

African American Reflections

POETRY IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THE BLACK MOSES SHOUT

Born a slave
Down in Maryland,
"Liberty or death"
Became her stand.

Black Moses. Black Moses.

Escaped North
On the Underground Train
She didn't stay North long
That was plain.

Black Moses. Black Moses.

Back to the South
She went nineteen times,
Led so many slaves to freedom
They called it a crime.

Black Moses. Black Moses.

Forty thousand dollars
Was put on her head,
Slavers vowed to take her
Alive or dead.

Black Moses. Black Moses.

If that weren't enough
When the war broke out,
She joined the Union Forces
As a spy and scout.

Black Moses. Black Moses.

Her name was Harriet Tubman,
An American patriot.
As long as folks prize freedom
She won't be forgot.

Black Moses. Black Moses.

Nancy Webb Williams
Las Vegas, Nevada

SOMETHING TO SAY

Quiet and small
She looked so weak
Not to cross an eye
Or even to blink
With the color of her own
She there did stay
For of the opposite kind
She knew not to stand in their way
Although it wasn't until, that moment one day
When she said "No more,
I have something to say"
"You told me sir,
to get out of this seat"
"Sorry, but I'm tired,
and the pain is in my feet"
"So I'll take my stand,
and sit right here"
"I'll fight for my right
For I have no fear"

Jennifer Dean
Age 12
Las Vegas, Nevada

STATE OF THE UNION

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cussed for parents who do not pay child support, which according to the President, accounts for 34-billion dollars in federal subsidies. He suggested garnishing paychecks, a national tracking network for delinquent parents, seizure of tax refunds, and suspension of driving privileges. Quality education was also placed upon the President's agenda. Clinton alluded to education vouchers and privatization as an option to parents in selecting their child's school. The voucher system narrowly lost support during an referendum in California in late 1993. The system would give parents the option to use payment vouchers to select the school which their child would attend.

The President could not, however, resist the temptation to market his health care package to a captive joint session of Congress. Substantial play was given to his package as the President warned Republicans that he would not support any counter proposal which did not have universal coverage for all Americans. The package faces tough scrutiny by Congress. Republicans have criticized the President's plan as being unrealistic and too costly.

DEVAL PATRICK

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critics of Patrick.

Patrick, a native of Chicago's rough south side, brought his wife and two daughters to the ceremony. "I am humbled," he said, "because I know that I am standing here on the shoulders of ... those courageous advocates of every type and kind who had the guts to stand up in court somewhere and give the Constitution life. I pledge to be true to that legacy."

Civil rights leaders, many upset over Clinton's refusal to fight for Guinier, took a favorable view.

Jesse Jackson said Patrick "has a background of suffering,

sacrifice and achievement against the odds. Now it is the challenge of this administration to take a principled stand and be with him against the reactionary attacks of the forces of injustice."

RALLY

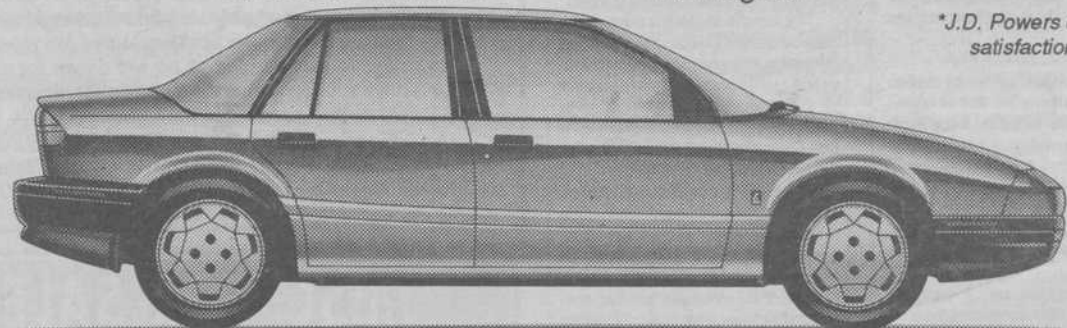
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meet with the group of fired workers. Councilman Frank Hawkins would not return phone calls. Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson-Gates did respond, yet couldn't provide backing. Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams has arisen as a supporter and is scheduled to attend both marches this weekend.

Who's ranked behind Infiniti and Lexus?*

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| 1. Lexus | 6. Toyota |
| 2. Infiniti | 7. Audi |
| 3. SATURN | 8. Cadillac |
| 4. Acura | 9. Honda |
| 5. Mercedes-Benz | 10. Jaguar |

*J.D. Powers customer satisfaction poll.



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