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Bobby Womack To Receive NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award

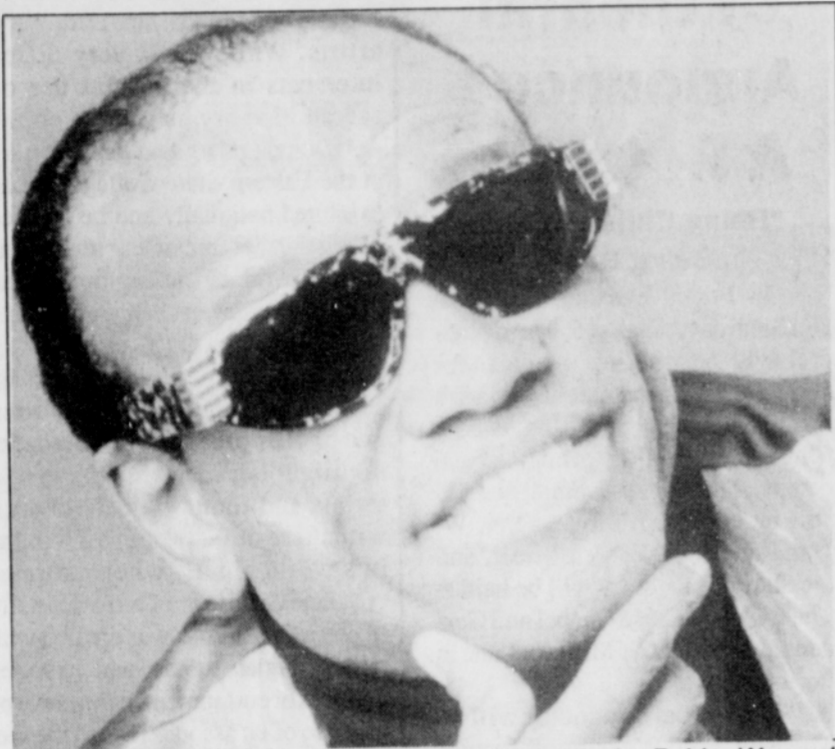
R&B singer/songwriter and performer Bobby Womack will be recipient of the prestigious NAACP "Lifetime Achievement Award" in Los Angeles on June 25th.

The award commemorates Womack's lifelong career as a performer, songwriter, producer and composer and celebrates the positive influences he has provided for African Americans.

"Bobby Womack is a mesmerizing performer, as well as a multi-talented musician, who has influenced generations of music lovers. We are honored that the NAACP will recognize Black Music Month by presenting Womack with this important award," commented Tim Brack, president of Continuum Records.

The award will be presented as part of the NAACP's 32nd Anniversary Entertainment Industry Mixer and Showcase, taking place at the home of actor/activist Jim Brown in Los Angeles, CA. For more information, phone (213) 464-7616.

"Resurrection," Womack's 33rd album, will be released in July. Produced by Womack, the recording is a musical autobiography of his life and features performances by Stevie Wonder, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ron Wood of the Rolling Stones,



R&B singer/songwriter and performer extraordinaire Bobby Womack

rapper May May Ali, and Gerald Albright. Cecil, Curtis and Friendly Womack -- the Original Valentines -- are also featured on the album.

Womack is the first signing to Slide Music, a newly formed record label owned by the Rolling Stones guitarist, Ronnie Wood. The label is marketed and distributed worldwide through the Con-

tinuum Records of New Jersey. A single, entitled "Forever Love," is scheduled to be released this month.



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"A majestic, moving novel, an instant classic, a book that will be read, discussed and taught beyond the rest of our lives." -- Chicago Tribune

Ernest J. Gaines, the critically acclaimed author of *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* and *A Gathering of Old Men*, has written his first book in ten years, "a quietly moving novel." (San Francisco Chronicle) *A Lesson Before Dying*, winner of the 1994 National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction, tells the wrenching story of an unjustly condemned man's attempt to define himself during his last days, and the teacher who befriends and helps him in his struggle. Vintage Contemporaries have published this powerful and moving book for the first time in trade paperback on June 21, 1994. At the same time, Gaines's 1979 Novel *Of Love and Dust* will be reissued, joining many of the author's backlist titles in print at Vintage.

In a small Cajun Louisiana com-



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munity in the late 1940s, a young black man named Jefferson is a reluctant party in a liquor store shoot-out in which the three other men involved are all killed, including the white store owner. Jefferson, the only survivor, is accused of the murder. At the trial, the essence of the defense is that

the accused, a lowly form of existence -- "a thing to dig ditches" -- is incapable of premeditated murder. His lawyer argues, "Why, I would just as soon put a hog in the electric chair as this." But Jefferson is condemned to death.

Grant Wiggins, who left the small town to go to university, has returned to the plantation school to teach children, and is trying to decide whether to take off north or west before he sinks into a centuries-old rut. He is grappling with his own situation when Jefferson's godmother and his aunt, Tante Lau, persuade him to visit Jefferson in prison and impart something of himself -- his learning and his pride -- to Jefferson before his death, and prove the lawyer is wrong. *A Lesson Before Dying* is the record of these two men who, through no choice of their own, come together and form a bond in realization that sometimes simply choosing to resist the expected is an act of heroism.

Happy Independence Day!



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TWO READINGS

JILL NELSON
Volunteer Slavery:
My Authentic Negro Experience

I quit my job because I wanted to be happy.. But even in 1990 it wasn't easy to escape the plantation. Rumors flew concerning my departure. A woman from the Daily News even called and told me that a source at the Post told her I'd quit because I'd embezzled \$17,000. I politely suggested that if that were the case, she'd be calling me in prison. Then I let it go. I figured I'd left to get away from that kind of stuff, so why get into it now that I was free?

7:30 PM :: Thursday, July 7

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ERNEST J. GAINES
author of *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*
A Lesson Before Dying

I was not there, yet I was there. No, I did not go to the trial, I did not hear the verdict, because I knew all the time what it would be. Still, I was there. I was there as much as anyone else was there. Either I sat behind my aunt and his godmother or I sat beside them. . . .

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Auditions For BlazerDancers Set For July

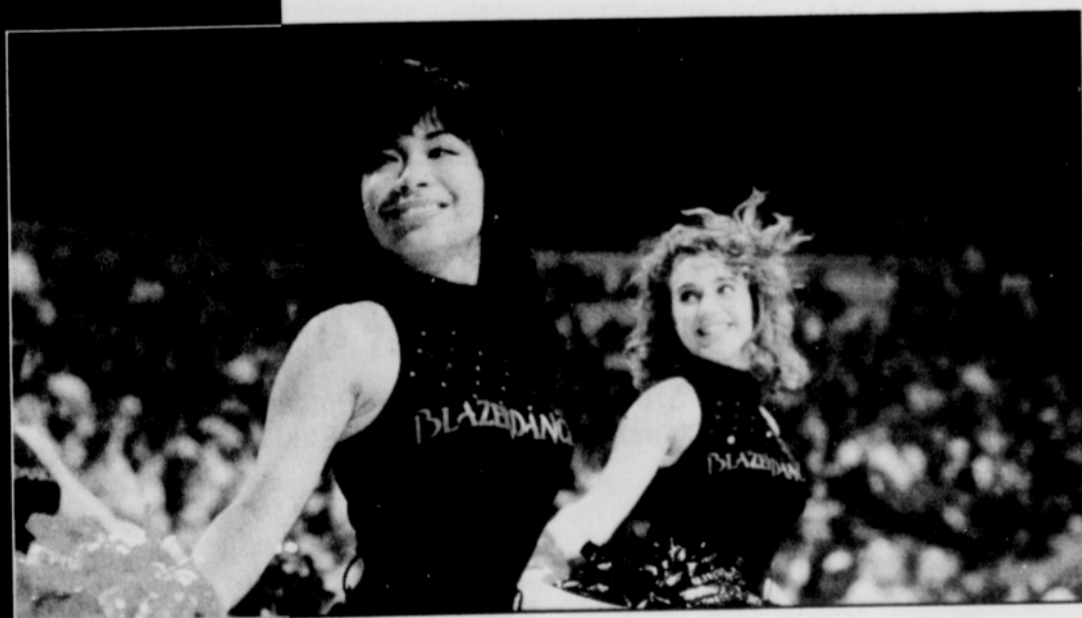
Auditions for the 1994-95 Blazer Dancers will begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, July 16 at Tualatin High School. First day finalists will be asked to return on Sunday, July 17. Final auditions and team selection will take place the following Saturday, July 23. Dancers will be judged on dance ability, enthusiasm and showmanship.

The dancer team was formed in 1988; members perform at all Blazers regular season and playoff home games. The dancers are also an integral part of the Blazers Community Partnership effort mak'ng holiday visits to children's hospitals as well as visiting blazers fans in retirement centers.

Dance team applications are available at the trail Blazers office, 700 NE Multnomah, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97232. All dancers must be 19 years of age or older by November 1, 1994.

For more information call the BlazerDancers Audition Hotline at (503) 731-9336.

AUDITION



JULY 16 & 17, 8 AM

If you have dance or cheerleading experience and are 19 years or older, you are invited to audition for the Portland Trail Blazers' "BlazerDancers"!

Auditions will take place at Tualatin High School. Call the Blazers office at (503) 731-9336 for an application. Please bring a completed application to the auditions.

Dancers will be judged on dance ability, enthusiasm and showmanship. Selected candidates will return the following weekend when the new team will be chosen.

Join the excitement and be part of the 1994-95 BlazerDancers!

BLAZERDANCERS



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