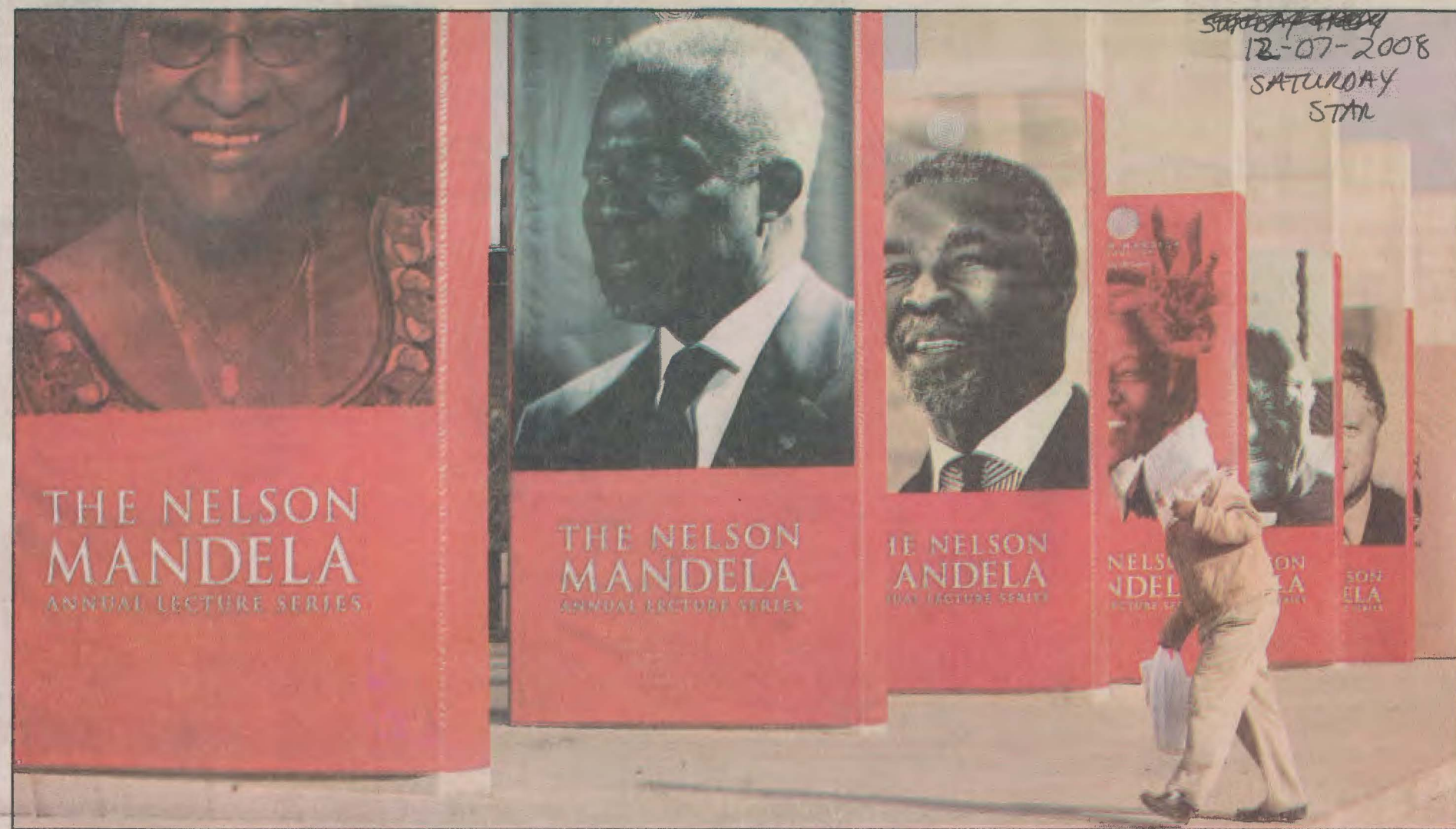


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HEAR OUR VOICES

The Kliptown Concerned Residents (KCR) will hand over a memorandum of their concerns to Nelson Mandela at his prestigious annual memorial lecture in the historic Soweto suburb today.

Dignitaries and tight security were expected when Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf delivered the annual Nelson Mandela lecture.

"It is a great honour that he [Mandela] is

celebrating his birthday in Kliptown, but the people here have no reason to celebrate without the area being developed," the KCR said.

The KCR and the Anti-Privatisation Forum want the area's housing delays and bucket toilets to be sorted out. Mandela stayed in Kliptown while fleeing the apartheid police.

"Many of the residents voted for him with the

hope that he would deliver the promised free housing ... he must be reminded that the people of Kliptown are still without houses and they are living in squalid conditions," said the KCR.

"We don't want a party, we want houses," added one of the organisers, Siphon Jantjies. The KCR did not get permission for the march, he said.

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