PROMOTION—William R. Frederick of Laurel, Md., receives his new gold oak-leaf insignias following promotion to the rank of major at Ft. Meade recently. Doing the honors are his wife, Shirley, and Col. Charles C. Pixley, First Army surgeon. Frederick, 30 is a staff officer in the surgeon's office. He received a doctor of medicine degree from Howard University in 1967, and entered the Army in 1969. The Fredericks have two children, Candice, 9, and Rona, 14 months.

Nappier hair, tighter pants, higher heels and help from The Blossoms save Tom Jones

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

The lusture of Tom Jones' appeal has faded somewhat. However, the performance Saturday at the Civic Center was saved by the appearance of The Blossoms.

The attractive, vivacious and talented trio of black beauties set the stage for a lively evening with their introductory songs and then gave Tom's music a background that was superb and so necessary.

His copy-cat version of the Hay Charles immortal "I Can't Stop Loving You" couldn't have gone over at all without The Blossoms. They're veteran stars, long-time favorites in records, TV and stage.

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But for the nearly 12,000 patrons, mostly middle-aged women, the Tom Jones black-oriented sex appeal came through even if it was not enough to have them rioting as they did this time last year at Meriweather in Columbia.

Trying to make sure he has at least six more months of a half-way good box office, Tom Jones' hair was nappier and his boot heels higher.

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In addition to wearing a white shirt (minus underwear) opened down to his belly button, his tighter pants left nothing to be imagined as to the size, shape nor length of what was underneath. These trousers were also worn without underwear.

And when he rung his hips all the way around one way, came back again the other and then bumped out in front, one chunky middle-aged blond said, "Ohhhh. He's so nasty. I love it, you dirty thing."

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Unable to restrain themselves, some old-maid-school-teacher-type women used a couple 4-letter words to describe what they would do to the singer, "if you come home with me."

Most of them blond, the women threw panties and bras on the stage. When he wiped his nose, mouth and forehead with one purple pair of bikini drawers and threw them back to the owner, she ran up the aisle, skipping, jumping and waving her arms.

Homemade cakes to mark Tom's birthday earned kisses for the fans who toted them in.

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However, Tom gave them promptly to a guard to carry off the stage.

"Wonder if he ate any?" one woman said.

Another cried, "Don't eat that Tom. Come home with me. I'll bake your cake."

They kept the police busy pushing them back from the stage and probably the guards were the only ones glad when Tom departed after the 90-minute show.

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Back to The Blossoms, they featured something new in hair styles, the long, shoulder-length, hanging, kinky curls in contrast to the short bushy affairs. Their gold pant suits were set off by sequined sashes that flashed in the flood lights to their dances.

P.S. — Embarrassed persons included a husband who had to pallbear his wife out after she had collapsed in her excitement over Tom Jones.

Others were a few well-known school teachers and middle-agers who held $25 seats. They crept in alone, sat down and sneaked a look around before the lights went down for the opening.

Behind, around and scattered throughout the audience were others they knew who had taken a chance on not being seen. "For an evening with Tom Jones."

Miss Bell representing Ohio

DAYTON, Ohio — Miss Laura Bell, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon M. Bell Jr., has won the Miss Black Teenage Ohio title and will represent the state in the national competition in Atlanta on June 28.

Miss Bell is 5-feet-6 and says her measurements are "three question marks."

She hopes to attend college, become a pediatrician and practice in East Africa. If she wins, she says she'll use the $3,000 prize money for her college plans.

Real estate agent found guilty of racial bias

"The licensee shall not, acting as agent, discriminate in sale, rental, leasing, trading or transferring of property to any person or group of persons because of race, color, creed or national origin."

So says Article 5 of the Real Estate Commission's Code of Ethics. But a few real estate agents still don't comply wholly with the code.

One such case is that of Thomas Matthews, a licenced broker in Hampstead, Md., who has been found "guilty of discrimination in the sale of real estate to Mr. and Mrs. James Crafton because of their color and race."

Matthews reportedly showed lots in a white area only to white couples, while telling a black couple no lots in that area were available.

The Craftons teatified recently that they were told by Matthews it would be "unwise for them to purchase in the area because the residents were anti-black and would cause trouble for them."

He reportedly also told then he "would face economic ruin" if he were to sell property to them.

White test couples for Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., found they were treated entirely differently and were told lots were available where the Craftons had been told there were none.

Matthews has the right to appeal the decisiln of the Real Estate Commission, which after hearing the evidence determined that he was guilty.

Donald J. Miller, Associate Director of Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., stated that BNI "stands ready to assist in any complaint of racial discrimination in the sale or rental of a house or apartment and in the purchase of a lot."

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WHY ALI CAN NEVER BEAT JOE FRAZIER

Next time Muhammad Ali will be kayoed for the count! So predicts sports expert A.S. "Doc" Young in July SEPIA in his blast at Ali, never a top fighter and not in a class with Frazier, says Young. Don't miss this provocative article in the all-new exciting July issue

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HPNC states position on East-West highway

The Harlem Park Neighborhood Council has released a position paper on the proposed East-West Expressway, generally opposing the routing now under consideration.

The council's main concern is centered on the fact that "this is planned to run through residential neighborhoods, principally, low income neighborhoods, having 90 per cent black population."

They add that the road would "destroy a black middle income community and bisect other communities . . have a degrading effect upon neighborhoods adjacent to the highway . . . and cause the relocation of thousands of people who cannot find decent, safe and healthy houses in which to live."

The council also calls for more community participation in decision-making in the matter, and point out that "our primary concern" in the paper is the Franklin-Mulberry-Fremont Corridor. The paper makes the following proposals for the corridor: gassing of the Harlem Park area to reduce the rat population; a crash program for demolition of houses between Fremont Ave. and Pulaski St., "to reduce the fire hazards; preparation of the vacant land for "safe play and other temporary uses.

The paper also asks for "low income housing (not high rise housing) for rent or sale, multi-purpose centers, teen centers, centers for the aged, swimming pools, playgrounds (not asphalt shopping facilities, and a school complex."

"We are also requesting that the people living in the adjacent communities be given first chance of being employed on any construction that is scheduled for the . . . Corridor."

The proposals includes a plan for the arrangement of playing grounds, to include quonset huts as a temporary community center.

The Harlem Park Neighborhood Council is a citizens' organization representing 14,000 residents of the area bounded by Fremont Ave., Monroe St., Lafayette Ave. and Franklin St.

Recycling facilities

Sparrows Point residents now have a place to take used cans for recycling.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation announced last week that it has set up four can collection centers for community use near its Sparrows Point plant.

The centers are part of a massive can collection and organized across the nation by the tin mill products manufacturers of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

The collection centers will be located at No. 10 Gate at the north end of the tin mill; in the parking lot at the hot strip mill; in the parking lot at No. 1 Gate, and at the intersection of Tin Mill Rd. and Riverside Dr.

The centers will be open 24 hours a day. All types of metal containers will be accepted.

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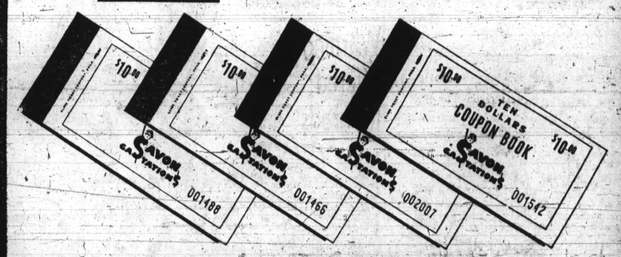

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Worker's Bullet-Riddled Body Discovered On City Playground

THE LONG ROAD BACK — A young husband who walked away from a correctional camp to see his wife who had been injured in an automobile accident is shown above turning himself in accompanied by AFRO reporter. Below, he is accompanied by a Penitentiary guard to the maximum security prison where he spent the night. The next morning guards took him back to Jessups to serve the balance of his term.

Friend charged in death

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Funeral services will be held Saturday noon at the Kelson Funeral Home, 1348 N. Calhoun St., for Daniel A. Smallwood, 40, 634 N. Carey St. He will be buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Mr. Smallwood was a Self-Help Housing worker at the Carey St. and Biggs Ave. project, a division of the Community Action Agency. Acquaintances say he was well-liked and widely known in the area.

Mr. Smallwood died of multiple gunshot wounds of the chest and side shortly before midnight on July 5.

His bullet-riddled body was found lying face down on the neighborhood playground in the rear of the 600 block N. Mount St. about 11:45 p.m. on the official July 4 holiday.

He was pronounced dead on the scene.

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Homicide Dept. Joseph Thomas reports that David Sweets, 23, 1400 block Harlem Ave., has been charged with the fatal shooting and attempted robbery and is being held for Grand Jury action on July 13.

Police reports show Sweets and the deceased men were "buddies."

According to Det. Thomas and other investigating officers, the body was discovered about 120 feet from the playground's rear entrance by Mrs. Hattie Sweet, 43, mother of the accused man.

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Reports quote Mrs. Sweet as saying she noticed the dying man on the ground as she was crossing the play area near the children's swings.

Police report that Mrs. Sweet called the police about the body without knowing her son would sub-

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Chuckle.

She promised very faithfully to honor and obey. I should have been the best man on her wedding day.

Paul D. McAllister

THE WINNER — Crossing Guard contest winner, Mrs. Edith Cooper, gets $500 first prize from Mrs. Frances Murphy Henderson, chairman of the AFRO board of directors and Robert M. Rea, city circulation manager.

AFRO CONTEST

Crossing Guard winners collect $1500 in prizes

"I want to thank the AFRO and all the people who voted for me.

"Let me apologize for being late. I am working summer school and we don't make our hours.

"I don't think the Police Department would have liked it too much if I had taken the day off to receive my prize."

These were the words of the first prize winner of the AFRO's $2,500 Crossing Guard Contest, Mrs. Edith Cooper.

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Mrs. Cooper was speaking in the office of Mrs. Frances Murphy Henderson, chairman of the AFRO board of directors. Where she received her $500 first place prize on Wednesday.

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She is planning to give some of her money to the Courtesy Circle of her church, Shiloh Christian Community Church, which was very helpful to her.

"I especially want to thank my pastor, Rev. George Baynard because he would say an encouraging word every Sunday," she recalled.

Another person who was also very helpful was her husband, Earl Cooper, a longshoreman of 34 years.

"This is the first time that I have ever tried to do something that he has supported me 100 per cent. He has helped me so much. He brought me votes from the waterfront," she stated.

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There were 142 participants and 18 winners in the AFRO contest in which 9,569,200 votes were cast.

Mrs. Cooper won the contest with 1,358,600 votes and is now wearing the title of "Baltimore's Most Popular Crossing Guard. She is stationed at the corner of

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Mourners pay tribute to Satchmo

NEW YORK (UPI) — A long line of mourners, many of them weeping, filed past the open coffin of Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong today to say goodbye to the great jazz trumpeter. They grieved for him both as a man and a musician.

"I loved Louis for Louis' self and for his music," Mrs. Louise Devine said as she waited her turn, tears in her eyes. "He always had that smile and that handkerchief waving in the air."

The handkerchief that Armstrong always carried to "wipe my chops" when he played was there beneath his hand in the metal casket placed in the rotunda of the large brick 7th Regiment Armory. But not the gold-plated trumpet. That will be kept by his wife, Lucille.

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He wore a black silk suit and a pink shirt with a pink and blue necktie. Flowers surrounded the coffin which was lit by two floor lamps.

Private funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in the Corona Congregational Church in Queens for Armstrong, who died in his sleep of a heart attack Tuesday, two days after his 71st birthday. Today was the time for the public to mourn.

By 10 a.m. when the armory doors swung open for 12 hours of public viewing about 175 people, many of them black like Armstrong, were waiting.

At the head of the line was Nelson Brooks, 35, who said he had been waiting since 4 a.m. outside the big red building. "I loved him more as a person than as an entertainer," he said of Armstrong. "He was the greatest of his kind. I was determined to be the first in line to pay tribute to him."

Maude Bush, a housewife who had arrived at the armory at 6:45 a.m. and was second in line, said, "No

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14-STORY high apartments in the George B. Murphy Homes, 725 George St., in West Baltimore, where steps are being made to improve elevator service.

14 stories in air for children!

Are high rise apartments safe for large families? "No", says Joel Newton, manager of the 10 year-old George B. Murphy Homes public housing project.

The AFRO talked with the Murphy Homes manager after reports that residents on top floors are forced to walk up and down to their homes because elevators are frequently out of service.

The 14-story project is bounded by George St. on the north, Fremont Ave. on the west, Franklin St. on the south, Myrtle Ave. on the east in West Baltimore.

In the four high rise buildings there are approximately 2000 people living above the second floor, with an estimated 147 on the top floor.

Mr. Newton, who has been on duty at Murphy since March, acknowledged that there has been some trouble with children disabling the elevators but explained steps have been taken to remedy the situation.

"Living in high rises is not conducive to the easy access to outside by children in large families," he stated.

"We have problems with elevators where children ride the tops and jump from one to the other. They find the device on top which moves the elevator up and down, stop it

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B. O. Davis Jr. slated for transportation post

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (UPI) — President Nixon Thursday nominated Benjamin Oliver Davis Jr., retired black Air Force lieutenant general, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Safety and Consumer Affairs.

Davis, 58, has held the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation since November 1970. Last September he also was put in charge of the sky marshals following the rash of airline hijackings.

Davis's sky marshal duties, under the Office of Civil Aviation Security, will be absorbed in his new capacity. He will receive salary of $38,000 a year.

Davis, a native of the District of Columbia, formerly served as Director of Public Safety in Cleveland, Ohio.

He was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1936 and rose in military rank to become deputy commander-in-chief, U.S. Strike Command, at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. in August, 1968, a position he held until his retirement.

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On the long road back youth gets a helping hand

A prisoner who had only six months left to serve in an Eastern Shore correctional camp came to the AFRO on Wednesday to tell his story.

Under emotional strain, he said he had walked away from the camp Monday after being told his wife had suffered injuries in an auto accident on her way to visit him.

He said he had not intended to do anything wrong, but only wanted to make sure he would not be thrown back into what he termed "Mississippi-like" racial conditions at the camp.

Throughout his talk with the AFRO, he said, "I didn't escape for freedom, I just want someone to listen to my story."

Subsequently, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell's office in Washington listened to the 26-year-old man's troubles by telephone conversation with an AFRO reporter and a spokesman decided to see what he could do.

As a result, the young man will not have to return

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AFRO girl reporter frisked at Bruno trial

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

"It's a real shame. I don't like it at all, this kind of thing, and I believe it is racial.

"I do not appreciate this kind of thing of frisking and the way it is done.

"The same thing is happening here in the Court House in Baltimore and I am afraid one day something will break out.

"The black citizens see the whites going on past without being frisked and when they come through, they are stopped.

"I am offended and I know they are. I keep thinking how it looks to a black person coming into a court house anywhere in Maryland. The people doing the searching are all white. The only ones searched are black."

The above remarks were made by a Baltimore jurist when he learned an AFRO young woman reporter was frisked when she entered the Bel Air Court House for the murder trial of Thomas J. Bruno.

Bruno was indicted by the Baltimore City Grand Jury for the Feb. 28 slaying of a 17-year-old Douglass High School student, Michael McCray.

The murder took place in front of a Block bar as the student was pursued by a running group of white men.

The 22-year-old AFRO cub reporter was subjected to search of her purse each day she was present to cover the trial from the beginning on June 28.

The all-white jury returned a not guilty verdict

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Jury frees Bruno on Block murder charge

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BEL AIR, Md. — The Block Murder Trial involving Thomas J. Bruno ended late last night (Thursday) when the jury found the defendant not guilty.

The verdict by the all-white jury of six men and six women came after five hours' deliberation and climaxed two weeks of trial, marked by conflicting testimony.

The charge against Bruno, manager of Harry's Corral Bar in the 600 block E. Baltimore St., a section of Baltimore City called The Block, was filed after the Feb. 27 death of a 17-year-old Douglass High School senior.

Michael McCray, the victim, died of gunshot wounds sustained when he and a group of friends were reportedly set upon by a group of whites who questioned their presence in the area.

The trial was moved to this Harford County seat from Baltimore City at the request of defense counsel.

Before the jury retired

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