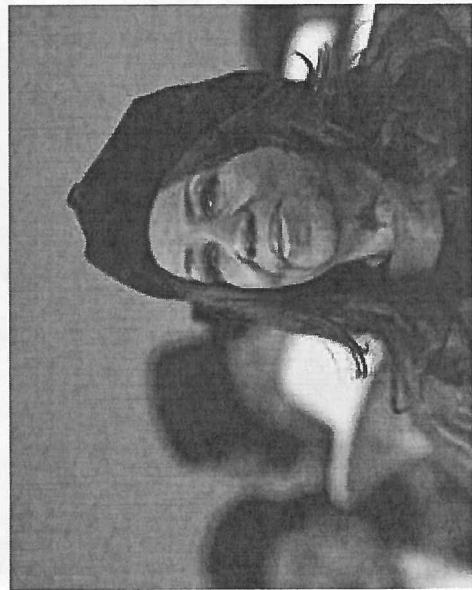
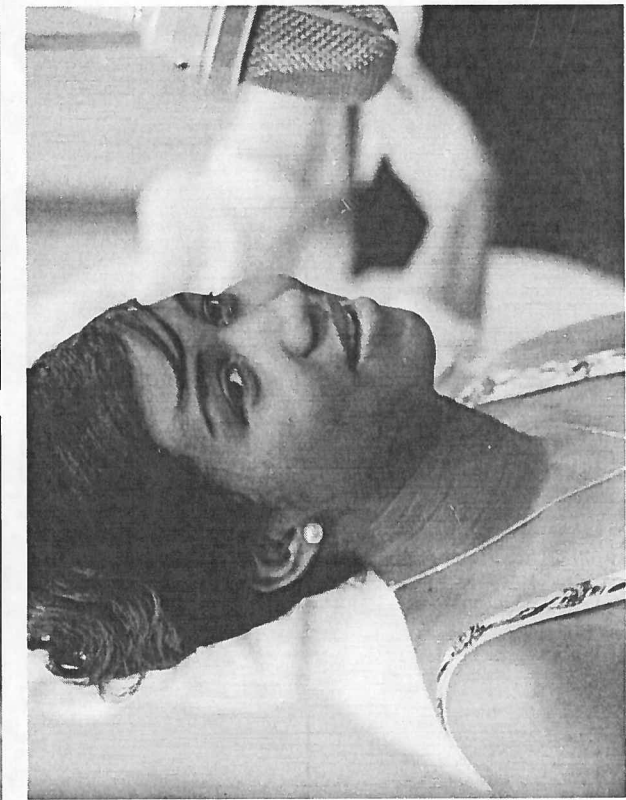
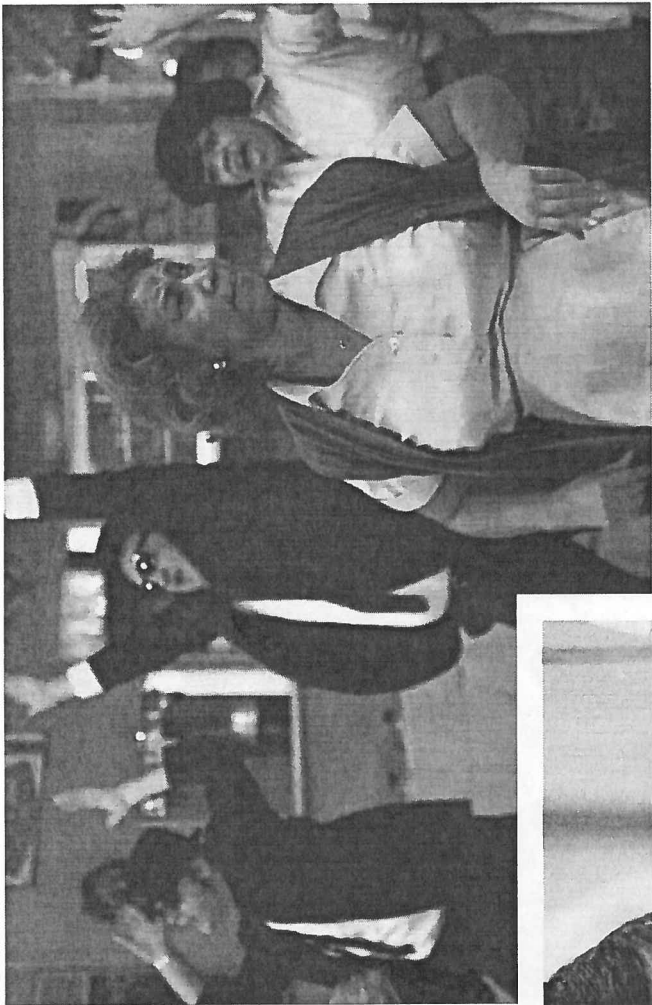
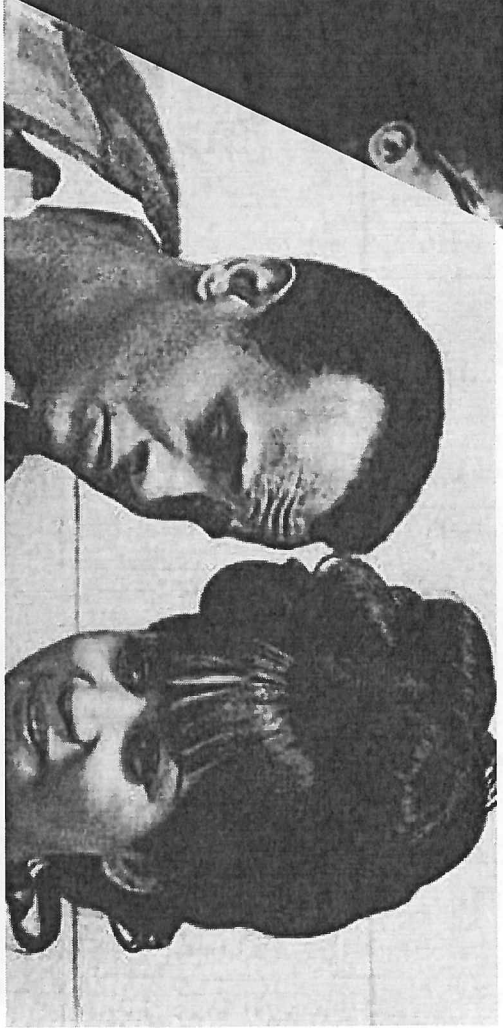


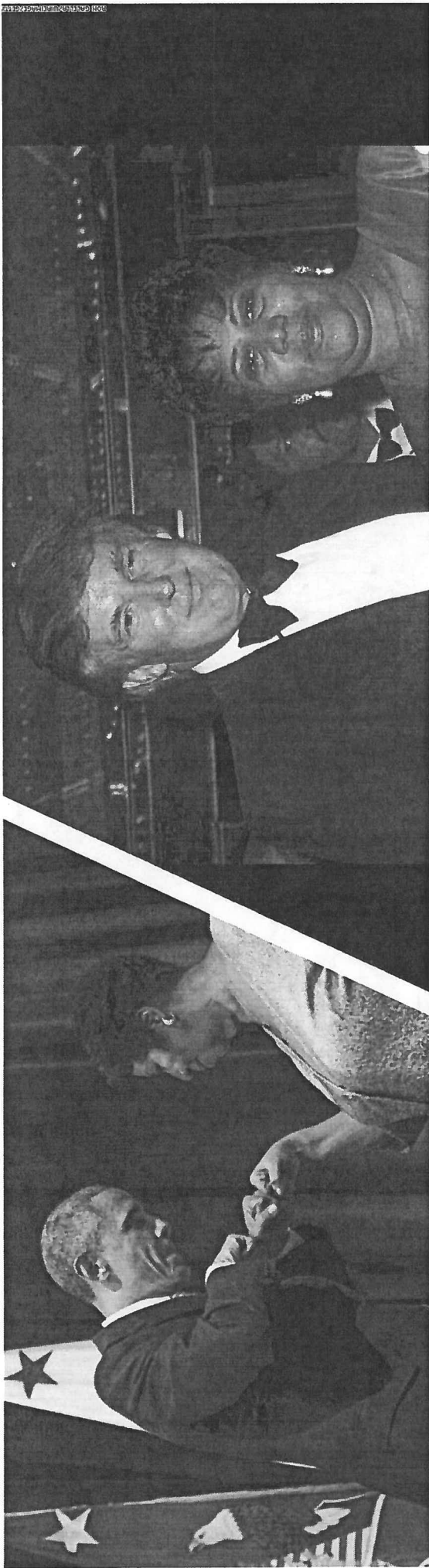
# Aretha Louise Franklin

*more than a legendary singer*

March 25, 1942 – August 16, 2018







# Civil Rights Champion

Aretha used song, and the platform it provided, as a way of advancing social justice and civil rights, and promoting philanthropic efforts in powerful and often overlooked ways.

- Traveled the country with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during his voting rights campaign. Organized concerts with Henry Belafonte to raise funds for the Civil Rights Movement.
- Worked with AARP on original song “Stand Up for Yourself” that became a campaign theme for the *Divided We Fail Coalition*, an effort that established guiding principles for what was to become national health care reform.
- Donated her time to create “Think...Don’t Drive with Drugs or Drink” public service campaign adapting her 1968 hit “Think” for the PSA.

# Humanitarian

- Named Grammys 2008 *MusiCares Person of the Year* for her charitable contributions to organizations such as Save the Children and Easterseals. She was also recognized for support of churches and food banks in Metro Detroit.
- Collaborated with Condoleezza Rice for a charity concert in Philadelphia to raise money for music studies for urban children.
- Supported local women's shelters, donating salaries she received for commercial work to the shelters.
- Fought for all people to be seen, heard, protected, and (of course)---

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