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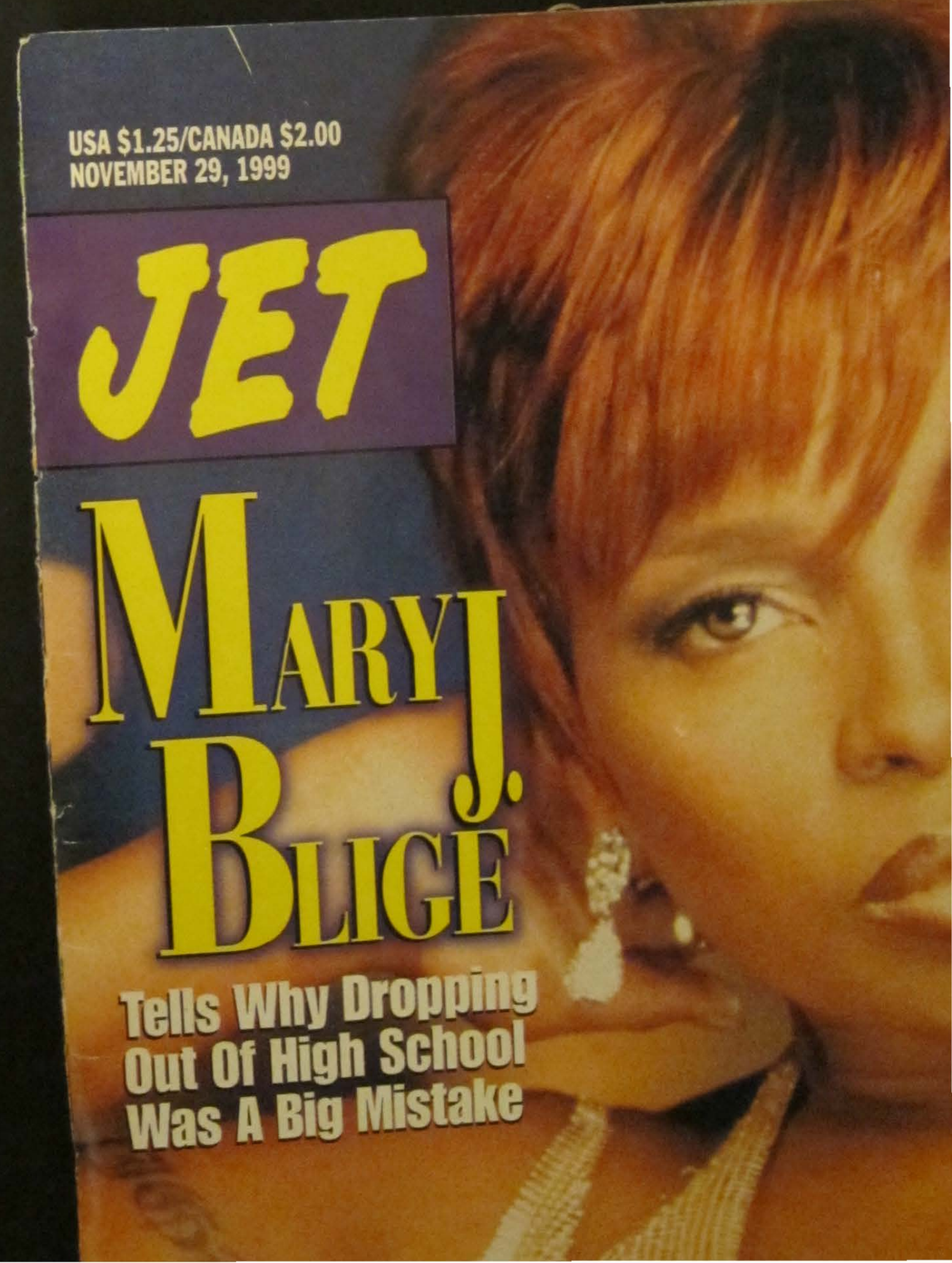
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TICKER TAPE

by Simeon Booker, Washington Bureau Chief

Confidential: The activist who doesn't seem to get tired or quit is **Arthur Fletcher**, the GOP architect of the nation's equal opportunity employment program. When many Black Republicans have taken a rest and abandoned party groups, Fletcher has joined the Black Chamber of Commerce and travels thousands of miles monthly to organize chapters. He recently was named the football star of his college alma mater for the 20th century...After carrying water 27 years in galvanized pails because her house in Baltimore had no plumbing, Mrs. **Mary McGhee** refused to quit working for the modern facilities. Applying for housing through Habitat For The Humanity, she qualified and now expects to move into a modern four-bedroom home...Overjoyed by the fairness in considering her for

an ambassadorship to New Zealand, former Illinois Sen. **Carol Moseley Braun** promised to bake a pie for Delaware Sen. **Joseph Biden** if he ever visited her in her new assignment...For Baltimoreans, three Black ministers use the city's Sun newspaper religious pages to advertise their services. In the jockeying for position are Dr. **Frank M. Reid** of Bethel AME, Dr. **Melvin Green** of the Christian Community Church of God, and Pastor **David Brown** of Living Word Christian Center...Congress approved the placing of a plaque at the Lincoln Memorial in the nation's capital commemorating Rev. **M. L. King** for his "I have a Dream" speech...Corcoran Gallery of Art features a historic collection of 150 works of art owned by the nation's Black colleges and universities.

National Headliners

Reviewers are awaiting the book of former Ambassador to Nigeria **Walter Carrington**, who was given the diplomatic mistreatment when he was assigned to the African country. Guards refused to allow him to hold a farewell party and broke up the gathering...The lawmaker certainly deserving of honors for the year is North Carolina Rep. **Eva Clayton**. With more than half of her district flooded and her constituents suffering, the law-



Arthur Fletcher

maker dropped her legislative duties to take care of her voters. It was her refusal to surrender that forced the news media to begin to carry stories on the hardships...Maryland treasurer **Richard N. Dixon** doesn't stand on his record. A former paratrooper and stock broker, he describes himself as the key state player in finances. He is no shrinking violet.



Eva Clayton