MOURNERS for Martin Allen Gross, slain last Friday, enter Waters AME Church in East Baltimore for the last rites at 11 a.m., Wednesday. Among relatives are his wife, Mrs. Carolyn Vaughter Gross; mother, Mrs. Margaret Watkins; three daughters, Karen, Rhoda and Marty Cassandra Gross; stepfather, James Watkins; sister, Mrs. Frances Sutherland; nephew, Edward Sutherland; a niece, Stacy Sutherland and two Godchildren, Angela Wilson Stokes and Terrence Mosby.

McGovern at City Fair Saturday

Sen. George McGovern brings his presidential campaign back to Baltimore Saturday with a rally outside the Baltimore City Fair.

This is Sen. McGovern's second visit to Maryland in little over two weeks.

On his first trip he visited the offices of the AFRO-AMERICAN and met with many of the important black elected officials from Baltimore.

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Congressman Parren Mitchell (D-7) will be with Sen. McGovern as will City Council President Walter S. Orlinsky and other members of the Maryland McGovern/Shriver Executive Committee.

Sen. McGovern will speak at the corner of Pratt and Calvert Sts., across from the Constellation pier, at 1:30 p.m.

He will also take a tour through the Baltimore City Fair.

The subject of Sen. McGovern's speech at the rally will be the future of cities in the United States, a topic Sen. McGovern is quite concerned with.

At the Mayor's Conference earlier this year, Sen. McGovern said:

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"America's cities are in trouble today, as they have been for many years, for reasons beyond their control.

"And the federal government has left our city governments to deal with the toughest problems in our society, with neither the revenue nor the technical help to properly do the job.

"All around the country, cities are cutting back on vital services because of budget pressures, freezing the level of police protection, closing their parks, turning children away from city libraries."

Sen. McGovern believes the solution to the cities' problems comes not from new programs but from diverting money spent on unneeded defense systems to support existing programs for the cities.

Sen. McGovern will be visiting the only City Fair in the nation.

It is expected that his visit will help bring national attention to the Fair, which it richly deserves.

Also, on Saturday at the City Fair will be efforts to sign up new voters.

The deadline for registration is Oct. 10.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

Congressman Asks Readers' Help On Housing Bill

By PARREN J. MITCHELL, M.C.

(D-7th District-Maryland)

U.S. House of Representatives

This week the House acted on H.R. 16704, The Housing and Urban Development Act of 1972.

This Act of 1972 is the result of two years of Banking and Currency Committee consideration, commencing in 1970 after the Administration's introduction of a bill to consolidate housing programs.

The Housing Subcommittee — after extensive studies, hearings and markup sessions — reported a bill to the full Committee on May 9 by a vote of 15-0.

The full Committee held additional hearings and lengthy executive sessions and reported the present legislation on September 21 by a vote of 19-3, with six Members voting present. I was one of the members who voted present.

This omnibus bill would revise, extend and consolidate federal housing programs, would combine current community development categorical programs into a system of bloc grants, and would provide for subsidies for mass transit systems.

Further, the bill includes $11 Billion in new authorizations.

I contend that the bill contains regressive sections which would hamper efforts to disperse low-income housing.

It includes inadequate consumer protections, fails to make any real reforms in scandal-ridden housing programs.

Plus, the bloc grant approach to community development is weakened by failure to include some categorical programs.

And, mass transit operating subsidies are improperly included in the legislation.

In fact, the very length and complexity of the bill prevents adequate understanding of its many controversial provisions.

Further more provisions granting local veto power over subsidized housing and restricting HUD from withholding funds for politically-popular water and sewer facilities and housing for the elderly projects are highly regressive.

These are racist attempts to keep subsidized housing in the central city and out of the suburbs.

In addition, the rights of low income tenants are unfairly and harshly curtailed by provisions which require that rent payments of welfare recipients be taken directly from their welfare checks and which force local housing authorities to enforce strict eviction requirements.

For these reasons, I joined with Congressmen Ashley, Reuss, Moorhead and Koch in filing additional views on this bill in which we describe it as "regressive in terms of what we believe to be a bipartisan national commitment to expanding and improving housing and job opportunities for millions of low and moderate income families."

In debating this bill in Committee, the influence of the powerful special interests groups—bankers, real estate lawyers, savings and loans associations—was made clear.

For example, insofar as the consumer protection sections of the bill are concerned, the Committee caved-in to real estate lawyers and title insurance companies in eliminating HUD's authority to set closing costs ceilings, in requiring only a one-year warranty on FHA-approved housing, and in legalizing kickbacks.

I also joined with Representatives Sullivan, Barrett and Koch in filing supplementary views in which we charge that the regulation of closing costs and settlement procedures "has been seriously watered down" and that the bill "goes so far as to repeal consumer protections enacted in 1970."

I feel that the "absence of provisions requiring the regulation of settlement charges and barring kickbacks constitute serious deficiencies which will result in continued victimization of many home buyers."

Now comes the difficult part! Should I vote for a bill which will provide money for badly needed housing programs and subsidies for mass transit, yet at the same time is punitive and regressive against Black people and poor people?

That is the lawmakers perpetual dilemma.

Rarely do we get a "clean shot" at a social issue in a piece of legislation. What would you do?

Please write me at 1228 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515, to let me know.

GROSS RITES

No dice allowed in church

Martin Allen Gross, 21, 1800 block E. Chase St., died of one gunshot wound of the chest last Friday about 5:30 p.m. in the 1000 block Chester St.

Last rites were held Wednesday at Waters AME Church with the Rev. Dr. Melvin Chester Swann presiding.

Mr. Gross is buried in Arbutus Memorial Park. Several hundred persons attended the services.

The impressive rites were enhanced by scores of floral designs. However, one design, that of a huge pair of dice was not allowed in the church at orders of the pastor.

Mr. Gross son of Mrs. Margaret Watkins was born July 21, 1940 in Baltimore. Widely known as Marty, he was a student at Dunbar High and graduated from Douglass High School in 1959.

He was a sports enthusiast and participated in baseball and basketball. He gained recognition in the area for his enthusiasm.

He and the former Miss Carolyn Vaughter were married June 20, 1970. In addition to his wife and mother he is survived by three daughters, Karen, Rhoda and Cassandra; stepfather, James Watkins; stepfather, James Watkins; sister, Mrs. Frances Sutherland; nephew and niece, Edward and Stacey Sutherland and two God children, Angela Wilson Stokes and Terrence Mosby.

U.S. freeing Bobby Seale to keep 'bugging' secrets

CHICAGO (UPI) — Federal authorities said Wednesday they would seek to drop contempt of court charges against Bobby Seale, the Black Panther leader who was bound and gagged in order to preserve order during the "Chicago Seven" trial.

U.S. Attorney James R. Thompson said he would ask that the charges be forgotten rather than reveal transcripts of electronic surveillance in connection with the explosive 1969-1970 trial.

Thompson said "it would be inimical to our national security interests" to reveal the transcripts to the defense.

The U.S. Appeals Court, in overturning Seale's four-year sentence on contempt charges and ordering a new trial earlier this year, had ordered that the transcripts be made available to Seale and his lawyers.

The transcripts were originally introduced in the chambers of the Chicago Seven trial judge, Julius J. Hoffman. The appeals court ruled that if they were not shown to the defense "then the contempt charges against Seale must be dropped."

Thompson, in a letter to chief U.S. Appeals Court Judge Luther M. Swygert, said, "It would be inimical to our national security interests to disclose the contents to the defendants as required.

"Therefore, we conclude that the interests of justice would best be served by withdrawing the contempt case charges against Seale and will so move before the judge when this case is assigned."

Thompson said the action will mean there will be no charges remaining against Seale in connection with the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

The binding and gagging of Seale was one of the dramatic high points of the trial of activists on charges of conspiring to foment riots during the convention.

Seale, national chairman of the Black Panther Party, had insisted on acting as his own attorney. After Hoffman refused to let him do so, Seale began to interrupt the trial with shouts and accusations, scuffling with U.S. marshals on more than one occasion.

Hoffman finally ordered Seale bound to a chair with a gag tied across his mouth. When this proved ineffective, Hoffman declared a mistrial in Seale's case but sentenced him to a total of four years on contempt charges.

The charges for which Seale was on trial have since been dropped. The other seven defendants were found innocent of conspiracy charges, but five were convicted of crossing state lines for the purpose of inciting riots. All of them drew contempt sentences, which are being appealed.

Needle needed for offense as Bear gird for opener

In an age when athletes and athletics are under close scrutiny in the war on drugs, it is risky business advocating the use of a needle. But that is exactly what Morgan State College could use as her football heroes prepare to open their home season tomorrow (Saturday) against North Carolina Central.

The Bears are desperately in need of a hypo for their offensive game, and the authority for that is none other than head coach Earl Banks.

The Morgan mentor, admittedly an apostle of defense since his undergraduate days as a lineman at Iowa, has devoted the entire week to the other side a .550 average.

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"We're going to have to put some points on the board," says Banks. "This is very embarrassing, a Morgan team losing five in a row and not scoring a single point in our last eight quarters of football."

Earl's reference to five consecutive defeats for his Bears includes three at the end of last season and two games played thus far this fall.

"It doesn't help at all that (Ed) Burt suffered a chipped elbow in the game at Atlanta. He was our most experienced quarterback, and his absence has to hurt us."

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Banks continues to rave over the Morgan defense, however.

"I'm extremely proud of those kids," he says. "If there is any such thing as a moral victory — I don't subscribe to that thinking, myself — they won it in our first two games.

"The fact that they held two of the best teams in the country to 20 points (Grambling six, Tennessee State 14) speaks for itself.

"What is more amazing," Banks goes on, "is that they were playing without two of our best linebacker Gene Simms and Tim Herndon.

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"Frankly, I think a lot of people were expecting to see us run out of the ball park when we played Tennessee at Atlanta.

"The defense kept us from being humiliated. Now it's up to the offense to catch up.

"With the kind of maturity you get playing Grambling and Tennessee on successive weekends, maybe it will" . . SAM LACY.

'Heroin hotline' called 'ineffective'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Lester L. Wolff, D-N.Y., this week declared the Nixon Administration's publicized "national heroin hotline" has proven an ineffective way of gettingleads on drug pushers.

Wolff said this was borne out by a General Accounting Office (GAO) investigation, made at his request, showing few leads, obtained from thousands of toll free calls, are being checked out.

"There is no way this could be called a success," Wolff said. "It may not be a total flop but it certainly has been ineffective."

Myles J. Ambrose, head of the Justice Department's Office of Drug Abuse, said precisely the opposite. He said he was "encouraged" by initial results and intends to beef up the hotline.

"We're not givng any thought at all to closing it down," Ambrose said, "to the contrary, we're going the other way. In fact, we're going to beef it up."

The hotline, started last April 7 with White House fanfare, enables anyone in the country to makea toll free call to the hotlinenumber, presumably with a tip about an illegal drug operation.

Wolff said he requested the GAO investigation because he received word the ideawas not working despite continued Administration publicity picturing it as a success.

A preliminary report from the GAO listedo nly three drug seizures had been made by last June 30 after nearly three months of operation, an aide to Wolffsaid.

to Wolff's Legislative Assistant Robert Owens, conmarijuana in Los Angeles, sisted of three grams of marijuana in Los Angeles, quantities of dangerous drugs in New York City and 3,300 dosage units of LSD in San Francisco.

This, plus whatever later seizures may apper in the final report to be released next Wednesday, have cost thusfar more than $250,000, Owens said.

The GAO report said that hotline telephones rang 33,313 times between April 7 and July 28 but only 5,234 or 16 percent resulted in usable conversations.

Ambrose confirmed there is a high level of telephoning by people who do not speak up — possibly cranks, "breathers" and curiosity seekers — but said these "no voice" calls are not counted.

Foster doesn't relish idea but offers Finnegan return

WEMBLEY, England — toughest fight of his career, toughest fight of his career, light-heavyweight champion Bob Foster savored his knockout victory over Chris Finnegan here Wednesday.

Foster praised his British opponent of the previous night as he reclined in his hotel room while recalling the high spots of his 14th round kayo of Finnegan.

"I'll gladly come over again to meet him," said Bob, "not because I want to take the risk of fighting him again but because he deserves another chance."

The Irish boexr's courage and determination earned accolades of the fight fans as well as the praise of Foster. But it was the latter's tribute that was noteworthy.

"He is the bravest man I ever fought," said Foster after it was all over. "This was the toughest fight I have ever suffered since I became world champion."

The last barrah came 55 came 55 seconds into the 14th round when Foster, formerly of Washington, D.C., used his superior height, weight and reach to burn a right to the head of the sagging Finnegan.

Finnegan had been down for the first time in his professional career during the 10th round. By the time the bell went for the 14th, the game Briton had run out of everything but courage.

"He hurt me with a couple of body shots and I'm sure glad he couldn't punch as hard as me," Foster said.

CORRECTION

In our section in today's AFRO-American, the illustration of the Boy's Shirt sale priced at $2.94, should have shown a Beery Shirt with button front.

We regret this error.

MONTGOMERY WARD

OCTOBER 10 is last day to register if you would qualify to vote in the Nov. 7, 1972 General Election. Do so TODAY so you can help pick the next President of the U.S., and your representatives in Congress. A good citizen is registered and prepared to vote for the candidate of his choice.

SGT. EDWARD J. CARTER, son of Mrs. Virginia Carter, will return Sept. 30 after serving 21 years in the Air Force. He is a January, 1951 Dunbar High graduate and is married to the former Miss Marlene Wallace. Their children are Douglas and Cedric.

Kids' program at museum

The Junior Museum of the Newark Museum has announced that its "Little Club" for children aged 3, 4 and 5, will begin on October 4, continuing until next May. The Little Club introduces pre-school youngsters to art, nature and the Museum.

Registration will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday, September 27, for 3-year-olds; on September 28 for 4-year-olds, and September 29 for 5-year-olds. Enrollment is limited. Fees are $1. For all.

A brochure and full information is available at the Junior Museum 49 Washington Street, or by phone (733-6606).

GUEST SPEAKER — The Rev. Dudley D. Chatman, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. will be the guest speaker at the 35th ushers anniversary at Concord Baptist Church, 5204 Liberty Heights Ave. on Oct. 8.

6 former Aggies to Hall of Fame

GREENSBORO, N.C — Six of the finest athletes every to compete for North Carolina A and T State University have been selected for induction into university's Sports Hall of Fame.

Real Estate bills passed; become law

The following laws, which were passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, became effective July 1.

Senate Bill No. 601:

Gives the right to the Real Estate Commission, after public hearing, to suspend solicitation and certain methods of advertising in a particular neighborhood if the Commission feels the racial or economic stability of that area is threatened by excessive sales.

This power does not affect newspaper, radio or TV advertising.

Senate Bill No. 177:

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Senate Bill No. 25:

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