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What The AFRO Stands For

Equal justice, not only in theory, but in fact before courts of the city.

Adequate black representation on all public boards and commissions of Maryland cities, counties and the state itself, including colleges and universities.

Extensive and untrammeled black political power.

Equal job opportunities in fact as well as theory.

Equal housing opportunities in fact as well as theory.

Black judges on all benches of the city, county and state court systems, except those constitutionally authorized.

A black owned and operated taxicab company.

A black owned and operated bank.

A black majority on Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

No April Fool Joke

City Council last night (Thursday), adopted a redistricting bill which would provide for more equitable distribution of voters in the city's six districts.

Called a revised Bard Plan, the measure equalizes the numbers of voters in all districts and lives up to the one-man-one vote rule decreed by the Supreme Court and ostensibly meets other guidelines.

Credit for keeping redistricting alive, headed by Dr. Harry Bard, from turning into an April Fool's gerrymander goes to the Bard Commis- president of Community College of Baltimore which created a very fair proposal, meeting the equalizing test.

Equal credit is due City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr. It was his legal opinion upsetting the Caplan plan which would have replaced Bard with a gerrymander scheme based on race that turned the tide.

The city now has met its April 1 deadline for councilmanic redistricting. We're glad it did not turn out to be the April Fool nightmare it started out to be earlier this week.

We're pleased also that the measure signed into law last night gives black citizens an opportunity for increased representation in the city, where they are nearly half of the population.

We Told You So

When the AFRO predicted a few weeks ago that city officials would live to rue the day they gave the state control of Friendship Airport under the city-state airport authority scheme, even this newspaper did not expect to see storm clouds gather so soon.

Suddenly, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, the naive one, and others who were so sure they had worked out a great deal, are learning that Gov. Mandel and his state boys are just a step ahead of them—to the detriment of Baltimore City.

Gov. Mandel, a Baltimorean who always wanted the state to run Friendship Airport, has moved to make the city-state authority just what the AFRO indicated long ago it would become—either a figurehead body when the city has a chairman in its top spot or a vehicle for state control when the chairmanship is filled by outsiders.

Either way, Baltimore effective- loses control of its airport when it did not need to give up this important facility, as various studies have shown.

Outsiders have latched onto the airport as one more attractive facility to take away from Baltimore City. Certain selfish and short-sighted city officials have gone along with this game in the belief they could take control away from Baltimoreans in general and place it in the hands of selected Baltimoreans.

In other words, while state officials like Gov. Mandel have been striking at Baltimore as colonialists stripping a colony, some city officials have sought to play the game of neo-colonists.

It has not taken long though for the would-be neo-colonists from Baltimore to discover that the colonists are gunning for all-out control.

If Gov. Mandel can get the Airport Authority answering to his transportation chief and having to come through his department of public works for funding arrangements, Baltimore City will have lost complete control of the airport.

So now, the state doesn't trust Baltimore City, the state doesn't trust the airlines who would be fooling most of the improvement bills and Baltimore City doesn't trust the state.

And Friendship Airport, which could have been on its way to meeting some of the future changes it must make, under recommendations made in two studies that would have kept it under city control, is lagging behind.

It's almost as if some of our public officials are intent on control or destruction of key Baltimore City facilities.

PALMA Sets Example

The 18th annual dinner meeting of the Pennsylvania Avenue Lafayette Market Association, Monday evening cited Mrs. Elnora Kearns Lee, mother of five and an active worker in the community.

Significant were the remarks of PALMA president, Herman Katkow, who observed, Mrs. Lee had demonstrated commitment to change the image of the community and improve relations between the races.

Because of people like Mrs. Lee, the PALMA members have long followed the pattern of putting more back into the communities where their customers live.

What Mr. Katkow was saying about the PALMA associates proves that members of two minority groups who believe in a neighborhood can work together for its common good if there is mutual respect and a willingness to give and take.

We would wish some of our Jewish neighbors in other sections of the city would follow suit. For example, up in the 5th District where Reuben Caplan has attempted to divide the community and dilute the black vote by gerrymander.

If it time, we think, for more people in the 5th District to recognize that with a growing number of blacks in their area there is need for neighborhoods to stabilize themselves. There is no room for people with divisionary programs like Mr. Caplan.

PALMA has set a good example in the 4th District, and plans are moving ahead for its new Upton project.

There must be that kind of cooperation and concern in all sections of this city neither black norwhite almost half black if we are to preserve our city and move ahead.

April 6, Matt Henson Day

The top of the world was a place of mystery until April 6, 1909, when Matthew Alexander Henson, a Maryland-born black man, became the first man to set foot on this Artic spot.

Just as in 1969 when man first landed on the moon, 62 yers ago it was a tremendous feat to land at the North Pole. Henson was a member of the expedition led by Admiral Robert Edwin Peary.

History books credit Peary as the first human at the Pole, but records from Peary himself and Henson's writings prove Henson was first.

Thanks to Dr. Herbert M. Frisby, pioneer geography teacher, Arctic explorer and lifelong admirer of Matt Henson, April 6 has been proclaimed as Matthew Henson Day in Maryland each year since 1961.

This Sunday, there will be special ceremonies at the State House under auspices of the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society.

Last week, in these columns we pointed out that history books fail to mention that black men were aboard the Ark and Dove which brought the first settlers to Maryland on March 23, 1634 (337 years ago.)

This week, we cite Matt Henson another pioneer.

We hope our constant reminders of such black leaders will encourage public school curriculum planners to include such relevant information in their courses of study.

MATTHEW A. HENSON

Son of Maryland, born August 8, 1866; died March 9, 1955, an exemplification of courage, fortitude and patriotism whose valiant deeds and noble devotion established everlasting prestige and glory for his state and country. (From memorial in state Capitol at Annapolis).

Palm Sunday—Good Friday

There is a similarity between the crowd that welcomed Jesus with palms on Sunday and the one that cried for His crucifixion the following Friday.

They both were crowds of people who were loud and strong in the expression of their convictions.

It is a sacrifice to put your garment under the feet of a national hero, or to stay up half the night awaiting the outcome of a trial.

There is nothing to show that the two crowds were identical.

One was for Jesus and the other against Him.

The con crowd prevailed. It was easier to be against something than to be for it. You do not have to have as many reasons and you do not have to be positive proof. Hearsay will do.

The pro crowd were first at the triumphal entry. They went home and stayed there during the trial. Puzzled and confused, they shunned association with one of the leaders so vigorously condemned.

When Jesus needed them most, they were absent, quiet, indifferent.

God save us from those who stay at home when the going is tough, when the forces of hate, prejudice are about to prevail.

Free us from the indifferent, the middle-of-the-roaders, the peace-at-any-pricers.

If we are for a good cause on Palm Sunday, help us not to be neutral on Good Friday.

(From the papers of Carl Murphy, March 28, 1964)

Baltimore Afro-American

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The Right Thing Came Out

NEWS FLASH—City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr., upset the gerrymander schemers, approved the Bard plan for redistricting. City Council enlarged on it to give what appears to be greater representation in all six city districts.

OUR READERS SAY

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed, but signature will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Maryland 21203.

No More Cab Permits

Dear AFRO:

Currently under consideration of the Public Service Staff and commission is a proposal for application of 100 taxicab permits to the American Association of black Women.

I am a black rental driver who is ironically against any additional cab permits, but there isn't a driver in this city neither black Norwhite who wouldn't like to be issued a gratis permit when the going price is nearly $18,000.

Time being the substance and the essence and my major objection, since the inevitable meter increase decision will decrease some non-regular cab fares, certainly additional cabs would also increase this deficiency.

In Washington, D.C. additional permits are granted without discretion, but in D.C. there is a tourist attraction, the Nations Capital.

We are a nickle and dime town and

Whitney Young

Dear AFRO:

America will miss Whitney Young.

He was a man of character and conviction. If a great man is he who is a great achiever, then he was a great man.

He joins on the peaceful shore in the sweet bye and bye such greats as Malcolm X, and Dr. Martin Luther King, who merged God and Man in History to produce the astonishing Civil Rights Movement.

Whitney Young understood: Power, Jobs and Income Now, and Hard Work.

He will be most difficult to replace. — WALTER R. DEAN (D-5th)

City Springs Thanks

Dear AFRO: All of us at City Springs Elementary School No. 8 wish to express our gratitude to you for the excellent coverage which the AFRO-AMERICAN gave our school in its preparation for its appearance at the Music Educators National Conference in Atlantic City, N.J.

We consider ourselves especially fortunate to have had Mr. Henry Phillips photograph our activities so professionally and capably. The children thoroughly enjoyed "performing" for him.

It was quite a thrill for all of us; pupils, parents and staff members, to see the pictures and the accompanying article in the AFRO.

(Miss) IRMA O. DANCY

Bard Plan Best

Dear AFRO: The New Democratic Coalition of the Fifth District, Baltimore City urged in February that the revised Bard plan become the mayor's plan and at the time said:

"We pledge our final support to that plan which in our judgment best meets the requirements of the Charter's amended section 7 and gives blacks the opportunity to achieve equitable representation in the city council."

We still believe the revised Bard plan continues to be the plan for the Fifth District which most nearly meets the objectives we established a month ago, and we urge the City Council to reconsider its action on Thursday and support ordinance 1674 unamended.

MORTON J. BAUM
Chairman

On Redistricting

Dear AFRO: The belated change to modify the (Reuben) Caplan redistricting plan will not alter the suspicion of the black community that white politicians have no intention of allowing blacks to participate freely in the political process.

The original Bard plan was the most equitable plan — one that would have allowed the black community to elect councilmen proportionate to the number of black citizens in the city.

That first plan was unacceptable to the powers that be; hence, the development of the conservative Caplan plan.

The danger is that black political candidates may be forced to run-at-large for councilmanic seats that goes especially for tips.

The issue at point in reality is that we need to improve the calibre of cab drivers and stop demanding that the color of the driver will solve the problem.

Much luck later to the American Association and when more cabs are needed that they be recognized for a good but untimely fight for additional permits.

At present we have enough supplies and not sufficient demands, except when we cabbies are changing shifts and going to the garage.

JOHN T. BAILEY,
Sun Taxicab Driver

Elephants In Charge

Dear AFRO:

Giving incumbent legislators power to redistrict is like putting elephants in charge of peanut distribution.

Testmony to the truth of this is strongly given in the Councilmanic redistricting plan approved on 2nd reading on Thursday.

I suppose we should not expect much more from "broken", human nature, but somehow those of us who see these same legislators in our religious congregations on the weekends somehow hope that they will be moved to use their power justly and fairly, remembering maybe that their power is a stewardship for which they shall one day be held accountable.

Too many of the councilmen are forgetting this when they speak favorably of the obviously apartheid-like travesty called the Caplan Plan.

What will it profit a Councilman, if he keep his office, lose his base, and suffer the loss of his soul?

The Rev. [illegible] RUANE
St. Ambrose Church

According to Anthony Burgess, writer and guest on "The Dick Cavett Show" last Friday night, eminent playwright, William Shakespeare, had a black mistress who allegedly gave him syphilis.

Discussion was centered on what person is thought to have been the "real author" of the works.

Names thrown into the hopper were Elizabeth I, Sir Francis Bacon and the Earl of Oxford. All learned as opposed to Shakespeare thought to be unlearned.

Maryland's U.S. Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th), has agreed to serve as the 1971 chairman of the Morgan State College Alumni Drive. The goal this year is $40,000. Contributions are tax deductible.

Honorary chairman is Dr. King V. Cheek. Chairman is Kenneth O. Wilson. Co-chairman is Sidney Hollander, Jr.

Directors include Mrs. Edna O. Campbell; Hon. Harry A. Cole; Dr. Iva Jones; Jerry C. Lymas and Charles G. Tildon Jr.

The drive will continue until June 30.

Be sure to attend the next meeting of the Board of School Commissioners scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 8 p.m. in the Poly-Western Auditorium.

The topic will be the proposed plans for the enrollment of school students. The public, especially the BLACK public is urged to attend.

Citizens, you have a right to know what is going on in your public schools. You have a right to know what and how your children are being taught.

The only way this will happen is if you are inquisitive; if you probe; if you are present at meetings.

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TOGETHER
Accountability Plan For Public Schools

By MADELINE MURPHY

It would seem that a plan to modify open enrollment is the hand-aid for the cancer offered instead of developing a creditable system all over the city which would begin to cure the root causes of the disease.

The school commissioners and staff should address themselves to the many studies and recommendations which the Citizens' School Advisory Committee spent two arduous years developing.

If they began to implement those studies and recommendations which deal with the multiple problems of public education, they wouldn't be saddled with the jockeying, the racist rearrangements of black kids.

They would be overwhelmed by all students clamoring to get into any school which met their particular needs and held their interest.

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Rather than propose a plan to modify open enrollment (which not only conveniently "jumps the gun" on the School Commissioners, but also provides wide media coverage for the political opportunism of Buzzy Hettleman), a plan for accountability of performance in the public schools would be more relevant and crucial.

For instance: Out of the total number of city public high schools, which schools score higher on: College entrance examinations? Job placement in state, city and federal jobs where entry level requirements are just a high school graduation? Ability to pass tests? Job placement in business and industry of vocational-education graduates? Secretarial graduates?

What about college performance at freshman level of Baltimore public school graduates who go to college? In language arts (reading, writing, spelling and speaking?) Science background and proficiency? Humanities background and proficiency?

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Upon charting the performance level in these areas, perhaps then it would be proven that regardless of the "substantially minimized" differences in school plants (according to Mr. Hettleman), a great case would be developed, reinforcing the idea that there are vast "disparities between the many overcrowded and under utilized comprehensive secondary schools with respect to per pupil expenditure for salaries, curricula or quality of faculty."

Also based upon the scores of the students in particular schools, teachers, principals, area directors, etc., would be judged as to their effectiveness and ability as teachers and administrators.

Those who could not perform in their capacity would not have their contracts renewed, or would go back on a probationary period.

No where in our economy are there less punishments for poor performance than in the educational professions, and higher and higher rewards in terms of salaries, promotions and increments.

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With this kind of plan, innovations, creativity, experimentation in a variety of educational methods would be mandatory in order for teachers to hold their jobs.

The end result would be average to excellent performance and interest on the part of the majority of the students.

A study of professional qualifications of teachers as well as supply of teachers in the inner city schools would be revealing.

This would include figures on provisional teachers, teachers aides used as substitutes, teachers and principals either ready to retire or back from extended leave.

A study of the "rape" of inner city schools: transfers, promotions of excellent black teachers out of the ghetto into the elite schools would be "heavy"!

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Why not study the feasibility of developing specialized schools where:

A school like Douglass which has become noted for its excellent art and music curriculum (it would become the School of Music and Art, coordinating with Maryland Institute of Art, Peabody, Baltimore Museum and Walters Art Gallery?

Technical-industrial schools coordinating efforts with the great complex of business industry?

— Specialized secretarial training schools where students learn a command of English and skills which prepare them more adequately for the variety of clerical positions in which want ads indicate there is a crying need?

— Advanced college preparatory schools for those who wish to attend college should be all over the city, not on the edge of North Baltimore.

Isn't there a need for a more equitable distribution of equipment (audio-visual aids) which only affluent PTAs can scare up funds for) where even scissors and sewing materials (cloth) do not have to be purchased by the poor and given away to the more affluent students in the elite schools?

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Finally, we should recruit a more professional staff of trained guidance counselors (not just those who wish to "escape" the classroom), who do not make decisions for students, but who allow students and/or parents, after reviewing the facts, make their own decisions; who encourage them to "reach for the stars" rather than be content to be big fish in a little pond"!

Too many of our young blacks are intimidated by counselors who imply that they aren't good enough, ready, won't make it, that they should settle for sure, easy, safe curricula, rather than be challenged by "A" course, specialized training and enrichment courses.

This indicates how some blacks reinforce a low self image on other blacks and how many counselors are afflicted with the sickness of self-hatred, racism. They have low expectations for themselves and therefore their students.

ODDS and ENDS

By PAUL EVANS

Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro told this writer Monday night he expects to announce whether he will be a candidate for re-election a week after Easter.

Unofficial candidates are City Council President William D. Schaefer and City Solicitor George L. Russell.

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AFRO Credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustices and prejudice, and the cowardice of compromise.

John H. Murphy Sr.
—1929

Politicians And Crime

with G. JAMES FLEMING DR. FLEMING

Recently, the mayors of the largest cities in this country conferred with President Nixon. They met in order to tell him the obvious, that the cities are in trouble, that the cities are broke and, without huge financial help, will go down the drain.

They did not need to tell him that the cities are besieged by crime — petty and major — including the gigantic "dope" industry which surpasses the gambling network or the crimes of prohibition days in its disastrous impact.

A bleak picture, indeed.

What does this say to blacks who are just beginning to flex their political muscle? What does it say to blacks here in Baltimore, where the present goal is to elect a black mayor?

From the point of view of the black community, this goal is "good," "right," "just," and "about time." But, once in control of the machinery of government, what next?

A city is not a simple thing and it is far more than a place to live, to work, to play.

All blacks are familiar with the important things: (1) Housing, where everyone wants to live in what is known as decent housing; (2) Equal employment opportunities, which by now is a cliche almost outworn, albeit necessary; (3) educating which, for good or ill, blacks are increasingly taking into their own hands and promising that Johnnie will be able to read, soon.

A city encompasses more. Safety, for instance. Is Baltimore a city where blacks and whites feel safe to go about their work and their play? It is not.

Most blacks engage in small businesses, the corner store, the cleaning establishment, the beauty parlor.

Time and time again, these small businesses are held up at the point of a gun, depriving the owners, not only of their goods, but often also of their lives.

What are the blacks in high office going to do about crime in the city of Baltimore?

Is it enough to wring our hands and say "Isn't it too bad," on learning about a taxi-driver gunned down, an elderly friend knocked down and mauled in a pocketbook-snatching attempt, a next door neighbor whose house is robbed of everything not nailed down?

Crime in the cities has placed us blacks in a cruel bind. Police brutality is not a stranger to us.

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In any gathering, blacks can speak of the horror and the terror experienced at the hands of "the law," public servants who are supposed to be the protectors of all.

At the same time, they know that blacks are the chief victims of crime in our city, that husbands, wives and children are not safe after dark, that locks and bars are the order of the day and these barriers deter the honest — not the criminal "pros."

Blacks, as their political power increases, will find that their job is more than winning political office.

High office carries responsibility, not only for what goes on at City Hall but also for what happens to the next door neighbor, to men and women in small business, to the elderly and to children who cannot protect themselves.

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Crime is not a simple thing. The best minds in all ages have grappled with the fearsome problem it presents.

What motivates a man to kill?

What motivates a man to rob and steal?

The psychologists say that a child unloved becomes an adult incapable of loving and, therefore, capable of killing.

The sociologists declare that we are all victims of our environment, that our young are over-stimulated by advertisements of goods of all kinds and theri hatweare eclaret telogistadesoc ihaih7 nmen, enviroteamurmalivici byad- atedmrul tain cnt ctmrvlfew therefore steal, that we live in a "thing society," that life is so harsh and demanding that youths turn to drugs in order to survive.

Ours is supposed to be a "problem solving" society.

We have been to the moon and back.

The scientists, through knowledge, made this possible, but the politicians, through their power, put up the money.

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What a job this leaves for black politicians. Can they, through their power, present and potential, make the cities safe for all? There must be times when students in black colleges need new subject matter for rapping.

How about crime and its resolution, both for rapping and for serious study — for finding ways to close the gap between the haves and the havenots, for making it possible for every black child to grow up in a city governed by politicians who do more than hold political office or build power empires.

First of all these politicians must know what is needed by human beings, black and white.

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Safety is certainly needed by all: by children in the park, by young folks attending a rock festival, by the bread winner sweating for his family's support, by the elderly standing on a corner waiting for a bus, by the church-goers going to and from religious worship, by the ball game buff.

So far, we have not found the answers. Perhaps youth can show black politicians the way.

NOW AND THEN

If You Ask Me

BY BETTYE MOSS

People, places and things

Get well cards to Lutheran Hospital (Room 30B) to James Thomas. He's the 87-year-old retired school principal who is doing well after surgery.

And cheer to the same hospital (Room 226A), for Louis Cox, the long-time AFRO pressman.

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Belated birthday hellos to Mrs. Ruth A. Johnson. She was 91 on March 27.

Her address: Route 5, Box 304, Ruffin Rd., Richmond, Va., 23231. She's the mother of one of Baltimore's good neighbors, Mrs. Kye Lewis (Ruth), of Bentalou St.

Her other children are William, Clifton and Austin Johnson, all of Baltimore; and Mrs. Mabel Thompkins, Richmond.

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Morgan State College's brilliant science prof., Dr. Thomas P. Fraser, was among those honored when the National Association for Research in Science Teaching met at the Sheraton in Silver Spring, Md., last week.

The convention cited past presidents of the organization. Dr. Fraser was president in 1969.

Pleasant people met this week: Mrs. Elnora Lee and four of her 5 children.

Mrs. Lee is Woman of the Year, cited by PALMA at the 18th annual dinner held at Blue Crest Fordleigh on Monday evening.

Active in Pa. Ave. AME Zion Church, Mrs. Lee is assistant coordinator of social services for Model Cities and founder of the Aggressive Neighborhood Association.

She is also a guiding light in the Westside Neighborhood Association and numerous other groups designed to upgrade the West Baltimore neighborhoods where she lives and works, including board member of the advisory group of the Mental Health Clinic at Provident Hospital.

Nice gesture: Mrs. Maggie Quite, supervisor of community outreach department at this mental health project, presented her a corsage of money during the Monday evening affair.

The Lee children are Randy, 11, and Corless, 14, both of whom attend Gwynns Falls Elementary; William, 15, Reuben Junior High; Denise, 19, and Josephine, 17, both at Forest Park High. Josephine graduates in June, hopes to enter U. of New Mexico to study psychiatric social work.

Head of the house, William Lee Sr., is an electrician at Ft. Meade. The family resides on Edmondson Ave.

Cuff Note: Leon Albion, member of PALMA, revealed that the original Lee's Surplus in 900 block Pennsylvania Ave. where he was born, is being torn down to make way for the new Upton project.

This is the development which this lower northwest Baltimore area PALMA and community workers of both races have planned together for this lower northwest Baltimore area.

Farewell to well-known citizen, Joseph Morsell of the famed Morsell family who died last Friday. His son, Joseph Morsell, Jr., was a leader in the Baltimore NAACP for many years. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Sinai Hospital.

Mrs. Tilley is at his bedside nearly every day.

Their daughter, Mrs. Glenette Tilley Turner, will arrive in town April 10 for Easter with her parents and to give Baltimoreans a peep at her new book just off the press.

Her Dad has a copy on his night table, so proud is he.

Mrs. Milton B. Allen was ailing this week to the extent that her husband, the State's Attorney, rushed his schedule to get home early.

More about people and things

Get well wishes to the Rev. John Little, beloved pastor and ar- widow, Mrs. Ethel Morsell, will receive cards of sympathy at the residence, 720 Dolphin St.

Cuff note: John O. Doub, Vice President and General Manager of the McCormick Division of McCormick and Company, Inc., Baltimore-based international producer of spices, flavorings and specialty food products, announced the appointment today of Mrs. Edwina Kathryn Rusk as manager, Office Services Department for the McCormick Division.

More people helping others: —

Morris A. Mechanic Theatre has invited 1500 inner city children to the opening of Bobby Clark's World Famous Life Size Marionettes to see "Pinocchio."

The show opens Tuesday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m., and is a new Broadway Musical for children.

By the way, this new program is the brainchild of Morris Mechanic's new owner, Bob Leadenlander.

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Cuff ote: A month back, received note from Los Angeles about a former Baltimore and Washington resident.

He is Guy W. Smith, recently elected to a top post in Los Angeles, where he and his wife, Thelma, a Baltimore girl, now reside.

Mr. Smith is newly employed as executive with Los Angeles County Bureau of Resources and Collections.

His new post: Second vice president of the 30,000-member Los Angeles County Employees Association, headed by Robert J. Briggs.

Mrs. Alfred V. Moore (Nellie), has great talent. If you've heard her speak or recite her original poetry, you know this to be a fact.

Here is one of her originals, entitled, "House Blessing:"

God bless your house, your hearth, your home.
And all who dwell within it:
And fill each heart with laughter
Some part of every minute.
Secure the doors and windows,
Yet when they open wide,
Let warmth and sunshine and good cheer
Abundantly flow inside;
To welcome messengers of love,
Whether kith or kin;
And may all hearts unite to share
The love that lies within.
At the end of every day,
When the sun sinks out of sight,
May God remain to bless and keep you
Eternally . . . day and night.

The following thoughts for the week are from the newsletter, "Deep Are the Roots," edited by Bowie State College's Rev. James N. Caldwell: —

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry; two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days in yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders and its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said . . . yesterday is gone with the wind.

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow with its possible adversaries, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control.

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Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds — but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in it for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day, today, which is God's day — his gift to you. It is as fresh and sparkling as the dew that dried in the brilliant rays of the morning sun. Gone are the problems of yesterday, for today is an opportunity to make a new start and another chance to find true happiness.

Any man can fight the battle of today. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities . . . yesterday and tomorrow that we break down.

It is not the experience of today that drives men mad — it is remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread and fear of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us, therefore, live but one day at a time—Today!

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Here are rules for a perfect day which readers might like to place in a prominent place: —

1. JUST FOR TODAY I will try to strengthen my mind by reading something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

2. JUST FOR TODAY I will do a task that needs to be done but which I have been putting off. I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out.

3. JUST FOR TODAY I will do a task that needs to be done but which I have been putting off. I will do it as an exercise in will-power.

4. JUST FOR TODAY I will dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously, be liberal with praise and criticize not one bit nor find fault with anything.

5. JUST FOR TODAY I will have a quiet half hour all by myself and relax. In this half hour sometime I will think of God so as to get a little more perspective in my life.

6. JUST FOR TODAY I will be unafraid. Especially, I will not be afraid to be happy, to enjoy what is beautiful, to love and to believe that those I love, love me.

It's NOT A Man's World

By BERNICE S. WHITE

Black women across the nation are answering the call to unity issued by Ruby Dee, national chairman of The Black Women's Unity Drive, sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women.

Four hundred women in 35 states will serve as leaders to mobilize their communities for action.

They will sponsor programs geared to eliminate racism, poverty, hunger, fight drug addiction, promote decent housing and child care centers, and assume responsibility for assuring quality education for all.

Emphasis throughout this nationwide Black Women's Unity Drive will be in maintaining dialogue between persons of diverse backgrounds and to closing gaps between city and rural areas, middle class and poor. Miss Dee said, "We must revitalize our people. Those among us who have achieved a degree of prosperity cannot disassociate ourselves from the poor."

She continued, "We are extremely concerned about the rising unemployment, hunger and malnutrition, inferior education and the wretched housing conditions that are still prevalent in black communities across this nation. We have a big job ahead of us."

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The need for constructive action in the United States is being pinpointed and identified in terms of helping people help themselves.

Black women can be one of the most potent forces in relieving physical suffering in this country where in the 70's, the needs will be as great if not greater than in any post-war year.

Wherever the black American is handicapped, is frustrated, in a racist society, black women must be at work.

It is by understanding who we are and where we are that we will have the dynamics necessary to grow and take action.

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Today, more than ever before, it is absolutely necessary for black women to become involved actively in community affairs which affect their well-being and the well-being of their families.

They need to lend more of their time and talents to strengthen the ties among black women.

Black women can make the difference.

Women interested in becoming directly involved in this unity drive can secure additional information from this writer by writing to: "It Not a Man's World," care of AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

Afro Line

AFRO LINE is an AFRO community service to help you solve problems, whatever they may be. All you have to do is write a postcard to AFRO LINE, AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. In addition to stating the question you want answered, include your name, address and phone number. Then watch for the answer in the AFRO LINE each week because that is where the Action can be found.

QUESTION: I was told by the Fire Department I had to leave a window in my apartment unlocked, because it is on a fire escape. But a few nights ago a man came in through that window. He did not steal anything and he left immediately, but I am worried about this happening again.

ANSWER: AFRO LINE talked to the Fire Department office of fire prevention, where a spokesman assured us you should not have been told to leave the window unlocked.

He said they do ask that a window, especially one by a fire escape, be able to be opened easily in case of fire; for example, it should not be nailed shut. But you should not have been told to leave it unlocked and in the future you should lock the window.

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QUESTION: I have had my home burglarized twice in the last six weeks. The police have said there is nothing they can do, except try to trace the things that were stolen. Is there anything else I can do to keep this from happening again?

ANSWER: Call the police and ask them for suggestions on how to make your home more burglar-proof. For example, they may know ways of locking windows and doors that would help to keep burglars out. Or they may advise you to install an inexpensive burglar alarm.

QUESTION: I have been trying for about two weeks to get in touch with a police officer who witnessed and reported an incident in which I was badly bitten by about five dogs. I would like to press charges against the dogs' owners but I have to get their names first. Can you help me?

ANSWER: AFRO LINE contacted the officer who made the report and got the names and addresses of the owners, which were passed along to you. AFRO suggests you either have your own lawyer file charges or call Legal Aid, 539-5340, for assistance in this matter.

QUESTION: I know the AFRO always seeks to be scrupulously honest and fair in its reporting, and the article concerning Judge Hammerman's new law clerk, bailiff wherein it states: "The first ever appointed by a white member of the Supreme Bench . . .", is not accurate.

In 1965, Judge James A. Perrott appointed Leroy W. Carroll as law clerk, bailiff. He served for two years.

He was then appointed an Assistant State's Attorney and, is now engaged in private practice with William H. Murphy, Jr.

Arrie W. Davis, who is now an Assistant State's Attorney for the City of Baltimore, was appointed by the Honorable Joseph L. Carter and assigned to the General Equity Master, Harry M. Sachs. — P.J.A.

ANSWER: The AFRO LINE is glad to set the record straight.

In the Spotlight

In the Spotlight this week is Johnnie Dunham.

Johnnie Dunham, 38, is a man on the move. He works for Royfax, a company that makes office machines, a division of Litton Industries, located on York Rd.

Johnnie Dunham, who lives at 3311 Forest Park, is a skilled field engineer for Royfax, which means he sells and services business machines and computers. This is highly technical skill, requiring a great deal of specialized training.

Raised in Elizabeth, N. J., he went to college for two years at Murhack Technical Institute in Onita, N. Y., and has attended about five service schools.

He has worked for Westinghouse, designing televisions and later designing integrated circuits, and when their plant in Elkridge closed in 1957, the General Electric Company sent him to school in Arizona for eight months to learn about computers.

When he returned to the east coast, he got a job with Royfax, went back to school to learn about copy machines, and was ready to start work as a field engineer. He services about 200 machines in this area.

Mr. Dunham, a bachelor, says he enjoys his work. "The job is pretty dependable," he remarked. "The working conditions are good, the salary is pretty good. And you're more or less your own boss."

He hopes someday to be a manager of a small outlying office, perhaps in Pennsylvania, though he says that probably won't be for another three or four years.

Whatever happens, Johnnie Dunham has the necessary training and skills to determine his own future.

The AFRO wishes him the best of luck.

Housing Discrimination

Dear AFRO:

I am writing to commend the black members of the House of Delegates for their introduction and sponsorship of H.B. 764, a bill which would prohibit practices of housing discrimination throughout the State of Maryland.

The experience of our staff indicates that housing discrimination continues to be a problem which affects a substantial portion of our population.

Although there is Federal legislation in this area, in practice very few cases of housing discrimination have been brought to the courts or otherwise reconciled.

Concurrently, it seems that the practices of housing discrimination since 1968 have become more covert and subtle. Historically, many avenues of redress guaranteed by the Federal Government have little impact at the local level until mechanisms closer to the people are established and sufficient manpower is allocated to attack the causes of widespread grievances.

The ideal situation would be for Baltimore City and the surrounding counties each to have enacted appropriate legislation. In the absence of such local laws, the Maryland Commission on Human Relations as set forth in H.B. 764 would be the ideal party to enforce laws pertaining to housing discrimination in the Baltimore area.

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The problem is metropolitan in scope and exists in Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, not just in Baltimore City. A State law would do much to create an open housing market in the Baltimore region.

This Commission has worked over the years to remove many of the social barriers which have restricted the freedom of choice of people because of factors such as race, color, and religion. The rights of many of our citizens to a full range of choices in the selection of housing remain abrogated.

We, therefore, urge members of the General Assembly to follow the leadership of the black Delegates by enacting H.B. 764.

DAVID L. GLENN, Director
Baltimore
Community Relations Commission

Fashion Show Thanks

Dear AFRO:

Thank you very much for coordinating and producing the beautiful Bridal-Prom-Deb Fashion Show during Women's Week at Morgan State College.

For the past years, the Afro-American Fashion Show has been the highlight of Women's Week. Everyone has commented on the beauty, the finesse, and the charm that your fashion show displayed. The personality of the AFRO's Mrs. Ida Smith did much to enliven the show.

(Mrs.) THELMA P. BANDO
Dean of Women

The Mourners

It hasn't been too long ago
That I saw a deer, lying on the load
Hit by a car or a truck; this deer was
And it was an evening of poor visability.

I wrung my hands; wondering, what
can I do
I love animals; I wanted so much to
help
And nearby was a gathering of deer
Buck and doe, silently keeping a solemn vigil.

One of its own was mortally wounded
Which was cause for concern;
Can a dumb animal show remorse
and sympathy?
Can a dumb animal have friends and
family?

Animals who are exceeding in timidity
Stood unmoved and seemingly unafraid
One does not run away and leave a
companion;
But what should deer know about
such things?

The doe made a final attempt to
stand up
To join the group that stood as sentries do
It was all over, and they were paying
their last respects.
And I was saddened by the spectacle
of these events
strikes me as peculiar...
And the expression, dumb animal;