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$50 million package for city workers

A 50-cent per hour across-the board raise for Baltimore city employees, automatic cost of living raises every three months and a city paid diagnostic

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4 insurance plan are the top priorities on the list of contract demands to be made by local 44 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, president, Raymond H. Clarke said Thursday.

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Other wage demands are: maximum pay in job classification within two years of entering the classification, as is now done by employees in Public Works, Parks and Recreation and by licensed practical nurses in City Hospitals, a guaranteed annual wage, based on 52-five-workday weeks a year; increased night differential pay, from 20 to 30 cents per hour; increased and extended coverage for environmental and hazardous duty pay, and full pay for work-connected injuries and illness, without charge to any employee leave credit, including sick pay.

On the fringe benefit demand list are: a city-paid prescription drug program for employees' families; increasing employee death benefits to twice the employee's annual salary or $15,000, whichever is higher: three additional holidays, Martin Luther King's Birthday, Veterans Day and the employee's birthday.

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Also extended funeral leave which would cover the death of in-laws; city payment of health insurance premiums while employees are out on sick or maternity leave; employee rights to withdraw pension interest as well as pension principal when leaving city employment; a larger employer pension contribution by the city; pension rights for husbands of deceased city employees.

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And, increased mileage allowance from 12 to 25 cents per mile, with automatic increases, should the cost of gas and oil continue to go up.

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL — Paul F. Evans is now recuperating at his home in Columbia, Md. from an eye operation. Mr. Evans is a professor and head of Public Relations at Coppin State College. He will return to work Monday.

$$ for YOU if you're in Lucky picture

That's right, and there are no strings attached to the AFRO's lucky photo game. YOU can collect a crisp $5 bill, if you're in the photo which is circled.

Look for the lucky picture in this and every edition of your AFRO. It's on the Sports Page. YOU may be a winner.

YMCA aide found not guilty

Louis Paul Bryant, 28, 600 block Paca St. and Glen Frazier 26, 2400 block Winchester St. were acquitted Tuesday in Central district court. Judge Benjamin Brown presided at the trial.

The two men were charged with locking up goods in possession, that three teenagers were charged with taking from a series of downtown burglaries.

Bryant is the operator of the halfway house for delinquent boys at the Central YMCA, 24 W. Franklin St. Judge Brown acquitted Bryant of being an accessory in the burglaries.

Defense attorney Charles Lee told the court, since the juveniles had not been tried yet, the state had not proved a felony took place.

Frazier's charges were dropped because he had written a note to his supervisors about the incident.

MRS. EDNA DECOURSEY JOHNSON, director of Baltimore Urban League Consumer Services, has been named by President Nixon to succeed in Jacob Clayman's expired term as a member of the Presidential Consumer Advisory Council.

DEATH NOTICES — When a loved one dies, you can have your funeral director let your friends know. Simply call AFRO Classified, 728-8200. Death notices accepted up until two hours before publication, noon on Tuesdays and Fridays.

MURPHY HOMES FIRE

Couple, kids are homeless

Fire Department authorities are investigating the cause of a fire which destroyed tenants' personal belongings worth several hundred dollars in the second floor of the highrise Murphy Homes in the 900 block Argyle Ave., Jan. 15.

Police state nobody was injured in the two-alarm fire which neighbors report was "orange in color" when first observed. It took 14 firefighters about 45 minutes to put out the flames.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stocks, occupants of the apartment, according to police, were away at work when the fire broke out at about 6:14 p.m. However, their four children were at home, but apparently not in the apartment when the fire started.

The cause of the fire is unknown but police quote Mrs. Stocks as saying she had been having problems with her gas stove.

The Stocks are staying with friends until they can find another apartment, police state.

APARTMENT FIRE late Tuesday evening routed occupants in third floor residence (3B) in George Murphy Homes. AFRO photog Ben Phillips was there to capture these scenes. Left, exterior view. Center, firemen at work. Soot covers hallway floor. Right, firemen who extinguished blaze wait for okay to leave scene.

Armco to begin promotions immediately

Counsel for the Maryland Human Relations Commission and Armco appeared Thursday before Circuit Court Judge James W. Murphy to enter a consent order stemming from charges first filed by the HRC in August, 1970.

Under terms of the consent order, which are effective immediately, Armco Steel Advanced Materials Division agrees to: report to HRC on progress on these immediate items:

Promote at least three blacks to supervisory jobs each year as economic conditions permit, until at least 20 per cent of all front line supervisory personnel are black.

Establish a committee of five supervisory personnel, two of whom will be black, to recommend individuals for promotion.

Continue on-going management training programs to identify and remove any predetermined judgements and attitudes which may exist within management personnel with regard to minority groups.

Expand the affirmative action program and talent reviews to update Armco's knowledge and awareness of the qualifications of all employees in its work force with emphasis on black employees and, communications program to inform employees about equal opportunity practices.

School Board Approves $240.9 Million Budget

With board members Larry Gibson and Robert Schaefer absent, the School Board unanimously approved Thursday the $240.9 million 1974-75 budget request.

After review by the Finance Department, the budget goes to the Estimates Board where public hearings will come late March or early April. The City Council's final decision should come between April. 30 and June 9.

If Tuesday's public hearing on the 1974-75 school budget served is a yardstick by which to gauge the popularity of School Superintendent Roland N. Patterson in the black community, then the 45-year-old Washington, D.C. native should run for mayor next year.

Most of the 41 speakers who addressed the Board of School Commissioners during the four - hour - long marathon were black, and most embraced the same general idea: Dr. Patterson is doing an outstanding job in Baltimore.

In analyzing Dr. Patterson's $240.9 million budget request, however, most speakers criticized it as being far too small, but for the first time in years, they placed the blame where many observers feel it should have been placed long ago: in City Hall.

Mrs. Ida A. Snowden, a member of Freedom House, unequivocally told the Board that Dr. Patterson is doing a great job, considering that he had to clean up the mess Dr. Sheldon (former superintendent of schools) left!

Mrs. Snowden noted that children rather than "politics" should be the first concern. She added, "Political corruption within our schools, government and even churches are destroying us.

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Her ideas were echoed and reinforced by Mrs. Goldie Baker of the Citizens for Civil Rights Organization who said she was "sick and tired of dirty politics" in the school system.

Mrs. Baker noted that "Education is not the name of the game anymore, politics is. Everyone is hung up on money.

"The budget is inadequate," she noted, although quickly adding that "the budget is going to be supported by the Citizens for Civil Rights Organization."

Like most speakers, Mrs. Grace A. Hines, parent representative for Greenspring Junior High School, spoke in support of the budget although she emphasized that she'd like to see "at least 10 percent more added to the operational budget.

"It is imperative that we let our city officials know emphatically that we want this school budget request approved and funds appropriated as requested."

In concluding, Mrs. Hines expressed gratitude for the job being done by Dr. Patterson.

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All was not peaches and cream, however, as PSTA president Karl Boone soon proved.

He criticized the budget for not reflecting "a commitment on the part of the administration to move Baltimore forward in the educational arena.

"Rather," he added, "it's an indication that the Baltimore public school system is falling further behind."

Among other things, Boone demanded that the Public School Teachers Association be able to have input on the budget before it is printed.

He threatened that unless there is some "clearer delineation" of the amount of funds obtained and how they are spent, "we will support a move to strip the Department of Education of its fiscal autonomy."

Baltimore Teachers Union head Godffrey Moore changed the tempo of the meeting by urging the audience to vote and get rid of those city officials who hinder the progress of Baltimore's educational system.

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Thomas Hubbard, president of the United Federation of Maryland Teachers told the Board that the 1974-75 budget "must reflect an increase of 10 percent for teachers."

Anything short of this, he added "is tantamount to educational suicide for the Baltimore City public school system."

Mr. Hubbard added that there are three alternatives left for Baltimore teachers: "we can join the others who have left the system; we can quietly begin a bereavment period to mourn the destruction of the aspirations of so many children, parents, and teachers; or" he concluded, "we can fight, and we assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that we of the Merged City Teachers will fight."

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When all was said and done, most of the 50 persons who stayed until the last speaker had her say agreed that it was the last speaker who summed things up most appropriately.

Mrs. Angela Lee, a Douglass High School parent representative admitted that what she had planned to say had already been said.

"I just hope that the Board puts its money where its mouth is, because that mouth has been very, very big!"

Board Commissioner Mrs. Elizabeth M. Moss told the weary audience that they too could "put your money where your mouth is" when the budget is submitted to the Board of Estimates for approval.

More gambling arrests

Armed with Federal grand jury indictments handed down Jan. 16, the FBI arrested 10 more persons in the continuing gambling operations probe.

Among those in the roundup is Julius Laurence Cottman, 54, 3600 block Forest Garden Ave., the "king pin" who was convicted in October, 1973 on charges of paying a city police officer to protect the operation. He is currently awaiting sentence.

Others are Elmo Wright Banks, 52, 3300 block Liberty Heights Ave.; Jerome Gilbert Hines, 27, 3400 block Plumtree Dr., Ellicott City; Isaiah 'Prope Brown, 44, 3100 block Hanlon St. Freddie Lee Jones Jr., 42, 1100 block Division St.; Douglass Butler, 70, 400 Mosher St.; Milton Howard Boardley, 43, 5400 Price Ave.; Morris Lee Carter, 50, 1700 Bolton St., Crosby Farrer, 62, 100 Block Poppleton St.; Lawrence Vaigarts, 25, 200 block Edgevale St.

No date set for trial Roosevelt Nixon murder

An all-black Criminal Court jury on Tuesday found Jerome Hinton, 18, 1500 block N. Broadway, not guilty of the Nov. 24 murder of Mrs. Ivy Davis. Judge Basil Thomas presided at the trial which extended four days.

During the trial young Hinton's co-defendant, Brian Keith Faulkner, 17, pleaded guilty to the murder of the woman.

Both are yet to be tried on charges of slaying widely known businessman Roosevelt Nixon Nov. 22, 1972 in front of his liquor store, 1301 Bond St. No date has been set for the trial however, the state expects young Faulkner to turn state's witness.

According to Philip Tamburello, prosecutor, the two teenagers attempted to rob a sub shop in the 1500 block Harford Rd. Mrs. Davis and Charles Bacote, employees of the store, started towards the back when one of the youth said "this is a robbery."

The jury was told Mrs. Davis and Mr. Bacote were shot. Mrs. Davis died the following day. Miss Sharon Crandle, a customer in the store, testified Hinton was not the man. However she was able to identify Faulkner.

The defendant's sister, Miss Mary Joe Hinton, testified she found the gun in her brother's bedroom and gave the weapon to the police.

Hinton remains in City Jail. The two teenagers are also charged with four other robberies with a deadly weapon which all occurred the same week of the two murders.

U.S. pays for 55 mile sign change

The federal government plans to pick up the approximate $7,554 costs of State Highway Administration crews for changing 1,655 signs to 55 miles per hour to conform with federal limits, according to Maryland Department of Transportation officials.

$1,800,000 grant for Morgan

Morgan State College has been awarded a grant of $1,800,000 by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to participate in the Advanced Institutional Development Program.

Announcement of the grant by Dr. King V. Cheek, the college's president says the award covers a period from Jan. 1, 1974 to Dec. 31, 1978.

The funds are to provide assistance in general institutional long-range planning; curriculum reform; resource development; improving management systems.

Free RC diet, weight classes

The Baltimore Regional Red Cross will conduct a free 5-week course in dieting and weight control beginning Jan. 29 at chapter headquarters, St. Paul and 23rd Streets.

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The course is from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday thru Feb. 26 with talks, films, demonstrations, and exercises. Registered dietitians give numerous tips for safe, healthy dieting. To enroll call 467-9905.

4th District Demos set monthly meet

The monthly membership meeting of the Fourth District Democratic Organization will be held Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. at the headquarters, 1524 W. North Ave.

Councilwoman Mary B. Adams, D-4th, and Walter Orlinsky, Council president, will discuss the city's new sanitation bill, which they cosponsored.

Increased benefits will be reflected in February Veterans Administration pension checks for nearly 2.7 million disabled veterans and survivors of deceased veterans.

A cost-of-living increase in these VA benefits is authorized by a law signed by President Nixon Dec. 6. The law became effective Jan. 1.

Mike Doyle is on national fibrosis poster

Six-year-old Michael A. Doyle, of Ellicott City, has been chosen as the 1974 National Poster Child for the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation (NCFRF).

The selection of Mike marks the first time a Maryland youngster has been chosen CF Poster Child on a national level.

A victim of cystic fibrosis, Mike is treated on an outpatient basis at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The NCFRF also supports research to find control or cure for cystic fibrosis, a disease which affects the lungs and digestive systems of children.

Baskerville, others due 1972 tax refund checks

Drury R. Baskerville's name is among the 1,489 citizens who are due refund checks for 1972 tax year. Mr. Baskerville lives in the 900 block N. Carey St.

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein said the checks have a total value of $83,069. The money will remain in the state's Treasury until the individuals make their addresses known to Maryland income tax officials.

The checks have not reached the proper taxpayers because the citizens have moved and left no forwarding address with the Post Office.

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If your name is among those listed, you should call the Refund Department of the State Income Tax Division in Annapolis at 267-5701; give them your social security number and new address.

This is not a complete list, more names will appear in Tuesday's AFRO.

Among those listed were Miss Betty Y. Brooks, 900 Argyle Ave.; Mrs. Pearl Bynum, 919 S. Bentalou St.; Willie B. and Mrs. Patricia L. Carraway, 920 N. Carrollton Ave;

Mrs. Sedella I. Carroll, 2322 Eutaw Pl.; Clyde B. Chambers, 2250 Linden Ave.; James W. Dawson, 1807 Ensor St., Michael Chappell, 1807 N. Montford; Phillip Gethers 918 Bennett Pl.; Mrs. Myra L. Holton, 3325 Dolfield;

William Jackson, 1058 Argyle Ave.; Mrs. Audrey Jackson, 2321 N. Eutaw St.; James W. Johnson, 1616 Pennsylvania Ave.

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The Appellate Judicial Selection Commission is charged with the responsibility of receiving, considering, and passing upon the qualifications of proposed appointees and recommending to the Governor those individuals whom the Commission finds to be fully qualified for appointment.

All Bar Associations and other interested groups and individuals should send recommendations of prospective candidates to this Commission promptly. Judges and lawyers interested in appointments should send their request for Questionnaire to the Secretary to the Commission, Mrs. Jay Triplett, 10 Light Street, 27th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 — Telephone: 685-0517.

The completed Questionnaire form must be returned or delivered so as to reach the Commission no later than 5:00 P.M., Friday, February 1, 1974.

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