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DECEMBER 21, 1974 24 This Is our 83rd Year

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL DAY IN BALTIMORE—Mayor Schaefer recently paid tribute to the Parent Advisory Council of ESEA Title I Schools in Baltimore by proclaiming Dec. 6 as Parent Advisory Council Day in Baltimore. This distinguished group of parents representing 30,000 children serves as an advisory group to the Superintendent, Dr. Roland N. Patterson. From left are Quentin Lawson, Educational Liaison to the Mayor; Gilbert Baublitz, Mrs. Delores Duckett, Mayor Schaefer, Mrs. Addie Cox, Mrs. Agnes Johnson and Mrs. Barbara Patterson, liaison to the Parent Advisory Council.

IN THESE TIMES OF STRESS AND CRISIS

Some unfortunate children may suffer cruel treatment during the holidays

Your call to report cases may save some youngster's life

Child abuse and neglect is rising at an alarming rate in these days of stress and hard times.

Noteworthy is the fact that $50,000 has been recommended by Gov. Mandel to be included in the Fiscal 1975 budget of the Department of Employment and Social Services for the Community Coordinated Child Care group, 1123 N. Eutaw St., to develop services. (Phone 383-5620 for information.)

These services will include medical, social, psychological, psychiatric and legal services for adults and children who suffer abuse and neglect.

HOTLINE—383-2220

The Conference of Social Concern has a 24-hour hotline for citizens to report incidents of child abuse and neglect. It is 383-2220. Your call may save a child's life.

CRUEL, INHUMANE TREATMENT

The Coordinated Child Care organization notes that a hotline rendera a great service to parents who feel the need to reach out and talk to someone in times of stress and emotional crisis.

These are the conditions under which many parents find themselves when they "take it out on the children" and hurt them physically or neglect them.

When removal of a child is necessary, it is expected that every effort will be made to reunite the family and provide supportive services, the Coordinated Child Care officials note.

Cruel and Inhumane treatment of youngsters at hands of parents or guardians or caretakers usually rises in difficult times, periods of economic crisis and social pressures.

MARYLAND LAWS ON CHILD ABUSE

Maryland's growing concern with children who are abused or neglected is revealed in the strengthening amendments that have been progressively added to the original law on child abuse which was passed in 1963.

The first law contained just one paragraph, which made it a felony punishable by up to 15 years imprisonment to mistreat a child under the age of 14.

The amended law, passed in 1964, added two paragraphs and made it mandatory for a physician who suspected child abuse to report it to the police, and granted him immunity from civil liability.

BABY BEATEN

The amended and expanded 1966 law stemmed from the death of a six-month-old baby, who had been viciously beaten, and whose four previous hospitalizations had not been reported.

The responsibility for reporting suspected instances of child abuse was expanded in this law to include teachers, nurses and other health personnel, social workers and law enforcement officers, all of whom were granted immunity from civil liability.

This law raised the age of the child from 14 to 16 and required that all cases of child abuse in Maryland be recorded in a central registry maintained by the State's Department of Social Services.

The 1966 legislation designated the local social service agency as the agency to whom the report was to be made and empowered that agency to take whatever steps were necessary to protect the child.

The State's Attorney was given the authority to take "such lawful action" as may be appropriate against the perpetrator.

REVISED LAWS

The felony provision of the preceding laws remained despite the efforts of the social agencies to have it removed. They contended that the rage of society rather than the best interests of the child were being served by this provision, which remains in effect today.

The law revised in 1973 requires that anyone who has reason to believe or suspect that a child has sustained "a physical injury . . . as a result of cruel or inhumane treatment or as a result of a vicious act(s) . . ." at the hands of his parents or caretakers is to report it to the local department of social services.

The age of the child was raised from 16 to 18.

SEXUAL ABUSE

The 1974 law added two strengthening provisions.

One makes it mandatory to report "any sexual abuse of a child, whether physical injuries are sustained or not."

The other entitles a licensed physician to examine and treat an abused child who has been referred to him by the court, a law enforcement officer, or a social worker, with or without the consent of a parent or guardian.

Food Stamp Program changes Jan. 1, 1975

The Maryland Food Committee Inc., 105 W. Monument St., makes an urgent announcement to call attention to worried food buyers that the Food Stamp Program is changing beginning Jan. 1, 1975.

TAKE NOTICE

More persons will be eligible. Food Stamp bonuses will be larger.

If rent and heating costs go up, your food stamp cost may go down.

Food Stamp Application Forms must be mailed to you when you ask for them.

The Department of Social Services must act on your application within 30 days.

HOW IT WORKS

You pay for some food stamps and get additional BONUS food stamps to stretch your food more. Cost of stamps to you depends on your take-home income and certain expenses.

You buy your usual foods in your favorite grocery stores using your STAMPS INSTEAD OF CASH. Food Stamps let you buy more food for less money.

If your basic expenses are rising fast, check the facts NOW.

USDA Food Stamp Program returned $67 million federal dollars to Maryland in 1974. This means Maryland jobs as well as help for low-income people. It helps all of us. Make it work. Participate if you are eligible.

NEW LOW-INCOME FOOD STAMP ELIGIBILITY LEVELS

Income Limits Per Month	Household Size	Food Stamp Allotment
$ 194	1 person	$ 46
280	2 persons	84
406	3 persons	122
513	4 persons	154
606	5 persons	182
700	6 persons	210
793	7 persons	238
886	8 persons	266
73 after certain expenses	at additional	22

Effective January 1, 1975

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Take recent pay stubs with you and all other information which verify your income.
2. Be able to state what you spend on gas, electricity, heat, and telephone. Know what your rent or your mortgage costs
3. If you pay babysitting fees in order to work and if you have medical expenses which you pay, be able t give these facts and what they cost you.

REMEMBER: Those shelter costs which exceed 30 per cent of your income (after taxes and allowable work expenses) are also deducted from your income before determining your eligibility and what your Food Stamps will cost.

WHERE TO CALL TO BE CERTIFIED FOR FOOD STAMPS

Anne Arundel County: North County—760-3400
Annapolis and South County—268-4300
Baltimore City: For information about Stamps, Certification Information call 881-1958
General Information 927-4600
In all other counties call the County Department of Social Services.
Call 234-2762
To find out where to go in your neighborhood to be certified, call 234-2222
Baltimore County: 494-2881
Carroll County: 848-5060
Harford County: 838-6121
Howard County: 465-5000 Extension 377
Montgomery County: General Information 279-1731

$500 Lottery winners at millionaires party

ARCHIE STURDIVANT SR. of Forest Park Ave. is retired and married with four children.

HERMAN A. DAVIS SR., of Caroline St. a special policeman, is married with three children.

EDWARD BERNARD HORNE, of North Curley St., a printer, is married with no children.

Steel unions honor Joe Neal at impressive testimonial

About 200 friends and relatives gathered at the La Fontaine Rouge last Sunday to honor Joseph H. Neal at a testimonial.

There were guests from Youngstown, Ohio and Washington, D.C. among the trade unionists, teachers, doctors and lawyers present.

Although Neal, a steel worker, retired about 12 years ago, the large gathering made it clear that they had not forgotten him and his work as Local Union vice president, organizer and staffman.

They gave testimony to his long career as a dedicated trade unionist.

Among unions represented were locals 3185, 2819, 4340, 2609 and 2610 United Steelworkers of America.

Other unions represented were AFSCME AFL-CIO Local 44 and AFSCME AFL-CIO, International.

Local union presidents spotted in the large enthusiastic gathering were Ray Clark Local 44; Ivory Dennis Local 2610 and Tony Seminozzi Local 3185.

Brother Neal received many awards, telegrams, letters and cards.

Making presentations were Bro. John McNicholas for local 3185, USW, Bro. Bernard Garner, Local 2819, USW, Bro. Robert Donaldson, Branch No. 3, National Ad Hoc Committee of Concerned Steelworkers.

Letters, cards and telegrams were read by Mrs. Virginia Hill.

Among those sending communications were International Vice President, John S. Johns, USW, Int'l. Secretary-Treasurer Walter J. Burke, USW, District Staffman Leander G. Simms, USW and other friends who remembered Joe on his day.

Taking time out from his busy schedule to come by spend some time and tell of his long association with Joe was Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

Journeying from Youngstown, Ohio was Bro. James Davis, National Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee.

The rare treat for those who attended was the main speaker Bro. Jack Thornton of Washington, D.C.

This dynamic man who worked in the Steelworkers Union as organizer, staffman and International Staff Representative for 33 years and 8 months was the same fiery, eloquent Jack Thornton of old.

Among the events of the evening was the unveiling of Joe's portrait by Mrs. Neal. Joe dedicated it to the Pharoah Social Club, Inc. It will hang there permanently.

Accepting the portrait was Bro. Francis Brown who along with Bro. Charles R. Brown, Sr. were co-M.C.s for the testimonial

Those who worked diligently to put the beautiful program together were Charles R. Brown, Sr. testimonial chairman, Francis Brown, Co-M.C., Helen L. Brown, chairlady, Planning Committee, Earlie Cox, Rob Donaldson, Rich Donaldson, Rob Hill, Virginia Hill, Ken Pender, music director, Shirley Pender, W. E. Rose, Otto Silva, chairman Awards Committee, Deloras Silva, Stuart Hargrave, and William Tilghman. Music was provided by The Pentones.

NAACP to Cite Pastors

The Baltimore branch of the NAACP will observe pastors appreciation night Dec. 29 in the New Shiloh Baptist Church. A brief memorial service will be held for Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood, chairman of the National Board of Directors.

Four categories of persons will be honored. They are:

Group 1 Pastors whose church is a life member or a subscribing life member.

Group 2 Pastors whose church reported 100 or more adult memberships this year.

WILLIAM D. ROBINSON, of The Alameda, a tankerman, is married with two children.

ISAAC NELSON, of Carey St. a senior serviceman, is married with one child.

MRS. GLORIA C. MAYO, of Pentwood Rd., a teacher, has one child.

LOCAL 557 MEMBERS
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ELLSWORTH C. BAILEY.....5A
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Reflections... lifestyles, fashion, women, food, youth, society, clubs

Lawrence Parker knows the business

"The most successful performer in any field makes maximum use of his God-given talents."

AFRO model of the week

By Benjamin M. Phillips

Lawrence Parker is shown in a two-piece beige and ecru birdseye print wrap suit, contrasted with a chocolate brown dress shirt; tie abstract print in tones of chocolate, gold, beige and blue; shoes chocolate brown patent leather. Outfit imported from Yugoslavia, taken from the collection at Lawrence Parker Ltd. The life-size oil painting in background by Ronald Kess, hangs in Mr. Parker's executive office.

"As the buyer and owner of this clothing store, I am mainly interested in showing a customer various elements of an outfit without distracting his attention from that outfit. This is oftentimes done when a model concentrates on his own personal performance."

"The more successful model usually achieves what his employer requires when he executes his skills, keeping the garment paramount in mind."

This is, in essence, Lawrence Parker's basic philosophy in relation to the models who wear his clothes. Mr. Parker is the owner of Lawrence Parker, Ltd., a downtown men's clothing store.

His modeling profession is a result of his business venture which started with a stint in Europe during the summer of 1969. He was abroad studying styles of men's clothing.

In the late fall of the same year, he opened his men's boutique, bringing to Baltimore the international look he had seen in several European cities—Rome, London, Paris. Also, New York City and Chicago.

He started promoting his business at local fashion shows at Club Venus. As he says, "Since we are a black men's store, I decided to use fashion shows as my main source of promotion.

"By doing these promotions, I was able to reach a lot of potential customers. It was also a new opportunity for black models to use their skills."

Began to model

While commentating the fashion shows, Parker would wear two outfits. He eventually began to model the outfits he would wear. Thus, Lawrence Parker, model, came about.

Mr. Parker describes his style in this way: "I like to place less emphasis on my personal body movement. I like the subtle approach where moves are executed to demonstrate various facets of the garment being shown."

He describes his role this way: "My first responsibility for this store is as a buyer. I commentate my shows because I buy them . . . I know how to call them, thirdly, I am a model, and lastly, I am a designer.

Stresses individuality

Individuality is a quality most admired about Parker's clothes and his models. As he says, "I always stress to models under my tutelage that they should never try or attempt to imitate their teacher or another model. The innate talents they might possess could possibly be shadowed, overlooked, or even lost in the process of trying to duplicate someone else.

"The most successful performer in any field makes maximum use of his own God-given talents."

This interview held in his second floor, ultra-modern executive suite, Mr. Parker told of his plans to expand that area into a showroom for the more exclusive garments. It would also be a nice addition to his penthouse apartment.

Before going into the clothing business, Mr. Parker prepared himself in the field of education. He was graduated from Dunbar High School. From there he went to Morgan State College where he earned his B.S. degree in 1962. He did graduate study at Yale and Brown Universities where he earned his masters of arts in teaching.

The following year he was at Johns Hopkins doing research in bio-genetics under Nobel Prize candidate, Sigmund. Suskind.

He was then a science teacher in the Baltimore Public School System up until he opened his business.

The AFRO Model of the Week spotlights a professional fashion model in each Friday edition. Names are taken from a master list and are selected at random. Area models are invited to submit their names for consideration. Write: AFRO Model of the Week, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. Attention: Benjamin M. Phillips

How to choose the right tree

"The Douglas fir tree is becoming very popular but is hard to find."

By Michele L. McRae
AFRO Staff Writer

The most important thing to remember when purchasing a Christmas tree is to make certain it is fresh. The freshly-cut tree will have needles that are full of water and will resist burning.

An easy way to make sure you get a fresh tree is to cut your own at one of the many "Choose and Cut" Christmas tree farms in this area.

Choosing and cutting is not always possible for many families, so the next best thing to do is buy a tree from a local sales yard as soon as they are made available. The sooner you bring it home after cutting, the more fire resistant it will be.

Available species

Tree growers say the most popular species of Christmas trees is the Scotch (Scots) Pine, but because every family has its own preference, they offer a large selection in order to satisfy the demands of their customers.

Well-known Maryland Christmas tree grower, E. Marshall Stacey, president of the Maryland Christmas Tree Growers Association who has a large plantation of trees in Garrett County, Md., says the Douglas fir tree is becoming very popular but is hard to find.

What other species are available? The white pine, red pine, Austria pine, which has the longest needles extending five-seven inches; the Balsam fir, red spruce, black spruce, Norway spruce, white spruce, Colorado blue spruce and red cedar," says Mr. Stacey.

"Even though many people prefer a species of spruce tree, they shed very quickly, are short needled and therefore lose life in about seven-ten days," he adds.

Most Christmas tree growers agree that the most popular size tree is about seven feet and after decoration is completed reaches nine feet. A popular size tree for many persons living in apartments has been just about four feet.

Christmas trees this year will be slightly higher than in previous years, selling at about $1-2 a foot, depending on area where tree is purchased.

Here are some tips from the Maryland Department of Agricultural on testing for freshness, proper care, placing and decorating your Christmas tree:

Inspect the needles closely to see if they are well-filled and turgid. If the needles look a little whitish and a bit contracted or shrunken, chances are that the tree has already begun to dry out.

Needle brittleness is also another good indication of freshness. Grasp a few needles between your thumb and forefinger and bend them under your thumb at approximately right angles and give a steady pull. If the needles bend without breaking, this is a good indication that the tree is fresh.

Needle retention is also a good indication of the freshness. Grasp the tree firmly by the stem midway between the top and the bottom. Lift the tree approximately 16 to 18 inches off the ground and hit the butt end of the stem on hard ground or pavement. If many green-colored needles shatter from the tree, if it is a sign of dryness. If only a few green needles are loosened by the fall, the tree is safe to use providing it is given adequate care.

Caring for tree

To keep your Christmas tree fresh and fire resistant throughout the holiday season, it is important that you give it proper care as soon as you buy it.

If you must travel a long distance, protect the tree from the drying wind by placing it either in the trunk of the car or in the back of the station wagon. If the tree must be tied on top of the car, first wrap it with cloth or plastic. The wind created by a moving vehicle will cause excessive drying out of the needles.

As soon as you get the tree home, cut one inch off the base of the stem and place the tree in a clean pail of warm water. Next place the tree in a cool shaded area protected from wind and sun.

Spray the tree thoroughly with an anti-transparent or an anti-desiccant material available from most garden centers and follow the manufacturers recommendations.

Before bringing the tree indoors, cut off another inch from the base of the stem and place the tree in a stand designed to hold water. If a standard Christmas tree stand is not available, place the tree in a pail full of clean sharp sand to which water can be added.

Placing and decorating

Locate the tree so that all exists from the room are kept open.

Place the tree as far as possible from a radiator, fireplace or other source of heat.

Carefully check cords and connections of the electric lights you will be using. Frayed cords or faulty connections are dangerous.

Avoid plugging the tree lights into an over-loaded circuit.

Keep metal foil and tinsel out of the tree light sockets.

Do not allow playing with electrical toys under the tree.

Keep all used package wrapping and other flammable materials away from the tree.

Never use lighted candles or other open flame on or near the tree.

Never light the tree unless there is someone there to watch it.

Community calendar

DEC. 20
Les Douze Aimies Dinner Dance; Eastwind, 9000 Pulaski Highway, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

DEC. 20
Alpha Wives, Third Annual Champagne Sip; Hollyday Room, Village of Cross Keys, Falls Rd., 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Carrolls Insurance Agency, Second Annual Charity Christmas Cabaret; Maritime Union Hall, 8 N. Broadway, 9-1 p.m.

DEC. 24
Women's Job Corps Christmas Party; Central Branch YWCA, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

DEC. 27
Chesapeake Club, Inc., Annual Buffet Dinner Party; 2216 Eutaw Place, 6 p.m.

DEC. 28
Continental's Dinner Dance; 6817 Dogwood Rd., 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

JAN. 1
New Year's Day Breakfast, sponsored by the Ladies Two; 2432 Shirley Ave., 2 a.m.-noon.

JAN. 3
Retirement Dinner honoring Mrs. Grace C. Gates, Roman Holiday Room, Holiday Inn, 301 W. Lombard St., 5-8 p.m.

JAN. 9
Child Study Association Family Affair; Winand Elementary School, Scotts Level Rd., 8:15 p.m.

JAN. 13
Child Study Association, "Kids Birz," Tiffany Square Apts. Speaker, Dr. Malcolm Freed, "Sex and Marriage."

JAN. 22
Women's Fair, Pimlico Racetrack Clubhouse, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

JAN. 31
National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Chapter, Annual Sweetheart Ball, Bluecrest North, 401 Reisterstown Rd., 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

FEB. 15
Coppin State College 75th Anniversary-Homecoming Week Dance, New Hilton Hotel, Pikesville, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Cosmetics make great gifts

Products that meet the needs of black women

By Marie P. Cooke
Reflections Editor

Looking for a gift that will be appreciated throughout the new Year? Cosmetic counters are lined with loads of beauty and skin care products that most women can use.

For the past three months I have been experimenting with the Fashion Fair makeup with was recently introduced in this area, and, I readily admit, it was long overdue.

The line was created to fill the special needs of black women and it is doing just that. Foundation colors are expertly blended for our wide range of skin tones, from rudy yellow to deep brown.

Hutzler's is carrying the collection.

A complete selection of blushers, pressed powders, moisturizers, eyeliners, shadows, mascaras, lipsticks and nail polishes come in a variety of shades. There is also a facial beauty mask, astringent, which is a must for oily skin; toner and cleanser which complete the line.

Beauty consultant, Jonane Callaman, helps a customer, Terri Robinson apply blusher. Ms. Callaman handles the Fashion Fair cosmetic counter at Hutzler's — downtown.

(Reflections photo by B. Phillips)

A fragrance, Noir, and body lotion certainly complement the collection — a great gift idea.

In the downtown store, Joanne Callaman, an accomplished beauty consultant, helps her customers select colors and instructs on proper application techniques.

Ms. Callaman was trained for proper makeup techniques, selling and merchandising at the Fashion Fair headquarters in Chicago. The Fashion Fair cosmetics is a division of the Johnson Publishing Co. which annually co-sponsors the Fashion Fair shows.

The products are moderately priced and make enjoyable gifts our women can use.

Thank-you department

Dear Mr. Phillips,

I saw your story on Cee Cee Stokes. I think she's the most dynamite model and person in Baltimore.

Of your three articles, I liked Cee Cee's the most, because you wrote about what modeling was all about and how being yourself is what counts. I saw Cee Cee at Pimlico Jr. High in my class assembly and I really enjoyed listening to her. I am really glad you picked her because she is indeed a for-real person.

Thank you again, and keep up the good work.

Joyce James
Ninth grade
Pimlico Jr. High

Dear Mrs. Cooke,

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Chapter, is grateful for the way you and your staff have written news articles concerning various activities sponsored by us in the community.

Without proper news coverage, many activities would not have been a success and much learning would have been missed.

Thank you, and all the people who work on the newspaper, for the help you have given in this manner.

Very truly yours,
Mildred W. Harriday
Chariman of Publicity
National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa
Gamma Chapter
(Mrs. Lucille Johnson is basileus).

Dear Mr. Phillips,

I have been following your "Model of the Week" series, and I was quite pleased to see model Cee Cee Stokes featured.

I found her story quite interesting and informative because it was straight down the line, and it wasn't egotistical. I've seen Cee Cee in many shows and could sit and watch her for hours. She projects a certain amount of charisma as well as a lot of class.

To know that we have people like Cee Cee who are capable of wearing many hats, and still be herself, is something I would want to see our other black models display.

An avid reader,
(Mrs.) Jolene Wright

On the inside. . .

AFRO readers share their favorite holiday dishes with you this week. Many of the dishes are old family recipes passed down through several generations . . . Inside the Reflections section.

AFRO columnists, Pinnie L. Ross and Marjorie L. Green talk about happenings in Columbia and the Social Security Administration, Woodlawn . . . read Columbia Capers and Woodlawn Highlights . . . in this section.

club news and more

Area clubs and organ zations are into their holiday thing. Read about group acitvities in Local Club Notes. Notes about parties are in R.S.V.P. with Marie . . . inside today.