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nity and relations. But she sustained injuries to one of her arms, as well as abusive comments from officers.

Properly reacting to this police abuse, District Attorney Charles Hynes sought and received a grand jury second degree assault indictment of the abusive officer.

However, a much different account is contained in a full page ad in the August 14 issue of the New York Post. Joseph Toal, president of the Sergeants Benevolent Association wrote, "This entire matter was then blown out of proportion because Annie Dodds wielded her political and community power and, once again, DA Hynes caved in and rushed to indict Sergeant Viola."

After stating that the "only serious injury is to a police officer," Toal said, "District Attorney Hynes has made a mockery of our Grand Jury system and there seems to be no oversight of his behavior, other than at election. Police officers can not do their jobs while being made the pawns of politically ambitious district attorneys."

In what smacks of a police state mind set, Toal reveals his belief that there is no way police can do wrong and as such police don't need oversight. Instead oversight should solely be of the district attorney for investigating them.

And, in an even more revealing statement, Toal asked, "Why did DA Hynes rush to seek an indictment when there were no civilian injuries?" The head of a benevolent association either doesn't believe Annie Dodd's injuries were serious, or that because she is Black she doesn't count, or that she is the enemy and as such is not a civilian. The latter alternative comes out of the Reagan-Bush approach to police training, that "it's us versus them."

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ate having their dirty work done for them.

So now that you've heard me out, get yourself a copy of Waiting to Exhale. Read it and enjoy. But please ponder its deepest meanings.

If its true what they say about art imitating life, our female authors ought to consider promoting positive themes relating to Black female-male relationships for a change.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

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