For All We Know

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City Editor

THE LONGEST LETTER, 36 feet, handwritten on a beautiful white and red scroll has been received by Miss Maggie Holloman from her sister, former Baltimore beautician, Mrs. Bernice Holloman Pochonet of New York.

It took Maggie eight days to read the wonderful tribute which her sister wrote over a period of three years as thoughts came to her. Bernice is married to the French scion who is now with the United Nations in New York.

THE LETTER is full of the happiness and tears the Holloman family experienced over the years and is truly a keepsake.

TOMORROW, Saturday, is the 7 p.m. installation and initiation ceremony for Lamda Iota Tau International Honor Society (for literature majors and minors) and the Sigma Tau Delta National Honor Society for English majors at Coppin.

THE UNUSUAL EVENT at 7 p.m. features "Spiritual Vibes: Cosmic Dance" batiks, paintings, drawings by Damballah Dolphus Smith.

FLEA MARKETS are attracting as many as 10,000 persons in one place these Saturdays and Sundays.

Countless numbers will be at the Edmondson Community Festival May 31, and now is the time to place it on your calendar.

THE ENTIRE SHOPPING CENTER, Edmondson Village, parking lot will be filled with booths for arts and crafts, a gigantic flea market, fun wagon, plants, jewelry, puppets, music, food and cold drinks.

If you want a booth, register with Mrs. Dorothy Barnes, 338 N. Hilton St., or go to the meeting at the Edmondson Ave. Enoch Pratt Library, 6:30 p.m. May 12.

SCARED OF INCOME TAX AUDITS? —IRS says don't be. Neither bad luck nor some mysterious 'picking on you' are in the cards.

INSTEAD, IRS says it uses a computer called the DISCRIMINATION FUNCTION, or DIF, for audits, which has formulas to score audits.

WHEN IRS service center employees detect an unallowable item, they send a letter of explanation to the taxpayer, and forward the return for processing of any portion of a refund not affected by the item. Thus, at least part of any refund due is not delayed by the unallowable item.

IF THE TAXPAYER replies to the service center letter and agrees with the finding of the unallowable, the case is closed.

WATCH OUT FOR THIS

THE LATEST RIPOFFS are really something.

AFRO readers report that a South Baltimore woman was harassed by a white driver who cut in front of her car, jumped out in a rage and scared her so badly she gave him a check for dents to his car.

A SOUTH BALTIMORE TEACHER also reports the man did her the same way and pretended he was hurt, threatened to call the police to arrest her. "Write a check or I'll send you to jail," he said.

ANOTHER BLOND GUY on a motorcycle collected two checks within a two-block area after he rushed out in front of black women drivers, fell off his vehicle and pretended to be hurt. "CASH and I'll forget it," he says.

THE CATCH IS, these men frighten the ladies so badly they do not think straight at the moment. Traffic is bearing down on them, crowds gather and the embarrassment and threats are terrifying.

RIP-OFF HARRY always picks on black lone, women drivers driving through predominately white areas.

THE POST MASTER is the one to notify if you get notice that you are due an inheritance check from some far-away relative who died and left you a great sum.

A WOODBROOK AVE. man received such a letter and sent in the required money for "the records" and "incidentals" needed to "get all the records" together.

NEXT came a letter asking for more and more and more and more money.

TAKE ALL YOUR PAPERS to the POST MASTER at the main Post Office and he'll do the rest toward mailing the coffin lid on the sender of the letters. If you give him all the proof, you'll get your money back and the Ripper-Offer will go to the Pokey House.

SATURDAYS are precious for working people and those who give them up to do something for someone else are to be praised.

TAKE FOR EXAMPLE, George Brown, the C&P Tel. Co. Commercial and Community Relations manager and for 28 years known by some 100,000 citizens who pay bills (now at Mondawmin).

LAST SATURDAY when the Center Club sponsored a picnic and kite-flying event at Windsor Mill Ball Park, the men of the group hosted 25 kids with a gala time.

Afterwards, George treated them to spaghetti and although it left a hole in his wallet, he was delighted they had a fine time.

THE CENTER CITY guys will hold their first dinner May 24, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Hall, Liberty Heights and Denison Rd., 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and you should go.

There'll be spaghetti and meat balls at only $3 per. Raffle for a Barrel O'Cheer are $1. Get in touch with George on 466-2121 after 6 p.m. so you can make it.

BY THE WAY, Phone-Tapping, if you do not have a Court Order signed by a judge and OK'd by the Police Dept. and the FBI, you're in trouble and can go straight to jail.

TAPPING PHONES, Mr. Brown notes, is a highly sophisticated thing and HAS to be done under Federal law.

IF YOU are worried, don't be. Hardly anyone wants to risk getting thrown in the Pokey for tapping your line.

FUNNY THING, when Mr. Brown gets calls from persons who are worried, they seem to be mostly from WIVES who claim their husband's girlfriends are listening in on their lines.

ONE WIFE said she KNEW this "fast number," her man's girlfriend, has her wire tapped and DEMANDED the phone company check it out. Was she ever MAD when they assured her no mere girlfriend could afford the expense nor get a court order

LONGEST LETTER and owner, Miss Maggie Holoman, holding the 36-ft. scroll.

IF YOU DO have a listening device on your phone and fail to tell the caller you are recording his voice, you're in trouble with the law in this point too.

CREATIONS LTD., Marcel Lawrence, 2213 N. Fulton, owner, is the kind of resourceful small businessman we are proud to have coming up in the world.

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THE AFRO has always championed small businessmen getting into the stream. We need them to go big so that we can compete one day economically.

PAUL COATES, Black Book Store on North Ave., has the best line of books on our culture and by our authors.

THE TOP CITY ADMINISTRATORS are meeting Monday to see what can be done about fires taking so many lives.

IN MY HOMETOWN, Brazil, Ind. (about this long and about this wide), we had a fire dog, a black and white spotted one. He had a fire-proof coat and boots and was trained to go in a burning house and drag out the people. He saved many a life.

I RECALL such fire dogs also nudged prostrate persons until they showed some signs of life, draged them to a window or door for fresh air. He also could find an exit where there was less danger and drag the people to safety.

THERE ARE PHOTOS of fire dogs sitting on the fire engine, eagerly going to a fire to save lives. Don't you remember?

MAYBE Baltimore needs some of these smart pups today.

THE CHICAGO REPORTER, a monthly newsletter on racial issues, says Chicago is No. 1 in fire deaths and The Towering Inferno doesn't hold a candle to the Windy City's disasters, 204 deaths in 1974.

THE POOR AND THE BLACK suffer most fire deaths, the paper's statistics say. THIS WE KNOW in Baltimore.

MATTHEW LEWIS, the Washington Post Pulitzer Prize winner, got his start on the AFRO Magazine when I was editor.

He covered the John Fitzgerald Kennedy funeral and did the Special AFRO Waterfront Edition photos. Also, the Demo National Convention in Atlantic City.

NOW COLLECTORS' ITEMS are some 60 photos he did privately of my first grandbaby, Marilyn Rose German the 4th, who was one year-old at the time. She is 12 now and a resident of Hawaii.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE that collection which is a prize-winner, raise your hand. It's a treasure any grandma would give anything to have and you do know how grandmothers burst with pride.

THE MATTHEW LEWIS PHOTOS are part of my legacy for my grandbaby.

GETTING A DEGREE? GRADUATING?

LET US KNOW about YOU finishing school this commencement season.

HERE ARE SOME we've heard of:

MRS. ROSE MARIE RIDDIX, 3632 Forest Garden, Juris Doctor, Howard University, May 10.

DR. HAROLD CARTER, two doctorates, Doctor of Divinity, Colgate U., Rochester, N.Y., May 9 and Ph.D. in theology, St. Mary's U., May 18.

MS. JAMSETTA HOLLOMAN, Doctor of Music, Medgar Evers College, New York.

SOME 19 Baltimore ministers are getting degrees from Virginia Seminary May 19. We'll have names and photos.

MATTHEW LEWIS original Marsha Rose and daughter, Marilyn Rose German IV.

ACE PHOTOGRAPHER — Matthew Lewis, AFRO special photographer in 1964, won top honors for his dramatic photo of teacher comforting child on her first day of school, entered in the National Publishers Association Better Newspaper Contest. Here he accepts merit award plaque from John H. Murphy III, chairman of AFRO Board of Directors.

PULITZER WINNER — Mathew Lewis, of the Washington Post, shows some of the photos for which he won the Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography May 5. Lewis summed up his reaction in one word: "Unbelievable." Lewis won for his color and black and white photography in the Post's Sunday Potomac Magazine. (UPI Telephoto)

MATTHEW LEWIS, the Pulitzer Prize winner, now at the Washington Post, appeared in the AFRO in 1964 in this 4-generation photo with his grandfather, father and son when he, Lewis, was Morgan State College staff photographer.

Youth, 19, arrested for assault

A 19-year-old youth has been arrested and charged with trespassing, resisting arrest and assaulting a police claim he threatened to lice claim he threatened to shoot a security officer at Edmondson Snior High.

The young man, Joseph Ferguson, 3700 Wabash Ave., a non-student at the school, threatened the security officer after he was asked to leave the building, police report.

According to the police, Principal Hilbert Stanley notified police who spotted Ferguson walking on Edmondson Ave. near Gelston Drive.

However, police say the youth ignored the request to halt and proceeded to walk down the street.

The officer then pursued the youth and began a struggle which caused both to fall to the ground, the report claims.

During the struggle, the officer's service revolver discharged but did not injure the young man, police state.

Police report that Ferguson was taken to St. Agnes Hospital where he refused treatment for minor injuries and was taken to Southwestern District.

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1,800 jobless at the Point

About 400 employees of the Bethlehem Steel Co. were laid off last Friday bringing to 1,800 laid-offs in recent months, according to M. Hamilton Whitman, news media specialist for the company.

Mr. Whitman said the lay offs were due to business operations in the blast furnace, steel making and the coke oven departments at Sparrows Point.

He said foreign competition and economic slump at home do not keep the factory as busy as it should. Mr. Whitman stated he did not know when the men will be recalled but expressed the hope the company would do so as soon as conditions warrant it.

All laid-off workers have been paid their sub benefits in accordance with the provisions of their contract, Mr. Whitman said.

Morgan U. bill to await attorney general decision

Annapolis, Md. (UPI) — Gov. Marvin Mandel said Thursday he will await an attorney general's opinion on the constitutionality of a bill to give Morgan State College university status before deciding whether to sign it.

Mandel said the legislation would empower an autonomous board that would approve disbursement of Morgan's fees any way it sees fit. Other colleges are committed to use fees for specific reasons, part of the commitment to the bond holders.

Mandel met with members of the Black Legislative Caucus two weeks ago, and according to members present, had promised to sign the bill.

"No, what I said was that if I do sign it, it's going to be with the understanding from them that next year when we present legislation to the legislature on the reorganization of education, that they will support the legislation as it affects Morgan and the other universities," Mandel said at his weekly news conference.

"I also made it clear that there is a question of legality that has to be cleared up. All of the money from all of the state colleges to build dormitories has been committed when the bonds were issued and all of the fees from all of the colleges are used to pay those bonds. That's the commitment to the bond holder," the governor said.

"The question is whether this in some way would infringe on the right of those bond holders if Morgan is given a separate board with the separate power to use that money any way it wants."

The Rosenberg Commission, which presented Mandel Wednesday the results of its exhaustive 2½ year study of the state's educational systems, recommended elevating Morgan to university status as part of the reorganization of the higher education structure.

Mandel said he hasn't read the report, but said he would conduct a series of hearings around the state to explore the recommend H. Rosenberg's use of mission Chairman Leon dations. He disputed Comthe adjective "chaos" to describe the educational system.

"I think what you have to understand," Mandel said, "is that you're dealing with a system that has been in existence and has grown over 150 years. That system has grown in its divergent directions, and now in trying to reorganize it, it's much more difficult to find a solution than if you were dealing with a new system."

On anothdr subject the governor prgdicted that any attempt by the legislature to reduce a $32 million relief package for elderly property owners and local governments "would have trouble getting passed."

Mandel said he is staying out of deliberations, scheduled to resume Friday, by lawmakers on funding for the aid package to be considered by the General Assembly in special session Monday.

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