# Welfare board on record against 'maximum' limits

Despite the fact that legal authorities for the state are presently fighting in federal court to retain "maximum grant" limits on Maryland welfare families, the state welfare board has in the past gone on record for lifting the maximum limits.

The welfare board, governing body for the State Department of Social Services, in its budget requests for the last three years has sought funds to eliminate the "maximum grant."

Howard H. Murphy, a member of the board, said this week, for himself and those members of the board who voted for the previous budgets, he wanted to "make it clear" that the board had approved eliminating the "maximum" limits.

The maximum grant policy provides that no additional payments are made for more than four children living with two parents or for more than five children living with one parent.

Federal law requires payments "to all eligible individuals" and makes the Maryland position "illegal discrimination."

It is this ruling the motion by the Maryland Attorney General's office seeks to upset in the hearings in federal court.

The state welfare board sought to eliminate the maximum limits, Mr. Murphy noted, "but the legislature cut the funds we requested." Sources inside the State Department of Social Services indicate a general reluctance, at the top, to make welfare payments of $300-$400 per month for very large families wich threathen to grow larger.

The State argues through the Attorney General's office that efforts made to discourage childbirths among welfare recipients are less effective if these persons "whose income, unlike most persons, increase with each new child."

Joseph A. Matera, the neighborhood Legal Aid attorney who initiated the challenge in court says the state's arguments appear to be an attempt "to discourage the poor from having too many children."

When asked if this were so, State Welfare Director Raleigh Hobson said, "I cannot answer that question so long as the case is still in the courts."

His attorneys had advised him to be silent on the matter until the court has issued its decree, he said.

GREAT DAY — Graduation day for Probationary Firefighters and commendation ceremonies created a moment of satisfaction for Probationary Firemen, from left: James E. Davis, Calvin Brown, Lt. John Murray, Howard Tucker and Lt. Herman Williams. Lts. Murray and Williams are veteran of the Fire Department and Lt. Williams is an instructer at the Fire School.

# Mother of 5 accused in male's death

Mrs. Warren A. Johnson, 28, of the 2200 block Linden Ave., charged by police with the stabbing death of her husband, appeared for a preliminary hearing Thursday morning before Judge William Hudnet in Municipal Court.

The victim, Clyde E. Johnson, 34, was found unconscious with multiple stab-wounds of the chest in the couple's third-floor apartment by Central District police officers, responding to a call placed by a neighbor.

Taken by ambulance to Provident Hospital, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

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Mr. Johnson had been employed as a shipping clerk by Montgomery Ward. The couple had five children, ranging in age from one to eight years.

They will be cared for by the victim's brother, Benjamin Johnson, of the 2500 block Harlem Ave., police reported.

Police said a blood-stained fish-knife was found on a dresser next to the bed.

Mrs. Johnson is being held without bail pending further action by the State's Attorney's office.

# College 'master plan' fraught with ironies

By ROGER NISSLY

The Master Plan for Higher Education in Maryland, released today by the Maryland Council for Higher Education, points up the virtual segregation in the state's public higrer education facilities.

A number of ironies are contained in the 136-page, paperback booklet, which was 18 months in the making.

Among trem, the report notes that despite the lawful elimination of segregation in schools, it is still near fact in the state's public colleges.

A table on racial discrimination shows that tre "former white" state colleges al present have only a one per cent black enrollment.

The "former" black state colleges have only a four per cent white enrollment.

The community colleges, the study shows, have done the best in integration. But they can boast only a five per cent black enrollment.

Unibersity of Maryland's black population is listed at five per cent, but this includes the 64 member population of Maryland State College, a black (or "former" black) institution.

The report observes that

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# New Provident Hospital 'dream' becoming reality

In December, 1927, a local newspaper ran a full-page story on a fund-drive to collect $150,000 to sponsor the move of Provident Hospital from a "ramshackle, antiquated" building on W. Biddle St. to "one of the most complete institutions of its kind in the country," a building on Division St.

Now, 41 years later, Provident Hospital is anticipating another move. The description of this move is similar to the original one.

Provident Hospital is moving from an outmoded 110-year-old building to a new, completely modern facility with all the latest in hospital architecture and technology.

A fund-drive is in progress at this time for $1.8 million.

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This new Provident Hospital has been a "dream" for five years, to those who were and are aware of the need for a replacement for the old Division St. home of Provident.

Solicitation of the general public and the business community began, under the direction of professional fund raisers, in early 1963.

The following year, Charles G. Tildon, now as sociate administrator, as well as director of the Development Program, took over and boosted the fund-raising effort to its summit.

Slowly, the dream developed into a possibility. As more people became interested, the dream became a probability. Now, that construction is underway.

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The New Provident Hospital, a 272-bed institution, which was chosen to be exhibited at the American Hospital Association Convention in Atlantic City last September, will have several medically extraordinary features.

The facility will have a comprehensive Out-Patient Department uniquely tied in with the Emergency Department.

The Out-Patient Department will have a three-phase operational schedule, with daytime hours devoted exclusively to the gtneral and specialty services.

With this expanded out-patient facility, clinical services will be available during the evening hours.

At night and on weekends when expanded Emergency-Room care is necessary, the hospital is constructed so that it can make use of the Out-Patient Department as an extension of its Emergency Department.

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The hospital will be the first all-electric one of its size in the country. Each patient room will have a self-contained electric heating-cooling unit with individual controls.

This feature of the hospital architecture will create a health benefit in that circulation of air from room to room will be at a minimum and infection won't be spread this way — a very important hygienic feature for a hospital.

It will have an economie feature in that electric space conditioning systems are so versatile that they usually offer the largest

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# Medic guilty of operation

Dr. G Franklin who conducts an office in the 500 block McMechan St., was convicted Wednesday on charges of abortion.

The verdict was returned by a Criminal Court jury.

A former nurse of Garrison, Md. testified that "the abortion took place last July.

She told the jury the illegal operation was performed by Dr. Phillips.

Following the operation she became ill and was admitted to Sinai Hospital she said.

Complications resulted from the act, the witness told the court, and caused her to lapse into a coma for several days.

Her hearing has also been impaired, according to the complaintant.

The jury was told the operation cost $150.

Sentencing was postponed pending the outcome of a motion for a new trial by his attorney.

# Md. to note Dr. King's birthday

Upon the request of the Maryland State Teachers Association Gov. Spiro T. Agnew, now Vice President-elect, has proclaimed Jan. 15, the birthdate of Dr. Martin Luther King, as "Human Rights Day in Marryland."

The proclamation encourages all school systems and professional education organizations to plan activities on this date that will promote good will among all citizens.

At the October meeting of

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# 47 new officers graduate today

Forty-seven Patrolmen graduated from the Education and Training Center of Baltimore Police Department, during ceremonies today in the War Memorial Building at 10 a.m.

Mr. Edwin R. Tulley, special agent in charge of Baltimore office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, addressed the graduates.

The new graduates are: Arnold A. Adams, Richard F. Bednarski, Franklin T. Blizzard, David A. Brice, Neil F. Brinkley, William T. Busch III, Charles T. Care, Thomas M. Carrigan, Ronald B. Collins, Robert H. Cooper, Alvin F. Douglas.

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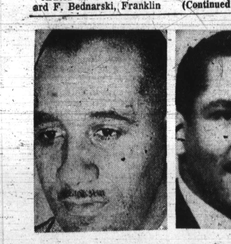

THE MITCHELLS: Father and son

# 'Symbolic' nomination triggers warm support

"The reactions have been overwhelming. The vast majority being very favorable, especially those from the black community through phone calls and people stopping me on the streets."

Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell, 3rd. (D. 4th), was explaining public reactions to his "symbolic" nomination of his father, Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. for governor. The father is head of the Washington office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Sen. Mitchell's aim was to underscore the fight of his people for equal status. With his purpose accomplished, he then withdrew the nomination.

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The young senator feels the real possibility of a black governor in Maryland in about ten years, he exp.

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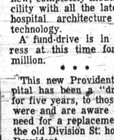
FRUSTRATION — That's what Mrs. Beatrice V. Wilson, 2300 Presstman St., registered this week while telling reporters of her futile efforts to have this abandoned car removed from the front of her home. Mrs. Wilson, AFRO Proof Room supervisor, said the car has remained in spite of numerous appeals to Western District Police Commander Dennis P. Mello and Maj. William A. Harris, director of the Community Relations Division. A bill, passed in the last session of the General Assembly, would have cracked down on abandoned cars. It was vetoed by ex-Gov. Spiro T. Agnew and the veto was sustained Monday at a special session of the Legislature.



MRS. RICHARDS

# Mrs. Richards dies at age 92

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Margaret Richards, 92, of 2114 Druid Hill Ave., who died at Franklin Square Hospital on Dec. 29, at Shiloh A.M.E. Church on Jan. 2 at 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. Richards died at Franklin Square Hospital Dec. 29.

The Rev. Edward Wilson officiated at the services.

Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

She is survived by one son, three daughters, one sister, one niece, one daughter-in-law, five grandchildren, and other relatives.

# Multi-racial harmony goal of new theatre

By ROGER NISSLY

An exciting new theatre venture aimed at involving a whole community is taking shape in Northwest Baltimore.

The new venture is called "Theatre U" and has its headquarters in what was formerly the Starr Methodist Church at 2506-10 Garrison Blvd.

Founders of the new theatre are Whitney J. LeBlanc, a drama professor at Towson State College, and his wife, the former Elizabeth Walton, who is also the founder of the Elizabeth Walton Dance Company.

Both the directors possess an impressive array of theatrical-credits, Mr. LeBlanc's in theatrical acting, direction and design and Mrs. LeBlanc's in the dance.

"More quickly and thoroughly than through any other learning experience, the performing arts can . . permit an individual to realize his own capabilities, the capabilities of others, the value and need of the group effort, new ideas and new values" the outline of the group's performing arts program states.

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According to Mr. LeBlanc the theatre will provide an outlet, similar to off-Broadway, for "local" —playwrights, and those associated with it hope the theatre will become a community focus for the arts.

The Methodist Conference has donated the use of the church, now known as the Garrison Boulevard Church and Community Services Building. The theatre pays its own expenses and cost of equipping the stage area for plays and dance.

The Rev. Allison Phillips, director of the community center since 1967, hopes the theatre and the youth activities he has sponsored there will provide the nucleus for a congregation. Now, no regular services are held.

An active nucleus should be forthcoming soon. Already the arts company is taking registrations for acting and dance classes on both youth and adult levels.

The classes, with normal

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# William Savoy was musician

He was always a devoted husband and father in the way relatives described William Savoy Sr.

Mass was held for Mr. Savoy, who died recently of a stroke at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Walbrook Ave. and Eilamount St.

Mr. Savoy was the son of the late William and Anne Savoy of Quebec, Canada.

His wife, the former Elizabeth Williams, died just five months ago.

Mr. Savoy graduated from Douglass High here and the L. L. Cooke School of Electricity in Chicago, Ill.

He was a member of the Musicians Local No. 345, and played the French Horn, clarinet and mellophone. He was a member of the Southern Star, Commonwealth, Municipal and the A. Jack Thomas Band.

He also held membership in Lewellyn Wilson's Symphony Orchestra, the Elks, affiliated with the Monumental Lodge No. 3 and the Arch Social Club.

He is survived by six daugrters, Mesdames Doris Harris, Helen Gaylor, Mable Fisher Fortune, Grace Harris, Reno Wright, and Miss Ruth Savoy; three sons William Jr., Vernon, and Donald Savoy; 25 grandchiren, 10 great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

# Students getting new insight on law

In a unique project designed to acquaint high school students with some of the ways of the law, 30 upperclassmen from the University of Maryland School of Law are conducting a series of classes at Edmondson High School dealing with basic legal rights and obligations.

The Community Teaching Project, which is in its second year of offering legal service to the Baltimore community, was organized by James W. McElhaney, assistant professor at the law school and advisor to students participating in the project.

Steven Rioff, a former VISTA attorney, came up with the idea in response to a speech Professor McElhaney made to VISTA Volunteers, and the two of

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# Dramatic Finish--Rev. Robinson Top Minister

# Campus Take Over Plot Fizzles

## Winner!

REV. RUFUS ROBINSON

# Dramatic end caps contest

An "extra large package" provided more than enough margin of victory for the winner of the AFRO's Favorite Minister contest.

The win should come as no surprise to the minister's supporters, who bundled up the large package of votes—totalling 2,279,200 when all counted—for turning in Wednesday morning, the last day of the contest.

Finishing on top of a 3,016,300 pile of votes is the Rev. Rufus Robinson, pastor of the True Vine Spiritual Church of God in Christ. He led his nearest competitor by over one million votes.

By virtue of his win, the Rev. Mr. Robinson is now known as Baltimore's Favorite Minister and picks up a cash prize of $700.

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Baltimore Circulation Director Robert Rea observed Thursday that the contest came right down to the wire for a dramatic finish.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson "brought in a whole batch of votes Wednesday," Mr. Rea said. "He told me he had an extra large package. When all the votes were counted, he had brought in 2,279,200 votes"

It was noted that the Rev. Mr. Robinson earlier held first place in the contest, then slacked off to low in the top ten and recently held fifth and sixth places.

The runner-up positions of second and third place in the $2,000 contest are held by ministers who fought through much of the race for first place.

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The Rev. W. P. Mitchell, Payne Memorial AME Church, won second place

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# Students win their demand for vacation

A threatened take over by students of administration buildings on the Morgan State College campus subsided this week when the college agreed to student demands for a longer vacation break between semesters.

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Under the change, Morgan announced yesterday, the second semester classes will begin Feb. 10, rather than Feb. 6.

Original registration dates for the second semester had been scheduled for Feb. 5-7.

The students gained their traditional two weeks between the end of finals and the beginning of the next semester.

The tense day came Wednesday, before administrative officers and President Martin D. Jenkins met and agreed to heed a student petition for th eextra days.

Archie Williams, editor of the 1969 Yearbook, explained that "most people were upset because as it stood the registration dates and class schedules were so close to the finals that the students were deprived of an opportunity to rest between semesters."

He affirmed the report that a takeover was planned.

The petitioners were able to get so much support on the part of the student body, Mr. Williams said,

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## Forest Parkers Are Readying For Monday's Inaugural Parade

MISS KARYN ROUSE — KING JAMES — WALTER BROWN — WALLACE COLE — LEWIS HAMLIN — MISS VAILE LEONARD — MISS ARDENE McCLENON

'PECULIAR TWIST'

# Forest Parkers tapped for Inaugural Parade

By ADAM KLINE

The 40 members of the Forest Park High School Band are stepping a little livelier, walking a little taller, keeping their chins up a little higher, and generally looking a lot prouder these days — and not just while they're on the march during practice sessions.

The Forest Parkers will represent Maryland in the Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington Monday, and will march in the Number Two position among the state contingents, representing Vice President-elect Agnew's position in the new Administration.

They will be the only all-black unit marching in the parade.

Forest Park High was chosen for the honor of representing the state by the former governor himself, since both he and his wife received their high school educations there, and it was there that they met for the first time.

But that, of course, was during another era — the governor was a member of the Class of 1933 — and Forest Park has changed a bit since then.

It used to be a segregated, 100 per cent white school. Now it is, but for a fraction, 100 per cent black.

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Band members, under the baton of band director Lewis Hamlin, have been practicing three times the normal number of hours during the last week and a half in anticipation of the coming event.

Asked whether the band was fully prepared for the parade, Mr. Hardin replied.

"We're about as prepared as we can be — the only problem now is to get every one accustomed to the cold. The parade route is about a mile and a half long, and it's likely to last more than the expected two and a half hours, so we'll have to get used to being out in the cold."

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But cold or no cold, the young musicians of Forest Park High are proud and happy to be tuning up for a Presidential Inauguration.

"I feel pretty good about it, especially since we were chosen from among all the high schools in the state," commented clarinetist Ed-

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# Burman free, Gov. Mandel due $1,000 bail to name Murphy

Charles Burman, 35, 3800 block Rogers Ave., has been charged with assault by shooting Francis Leon Jackson, 23, on Jan. 4 and causing his death Jan. 13 at Provident Hospital.

Mr. Burman was placed under $1,000 bail at the time of the shooting in the 1500 block Pennsylvania Ave. He is free under the same bail pending further court action.

Mr. Burman surrendered to police shortly after noon the day after the shooting. He was charged again after Jackson died this past Monday.

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — There is a strong possibility that Arthur G. Murphy Jr., assistant U. S. Attorney in Baltimore, will become Gov. Marvin Mandel's first appointment to his staff from the black community.

The governor revealed at his press conference Thursday morning that he had first discussed this possibility with Mr. Murphy, who had been summoned to his office a few hours earlier.

However, Gov. Mandel said he wanted to discuss the matter further before making a firm announcement.

Mr. Murphy, a graduate of Douglass High School, earned his undergraduate degree at Morgan State College and gained his law degree from the University of Maryland. He has been practicing in Baltimore since 1957.

It is also known that the governor has under consideration still another man in the black community for appointment to his staff. His office has asked his name be withheld pending further discussion.

This means he plans more than one black side in top level posts.

He has promised to make such appointments in the developing of a staff whose personnel will be able to assume duties on a flexible basis.

The governor said earlier he would hold conferences with leaders in the black community prior to firming up many of his planned appointments.

Gov. Mandel also revealed he had been briefed that morning by executives of the Bethlehem Steel Company at Sparrows Point on the human relations problems there.

He said he would request a report from the Maryland Human Relations Commission to hear its side.

In a related matter, the governor said, in response to an AFRO question, he plans to maintain the Governor's Advisory Committee on Human Relations, headed by William H. Adkins II and established by former Gov. Agnew.

"I will make no changes," he said.

Gov. Mandel, holding his first full-scale press conference since his election, was in high spirits and quipped repeatedly with newsmen.

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ARTHUR G. MURPHY

# Embattled college president suffers fatal heart attack

SWARTHMORE, PA. (UPI) — Some 25 militants gave up an eight-day occupation of the Swarthmore College admissions office Thursday some five hours after learning of the death of school president, Dr. Courtney Smith, a Rhodes Scholarship executive.

Smith, 52, was stricken fatally with a heart attack at 9 a.m. while awaiting a meeting with a faculty committee studying demands by the students, who took over office eight days ago.

The demonstrators left the office, got into five autos, and drove off. A spokesman for the group said they abandoned their takeover out of respect for Smith.

## chuckle

Maybe the kids could do a better job of keeping on the straight and narrow if they were getting rowd information from someone who had traveled the route.

# Mrs. King announces plans for memorial to husband

By TOM LAWRENCE

ATLANTA (UPI) — Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr., announced today that a $16 million memorial center will be developed in Atlanta to honor her slain husband.

Speaking to a news conference on what would have been the colored leader's 40th birthday, Mrs. King said the center would be located on two separate sites —one near his birthplace in a colored neighborhood and the other near Atlanta University.

While sentiment runs deeply within me at this moment, I am gratified to see that the stirring winds of excitment, anticipation and a profound sense of fulfillment have triumphed over tears," said the widow. She was flanked by the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, who succeeded King as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, King's brother, A. D. King, State Rep. Julian Bond, and her children.

She said the purpose of the center — "an experiment in hope"— would be to "continue Martin Luther King's never-ceasing ministry to the world and all of its largest, urgent needs. We are convinced that nothing less could do justice to the greatness of the man we honor."

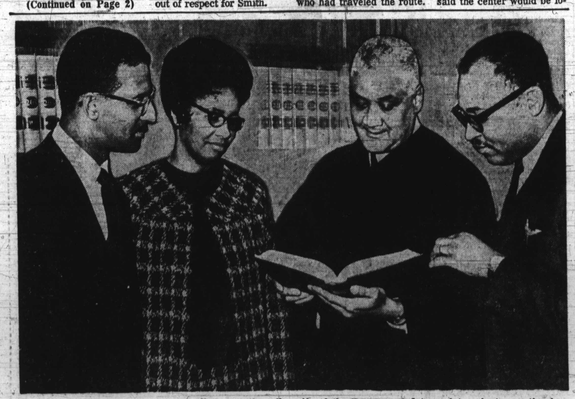
On the site in the poor black neighborhood where King was born will stand his permanent place of entombment, a freedom exhibition hall, and a Chapel. King's birthplace, a small house, will be restored, and the Chapel will be located in nearby Ebenezer Baptist Church, which was pastored by King.

The other site, near Atlanta University, will include an Institute for nonviolent social change, an Institute for Afro-American studies, a library and archives, and a museum of Afro-American life and culture.

No target date has been set for completion of the complexes, but work on the library has already been started under the direction of Dr. Vincent Harding, chairman of the department of history and sociology at Spelman College.

Harding, who said the center would cost at least $15 million, said the institutes will begin operation this spring and a trustee board will be named at that time. The non-profit center will be opened to all persons, he said.

Harding said money for the project would be obtained through grants from foundations and industry, and "major contributions" from individuals. Some of the money already is in hand, he said, and more had been committed. He would not say how much of the total has been raised.



IN THE OFFICE of Criminal Court Judge Joseph C. Howard are members of what he calls "my fine, black staff," left to right, Charles Richardson, an assistant clerk of Domestic-Criminal Division; Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, secretary, the wife of the Rev. Wendell Phillips, pastor of the Heritage United Church of Christ; Judge Howard and his bailiff law clerk, David Allen. Mr. Allen, son of attorney and Mrs. Milton B. Allen, is expected to go into private practice in July. Judge Howard says he will be succeeded by Norris Ramsey, a University of Maryland second year law student. Mr. Allen was bailiff to Judge George Russell in 1967.

# 'Fat Daddy', wife No. 2 wed in Jewish ceremony

"I have been connected with the faith just about all my life. I have a background of the Jewish religion in my family."

The above quotation came from Paul (Fat Daddy) Johnson, well-known WWIN radio announcer, Thursday as he commented on his recent marriage in a Jewish Synagogue.

Mr. Johnson, who is 31 and rated as the most popular disc jockey on the East Coast, was married to Miss Carole A. Smith, 22, also Jewish, at the Har Sinai Synagogue, it was revealed this week.

The new Mrs. Johnson is a Social Security social worker. The happy bridegroom told the AFRO.

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The Dec. 26 nuptials took place in the study of the synagogue at 6300 Park Heights Ave.

Rabbi Abraham Shusterman, probably the best-

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