also addressing the issues of crime and education with ideas to build more prisons and allowing professionals in local school districts to have authority in local school systems.
"The best management is local management," he said.
Pittenger says he's never felt more prepared for an assignment.
"I believe I'm prepared for it and trained for it and my ideas are right."
"I feel my message is a broad message. What I say to one side of town I say to the other. And I haven't said one negative thing about my opponent because it's not about that. It's about getting a message to the people and letting them know what I plan to do," he said.
Overall Pittenger says his message is geared toward better management of money in N.C. government.
"We are sending government officials \$10 million a year in return for goods and services. But what kind of goods and services are we getting?" he asked.
A major part of Pittenger's campaign strategy is going out into the community, meeting people and letting them meet him.
His community involvement includes, Director and Treasurer of the World Christian Training Center - Charlotte, Director, Dalton Village Outreach Center, Board of the State Education Assistance Authority and Chairman of the mayor's Economic Development Committee.
Pittenger has some supporters.
"I have known Robert Pittenger for over 20 years," said Rev. E. V. Hill, National Chairman of the World Christian Training Center in Los Angeles. "During that time he has been of invaluable assistance on many projects and ministries with us throughout America on behalf of the urban poor. Time and time again Robert has proven that he is a very great friend of the African-American community."



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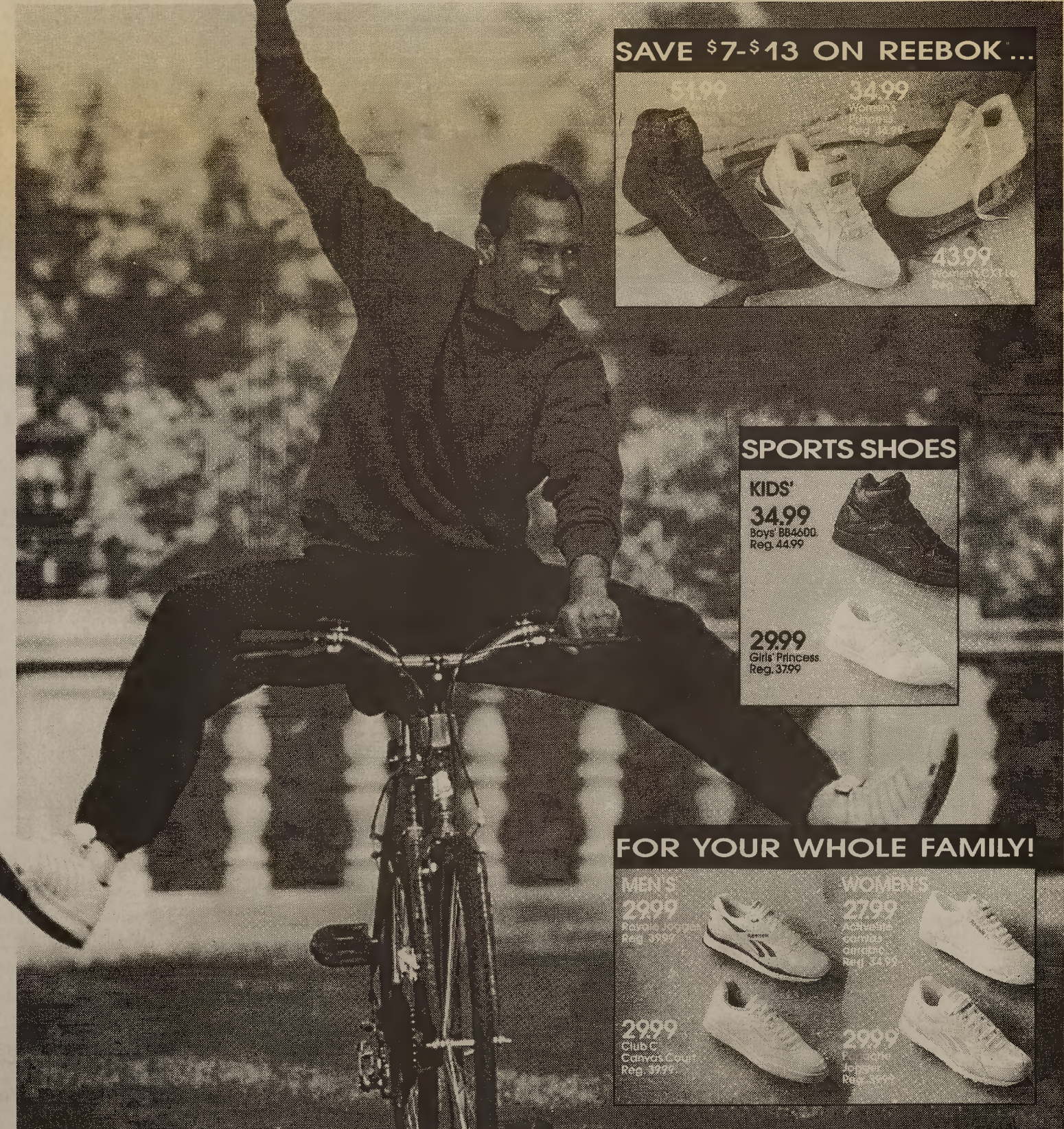
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