MODEL CITIES

Area councils lose voice in Steering Board makeup

By SCOTT PONEMONE

When the Model Cities' Fourth Action Year begins March 1, 1973, the six area councils will lose the right to elect three members apiece to the Model Cities Policy Steering Board.

In a decision made in October, Mayor Schaefer agreed with a proposal from Model Cities Director William Sykes and the Rev. Ellis Young, chairman of the Council Directors Panel, to limit the Steering Board to six Council directors, five mayoral appointees and Mr Sykes.

In an interview with the AFRO last week the Mayor insisted the change over is an attempt to "streamline" the Steering Board while keeping it "as representative of the community as possible."

In his proposal, Mr. Sykes told the Mayor a panel of council directors and chairmen originally recommended the reorganization.

Mr. Sykes also extended his endorsement because the plan was "responsive to a mandate from HUD that the formal citizen participation apparatus (in Model Cities) be changed to reflect the process as it actually occurs in Baltimore" (i.e. council directors already do the work of the Steering Board).

This plan to revise the Steering Board, however, has not been greeted with open arms by its present chairman, Albert Williams Jr., who told the AFRO he is engaged in a "call for action" by meeting with communities to explain "what dangers they are facing."

"In short," he explained "once this board is abolished-by the Mayor, the next step, as citizens see it, would be abolishment of all citizen participation."

Mr. Williams asserted this recent decision was just another in a line of moves in a "city attempt to control spending in poverty programs."

Citing the fact the directors are paid $15,000, city employees, he claimed, "The city wants a board it can control (by pulling at members' purse strings) instead of a board selected by citizens."

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In rebuttal, Mayor Schaefer stated he has done "just the opposite" of contriving to eliminate citizen participation.

He remarked, "I have taken some pretty tough stands on Model Cities and refused federal demands to have more elected officials on poverty programs."

"I think Washington is making a serious mistake," the Mayor added, "by not wanting more citizen participation."

PROVIDENT HOSPITAL PHYSICAL FITNESS—The physical therapy department at Provident is led by Mrs. Lois Bethea, and is currently sponsoring an exercise class that meets every Tuesday in the hospital's Emanuel Chambers Auditorium.

Dr. DeMond of Bowie State named to SMEI

Dr. Albert L. DeMond, chairman of the Business Administration Department at Bowie State College, has been appointed a member of the College Relations Committee of the Sales and Marketing Executive International.

Lead screening volunteers are honored

Over 40 volunteers who aided in the Kennedy Institute's lead poisoning screening program will be honored Thurs., Dec. 14, 5-7 p.m. at the Institute.

Final results of the Kennedy Council's community lead poisoning screening program, combining volunteers efforts and a new screening method, revealed that 18.4 per cent or 74 of the 394 children tested had significantly elevated lead levels.

Children aged 1-5 who have been tested will continue to be followed while additional screenings in neighborhoods, day care centers and other facilities not yet tested, will be conducted beginning this January.

Morgan graduate named advisor to U.S. EPA

Michael R. Butler of Morganza, Md., a graduate student of Morgan State College, has been named to represent Maryland on the Youth Advisory Board of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Bill filed to end haircut discrimination

Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D-4th) has announced that she will introduce legislation to end the prohibition in Maryland law against beauticians cutting men's hair.

A decision handed down last week by Judge James A. Parrott of the Maryland Superior Court has left the matter in limbo.

Under Maryland law, cosmetologists have been prevented from cutting men's hair unless it is incidental to other services, such as a permanent or manicuring.

"Although evolving from economic causes, this is, nevertheless a form of discrimination," said Sen. Welcome, "and therefore, a violation of the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution."

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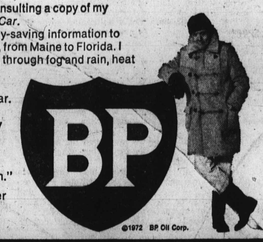

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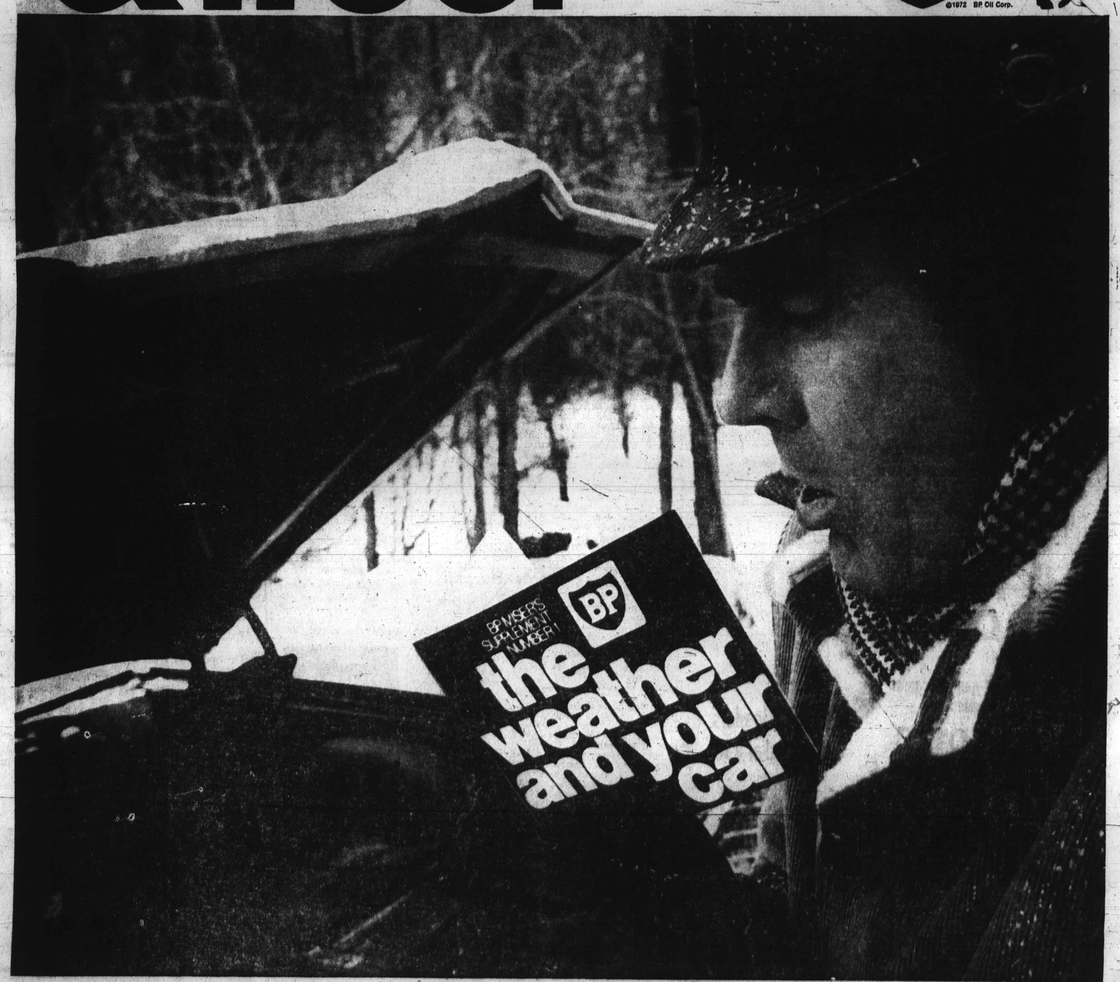

Mrs. Santa Still Busy

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Babysitter Jailed For Christmas

Hundreds helped by Mrs. Santa

"My phones keep ringing and ringing and ringing with calls from those who want to help. But I know that when those phones stop ringing, there will be many families who we were not able to help.

"For them, this Christmas time won't be a merry one. Much worse, it probably won't even be comfortable or warm."

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa is still awaiting calls from last-minute good Smaritans who want to make this holiday a better one for others.

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It's still not too late to get into the Christmas spirit of giving.

Meantime Mrs. Santa is saying, "Thanks, thanks, thanks to all of those who have made my 11th annual Yule campaign a very successful one."

Mrs. Santa's helpers will be standing by until 12 noon Saturday to give the names and addresses of needy families to those who want to "adopt" one or more of her worthy cases.

Late contributions will also be accepted until 12 noon Saturday.

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More than 950 households have asked Mrs. Santa for assistance. Many are without heat or food.

Eight-hundred of these families have been helped but there are still some who will not receive anything unless more funds or foodstuffs are donated.

Contributions to this year's Mrs. Santa fund totaled $11,436.09.

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Food baskets worth $4,509 were delivered to needy families yesterday (Thursday) and today. More food baskets will be delivered on Saturday.

Checks and coupons which can be used in food stores, totaling $6,409 have already been mailed to many families in time for Christmas shopping.

With the help of Sgt. Lloyd Scott and members of the Maryland National Guard the food baskets were personally delivered to Mrs. Santa's families.

Baltimore City Police

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Holiday observances scheduled

During this happy yuletide season many clubs, churches, organizations and various city agencies along with individuals will be celebrating the season in many different ways.

The Goodwill Industries during the Christmas season will repair unwanted toys at their main plant and then ship them back to their stores in the Baltimore-Annapolis area in time for the Christmas shopping rush.

Senator J. Glenn Beall, Jr. in lieu of sending Christmas cards will send a donation to the Tropper Scholarship Fund at University Hospital in Baltimore. The FUND WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CHILDREN OF State Police Troopers Phillip L. Russ and Thomas A. Noyle who

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ACCUSED BABYSITTER — Mrs. Judith R. Gray, 24-year-old Hillside, Md. mother of a two-year-old daughter, is confined to this Prince George's County Jail in Upper Marlboro, Md., pictured in AFRO photo by Fletcher Roberts, who was on scene Monday when Mrs. Gray's attorney sought unsuccessfully to have her released pending preliminary hearing on murder and manslaughter charges growing out of deaths of two infants and burning of a third child for whom she was babysitting. AFRO Staff Artist Thomas Stockett did the drawing of Mrs. Gray.

No hearing set until next year

By FLETCHER ROBERTS (AFRO Staff writer)

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. —As most of us busily make last minute preparations for the Christmas holidays, pretty, 24-year-old Mrs. Judith Gray despondently awaits the holiday alone, confined to a small cell in the Prince George's County Jail, separated from family and home.

Mrs. Gray, part-time babysitter and herself the mother of a 22-month-old daughter, is being held without bond on charges of murder and manslaughter in the deaths of two infant girls and assault on a third.

Efforts to free Mrs. Gray for the holiday were thwarted on Monday when District Court Judge Robert Woods refused to grant bail citing the seriousness of the charges against Mrs. Gray and raising some question of her citizenship.

She and her husband, both natives of Trinidad, West Indies, are in this country on permanent visas.

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Defense attorney Tucker R. Dearing has stated his intentions to press for the prompt release of his client.

He is seeking A writ of habeas corpus but at AFRO presstime it appeared Mrs. Gray would not be released in time for Christmas.

Mrs. Gray is scheduled for preliminary hearing around January 15.

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The charges against Mrs. Gray stem from what was first thought to be the "accidental death" of 9-month-old Michelle Mulkey of Hillside. She died Oct. 16 of a cerebral hemorrhage caused by "blunt force injury."

Police investigation into the case did not begin until Nov. 27, after being notified by the county medical examiner, Dr. John Kehoe, that the death may not have been accidental.

Two weeks later the second girl, 6-month-old Kim-

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Christmas Baby Dead; Mother Mourns

By C. A. LUDLOW

Tragedy beyond mere grief grips Mrs. John Gladney of 1771 Darley Ave. this Christmas Eve.

Sixteen years ago this week, she gave birth to her fourth and youngest son, Donnie.

Now instead of joining with her family in a happy celebration of the Yule, the 40-year-old East Baltimore mother mourns the loss of her baby son, victim of a bizarre shooting incident.

But the plight of Mrs. Mame Gladney goes beyond the death of her son who was a junior at Dunbar High School. She is discovering now that she may never have really known him.

A police report of the Dec. 10 incident, in which Donnie was shot three times and pronounced dead on arrival at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, states 12 packets of suspected heroin were found in his left trouser pocket.

Mrs. Gladney also discovered after his death, that her son was a young poet of extraordinary vision and not just a quite, shy youngster.

MRS. JOHN GLADNEY
At funeral of slain son on Friday

"I can't believe my son was involved in narcotics," Mrs. Gladney told the AFRO, "but if he was, I would certainly want to do something to save another person from suffering the same fate."

Seated at her dining room table, covered with thank you cards and small envelopes, Mrs. Gladney expressed disbelief her son was using drugs.

"So many things could have happened. Those packets could have been planted. I just don't know what to believe," she said.

Discovering Donnie was a poet also shocked her.

"At his funeral service, a young girl friend of his gave me the poems. I had no idea he even liked poetry, she said.

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In three small notebooks, Donnie had written 12 poems, putting the date at the top and signing each at the bottom.

"Donnie saw something, he had a vision. I feel sure he knew something was going to happen," she said.

"I never knew how much he loved his mother and family."

Mrs. Gladney said there

DONNIE GLADNEY

is no Christmas spirit at her home, but the family plans to spend Christmas day together and exchange presents. No decorations were up when the AFRO visited the two-story row

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$100 MORE for the AFRO's Mrs. Santa program is contribution of Fred O'Neal, president of Mondawmin Merchants, annual contributors for this worthy Yuletide project. YOU too can help make others happy at Christmas. Rush your tax deductible contribution to AFRO's Mrs. Santa, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203, or bring it to Mrs. Santa at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St. Your Christmas will be happier if you make someone less fortunate happy.

Yule rain predicted, no snow

The forecast for Christmas weather is mild with rain with a chance of thunderstorms. There is almost no probability of snow, according to the weather service.

All city and state agencies will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. This includes the Employment Security offices of the Maryland Department of Employment and Social Services.

Since both holidays fall on Monday this year, claimants who regularly report for unemployment benefits on Mondays should contact the department if they have not been notified of an alternative reporting date.

Mail will not be delivered on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. However, mail will be picked

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'No guns in schools,' says father of slain custodian

"It would be terrible" to arm security guards in Baltimore public schools.

"There should not be arms in schools. If they start that, the kids would get puffed up . . . . it would be terrible".

Robert L. Lewis Sr., 5101 Belleville Ave., father of Robert L. Lewis Jr., slain Western High School custodian was speaking to the AFRO on Thursday.

Mr. Lewis said he did not know what caused his son to go off as he had not been previously ill. He had been a school custodian three years.

In addition, he denied reports that the younger Lewis had been convicted on any police charges and called the published state-

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School Board says 'No'

The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners voted 5-2 last night (Thursday), not to allow school security officers to carry guns in school. See School Board story . . . .)

Police car kills matron home from hospital for Yule

A 55-year-old matron will not have Christmas with her family this year.

Just hours after she was released from the hospital and greeted her foster mother, Mrs. Martha C. Pratt at their home in the 4200 block Maine Ave., Miss Pearl Elizabeth Staten was killed by a police car.

Police reported that she was crossing Fremont Ave. at Conway in the middle of the street when she was struck by the patrol car Officer Michael S. Roselle, 26.

The report stated Officer Roselle was chasing a stolen car.

Police told the AFRO no

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Church gets real Yule gift, $40,000 home

Santa Claus came early this year for members of the Union Baptist Church in Sparrows Point.

Mrs. Joseph Thomas (Flavia), wife of the late Dr. Joseph Thomas, Turner Station physician, gave Union Baptist Church a $40,000 gift.

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The Rev. Carolton Cooke, pastor of Union for 23 years, told the AFRO, "We had been looking for a new building. We came across this wonderful person who had heard of our troubles. She opened her heart to give us her theatre on Main St. in Turner Station."

The 60-year-old, 300-member Union congregation will be forced to move this coming March from its old church at 9th and Jay St. in Sparrows Point. The build-

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and

Monday January 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY

Deadlines for all display (block-type) ads for the Friday, December 22nd issue will remain the same (before 3 p.m. Wed.) and all classified reader (per word) for the same date will also remain the same (Thursday, before 10 a.m.).

However, deadlines for all display (block-type) ads for the Tuesday, December 26th issue will be moved up to Friday, December 22nd before 3 p.m. and all classified reader (per word) ads will be moved up to Friday, December 22nd before 12 noon.

THE ABOVE DEADLINES WILL BE THE SAME FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.