

Fly on the Wall



• The Fly on Sports...Da Fly realizes WBTV-3 is the official station for the Black, eh, Carolina Panthers, but do they have to be in the team's hip pocket. Generally excellent sports anchor Delano Little got cool points deducted for his take on quarterback Kerry Collin's loose lips. Collins used the 'n' word to a fellow black player and got his eye blackified in return. In one of umpteen pre-season specials, Little mentioned Collins had some off the field problems during preseason that didn't need to be discussed anymore. Hmhmhm. Wonder if da Fly called homeboy a PWT (po' white trash to the Ebonically challenged) would everyone be so forgiving. Let's show some gumption, Delano.

• Party o'ber heah...One of the Fly's favorite foils, Lisa Crawford and crew are starting a Friday social hour just for us, well not me, I'm a fly, but all y'all black peeps. Anyway word has it that it's goin' to be da bomb. Check out Da Post for dates and times...Speaking o' Lisa, she one busy sister. Fly hears that home skillet may be opening a downtown eatery in the near future. Now, rather than welcome Lisa to the fold, several Charlotte restaurateurs are up in arms about her possibly stealing patrons. All the Fly gotta say is "You Go Girl." According to the last census there was more than 60,000 colored households in Charlotte. That's more than enough to go 'round. So stop being selfish and petty. You know what ya Momma told you about the Crab syndrome. How many folks you think you can feed anyway. Heck, with the service at some places, Lisa may be just what the doctor ordered.

• Still on the E-Tip...It's been a

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S.C. funeral home sued

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LANCASTER, S.C. - A Lancaster funeral home has been sued by a woman who says the home's owner refused to handle her mother's remains when he found out the daughter was of mixed race.

Silvia Thomas contacted Jerry Hartley at Hartley Funeral Home on Jan. 21, 1996, about taking care of arrangements for her mother, Gertrude Warren Smith, who was near death.

"Mr. Hartley got on the phone," Thomas said. "He was very pleasant."

Hartley refused to comment

on the suit. He also would not discuss having his license suspended for six months by the state Funeral Service Board, which found he "failed to provide timely and proper service" in the case.

Hartley's lawyer, Mitchell Norrell, said the lawsuit is unfounded.

Thomas said Hartley told her they could finish discussing costs and make final decisions when she arrived in person.

After her mother died, a nurse told Thomas there was a problem. "She told me Mr. Hartley could not render his services," she said.

Although Smith was white, Thomas, 46, is of Dutch, black

and American Indian ancestry. She has sued the funeral home in state court, claiming she was discriminated against and her civil rights were violated.

Thomas said after she spoke to the nurse her husband, James, called the funeral home. "Mr. Hartley expressed to my husband that he only catered to whites," Thomas said. "He said to Jim, 'Do I have to spell it out for you?'"

Thomas said the family found another home to handle the arrangements, but she was still upset.

"This is not 100 years ago," she said. "I don't understand how people in this day and age can do that."

Cochran considers N.Y. case

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Louima had originally said.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, the sources said police have not recovered the weapon used in the attack and that it could have been the handle of a mop or a broom. The only plunger in the stationhouse was locked in an office during the alleged attack, the Daily News reported today.

Figeroux said it "really doesn't matter" whether the handle came

from a plunger or not, and the sources said all the other evidence still corroborates Louima's version of events.

The election-year politics surrounding the case continued Wednesday, with 20 black leaders buying a full-page ad in The New York Times that was headlined, "When Does It End?"

"We are concerned that the climate of intolerance which allows such abusive acts to occur may not change," said the ad, signed by former Mayor David Dinkins,

state Comptroller H. Carl McCall and Harlem political power Percy E. Sutton, among others.

The ad encouraged the creation of an independent agency to monitor police abuse and corruption cases. Last week, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani - who is seeking re-election in November - appointed a panel on police-community relations.

The ad also appeared in several black publications, including The Amsterdam News, The New York Beacon and The Daily Challenge.

Water contaminated, use banned

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As much as 60 gallons of it entered the water supply.

Fire hydrants in the area were left open so the contaminated water could run from the city's water supply.

Hourly samples of the water was sent to a lab in St. Pauls, Minn. for analysis. That testing was expected to continue until none of the chemical was detected.

Eric Wright, who lives in Boulevard Homes, said late Wednesday he had heard the water was still being tested but should be okay by Thursday morning.

He said some people had been

drinking the city water. "They haven't been having any problems," Wright said.

But he and thousands of other residents weren't taking any chances.

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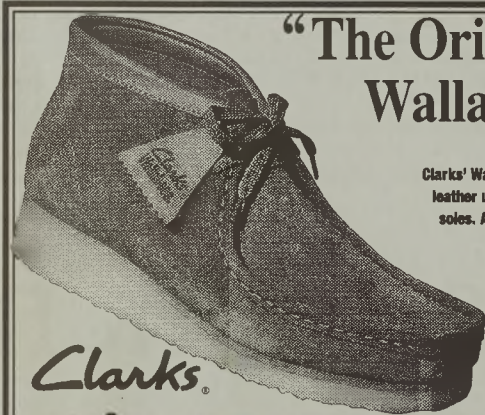
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