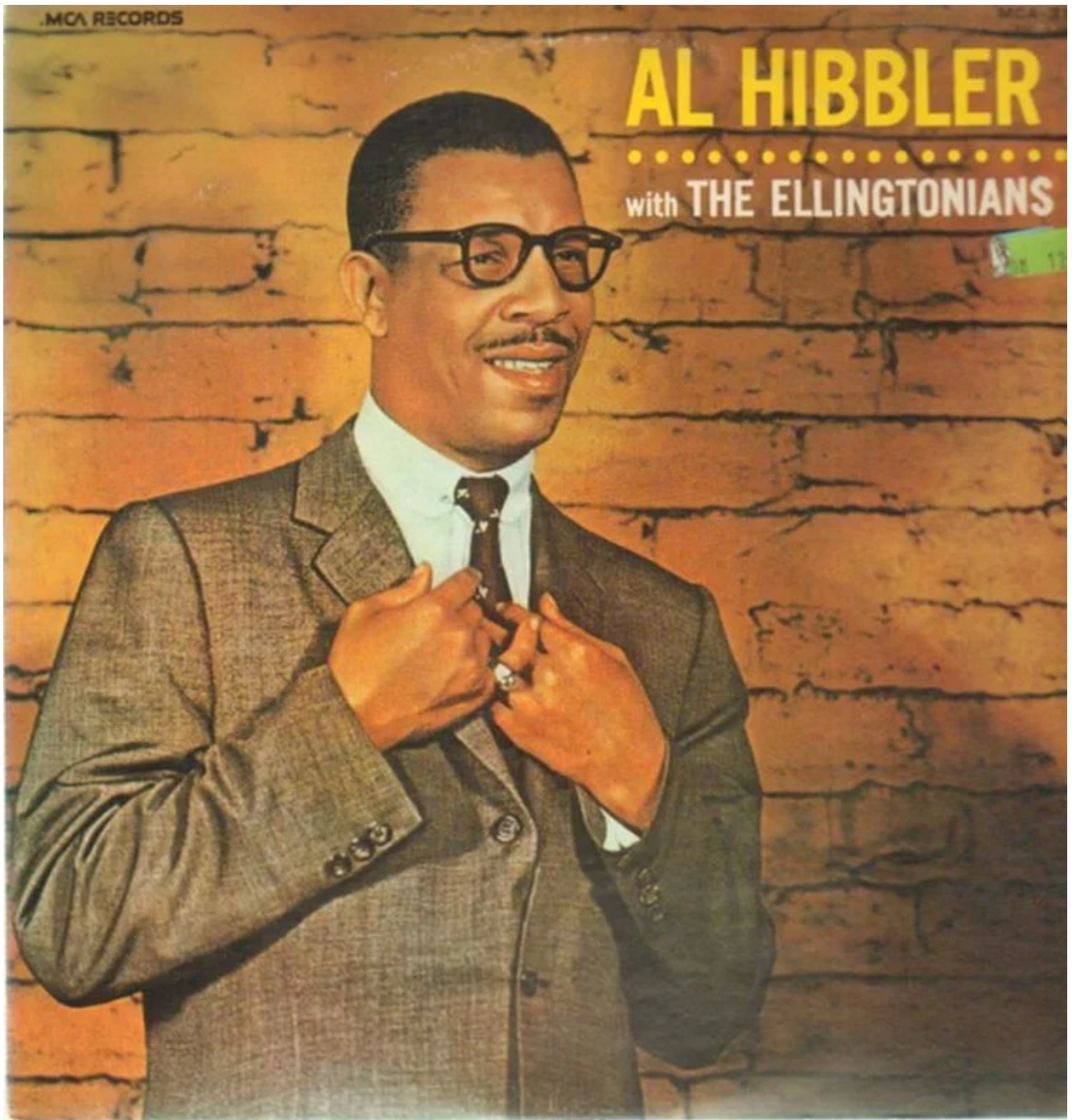


OUCH! Singles only, please



by Reg Green

Do you remember the politician who appeared in this column recently, who made sure fishermen, whom he'd bribed with a pair of sea boots, did actually vote for him – by giving them a left-footed boot before the election and the right foot only if he won? Al Hibbler, the blind singer from Duke Ellington days, had an equally simple plan to avoid being

short-changed. He insisted on being paid in cash and in single dollar bills only.