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PAGE'S PLAGIARISM CASE IS NOW CLOSED



Where's The Apology For Bowling Scribe Harry Page?

by GC

I'll start with mine - SORRY! More than two years ago, CSTB briefly mentioned the matter of San Antonio Express-News bowling columnist Harry Page being relieved of his duties after being charged with plagiarism by the newspaper's editors. Page and his readers have long countered that rather than accept a buyout, the veteran sportswriter was sacked via the paper's flimsy excuse that his quoting from other sources (and crediting them as such) on his

SA E-N blog constituted theft.

As it turns out, Page has been vindicated, as the following item from the San Antonio Infomer explains.

In November 2007, the Express-News terminated Page after editors accused him of lifting material for his bowling blog from two Web sites, www.phatour.com and www.bowl.com, without attributions. The works appeared on the paper's site, but was later removed. Page insisted he reposted material with credit as outlined in his job description and did not plagiarize.

Page, represented by attorney Darryl K.

Carter of the Houston-based Glickman, Carter & Bachynsky, L.L.P., law firm, sued the newspaper believing that the Express-News invented the false plagiarism charges after he refused to participate in a "voluntary separation program" in October 2007.

The settlement came in District Court of Bexar County Texas, 224th Judicial District, case no. 2008-CI-07082, after the Hearst Corp. was denied a summary judgment to get the suit dismissed in December 2009.

Details of settlement weren't disclosed.

FATHER THROWS KIDS OUT WITH TRASH

Ohio Dad Leaves Children In Garbage Bin

By Paul Shepard

"Poor Judgment." That is how a Dayton father explained his decision to put two children in a garbage dumpster and leave them for 13 hours, after being found guilty of attempted murder, kidnapping, domestic violence and tampering with evidence.

Did you ever get the feeling that some people, in this case Tommie Johnson Jr., 39, weren't meant to procreate?

Workers at a nearby electrical supply store heard the 2-year-old girl Ashonti Johnson and the 8-month-old boy Tommie Johnson



Ill crying and found the children covered in mud and garbage on July 27th of last year. They were taken to a local hospital and now are in the custody of Children's Services.

The closed lid of the garbage can turned

the bin into a virtual oven, police authorities said. The outcome, they said, could have been very different had they remained in the bin for even a few more hours.

Johnson, who is the biological father of the young boy, admitted to putting the children in the trash bin after having an argument with their mother, Alisha Whitehead, 27.

Whitehead described her relationship with Johnson Jr. as on-again, off-again and police said the couple abuses drugs and alcohol. Johnson has been arrested eight times since 2003, according to Montgomery County Jail records.

Hopefully, it will be a long time before those kids have to see either Whitehead or

Johnson Jr.

There must be some people in the Dayton, Ohio, area who will do a better job raising those kids.

Johnson will be sentenced on April 28th.

A NEW FIRST FOR NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame Has First Black Valedictorian

By Paul Shepard

A step for racial equality in education will be taken when a black 21-year-old woman becomes the first valedictorian at the University of Notre Dame this spring.

University officials say they don't keep such records of achievement by race but don't recall ever having a black valedictorian at the school. Therefore, Katie Washington, a Gary, Indiana, native and biology major, will get that distinction next month.

Washington has been accepted to five schools but plans to pursue a joint M.D./Ph.D at Johns Hopkins University.

It is great that Washington has been able to go through school with her 4.0 GPA and follow in the footsteps of her father, who is a doctor, and mother and sisters, who are nurses.



The cynical part of my brain, though, can't the day that we don't have to pro- every "first" as a racial milestone. It e nice if, as a society, we weren't l that a young black woman of illect and drive could represent the university has to offer academi-

cally.

But then the realistic part of my brain kicks in and says that we still have to note every "first" as long as people are judged by their skin color and ethnicity in this country.

We as a society are constantly beat down by images of black inferiority, and no, we don't always achieve like we should but no people-no matter the skin color-are perfect.

We spend so much time examining, reviewing, talking and passing on stories about folks who act the fool. Unfortunately, that's human nature, like watching a car crash.

On the other hand, we spend too little time talking about black people who do good and great things like Washington.

So until the scales are a little more balanced, let's celebrate Katie Washington and all those like her who counter the popular image of black people as constantly under- achieving.

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