

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

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the body. The body was released to the W.L.V. Memorial Chapel within the same day or the very next day. The family came to the West Las Vegas Memorial Chapel and made funeral arrangements authorizing West Las Vegas Memorial Chapel to proceed with burial plans. They embalmed the body within twenty-four hours, however the very next day the family came and said they wanted the body moved to another mortuary. Prior to their decision to move the body to another mortuary, our morticians had already embalmed the body. After the body was embalmed, I understand, that the tissue gases had already begun to set in. Had the body remained at West Las Vegas Memorial Chapel, they would have been able to clear up the problem of the tissue gases and prepared the body properly. But the family had decided to have the body moved somewhere else.

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Africans, can you honestly look at yourselves in the mirror and say, "You know what? I love myself, I like what I see!" I dare say that most of us cannot. Malcolm X once said, "We didn't realize that as soon as we were made to hate Africa and Africans, we also hated ourselves..." This hatred of self is so extensive that among the leading causes of death among young black men is young black men. We despise ourselves so much that we attempt to eradicate everything that looks like us and to enlighten as many Africans as possible for it is only through knowledge of self that you can love and respect self. Remember, you can't hate the roots of a tree and love the fruit that it bears.

Until next week this has been the Minister of Information.

COMPLAINTS

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on three months probation and can be fired at the end of the probationary period.

Porter was transferred, according to Charles Hunsberger, director of the Clark County Library District, because her work was unsatisfactory.

"The purpose of the transfer," explained Hunsberger, "is for job training. At the end of the three months she will be returned to the West Las Vegas Library.

She can only be fired if she does not cooperate, does not show up for work, or does not follow the instructions of her supervisor," said Hunsberger.

Both Jackson and Porter said

the situation at the West Las Vegas Library is part of a greater problem. "This is not just about me," said Porter, "it is most definitely about racism in Las Vegas."

Jackson agreed. "The success of a few blacks is no indication of the problems of the larger community. It is the whole system that exists," said Jackson. "Maybe Las Vegas got up to the 70s, but in general, blacks have been kept in their place."

Last Sunday, West Las Vegas Library patrons began a "check out" demonstration taking out up to 40 books (the maximum legal limit). Both Marie (See Complaints, Page 9)

Once the family decided to have the body removed, we have no more authority to do anything to that particular body, it then has to be transported to wherever they want it to go. The "receiving facility" could have continued with the preparation process which would have allowed the body to be viewed, but they chose not to do so. Instead, they told the family that the body could not be viewed. Of course the family was frustrated. But had they done what they were supposed to do, they would have been able to view the body.

But they chose to move the body, and looking for an escape-goat they threatened West Las Vegas Memorial. You have to understand that sometimes, depending on what type of medical complications that the deceased may have, it may lead to some complications in the embalming process."

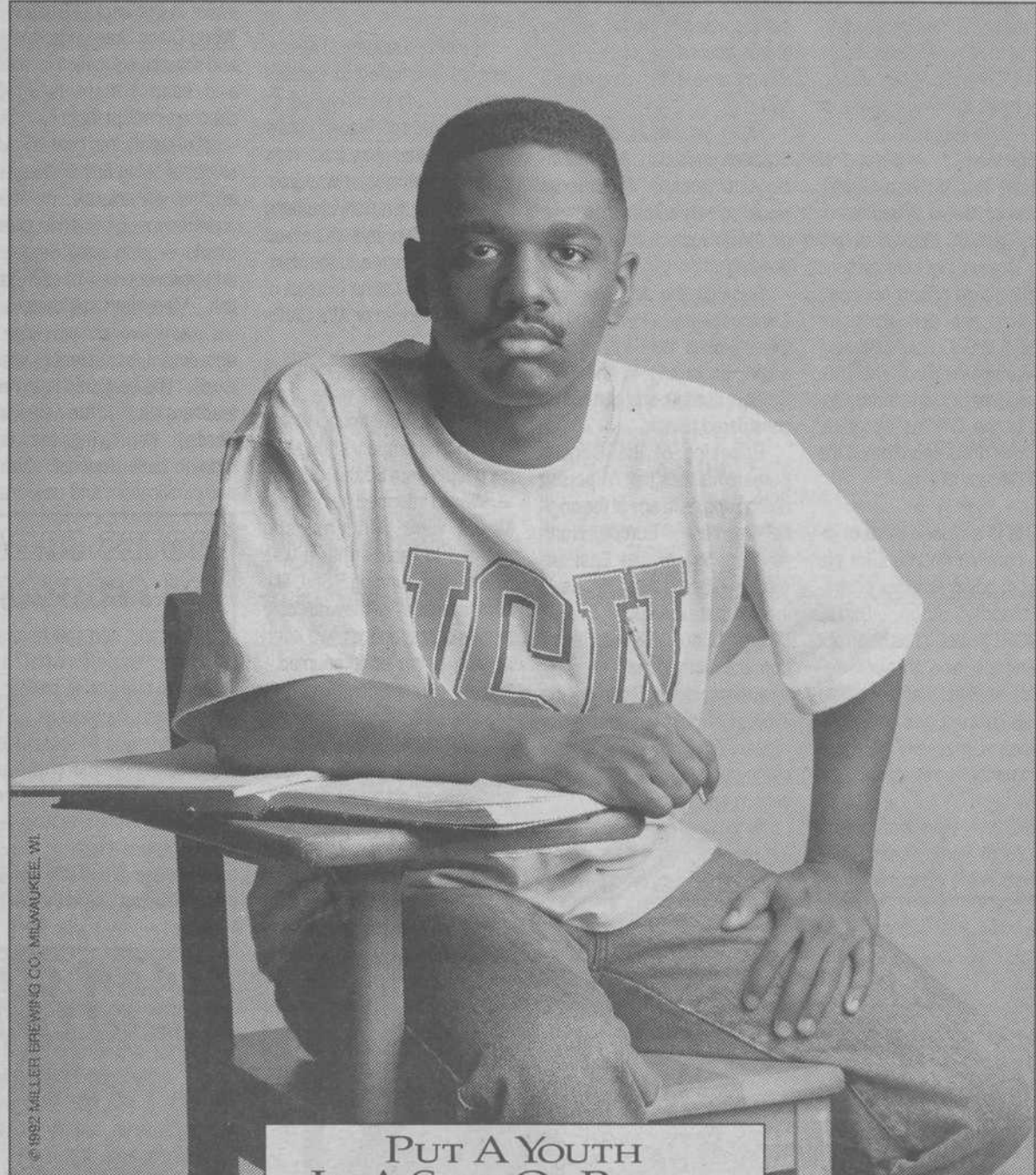
ABDULLAH: Tell our readers, was there ever a "formal complaint" filed against West Las Vegas Memorial Chapel?

MS. HUGHES: "No, there was no formal complaint, as we know them, ever filed against the chapel. It was only after Channel 13 or one of its agents filed a formal complaint that the family did follow-up and said there was a problem."

ABDULLAH: Are you telling us that it was a news reporter that filed the formal complaint against West Las Vegas Memorial Chapel?

MS. HUGHES: Yes, it was a reporter from Channel 13 that filed a complaint against West Las Vegas Memorial Chapel, which led to the investigation of the facility."

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