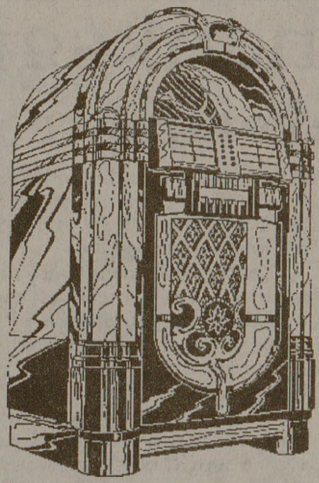


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Drug store chain criticized for anti-theft tags on black products

The Associated Press

MABLETON, Ga. — A drug store chain is under fire for allegedly putting anti-theft tags on more black-oriented products than ones used by whites. Company officials denied the claim.

"This is not a race issue. This is a shoplifting issue," said Bobby W. Little, vice president of store operations for Big B Inc., which operates 350 stores in the Southeast, including 18 Drugs for Less.

"We're looking for items that we know are being pilfered in stores," he said Tuesday. "Lots of these are teen-age related more than anything else."

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Tuesday that at least two Drugs for Less in the Atlanta area placed security tags on products aimed at blacks, while similar products for whites had no security devices.

Bruce Roberts, assistant general counsel for the Southeast region of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was among critics who said the tagging scheme implied blacks were more likely than whites to shoplift.

"A red flag was justifiably raised by the existence of tags on African-American products versus non-African-American products," he said.

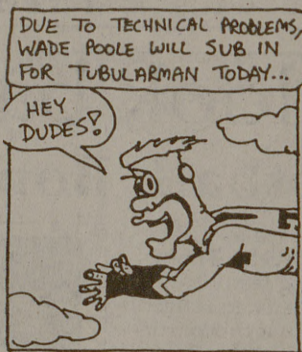
Films, batteries, razor blades, diapers, headache powders and condoms were among the items the company has been tagging for several months with 1 1/2-inch black and white plastic bars, Little said. The bars set off alarms at stores' front doors if they are not removed at checkout counters.

At the Mableton store in suburban Atlanta, most of the goods were tagged in a section of predominantly black products such as Curly Perm gel activator and African Pride Hair & Scalp Spray. Coffee-colored Afro-tique stockings were tagged. Next to them, a row of identical white-colored hosiery was not.

Not all of the store's black items were tagged — at the cosmetics counter, one line of makeup for dark complexions was tagged while another was not.

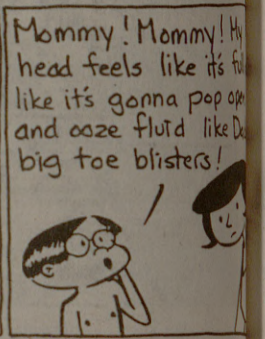
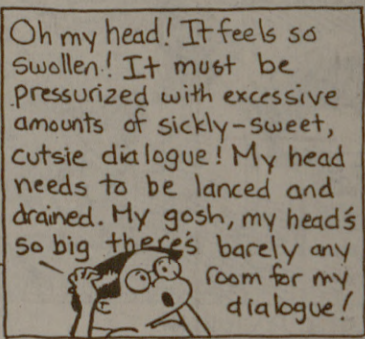
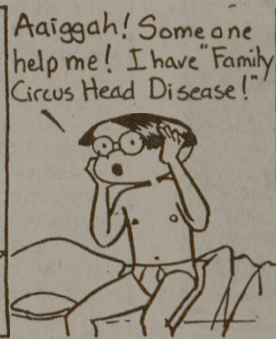
Little said 15 percent of the merchandise in a typical Drugs for Less store is tagged. About 10 percent of the tagged merchandise is aimed at blacks, he said.

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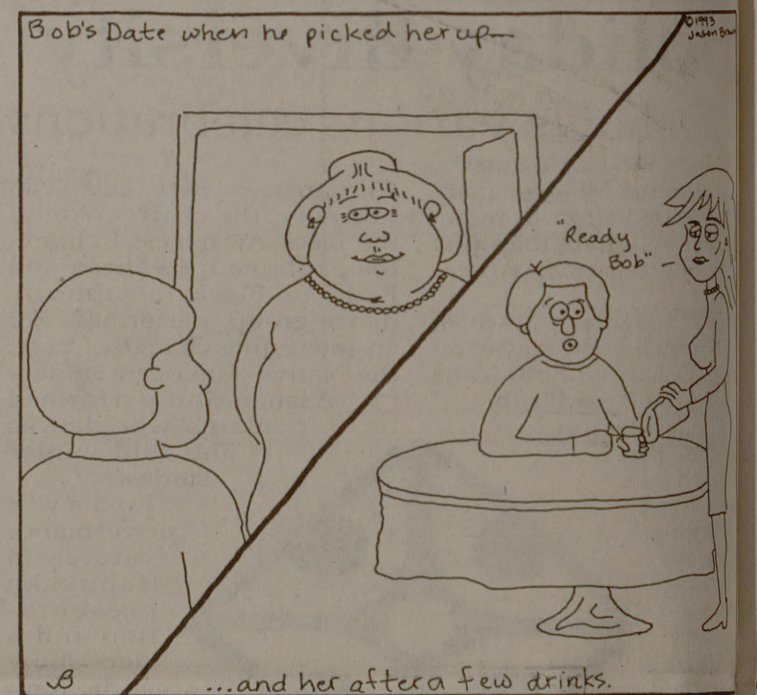


WEATHER

Thursday: cloudy, scattered showers, highs in low 70s

Friday: mostly cloudy, rainy, highs near 60, lows in 50s

Extended: partly cloudy, no rain expected, highs in 60s



By Jason Brown

Wholesale Loose Diamonds

Prices are based on the New York "Rapaport Sheet", a wholesale price guide.

Pear Shape

Weight	Color	Clarity	Price
3.52	M	SI2	\$7950 ⁰⁰
1.05	J/K	I1	2300 ⁰⁰
1.03	J/K	I1	2300 ⁰⁰
.73	G	SI2/I1	2178 ⁰⁰



Emerald/Princess

Weight	Color	Clarity	Price
1.14	H	VVS2	\$5600 ⁰⁰
.71	I	SI2	2200 ⁰⁰
.66	H	VVS2	1850 ⁰⁰



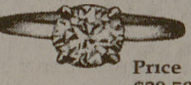
Oval

Weight	Color	Clarity	Price
2.05	J	VVS2	\$9755 ⁰⁰
1.53	I/J	SI2	5800 ⁰⁰
.85	J	SI2	1950 ⁰⁰
.71	E	SI	2586 ⁰⁰
.58	H	VS2	1375 ⁰⁰



Round Diamond

Weight	Color	Clarity	Price
9.51	K	I1/I2	\$29,500 ⁰⁰
1.64	J	SI1	6600 ⁰⁰
1.23	J	SI2/I1	3145 ⁰⁰
1.12	D	SI2	4500 ⁰⁰
1.03	G	VS1/VVS2	5300 ⁰⁰
1.02	M	I1	1400 ⁰⁰
1.01	E	SI1	4695 ⁰⁰
1.01	G	SI2/I1	2975 ⁰⁰
1.00	G	SI2/I1	3200 ⁰⁰
1.00	J	I1	1475 ⁰⁰
.95	I	I1	2275 ⁰⁰
.92	I	SI1/SI2	3208 ⁰⁰
.75	E	VS1/VVS2	3475 ⁰⁰
.72	D	SI1	2700 ⁰⁰
.72	G	SI1/SI2	2300 ⁰⁰
.71	G	SI2/I1	1750 ⁰⁰
.71	H	SI1	2100 ⁰⁰
.70	H	SI2	1950 ⁰⁰
.60	G	SI2	1275 ⁰⁰
.58	I	I1	850 ⁰⁰
.55	H	SI2	950 ⁰⁰
.52	H	SI2	2500 ⁰⁰
.46	J	SI2	980 ⁰⁰

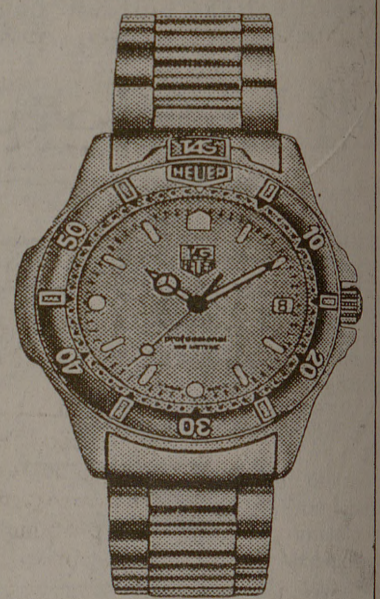


Marquise Cut

Weight	Color	Clarity	Price
1.39	H	SI2	\$4955 ⁰⁰
1.14	H	SI2	4590 ⁰⁰
.90	F	SI2	3250 ⁰⁰
.83	D	SI2	3900 ⁰⁰
.75	G	VS1/VVS2	3500 ⁰⁰
.71	F	SI2	2750 ⁰⁰
.61	F	SI1/VS2	2080 ⁰⁰
.58	F	SI1/VS2	1700 ⁰⁰
.54	H	SI2	1590 ⁰⁰
.46	H	SI1/VS2	1354 ⁰⁰
.46	H	SI2	965 ⁰⁰
.40	G	SI1	780 ⁰⁰
.37	G	SI2	675 ⁰⁰
.37	G	VVS2	750 ⁰⁰



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