Hamburgers, Deviled Eggs, Hot Dogs Gone From 4th Picnics

Three-year-old drowns, parents renew protests

By Bill Rhoden

Around 1:15 Sunday afternoon, 3-year-old Darrell Mitchell was playing in front of his house at 4801 Lorelly Ave.

No one would have ever guessed that young Darrell would be dead only 24 hours later, the city's fourth drowning victim this year.

What makes the baby's death even more tragic is the fact it could have been prevented if certain city authorities had taken just a couple of minutes to sanction the building of a fence around the rat-infested creek in which the tragedy occurred.

"Most of the people around here signed a petition regarding the dump and the water, but there was no response," stated Mrs. Brenda Jackson, a close friend and neighbor of the deceased child's mother, Mrs. Marzelle Mitchell.

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The so-called "creek" is, in reality, a dirty, filthy dump, unfit for rats, not to mention children.

The rats, who make their home in the city dump, only 75 yds. from the spot where the kids swim, share the water with neighborhood children who are forced to use the diseased facilities because safer ones are not available in the apartment complexes.

"The city could put something around that area to project the kids," says Mrs. Jackson, "the first thing I thought about after the drowning was that could be my kid!"

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According to one witness 5-year-old Ralph Miller, Darrell and a number of other neighborhood kids were taken across the street to the "creek" by "an 11-year-old boy known only as Kevin.

Although Ralph did not witness the tragely first hand, several of Darrell's friends claim that an 11-year-old boy pushed the baby into the water after the latter refused to go in voluntarily.

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Although the actual police report states the child was in the water, the boy's mother, fighting a losing battle with the tears which began to form in her eyes, said she believed there was more to the accident than the report.

"My baby was afraid of water. I know he didn't get in there. Even when I used to bath him, he wouldn't want me to fill the tub."

As of this printing, however, no first-hand account has been given this reporter, and whereabouts of 11-year-old boy named Kevin are unknown.

Had there been a fence surrounding the dangerous area, however, this whole tragic incident might not have happened.

To the best of this reporter's knowledge, no fence has yet been placed around the area, and it's rather sad to think that after the horror of Darrell's tragic death wanes, another youngster might be found in the creek.

Everyone's pointing fingers and nothing is being done. It might not be a bad idea for area resident's to pitch in and purchase a temporary fence until the city erects one. Expensive? Maybe. But who determines the price of a life?

Miss Young bound for West Africa

Miss Glenda Young, a 1973 Coppin State College graduate, will leave Baltimore's Friendship Airport Monday bound for a summer of discovery in West Africa.

Miss Young has been awarded a Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship Award for travel-study presented by the State Department and administered by the Institute of International Education.

She will participate with 40 other students from across the country in travelling to Nigeria, Ghana, Togo and Dahomey.

The award covers full board and tuition at the University of Ghana, at the Institute of African Studies, taxis, visas, and all scheduled travel and field trips in West Africa. The award does not cover personal items as laundry, beverages, excess baggage, vaccinations, lunches in Lagos, and other miscellania.

The college's newly formed African History Club, with assistance from its adviser, Professor Leon D. Holsey, is sponsoring Miss Young. She is the first Coppin State College student to receive such an award.

One black among bar chairmen

One black, Robert M. Bell, is among the 11 appointed committee chairmen for the Baltimore Bar Association 1973-74 term.

Mr. Bell, of the firm of Piper and Marberry, is chairman of the Membership Committee.

George L. Russell Jr., newly elected president of the Baltimore Bar, recently announced the appointments.

Two other blacks have been appointed to state committees by Mr. Russell. Frank A. DeCosta Jr. is on the Maryland Rules Committee, which, according to Russell, is "very powerful."

Leonard A. Briscoe is on the Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar.

Mr. Russell said that the appointments were made on the basis of "brains and work, not color."

He also explained that because of its merger this year with the Balto. Bar, the Junior Bar is able to fill one-third of the committee positions.

LUCKY Mrs. Augustine Warren, a Union Memorial Hospital employee won the $50,000 lottery Thursday with the 435911 figure. She will receive the winning check in two weeks.

"YOU'RE KIDDING, of course," say the Rev. Howard Cornish and AFRO reporter, Miss Mary Curtis, as they hear with their own ears the meat prices now zooming further up for 4th of July holiday.

High cost of meats hits picnics

These may be the last days of the all-American 4th of July picnic menu of hot dogs and deviled eggs.

As high as the old favorites are today, in fact, the 100,000 Baltimoreans expected to hold picnics and cookouts, may well be better off at home having leftovers.

Mrs. Deliver Brown, an AFRO reader, volunteered Thursday, "We'll have some kind of sandwiches - jam sandwiches, two slices of bread jammed together - or just bread and Margarine; box macaroni and cheese, no cold cuts, no lettuce, no hamburgers, no hot dogs, no potato salad, no deviled eggs.

Eggs, by the way, are nearing $1 a dozen as poultry raisers cite the skyrocketing price of feed.

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Hot dogs are $1.18 per lb. and hamburger is $1.10. And that's not including the needed rolls.

The price of sandwich meat is also rising. Sold by the quarter lb. at a market delicatessen, bologna is 33 cents; pressed ham, 48 cents; roast beef, 85 cents; cooked ham, 60 cents; pickle loaf, 43 cents. A pound of roast beef would therefore be $3.40.

Ham sandwiches will become extinct with the precious meat going for $1.39 per lb. Cured, Smithfield ham is $1.39.

This year's backyard barbecue will cost more than last year's fancy dinner. Spare ribs, without the sauce, are $1.19 per lb.

The cost of chicken varies according to the part you prefer. Wings and fryers are 65 cents per lb. Legs are 69 cents and breasts sell for 79 cents.

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Of course, you can always dine on necks and blacks, 3 lbs. for 45 cents. But you'll have to look very hard to find the meat.

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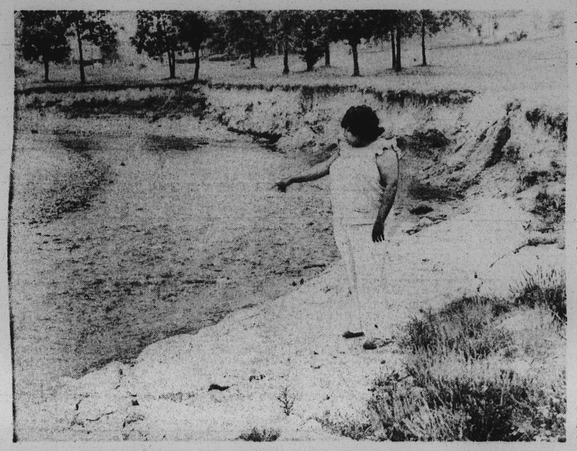


TRAGIC SCENE REVISITED — Mrs. Brenda Jackson points to the spot where the body of 3-year-old Darrell Mitchell was pulled from the water, lifeless and swollen. Mrs. Jackson said a group of neighbors had requested that the area be sealed off with a fence to prevent children from playing in the diseased, rat-infested water before this type of tragedy occurred. The drowning was the first in the area though it was preceded by a couple "near misses."

Judge Baylor in N.W. Dist.

Judge Solomon Baylor, formerly of the Housing Court, will be sitting in the Northwestern District Court from July 2.

Judge Baylor recently told the AFRO he requested the transfer as early as last September. However, his transfer came closely on the heels of a local daily newspaper allegation that Rent and Housing Court was inefficient and often short-changed and gave tenants a bad deal.

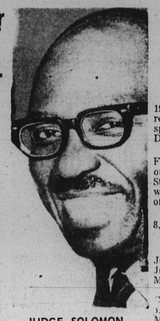
Other transfers involve Judge Silver, Central; Judge Lewis, Northern; Judge Arabian, Southeastern; Judge Daniel Friedman, Western; Judge Aaron Baer, Southeastern; Judge Stichel, Eastern; and Judge Robinson, Southern.

Judge Gerstung will preside over Traffic Court Part One for July each day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In Traffic Court Part 2 the following judges will preside from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Judge Sol J. Friedman, July 2 through 6; July 9 to 13; Judge Lamdin, July 16 to 20 and Judge Murphy, July 23 to 31.

In Part 3 of the Traffic Court from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be sitting Judge Murphy, July 2 to 6; Judge Munger, July 9 to 13; Judge Sol Friedman, July 16 to 20; Judge Lamdin, July 23 to 26 and a visiting judge will preside July 27 to 31.

The following judges have been scheduled for Traffic Court Part 5 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.: Judge Munger, July 2 to 6; Judge Murphy, July 9 to 13; Judge Bacharach, July 16 to 20; Judge Sol Friedman, July 23 to 27 and Judge Bucharach, July 30 to 31.



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Two Dunbar students receive scholarships

Two Dunbar High School 1973 graduates were first recipients of a scholarship sponsored by Mrs. Clara Dean Meadows.

Roger Plunkett and Miss Frances Thompson received one-year gifts to Morgan State College. The grants were awarded on the basis of scholarship and need.

Mrs. Meadows died Jan. 8, 1971. Born in Westmoreland Co., Va., she had lived in Balto. since 1947. Her husband, Wesley Meadows, predeceased her by several years.

According to James L. Bundy, executor of their estate, the couple, who had both been day laborers, left $1,000 and their 241 Cherry St. home to their church, Morning Star Baptist, $500 to the Provident Hospital Development Fund, $500 to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and $12,700 to create a scholarship fund for Balto. City youngsters wishing to attend Morgan.

Mr. Bundy was named trustee of the scholarship by Mrs. Meadows with Joseph A. Bush, Minimum Wage Director of Balto. and Paul A. Smith, Juvenile Court Master, as his advisers.

Mr. Bundy remarked that Mr. and Mrs. Meadows were "plain and ordinary people, who probably never attended high school but managed to accumulate a small estate, most of which was left for the purpose of helping others."

In that respect, he said, they were not ordinary.

Mayor orders ban on harmful caps

Thanks to the quick action of Baltimore City officials, a potentially dangerous brand of toy caps known as "Blasters" has been removed from the market.

According to reports, the "Blasters" have done exactly that, only instead of igniting inside the toy gun, they have allegedly ignited prematurely, as children attempted to separate each roll of caps for loading.

Most of the complaints about the caps have come from the Cherry Hill section where the nickel packages of fireworks have apparently supplied the kids with a cheap but explosive form of entertainment.

Approximately one week ago, Ronald J. Jones, a 12-year-old Cherry Hill resident burned his hand while playing with the Taiwan made caps.

According to the youngster, he was attempting to separate the large roll of caps from the smaller roll of caps and almost succeeded in separating his hand from his wrist when the roll caught fire.

Ronald was treated for second and third degree burns at South Baltimore General Hospital.

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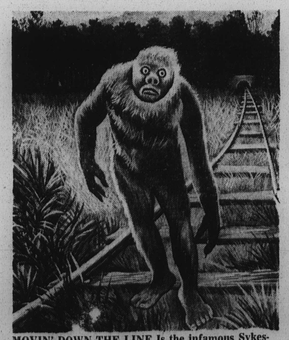
Under orders from Mayor William Donald Schaefer, Baltimore City Fire Chief Thomas Burke dispatched notices of violation to the distributors of the toy caps.

In effect, the order called for the immediate halt to distribution of the "Blasters" caps.

After receiving information about the injuries reportedly linked with the caps, the mayor's office asked City Solicitor George L. Russell if the city could legally act to stop further sales of the allegedly dangerous product.

The city solicitor responded Tuesday that Section 27 of the Fire Prevention Code gives the fire chief authority to "take such action as may be necessary to eliminate" dangerous or unsafe conditions or fire hazards.

Dealers who persist in the sale of these miniature explosives can be punished by fines of from $10 to $100.



MOVIN' DOWN THE LINE Is the infamous Sykesville Monster, shown here as describ~ to AFRO artist Thomas Stockett by an excited Sykesville citizen. Although residents in Sykesville say they haven't seen the "thing" in two days, the AFRO has received numerous calls from Baltimore citizens claiming they have seen some unworldly looking creature in this area. Fiction or Fact? Only time will tell! — Coming soon is the AFRO's return visit to Sykesville for more photos and the latest word.

Officers elected for voluntary medical team

The Medical Coordinating Team, Inc. (MCT) a voluntary coalition of 15 drug abuse treatment programs in metropolitan Baltimore, has elected officers for 1973-74.

They are: Grenville B. Whitman, president; Peter C. Foley, S.J., vice president; Naomi Evans Wilson, secretary-treasurer.

The goal of the MCT is the continuing development of a rational and effective drug abuse treatment system in the Baltimore area.

It attempts to coordinate the efforts of treatment agencies with the Maryland Drug Abuse Administration and Mayor Schaefer's Office of Drug Abuse Control.

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The Ten Friends closed out their 25th successful year on Saturday at the Piedmont Avenue home of Mrs. Constance C. Neal. Pictured here from left: Mesdames Vivian Scott, Mary J. Mitchell, Delores G. Young, Alice Williams, Clarice Tilghman, Mary G. Brown, Hazel Bryant Goose and Mrs. Neal. (AFRO Photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

The Columbia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta presented scholarships to Alan Bacon, left, June graduate of Mt. Hebron High, who will enter Morgan State College in the fall; Sidney Howard, student at the Community College of Baltimore. Also shown is Sorors Marian K. Graves, scholarship chairman; Ruth B. Felton, president, and Celonia B. Walden, "Soror of the Year".

Ten Friends In 26th Year; 1,000 Guests At Anniversary

Twenty five years ago a couple of young girls decided to form a club, strictly social, and thus was the beginning of the Ten Friends.

Last month, members entertained some 1,000 guests at Le Fontaine Bleu, where local folks came out in formal wear to celebrate the group's silver anniversary.

It was a gala affair with a hot buffet and tasty finger foods.

President, Mrs. Alice Williams, and other members rolled out the red carpet for their guests and themselves, for a night to remember.

It's been 10 years since the girls have elected members and business manager, Constance Neal, says that's the first thing on the agenda for the opening meeting in September. "The girls don't mind having the same officers, we're all friends."

During the years, the group has been busy working in the community, donating baskets of goodies at Christmas and Easter, visiting the needy and raising money for charity. For many years, they frequented the Cylburn Home and saw to it that residents had their hair washed and styled. And, with the help from former disc jockey, Billy Fox, they held record hops at the Home. In addition they have sent youngsters to summer camps.

Other officers and members of the Ten Friends are:

Mesdames Vivian Scott, vice president; Helen Tilghman, secretary; Rosetta Williams, treasurer; Mary Brown, Hazel Bryant, Mary Mitchell, Clarice Tilghman and Delores Young.

Among those who were seen at their anniversary celebration were:

Messrs and Mesdames Theodore Johnson, Harry Foster, George Adams, Radcliff Finney, William Kelly, Robert Carter, Nathanie! Brooks, Emanuel Blow and Jerry Mackman.

Also, Messrs and Mesdames Walter Tilghman, Linzie Hopkins, Liston A. George, Ellsworth G. Newton, Troy V. Lewis, Adolph W. Newton, Lloyd Newton, George A. White, James Erwin, Oliver Christman, William Dean and Gregon Hoskins.

And, Messrs and Mesdames Raymond Tilghman, Lee Simms, Leandes Simms, Clinton Pierce, George L. Jude, Lawrence Morton Jr., John A. Jones, Donald Patterson, Orm J. Mash, Clarence Coleman Jr., Norman Branch, Robert Quarles, Walter Green.

And, Messrs and Mesdames Carl Rogers, Samuel Hinton James Johnson, Queener Willis Sr., Joseph Felton, Andrew Wicks, William Lewis, John Triplett, Caliapin Duges, Stewart Brown, Arnold Bailey, Roy Brown Jr., John DeCecilio, William Dean and Capt. and Mrs. McNeil Brockington.

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Messrs and Mesdames E. Lee Lassiter, Lynn Jones, Donald Gaither, Tom Thomas, Hubert Love Paul F. Scott, Willie Rogers, William S. Harris, Gilbert Brooks, Roland Green, Karl T. Wilson, and Stanley Clark and Albert Sterling of Washington, D.C.

AND MORE

Others seen that night were:

Messrs and Mesdames Walter Spriggs, Bernard Parker, Ernest Lindsay, James Owings, Samuel Tonkins, Samuel Beasley, Robert Rivers, James Lewis, Ernest Lee, Calvin Cobert, Woodrow Wilson, Leroy Taylor, Cephus Williams, Ernest Philson, Dr. and Mrs. Lane Bugler and Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Brody.

And, Mesdames and Misses Madie Rucker, Edna Lampkin, Gertrude Wicks, Florence Presco, Della West, Pauline Brooks, Gladys Augustus, Lillian B. Johnson, Delores Young, Madeline M. Davis, Lucille M. Bailey, Ellen T. Dulton, Bernice M. Kelly, Ethel Pinkett, Lorraine King, Muriel Cousin, Ruby Morris, Joim Scotlus, Pat Bernard, Laura Hines, Iris Holman and Vivian L. Scott.

Mesdames and Misses Carrie Johnson, Hazel C. Sellman, Mary P. Church, Catherine Parker, Ellen Cole, Naomi Joyner, Rosetta Uncles, and Messrs Alston Jones, Robert Williams, Henry Neal, Arthur Amis, Charles Forrest, Charles Owens, Nathaniel Holden, David A. Echols, Howard Bevard, Jay Rogers, Marcel Brown, Clarence Williams, Clegg Blackwell, Clyde Rucker Jr., William Lampkin, Ronald Wicks, Joseph Bush, John E. Gittings Jr.,

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Larry Gibson And Diana Lewis Have July 7 Date With Parson

By MARIE MURPHY PHILLIPS COOKE
(AFRO Women's Editor)

Beauteous Diana Lewis, the Baltimore city teacher has taken Larry S. Gibson off our town's most eligible bachelor list. He is the brilliant young attorney and member of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners. The couple has a July 7 date to exchange wedding vows. Event is set for St. Edwards Catholic Church.

Miss Lewis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Lewis of West Mosher St.

She is a graduate of Towson State College and Johns Hopkins University, and is on the faculty of Windsor Hills Elementary School. She was a 1959 Me-De-So debutante.

Mr. Gibson the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Gibson of Spaulding Ave. is a graduate of Howard University, and the Columbia University School of Law.

The single ring ceremony will be witnessed by only members of the immediate family.

Mrs. David Glenn (Ruth), will be the bride's only attendant and the bridegroom's law partner, Randolph Carroll, will stand with him.

When they return from a honeymoon in Africa, the couple will live at home on Dennison Rd. here in Baltimore.

LAWYERS WIVES

The Original Martiniques held their summer closing meeting recently at the Winchester Street home of honorary member, Serena G. Mills. The ladies concluded the year's business on a happy note, that of being hostesses to the recent Mayor's Ball.

Most important of the reports was sent in by vice president, Victorine Q. Adams, who, although she had been hospitalized for several weeks, was responsible for the sale and over a $1,000 in tickets for the affair.

Those present included: Mesdames Myrtle Thompson, president; Dorothy Lee Wicker, secretary; Susie Moore, treasurer; Hester Greenway, financial secretary; Ruth Paysour, publicity editor; Irene Cooper Harris, chaplain and Serena Mills, one of the original organizers.

Not there for the evening of festivities were: Mesdames Alma Perry, of the publicity committee; Edna Weldon, Pearl Bonner, hospitalized and Doretha Foster, honorary member and one of the original organizers of the group.

The club will resume activities in the fall.

The Lawyer's Wives ended their busy year of activities with a dinner meeting at the Garrison Lounge.

After a most enjoyable meal, a business session was presided over by group president, Martha Allen. There was much enthusiasm when Grace Walker made her report about the annual bull roast to be held in late September. The affair is a benefit to aid needy law students.

Officers for the year 1973-74 were also elected. They are: Mesdames Dorothy Reddick, president; Dianne Mitchell, vice president; Betty Lee, corresponding secretary; Zaidee Koger, recording secretary and Agnes Dorsey, treasurer.

Mrs. Clarice Parrish presented each new officer and all past officers and committee chairmen an American beauty rose.

Other members present were: Mesdames Martha Allen, Agnes Dorsey, Adele Foreman, Lorraine Hayes, Vendolyn Howard, Ruth Rosedom, Grace Walker and Anna Williams.

BABY CHRISTENING

Baby Ericka Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric M. Thomas (Louise) and first granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Stokes and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Theodocia Johnson, was the center of attraction Sunday as she was blessed by Father Lloyd George at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. (It was a double celebration, the christening of baby and mom's birthday).

Seen that day were the honoree's godparents, Miss Lisa Randolph, Vaughn Ringgold and Denslo Evans. Also present were Mrs. Nikki Randolph, Miss Tonya Pollard, Mrs. Ursula Gladney, her aunt, Waverly M. Hendricks and Edward Trust.

PITTSES HONORED

Bill Faison's fabulous rancher out Pikesville way, was the setting for the Sunday afternoon party honoring Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Pitts who have recently returned from Paris where he is on loan to the State Department assigned to UNESCO.

Guests were invited to the Bellefontaine Lane residence for cocktails at 5 and dinner at 5:30. Hostess were Mrs. Pitts' sister, Mrs. Margaret (Marge) Land. Guests gathered on the spacious lawn, in the family room and club room for the cocktail hour and for the catered buffet dinner which followed.

Those about were: Messrs. and Mesdames Wesley Stubbs, Paul Beasham, David Wright, Thomas McPhearson, Alonzo Hairston, Royal Weaver, Marsden Rawlings, Robert Williams, Errol Taylor.

Mesdames Louise Lockerman, Florence Bailey, Ellen Howard, Dorothy Johnson, Robert White.

Drs. and Mesdames, Albert LaForest, Lonnie Greene, Edward McDaniels and the honorees' sisters and brothers-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Adams, (Catherine), Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shell (Vera); and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Edwards (Dorothy).

Mesdames Bernice McDaniels and Grace Walker entertained for the Pittses on Wednesday evening at the McDaniels' home.

On Saturday at noon, Mrs. Louise Lockerman gives a luncheon for Mrs. Pitts at the Holiday Inn, Park Heights.

YASC'S

The YASC'S (Young Adult Social Club) hosted a surprise farewell dinner at the Lord Baltimore Hotel Sunday for one of its members who is leaving this town next month.

Wallace and Dorothy Perry were actually shocked when they were presented a silver wine-champagne cooler. The honorees and guests dined on sirloin prime ribs, baked potatoes, spicy green peas, onion rings, hot bread, desserts, and beverages. The Perrys have been residing in their Lyndhurst home for five years and will be moving to South Carolina where a brand new home awaits them. She is a Baltimore Public School teacher and he is an employee for the Post Office.

Present were Messrs. and Mesdames Howard L. Tutman Jr., Jack Brown, Louis Logan, Tyrone Campbell, Bennie Hughes, Kendall Crawford, William Dennis, Dave Nixon.

SEN. WELCOME SHINES

Baltimore city's senior state senator was among speakers at the Wednesday evening "Tribute to Leon Rubenstein" at Blue Crest North.

Mr. Rubenstein is the longtime civic leader, one time city councilman and legislator, who now heads the Department of Legislative Reference and serves as parliamentarian for the City Council.

Senator Welcome recalled it was Rubenstein who was fighting for equal rights for the little man long before it was popular to do so.

She told the gathering:

"Leon is a good friend and I am so very proud that I am considered and recognized as one of his friends."

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She added: "By the way this came from my table back there a few minutes ago. Dave Glenn reminded me, "You know I will never forget this. There was a very important ordinance being voted on in the City Council. Leon was there.

"It just happened to be a day of one of the Jewish holidays and therefore he couldn't ride to the City Council. What did that guy do? He walked from his home to the City Council

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ATTORNEY LARRY GIBSON AND MISS DIANA LEWIS wedding bells will soon ring

Miss Black Maryland 1973 To Be Selected Saturday

The Langsdale Auditorium of the University of Baltimore will again be the setting for the gala Miss Black Maryland pageant to be held Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Diana Kane, executive producer has stated that when the curtain rises there will be 17 lovely, talented, and intelligent young ladies stepping into the spotlight.

Theme of this year's pageant will be "You're The One" which is a production number done to a fabulous dance routine by all of the contestants. In keeping with the theme Patti Harris' "Crayon Crowd" (4 to 8-year-olds) of Dance Craft in Atlantic City will dance to the same number.

Among the eighteen finalists are four girls who are returning for the second time to seek the coveted title.

They are:

Shirley Harris, Towson State, Travis Winkey Modeling School, sponsor; **Margo McMillan**, accountant Humble Oil sponsor, W. B. Doner, WEBB, and National Brewing Co.; **Leawanna Calhoun**, Allegheny Airlines stewardess trainee, sponsor: Morton and Dyett Funeral Home; **Pat Love**, engineering clerk C and P Telephone, sponsor; E. G. Allen Catering;

The other contestants are: **LaVonne Richardson**, Morgan State College graduate, sponsor: Charlie Brown's Pantree; **Maria McSwain**, Coppin State College, sponsor: Cloverland Dairy and Princess House Models; **Leletia Diggs**, June graduate Eastern High School, sponsor: Dr. Robert Rainer and Dr. Irvin Henderson; **Dorothy Davis**, Social Security Administration, sponsor: Femme Fair Unlimited, and **Loretta Wiggins**, clerk typist, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, sponsor: Milton's TV Repair Shop and Stella, Inc.;

Sandy Douglas, Community College of Baltimore, sponsor: Central Body and Fender Shop; **Florella Mitchell**, Coppin State College, sponsor: Soul World Record Shop; **Marletta Winston**, University of Maryland, sponsor: Harford County NAACP Youth Council; **Marie Macklin**, Peabody Conservatory, sponsor: Hue Chemical Sales, Inc.; **V'Nell Carroll**, Morgan State College, sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. John T. Carroll; **Hazel Colvin**, graduate student Antioch College, sponsor: Pomja, Inc.; **Rondalyn Jackson**, Bowie State, sponsor: Photographein Camera Club; **Vickie McNair**, Coppin State College, sponsor: Lorraine's Place of Hair.

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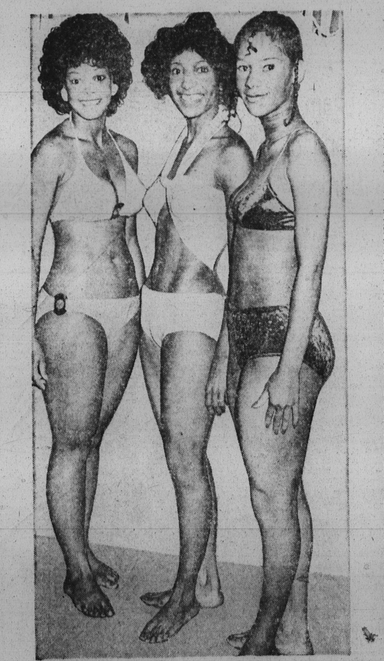
Last year's winner, Miss June Page, is now living in Puerto Rico, and serving as stewardess on Eastern Airlines. Also Miss Page has done a few staging commercials for the airline.

The girls will be competing for the bundle of prizes and awards. Contestants in the contest come from as far away as the Eastern Shore and Frederick.

Ed Terry, former resident of Baltimore now living in New York, has returned to the city to serve as director of the pageant. Assisting Mr. Terry will be James King and Jeannette Sykes, choreography; Roscoe Thompson and Michael Kane, technicians; Phil Stancil, music; Jeannine Fleming and Delores Brown, wardrobe; and Gordon Stills, publicity and master of ceremonies of the pageant.



(AFRO Photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

Two of these bathing beauties will compete for the title of Miss Black Maryland on Saturday at the University of Baltimore. They are Miss Margo McMillan, left and Miss Floretta Mitchell, right. In center is last year's winner, Miss Shirley Harris. Photo was taken Saturday when the girls competed in a fun swim suit contest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dyett.