

# POET'S CORNER

## As I See It

By Kathy Negron,  
Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice  
Civilization, of a people.  
Unity, of a mixture of people.  
Learning, of oneself and one another.  
Tradition, followed by all.  
Uniquity, of everyone.  
Rearing, your own and others.  
Enlightenment, of a future nation.

## American Apartheid

By Natalie D. Lambert, Sista' Girlfriend, Inc.,  
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You hid behind your sheets  
Your children shave their head,  
you say we'll have no peace  
'til every nigger is dead.  
You teach children your lies  
spreading your poison and hate,  
the type that shows your ignorance  
the kind that can't rehabilitate.  
It lives in a burning cross  
your symbol of anger and rage,  
you have no intelligence so  
you try to make your place  
somewhere on history's page.  
Now you wear a three-piece suit —  
carry a badge and a gun, or maybe  
you sit behind the bench —  
wherever you are we can  
smell you stench.

In the boardroom of a corporation,  
you try to destroy the Black nation.  
That burning cross ablaze in fire,  
a black man you will not hire.  
Your hatred disease is eating you alive,  
Black family in America will survive.  
No matter how you hide your face,  
Racism in any form is a disgrace.

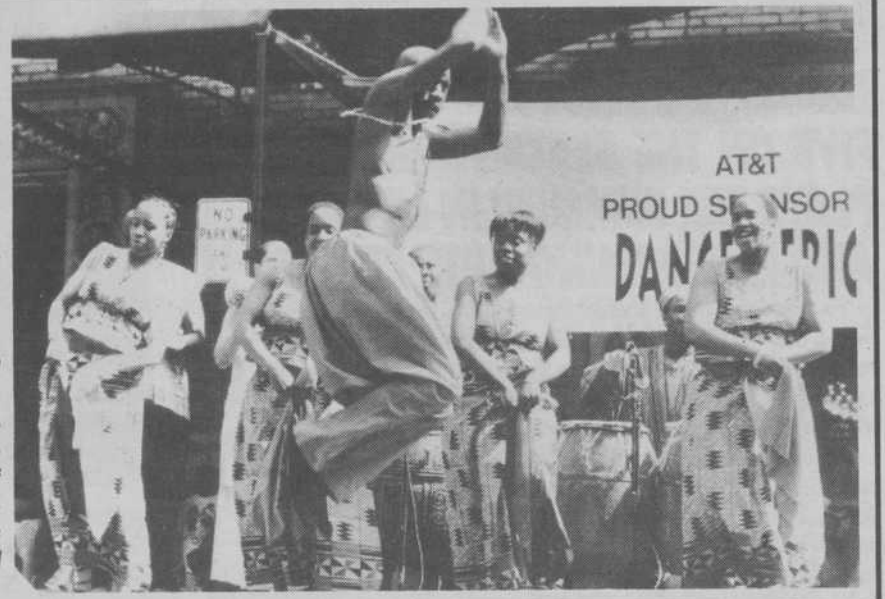
**Apartheid American style**

So few speak against you — makes me lose my smile.



### DANCING TO AFRICA'S RICH CULTURE AND HERITAGE

African dancers perform on stage at the opening ceremonies of the recent week long Dance Africa Festival sponsored by AT&T. The DanceAfrica Festival, held annually at The Brooklyn Academy of Music, is one of the only dance festivals devoted solely to the presentation of African dance in the U.S. since its inception in 1977. For its "Sweet Sixteen" anniversary Chuck Davis (Dance Africa founder and director) brought together dance companies from the past sixteen years and engaged them in a variety of seminars, master classes, special events and educational outreach. AT&T has long recognized that the arts are critical to the cultural vitality and economic stability of the communities it serves. For more than a half century, AT&T has sought to encourage creativity and innovation through its continuous support in theater, dance, music, the visual arts and cinema.



## MY POINT OF VIEW MADE IN AMERICA

By Jacqueline R. Walker

A Richard Benjamin Film  
STARRING WHOOP! GOLD-  
BERG, TED DANSON, NIA  
LONG AND WILL SMITH  
Well I must say Ms. Gold-  
berg has come a long way babe,  
since "Color Purple". "Made In

America" is a romance comedy  
that pairs two talented comedians  
Whoopi Goldberg and Ted  
Danson, that heats up the  
screen. Nia Long (Boys in the  
Hood) plays Whoopi's daughter  
who finds out that her mother

has lied about her biological  
father. Then enters Hal Jackson  
(Danson), a white car dealer.  
The electricity between Gold-  
berg and Danson's characters  
light up the screen with romance  
and old fashion high-jenks. Will  
Smith (Fresh Prince), plays Nia  
Long's best friend who's energy  
keeps you laughing.

the 1990 film "Ghost." Ms. Gold-  
berg is an inspiration to all fe-  
males who are not considered  
the typical beauty. Her inner-  
beauty is refreshing and uplift-  
ing. I applaud you Whoopi, you  
are my kind of person.

RECOMMENDATION: For  
lite comedy this is a must see for  
all ages.

OUT ON VIDEO: "SISTER  
ACT" starring Whoopi Goldberg.  
The heart touching comedy  
"Boomerang" starring Eddie  
Murphy. The best of Eddie.

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