THE STATE OF THINGS

Apathy in summer of 1973 about Md. political events

By Don and Val Hymes

Maryland has an election coming up Aug. 21, and hardly anybody cares.

Not even many of the voters in the First Congressional District who must choose a congressman to fill the seat vacated by the tragic death of William O. Mills.

There's more interest in Watergate and its local spin-off; in the Mandel triangle, in a legislature going into a summer session with a disclosure bill hanging over its head like a bloody political sword.

The two issues — disclosure and an anathetic electorate — are related to the public's growing disgust with all things political, and Watergate doesn't help.

A bare 11 per cent of the voters in a district larger than half the state showed up at the primary elections July 10.

They had a variety of platforms and candidates to choose from, but they selected as standard bearers of both parties two conservatives whose platforms are built of the same planks.

But there is a difference. It's a matter of degree, not one to be quibbled at here. The labels don't count — whether for being moderate, reactionary, a Nixon Republican or a Good Democrat; for trying to stop the federal government from meddling in local affairs or for trying to stop the 20th century from running roughshod over the land.

What really happened, and will happen again this month, is that the people of the First Congressional District are saying something — even by staying away from the polls.

They're fed up with politics and politicians and they're waiting for some return to statesmanship — no matter how trivial. They're not alone.

Because the 30-day special session will cost as much as $200,000, it will be spotlighted, covered and scrutinized by citizens' groups.

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Double Whammy — Mandel is no fool. He knew that a double whammy by signing the "unconstitutional" disclosure bill on the first day of the session would distract attention from his personal problems.

And by leaving that bill hanging over the heads of the legislators while he introduces his own (through the leaders, of course) he builds in the suspense factor.

Will the 185 legislators be ready to file their assets and liabilities by the end of 30 days?

Will they enact his bill before they are faced with reams of confusing paperwork?

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Or before they must tell how many fur coats, cars or acres their wives, children, Aunt Tillies or mothers-in-law have? Will the courts uphold it?

Stay tuned until tomorrow for the next installment in the continuing saga of the Summer of '73.

Lying in Limbo: There are plots and counterplots. But all eyes would be on the scene in the governor's Reception Room (18th century Chippendale, kliegh lights).

There the curtain opened just before the session started when the disclosure bill was officially presented after lying in limbo since May.

The big show in the House and Senate chambers to enact modernized sections of the Maryland Code would be almost an anticlimax, except for several factors.

The legislative leaders have vowed for months that nothing but the code revisions would come up; that Mandel would have to call another session for the disclosure bill, for fiscal aid for Provident Hospital and any other extraneous matters, even if the Court of Appeals sends back reapportionment.

The committee chairmen made a silent pact, it was rumored, to fight any move for another session, even for only one day. At this writing, it was an impasse, but Mandel had not yet met with those leaders when he planned to offer them his bill.

It's another tough, broad requirement for all state elected officials, all judges, including Orphans Court judges, all cabinet secretaries, the treasurer and Secretory of State, plus all candidates.

But it eases up on wives and husbands and children, demands reporting only once a year and has a philosophical goal of preventing conflicts of interest by office-holders. It excuses federal and local officials.

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Waiting in Wings: But along comes a new story line. Sens. Julian L. Lapides and Jervis S. Finney have their own new disclosure bill. And there's one to repeal any disclosure bill that gets through. The sports complex and energy crisis, the clam ban await cues.

The sub plots come in early with eight new District Court judges (including two prosecutors of cases involving office-holders) awaiting appointment confirmations, along with Orphans Court judges from Carroll, Charles, Wicomico.

And with 43 vetoes, including a hotel room tax, wiretapping and liquor price minimums, awaiting the required moves to sustain or override. All else will go to the Rules Committee, the leaders promised and would stay there.

The plan is for committee hearings into the week of Aug. 6, then a recess for the printing of third readers, but the strategy could change at any moment.

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The director of this scenario denies that he is using the carrot and stick technique to get the general assembly through nearly 1700 pages of law (weighing 6½ lbs.) involving the courts and Departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Or that he is guaranteeing the enactment of a disclosure bill. Or that he is throwing right back this hot potato that the legislature tossed him.

It will not be a dull show, especially as murder, investigations, financing violation charges and the beginnings of the 1974 campaigns hover as a backdrop.

But Maryland voters are watching reluctantly for a glimmer of statesmanship to stop this summer of their discontent from flowering into full-blown disgust.

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Fire Dept. unveils recreation program

A new organization to promote and supervise athletic programs among Baltimore City youngsters was unveiled Saturday by the Baltimore City Fire Department and a group of private citizens who are working with the project.

The city-wide youth project has been named "Fireballs," and it is being spearheaded by a non-profit corporation which goes by the same name.

Ideally, "Fireballs" will provide youth of Baltimore with a much needed recreational outlet.

The initial organization of Fireballs has been planned in conjunction with the Urban Action Department of the Young Men's Christian Association, which already has a successful pilot program underway in the Armistead Gardens and Cherry Hill sections of the city.

The initial Fireball teams will be organized this fall, beginning with the basketball season.

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Other Fireballs' programs will include soccer, football and baseball with all necessary equipment being furnished by Fireballs, Inc.

The Baltimore City Board of Estimates was responsible for the initial financing, appropriating $6,000.

That sum will be returned to the city as soon as fund-raising efforts in the private sector permit, said Fire Chief Thomas Burke.

Mayor Schaefer praised the project as another one in which private citizens are helping a city agency in a worthwhile effort that will benefit the entire community.

Also on hand for the affair were various high ranking members of both the police and fire departments including Chief Thomas J. Burke of the Baltimore City Fire Department.

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In observance of Fallen Heroes Day, two performances of the Emmett Kelly Jr. Circus will be held.

Proceeds from the event will be administered by a special board of trustees to be named at a later date.

Tickets are $2 and may be purchased at your local district police station as well as all branches of the Equitable Trust Company, the Maryland National Bank, the First National Bank, offices of Weight Watchers and all outlets of Luskins's.

Purchase price of the tickets is tax-deductible.

1st tickets to mayor for fallen heroes day

The first tickets to "Fallen Heroes Day" scheduled at Memorial Stadium on Sept. 8 were purchased by Mayor William Donald Scheafer last week.

"Fallen Heroes Day" will honor Baltimore City policemen and firemen who have been killed in the line of duty.

Simultaneously, the event will raise educational and health funds for children of policemen and firemen who have died in the line of duty.

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Present at the City Hall ceremony was Benita D. Jones, 19, whose brother, Patrolman Lorenzo A. Gray, was killed on duty just over a year ago.

The tickets were presented to the Mayor by C. R. Zarfoss, general chairman of "Fallen Heroes Day."

Community club sponsors program

The Dukeland St. Community Club is sponsoring an outdoor program Sunday, Aug. 5 from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Its purpose, according to the Rev. Lillian E. King, president and founder of the club, is "to promote good neighborhood feeling and to fight against juvenile delinquency in the community."

The 1100 block Dukeland St. will be blocked off for the occasion. The Rev. Mrs. King is expecting representatives of the city government and the state correctional institution to speak.

She hopes the program will encourage young adults "to stay out of trouble." Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Beatrice Saunders is secretary of the club and Deacon Fleming Johnson of New Mount Haven Baptist Church is an active worker. re print

Heart disease blood tests offered

East Baltimore residents can have their families tested for the dangers of heart disease free of charge.

Heart disease occurs in some families with higher than normal amounts of fat in the blood.

By calling 955-3197, arrangements can be made to collect a small amount of blood to test for fat. Someone may also come to your home to offer you this testing.

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Baltimore Afro-American

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SUIT MAY HALT THE MULBERRY CORRIDOR (SEE INSIDE)

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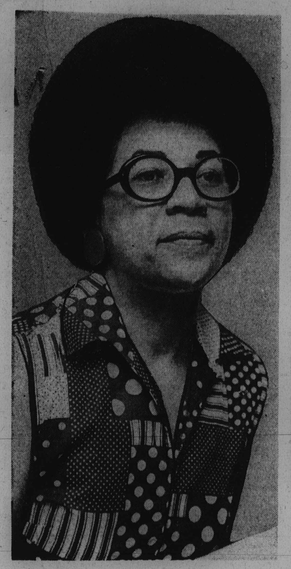
Parking Space Feud



MRS. BARBARA SIZEMORE

A misunderstanding between two neighbors over a parking space has triggered a near-fatal shooting of two brothers and the burning of a home police claim was in apparent retaliation in the 500 block N. Denison St. Wednesday morning.

The two brothers, Glenn Gregory, 18, and Layne Gregory, 14, were shot in front of their home shortly after 1:20 a.m.

Police records show there had been a strain in relationship between the Gregory family and the Carter family over a parking space, since a member of the Carter family bought a car about three weeks ago.

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Last Wednesday night, a brick was allegedly thrown at the car. Soon afterwards the Gregory boys were gunned down. Two hours later the Carter home was seen on fire.

Police reveal "All the incidents mentioned are apparently related to conflict with the parties in the 500 block of N. Denison."

No arrest has been made in each case but police report Glenn and Layne were shot while entering a car.

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An eyewitness told police he saw two men walk to the youths and fire three point-blank shots at them. They were both treated and released from the Lutheran Hospital.

Glenn told the AFRO, "I don't know the guy who did the shooting but I know the face of the one who pointed the gun to him. He lives just next door."

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He said he had been in a fight with the "guy next door" because "they thought I threw a brick at their car."

He and his brother, Layne, a 7th grade student of School Number 91, were putting a crib on top of a car when the shots were fired. "We had our backs to them," he told the AFRO.

He said when they returned from the hospital they heard there had been a fire in their neighbor's house.

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Police are seeking suspects in the arson. However, records reveal the first floor of Curtis Carter's two-story apartment was found burning shortly before 4 a.m. Police state Mr. Carter was away from home following an earlier disturbance.

Recovered from the scene were some ashes and a gallon of Wesson oil.

Neighborhood residents told police they did not see anybody but they heard something like a glass break about ten minutes before the arson was detected

Leads to house burning, 2 brothers wounded

Rob Dr. Aaron Jenkins

Police are looking for two bandits, one in a pink shirt and blue dungerees and another in jeans and tennis shoes who on Aug. 6 robbed dentist Dr. Aaron Jenkins in his 2434 Reisterstown Rd. offices.

Armed with guns, police say the bandits took $200 cash and the 42-year-old dentist's $1,000 18-carat gold Rolex watch. Two women patients were on the scene at the time of the 8:20 p.m. holdup. Both told police the men were seated as if patients moments before they pulled off the job.

MRS. CORBETT H. THOMAS — "Life is too valuable to waste one minute."

Going on 90

By Mary Curtis

"Life is just too valuable to waste one minute," is Mrs. Corlett H. Thomas' philosophy. Judging from her full and active lifetime, Mrs. Thomas practices exactly what she preaches.

She is looking forward to Aug. 30, her 90th birthday and said, "I owe my good, long life to Jesus. "I never drink or smoke." Mrs. Thomas is a Seventh Day Adventist.

"I wouldn't know how to be idle," the mother of eight, grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of three added.

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The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers will be 82 years old Aug. 13. If, like Mrs. Thomas, your birthday comes in the month of August, write to us and let us know.

For 78 years, Mrs. Thomas has been a seamstress, an expert judging from her lovely, self-upholstered living room chair. "Sewing is my greatest

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Import beef for school kids here

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

500,000 lbs. due in by boat

When Baltimore's 196,000 school children return to classes Sept. 6 they'll have the best of beef imported from Australia, New Zealand and Mexico. "Straight beef, nothing added," says Esskay's executive, Clyde Hartlove.

The September-October contract for some $196,776 worth ground beef, roasts, cubes, hot dogs, sausage, liver, bologna and lunch meats, okayed by the Board of Estimates for cafeteria meals, will be honored by the largest packing firm on the East Coast.

Esskay put in a pipeline for the outside USA beef and has assurance the more than 500,000 pounds of frozen boneless beef will come in by boat under government rules as ordered.

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Mr. Hartlove says he has learned this meat alone with turkey rolls, chickens and all-pork meats will net 130,000 lunches a day for faculty and students.

"Stolen steaks", black market beef and illegal roasts are available but Mr. Hartlove says his firm will not touch it "with a 10-foot pole."

The usual 3½ million pounds a week sold is way under par but when the Phase 4 Nixon imposed is lifted Sept. 12, he says they will return to U.S. government inspected meat—"but it's all speculation."

"The beef's there. The farmers want to sell it. We'll wait until Sept. 12 hopefully," Esskay says.

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Other school lunch items under contract are 260,000 loaves bread, 200,00 hot dog rolls, 200,000 hamburger rolls; 475,000 pan rolls; 24 million pints milk; 63,000 dozen ice creams; 125,000 fish portions; 90,000 pounds French fries.

Meantime, bread may disappear in absence of wheat export controls, authorities fear.

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UPI releases say Detroit citizens are rushing shopping carts across to Canada to get the $10 per person worth of meat allowed through Customs.

Releases also says a Pennsylvania butcher has filed a class action suit in Federal Court seeking to force the Living Council to lift the beef price freeze immediately.

Harvey Nathan, 28, owner of Salsburg's Meats Inc., of Shillington, Pa., said the freeze costs a loss of $6,000 a week.

Attorneys for Nathan, asked the U.S. District Court for a temporary restraining order against the council and its chairman, George P. Shultz and that a three-judge federal panel be formed to study the validity of the beef price ceiling.

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The suit claims regulation of the food industry by the economic stabilization act violates equal protection law under the 14th Amendment.

If the temporary restraining order is not issued, Nathan and other meat retailers would suffer "irreparable injury," the suit said

The plaintiff is unable to purchase the necessary quantity of beef based upon ceiling costs due to the absence of price ceilings on raw materials, the suit said.—UPI

Mrs. Barbara Sizemore new D.C. school head

By Larry Brown

WASHINGTON

For the first time in the history of the District of Columbia a woman has been appointed the superintendent of the public schools.

The Board of Education this week, in a 7-3 vote, named Mrs. Barbara A. Sizemore school superintendent. Mrs. Sizemore is expected to assume her new duties in early September.

In addition to being the first woman to head public education in this city, Mrs. Sizemore is the only black woman in this country holding such a post.

At present the acting superintendent of D.C. Schools is a woman, Mrs. Floretta D. McKenize, who assumed the superintendency post after Dr. Hugh J. Scott left office in June.

Sources at the school board say Mrs. McKenzie is expected to remain in her position as executive assistant to the superintendent after Mrs. Sizemore joins the school system.

Washington would be the only major city in the country to have women working as school superintendent

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SUMMER FUN DOWNTOWN is illustrated by AFRO photographer Benjamin Phillips IV who caught Warren Ross, 17, playing volleyball at high noon at Hopkins Plaza. For more on the Bureau of Recreation events in the center of the world's third largest port city, see inside.

Fitzgerald for deputy warden

The black community has become increasingly alarmed at reports that City Jail Acting Deputy Warden Merle J. Fitzgerald may not become the deputy warden.

In response to hundreds of calls from citizens, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, counsel for Freedom House, has written a letter to H. Mebane Turner, chairman of the Jail Board as well as Warden Gordon Kamka.

She strongly urges Mr. Fitzgerald's appointment to the post and states:

"As a lawyer during my many visits to the jail through the years I have

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We remember Agnew

Baltimore is back in world news by way of the Justice Department investigation of former Gov. Spiro T. Agnew, now the U.S. vice president. Agnew is a native of Baltimore.

Not that he is guilty or innocent of federal allegations of a $1,000 a week kickback and a sum of $50,000 from contractors in this area, but the fact that he is so arrogant and crude—this has brought the people and the press down on his back.

The Agnew response to charges against him at a press conference this week, ripped around the world to reflect him in his own words, "Damned Lies."

A top publication printed its comments as, "His usual nasty self."

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Republican politicians across the country are reported to believe that this week's revelations have severely damaged — if not destroyed — Agnew's chances of making a serious bid for the GOP presidential nomination in 1976.

Black citizens in Baltimore who would ordinarily let it all go as "the other

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SPIRO AGNEW

Dr. Wiley drowned in the Bay

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. (UPI) — Maryland Marine Police, using amphibious aircraft and a helicopter searched Thursday for civil rights leader Dr. George A. Wiley who was missing and presumed drowned in the choppy seas of the Chesapeake Bay. Memorial services are Sunday 4 p.m. at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church 1313 N.Y. Ave. NW.

Authorities were unable to pin down the exact location where the 45-year-old Ph.D. holder and father of two lost his footing Wednesday evening and plunged from his new 25-foot cabin cruiser into the choppy waters.

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LOTTERY NEWS

The winning number for the Aug. 9 lottery spinning is 952014.

Maryland State Lottery tickets from the following dates with the last two digits matching those shown below are also eligible for the next $1 million drawing expected to be held within a month.

July 12	51
July 19	17
July 26	76
Aug. 2	73
Aug. 9	14

Good food at 25 cents, a life-saving bargain

A "life saving bargain" has come to a group of Baltimore senior citizens. At least that's what the Rev. C. O. Brown thinks. Rev. Brown, 66, is one of the 50 residents of the McCulloh Projects affected by the city's new Eating Together program.

For a minimum of 25 cents a day, a balanced meal, planned by a nutritionist, is served to 150 elderly citizens at three centers around the city.

The experimental program has been in operation for one and a half weeks.

Judging from all the outward signs, the experiment is a success, beef shortage and food prices notwithstanding. The AFRO attended a demonstration this week.

Wednesday's lunch consisted of oven-fried chicken, whole kernal corn, broiled tomatoes, potato soup, roll and butter, orange-iced white cake and coffee or tea.

Mayor William Donald Schaefer was the center's guest "senior citizen."

In these high-priced times, such delicious meals offered at such low prices, everyone will want to be over 65.

The Rev. Mr. Brown, former pastor of St. Philip's Baptist Church said of the food situation, "Everything at the store is so expensive, it's becoming ridiculous. It is getting so bad that food will have to be bought on the installment plan. I like beef, but none can be found."

But for the Eating Together program he had only praise. "This program is excellent because it makes sure the elderly get a nutritious meal at least once a day. At first I thought that we'd just get sandwiches, but these meals are hot, hearty and delicious."

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WEATHER-Friday- in the 90's again Thunder storms tonight. Cooler weekend.

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MRS. DAISY SURLES— "I love these daily get togethers and dinners."

MRS. BERTHA YOUNG — "It's good to get one bargain meal a day."

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