

Josephine Baker

Q — There's been gossip that Phyllis George wants her job back from Jayne Kennedy as a CBS Sportscaster.

Sandra Hall

Virginia A - Ms. George just got married to businessman John Y. Brown Jr., the winner of the Democratic primary for U.S. State Senate in Kentucky. Ms. Brown has been campaigning for her hubby, amongst all the other big things a newlywed must embark

Q - Who's your favorite group of the month?

> Nancy Davis Oklahoma

A - A nine member rock group called "Instant Funk."

Q - I've seen Cicely Tyson and Diana Ross in a hairstyle that has deep bangs and falls shoulder length woven into tiny braids.



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# NAMERICALISM with JEANNE PARNELL

Where did they get their hair

Alene Holmes North Carolina

A - It's a wig styled by Andre Douglas for men and women. Andre was a hair stylist before he became a wig designer.

Q - Who would you pick to play the American-born Frenchestablished black international star Josephine Baker in an upcoming biographical movie?

Ms. Owens New York A - As a viewer, admirer and

adoring fan of Ms. Baker, I'd choose an unknown. I'm sure all my readers would agree that a new face on the screen would be refreshing. Hank Kaufman and Gene Lerner who control worldwide rights to the Baker biographical materials, as well as dearances from her estate, stated, "We intend to examine what material will be in reserve for other presentations now in consideration, such as a Broadway musical and international television." That's enough work for three new stars right there, with a few old faces thrown in for good luck!

Q - Whatever happened to Miriam Makeba?

> Clinton Davis South Carolina

A - Makeba did her first role in musical "King Kong" nothing to do with the film of that title, but the South African black show went on to London to earn good reviews. South Africa is in shock at U.S. Professor Joseph A. Walker and wife, of Howard University who have wandered far from the script and the score in this rewrite. Johannesburg critic slashed the production with headlines like "Cheap and Nasty" and "Kong Is a King-Sized Disaster." The U.S. writers have returned home and so has Makeba. (South Africa)

Q - Is it easier for blacks to make films in Africa?

> James Jones Kentucky

A - Yes and no. The answer lies not in economics, even though the upper class educated would have to be the leaders. Until literacy, education, international communications and last but not least technological expertise is improved, all these problems make movie production and distribution very difficult. People in Africa are receptive, but all the other factors make for an arduous task.

Q - Is it true that Chief Justice Thurgood Marshall criticized his fellow justices?

Larry Powell

California A - Justice Thurgood Marshall attacked the Supreme Court for affording insufficient protection to constitutional rights in two different cases. Thurgood rarely attacks his fellow workers, but when he does he makes headlines In both cases, one dealing with libel laws and the other with jailed defendants. Speaking of fellow workers, Newsweek did a survey on the financial status of the Supreme Court members. Marshall reported only a modest savings account on which he earned \$1,000 interest in contrast to Stewart who appeared to be the wealthiest Supreme Court justice. Lewis Powell who was granted more time. to file. Chief Justice Warren Burger listed holdings of more than \$600,000.

Q - Who is the "Star Pet" for the very rich, rich people? Sheila Jackson

A - That's easy, pianist and singer Bobby Short. Q - I never knew that the

performing artist could be sued by

the audience?

Stan Jones Jersey City

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Billy Eckstine

A - Oh Yes! Ask Mr. B., a new Jersey couple, Dr. Decebal Constandis and his wife, Michelle have filed a \$425,000 damages suit against singer Billy Eckstine and the Playboy club. It seems that Eckstine turned his back on the audience and said "Free country, Smuck," and with those few words the couple suffered great embarrassment, pain and mental anguish. The whole world's a stage, and we are all players. How dare them!

Q - I've heard that Dionne Warwicke has dropped the E from her last name. Is that true?

> Joyce Smith Philadelphia

A - Old News - Warwick dropped the extra letter in 1975 after putting it on in 1971. The astrologer, Linda Goodman, told her to do it. "I know this sounds silly, Warwick said, but all my trouble started when I added that B." (I'm surprised she forgot her big hit "Don't Make Me Over").



Jayne Kennedy

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#### rewrite it!

rewrite the history books! rewrite it from page to page, it's filled with too many lies written from the white man's

he took his racist pencil and hid all that is true and lied on our black people and brother Indians too! it's filled with so many lies and white hypocrisies no wonder whites are blind about truth historically; rewrite the history books and let the whole world know, the truth about this country and let the whole truth flow; it'll wipe white people's minds so clear that they can see and understand and know the deep-rooted blackness and glory in me.

> McArthur Gunter Danville, Va.

# Silent Suffrage

she leans against gummy rails brown fingers stretch around yellow ribbon tears watching you watching your oval pupils wander to dope phene castles

she begged you, "son please don't sink your arm pits in blue pus walls" 'ok mother,' you said and stitched your arms in cocain diamond shapes

day staggers solitary staggers mold your trembling blackness falling against cement ghost beds. weather beaten highs haunt orange moon/suns you begged/ 'mother help me, help me please.'

blue ribbon tears fall from her wounded breast/wripple nipples

circling motions paint splintered laughs with spiral coco sticks

evening plum rains dance a manchild's face into majestic strength jewels. Philadelphia, Pa.

## Getting To You

I want to blow your mind, crumble it into a billion tiny pieces, and hide them in my breast

I want to steal inside your heart, establish my presence, and control all your night and day dreams.

as summer breezes blow through a windchime just at dusk simultaneously announcing an

and a beginning. Dorothy E. King Jamaica, N.Y.

# Stayin' Ahead

Although black may be the color of his skin some seem to think he ain't really so "black" within. They talk about the way he acts whenever with "them" wonderin if "they" think half as much of him.

Say he's always agreein' with 'em and showin' his teeth but, you know, that could be just a front to cover what's beneath. Could be, though, that he's truly "black"

Poetry Melvin Brown

but when with "them" it sorta holds him back. So he figures in order to stay ahead -

he'll deny his heritage and fake it instead.

But deep down he's hurtin', knowin' it ain't right when he's one of "them" by day and one of us by night. Dorothy J. Rowley

love lacks definition

for the space left in me

when called upon to express what

love poor-whore of the western

is easy filling

i feel for U

Richmond, Va.

# Space

pocket.

tossed about mostly from bed to I want to touch your soul softly, signifying anywhere from male or in heat to nothing

> love fills that empty space that is really too big for a word so

> > then again care respect friend someone in my corner smiles tears don't fit either . . . maybe i should just say

> > > Baltimore, Md.

## on Whatcoat Street

i blank U

houses jailing magic dreams eyes crusted over with poverty's red paint . . . whorelike in the afternoon

we grow wees here very well old hopes stink festering like promised lovers days are rough here at black rock our dreams break and scatter like dust

old ones stare grim-faced mean and magicless they pot their seeds nonetheless and wait for a change of days

Darlene Scriven Baltimore, Md.

## Inside Fistcity

Judicial corruption not have pretty ties brotherman

For insane reasons truth has tested no civilian outcry

Lance here's your chance dig me

Open up your all across the land politics again

Again and again it's just one of the good ole boys

Sinning just in living is a big mess I guess

Flip a coin coin a flip mister a betcha

Heads or tales telling we lose the game in other

The names the inside fistcity we all lollipop suckers . . . .

E. Bobbe Atkins Ypsilanti, Mich.

### Lest We Be Together

i hope your memory album shows us walking together playing with the neighborhood wishing and wanting them to be our own

i hope your memory album is crammed with my love letters ending with love always and forever

i hope you don't forget to place half torn ticket stubs from movies, concerts and amusement parks that amused us while we were together

your memory album doesn't pictures of us together standing under the triumphal arch of our high school prom and us still together

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