I am an American, and as an American, I would speak to America... Frederick Douglass-1817-1895

OPINION

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May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful and magnify our Father which is in Heaven.
CARL MURPHY

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Mitchell for mayor

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell is considering running for Mayor of Baltimore in the September 9 primary. Deadline for filing is June 30.

In his announcement this week, Cong. Mitchell correctly noted the unfair representation — he calls it "lack of political parity" - in our city. With a population estimated at 53 per cent black, he expresses the concern of many of his fellow citizens that at this point in our history all of the top posts in city government are held by white persons.

Urban cities like Baltimore need in charge persons who understand that they must have an affirmative action program to promote the distribution of appointment and policy making positions - in other words, see to it that all residents of the city have a fair share.

A man of Cong. Mitchell's caliber has already demonstrated his sensitivity, his dedication and his ability to identify the needs of the poor, both black and white. He is skilled as an administrator and leader.

We do not agree with some of the political pundits who suggest that because Mr. Mitchell is black and he emphasizes the need for black involvement, there would be racial divisiveness in the city.

What we see here is that indeed racism rears its head whenever black people seek to have a piece of the pie, in particular, that portion which involves roles of leadership—whether they be as superintendent of schools, or mayor, or president of city council or comptroller.

The Baltimore City Municipal Directory shows that of 22 departments or commissions, only 4 have black directors. There are no black people serving on 13 of the city's 23 boards.

Experience has shown us that our white neighbors who cry racism because we appeal for black involvement turn the other way when we seek to run for public office and are declared by all to be the best qualified candidates.

The recent Milton Allen defeat in the state's attorney's race is a case in point.

Should Cong. Mitchell lead an integrated ticket or an all-black ticket for the top three municipal offices? Or should his strategy end in support of the incumbent mayor with the promise of a black person on his ticket?

These are questions which will be bandied about in the five weeks remaining before the filing deadline.

As the situation is studied and plans are made, black Baltimoreans who have watched their white neighbors abandon them on integrated tickets will want to make sure that any agreement arrived at is not a half-hearted one.

Integration of a citywide ticket should mean just that—citywide, broad-based support with assurance that all aboard will win.

And, finally of course those who support the premise that a city over half black should have in top positions some of the people who look like them, will all disturb themselves to help conduct a massive register-to-vote drive and the books are open now.

New Pennsylvania Ave.

We were glad to note in last week's AFRO that Mrs. Lena Bowen and other leaders of the Upton Urban Reneval Area, in cooperation with Commercial Credit and the Housing and Urban Development have some exciting plans ahead.

Immediately, the 1100 block Shields Place, just off Pennsylvania Ave., will have a row of outmoded houses restored in pastel colors, with modern patios and gardens.

Also on Pennsylvania Ave. members of prestigious Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church broke ground for their new church complex.

These are two instances of people who have lived long in the inner city, showing their commitment to its future growth.

Morgan University!

When Gov. Mandel signed Senate Bill No. 384 on Thursday in his Annapolis office, two men who had served as president and the incoming president of Morgan State College were present.

It was a joyous occasion for them and for hundreds of others who have watched the development of this prestigious northeast Baltimore college.

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, former president (1948-1970), who first proposed the urban university plan and Dr. Thomas P. Fraser, twice interim president, (1970-71 and 1974-75), who has carried the baton during these crucial periods. Looking on with pride was the incoming president, Dr. Andrew Billingsley, who takes over in July when the college is renamed.

For those who have been in a civil rights struggle for a number of years, moments like Thursday's historic signing mean to them more than the signature of the governor.

It was mirrored in the faces of the two pioneer educators and their associates Dr. G. James Fleming, the professor emeritus of political science, Dr. Roger K. Williams, the vice president of planning, Dr. Horace Judson, vice president of academic affairs; Ernest Hammond Jr., assistant professor of comprehensive sciences and others.

And there was the look of pride on the faces of lawmakers including Lloyal Randolph, chairman of the Black Caucus, Sen. Verda Welcome, who introduced the bill which gained the solid support of the Black Legislative Caucus.

Thursday, May 15, shortly after 9:30 a.m. at the State House in Annapolis was a glorious day for many who had hoped and dreamed of a new day for Morgan State College, now Morgan University.

Wise thought for week

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there was in silence ... as far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons...

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexation to the spirit ...

AFRO credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

• Whether it has kept faith with the common people:

• Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured:

• Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody:

• Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise.

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(From the Papers of John H. Murphy Sr., who founded the AFRO-AMERICAN, Aug. 13, 1892).

Washington Report——by parren J. mitchell

3 tough decisions

(Editor's note: Mr. Mitchell represents Md.'s Seventh District in the U.S. House of Representatives).

I voted to override the President's veto of the Emergency Farm Price Bill. The Congress did not override the veto, they were forty votes short of the necessary two-thirds required to kill a veto. After having convinced myself that this bill would not have an adverse influence on food prices, I voted against the veto out of several other considerations.

First, we would need the rural farm vote to support our efforts to continue the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Second, we would need those votes to support the Hawkins Full Employment Jobs Bill.

Third, if we did not override the veto this time, we would have great difficulty in overriding a Presidential veto of the Full Employment Bill. (The President is sure to veto it).

The second tough decision was on the Indochina Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1975.

Congressman Donald Riegle (D-Michigan) expressed my concerns well in his letter sent to all the members of the United States House of Representatives.

He wrote: "I think most of us in Congress are prepared to do what we now have to do to meet the basic needs of the refugees.

"As a practical matter, we have little choice. What bothers me, and what my amendment is aimed at eliminating, is the double standard created by this bill.

"Are we going to do more for South Vietnamese refugees arriving in the U.S. than we are going to do for our own American people that are no better off than the South Vietnamese refugees?

We have millions of Americans all across the country, in my District and in yours, whose prospects are just as bleak and just as hopeless; who don't have jobs, who don't have a place to live and who don't eat properly."

Further, I agree with Rep. Riegle when he says: — "I am deeply disturbed by the President's request for assistance for refugees when this administration at the same time turns its back on needy Americans.

"If the administration really had a deep humanitarian feeling, in my judgment, we would be considering a bill not just to take care of one group of people who happen to be displaced foreign nationals, but to take care of all people within our country with equivalent problems."

The Riegle Amendment did not pass and I could not support the legislation.

The third tough decision was on the House-Senate Resolution on the Budget — H. Concurrent Resolution 218.

I voted against the House version of the Budget Resolution because it did not provide enough money for the creation of federal jobs.

I served as a conferee on the House-Senate Conference Committee and there became convinced that if we did not pass the Budget Resolution, we would end up with another budget plan which would reduce federal monies for jobs to a dangerously low level.

I voted for the Conference Report which contains the following job creating programs:

$800 million in outlays for small business, postal service and rail rehabilitation projects now being considered by the conferees of the Emergency Employment Appropriation Act ....

The Resolution also assumes $6.3 billion in highway outlays ....

$400 million for housing legislation expected to pass this year ....

$600 million for other rail improvement projects recommended by the Senate ....

$5 billion in budget authority and $2.1 billion in outlays for other accelerated public works bill now in House Committee, and an increased public service employment program under the bill now in House Committee ....

Tough decisions. Harry Truman was right when he said, "if you can't stand the heat——"

Now and then——by g. james fleming

Parren Mitchell and mayoralty politics

Who would give up a Congressman's pay, $42,500, for the $35,000 pay of the mayor of Baltimore City?

The answer is "Parren Mitchell."

Why? "Because he is Parren Mitchell, although few others would do it."

Who would risk losing what appears to be a life tenure in Congress for even eight years as mayor?

Again the answer is "Parren Mitchell." And again, "Because he is Parren."

These opening paragraphs mean that this column believes that Congressman Mitchell is a serious candidate although, as a sensible politician, he is not resigning his seat in the House of Representatives in order to run.

The truth is that Representative Mitchell is doing more than being a candidate for his own sake.

As everyone knows by now, his real purpose is to force the Democratic powers-that-be into slating at least one black candidate for one of the three top city electoral offices — that of mayor, or president of City Council, or comptroller.

If there be no black threat to divide the Democratic support, the forces of Mayor Schaefer will ride into re-election victory as lily-white as ever.

In a very important sense, therefore, Mr. Mitchell is playing politics in the way the "game" has been played down the years.

This column has said in past issues that this is a Schaefer year. No one should want the mayor, however, to slide into a new term without serious challenge.

Mr. Mitchell promises such challenge.

How the mayor will meet this struggle for power, which is what politics is all about, is up to the mayor.

There is substantial consensus that Mr. Schaefer has been a good mayor.

He is concerned about all parts and segments of the city, he is a builder, a lover of beauty and music; he has been an aggressive needler in Annapolis and Washington, pressing for more aid and services to Baltimore.

But, as Mr. Mitchell has well said, Baltimore is 53 per cent black and, if it were 53 per cent Italian, it would have an Italian mayor.

Many years ago, the late V. O. Key, noted political scientist (The Hopkins and Harvard) wrote that if there were as many Irish people in New York's Harlem as there were blacks, Harlem would be the most politically powerful Irish city outside of Dublin.

Whether the candidate is Parren Mitchell or some other, it is good to keep in mind the "Nine Ingredients" which, according to Chuck Stone, must be present if black candidates in a city such as Cleveland, Gary or Baltimore are to win election citywide. (See "Black Politics in America," Dell Publishing Co., 1970):

"1) They (the black candidates) must be regarded as serious candidates by the black community.

"2) The black community must believe the black candidates honestly have a chance to win.

"3) The black community must unite as a solid bloc vote.

"4) The black candidate must have a strong organization and sufficient finances or develop imaginative techniques for unearthing them ...

"5) The black candidate must campaign for the white vote as assiduously as he campaigns for the black vote.

"6) The black candidate must be a member of the political party which controls the community or which has the highest number of registered voters ...

"7) There must be no other black candidate of significance or popularity in the race ...

"8) There must be a minimum of one-third registered black voters in the city. city.

"9) The city's principal newspapers and radio and television stations must either endorse the candidacy of the black candidate or remain neutral . . ."

A tenth point should be that, preferably, the white vote should be split among two or more white candidates.

At this writing, the next move is up to Mayor Schaefer and his "organization."

A little about a lot——by madeline w. murphy

Diagnosing the problem

Councilman, Dr. Emerson Julian, called this writer last Friday evening, outraged about statements made in my May 10 article.

To set the record straight, Dr. Julian has five rather than four children, one of whom spent some time in public school.

Despite this fact, he informed this writer that being educated, he can still evaluate the schools; that I hadn't heard what he'd said on the City Council floor; and finally, that I was sick and needed help.

Perhaps, I do and I am, but not necessarily in the way he has informally diagnosed my problem.

I am sick of some unenlightened black politicians; of their pomposity, arrogance and closed minds; of their irrationality, opportunism and elitism that takes on the notion that black people must be judged by some arbitrary superior standard while mediocrity is accepted and is the norm for whites — look at our leaders from local to national levels!

I am sick of being told that education is synonymous with intelligence.

Not only I, but Baltimore city, needs help and in this regard it would be good to set the record straight on the private vs. public school discourse as I see it.

Certainly people have the right to send their children to whatever school they choose. (I chose to send our five children to public school.)

But in many instances, there is a certain abandonment that comes to play when blacks choose private over public schools.

In effect, they choose the easy way out. (Some children, unquestionably, need the special attention, the discipline of private school education.)

But PTA's are crying for intelligent, enlightened leadership. In addition young graduates of private schools, not having been privileged to rub shoulders, interact with their peers; provide a sharing competitive mix; many times take on the intolerance and inability to understand the common problems of blacks — the I-did-it-why-can't-you syndrome — and oftimes assimilate and escape responsibility in the common struggle for liberation.

They take flight from a problem that their leadership might solve.

Moreover, it is a selfish "looking out for number one" that ultimately dries up the reserve of young people who, not having lived day in and day out with the problems of blackness, feel no commitment, no obligation to return as leaders, doers, change agents to the black community, where their intelligence and abilities are desperately needed. They're out of touch. Fifth wheels.

Yet, at the same time, the anguish, the staying power, family clout needed in this struggle for integration falls upon many poor black children and their parents, who are much less able to bear this trauma.

It is this tactic of looking on, uninvolved, from the outside that distresses me about the flight to private schools.

No superintendent, were he even Jesus Christ, without a coterie of dedicated, participating secure parents, will ever be able to return the permanency of quality education to the public schools.

Historically, it has been this vanguard of the intelligentsia that has made the changes. Ours has isolated itself, washed its hands, placed its faith in the hands of yet another arbitrary racist system; the independent schools, who demand higher tuitions each year, yet brook no interference in the substative changes needed, as well, in those institutions.

And so it becomes an escape to another kind of captivity, without the freedom or right to make changes in a system that may not necessarily "educate" well rounded citizens, nor raise the intuitive intelligence, so prevalent among graduates of the public school system.

Against this background, more people should stop throwing stones at Superintendent Roland N. Patterson. Rather, they should commiserate with him, while lending all their talents and efforts to retain him — most of all, send their children so that their contributions will be from the viewpoint of enlightened self-interest.

This is the problem Patterson faces; this is the problem he's experienced much too long; this is the chronic problem we must collectively cure.

69 years ago we said ....

The independent newspaper is not bound hand and foot by party or political interests, and the results are that men who run for the office or political preferment will have to give an account of the "deeds done in the body" before they will be taken upon probation—

"If the Negro is not permitted to do all the things which he has a right to do, let him not fail to do all he can do."

There is a world of truth in these few words. One of the failings of many people lies in the fact that they do not do all the things they can do. This is made evident every day right here in Baltimore, May, 1906.

JOHN H. MURPHY Sr.

Salute of the week

EDITOR'S NOTE: Persons or institutions and organizations featured in this space are suggested by readers. Send your nominations to Salute of the Week, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

The following Salute feature is by Joanne Nadol of the Provident Hospital Public relations Department:

On behalf of the administration and staff of Provident Hospital, we would like to extend a public thank you to the many persons and community services who came to our aid during a recent crisis.

On Friday morning, May 2, an 18 inch water pipe burst, flooding the first two levels of the hospital, bringing several functions to a temporary halt.

An operating crew of doctors, nurses and technicians in the midst of several operations, continued calmly with their work while wading in ankle-deep water or standing on wooden stools.

The Baltimore City Fire Department responded immediately with trucks and crews of men who turned off the water flow and went to work shoveling and mopping the tons of water off the floors.

They were joined by our own housekeeping and maintenance staff.

A Fire Department Rescue Crew stood by while the doctors completed surgery on their patients, then carried them gently on stretchers to the patient floors, up several flights of stairs.

Officials from the C & P Telephone Co. arrived shortly to help man the switchboard, and with professionalism allayed the fears and anxieties of callers in panic, while workmen disassembled telephone circuits for drying.

Telephone service was completely restored in record time.

Elevator workmen, Gas & Electric men, and city water officials arrived on the scene to restore elevator, electrical and water services as swiftly as possible.

Hospital employees lined the stairs, forming a "bucket brigade", passing lunch trays from the third floor cafeteria all the way to the seventh floor.

All patients received their meals on time, and only a few were aware that any problem existed below.

Although it was a difficult day, it proved an admirable and gallant example of people working side by side to overcome adversity.

The Baltimore community has always rallied to the aid of Provident Hospital on previous occasions.

Again, we personally thank all those people who were ready and willing to give help.

"I am a man of peace; God knows how I love peace. But I hope I shall never be such a coward as to mistake oppression for peace."
—Hungarian Freedom Fighter Kossuth

PAGE OPPOSITE

Baltimore Afro-American

Make it official

The writer's name and address must be included in all Letters to the AFRO.

Those with printed or typed names and initials will not be considered.

The AFRO reserves right to edit all letters.

AFRO readers RAP about . . .

Open letter to Mayor Schaefer

Dear AFRO:

Here is our open letter to Mayor Schaefer urging him to support Dr. Patterson, the school superintendent:

Dear Mr. Mayor:

We, the citizens (the silent majority), are aware of your seemingly "luke warm" support of Dr. Patterson at the present time.

"At first you gave strong support to Dr. Patterson, but lately you have not voiced any opinion; you have been inclined to let Mr. Orlinsky and a "rubber-stamped" Board of School Commissioners charge Dr. Patterson unfairly, so much that Larry Gibson, a dedicated defender, as well as a well informed former school board member, has taken counsel for the defense of Dr. Patterson."

"Baltimore's Saturday Evening Sun, in glaring head-lines charges Baltimore City School Commissioners with being 'bogged down' with lengthy evaluation procedures. 'Bogged down' really describes their procedures, not being fair and just.

"Last week when I was in Washington, D.C. attending my class reunion and Howard University commencement, I was impressed with the editorial in the Washington Post (May 10th) comparing the controversial school problems of the two cities, Washington, D.C. and Baltimore.

"The editorial explicitly refers to Dr. Patterson's noticeable achievements in his program.

"Most of the blacks, as well as, whites are aware of the difficult tasks that Dr. Patterson is performing. They express a wish that he may continue in his services in the Baltimore City schools.

"We thank you, Mr. Mayor, for all the many efforts you have given to our causes and problems. Now we are requesting a clear, concise statement to the newspapers, TV and other news media, from you praising the qualities of Dr. Patterson and also his achievements.

"We, the Silent Majority, wish to support the candidate for mayor who supports Dr. Roland Patterson as superintendent of the Baltimore city schools.

WEIDA F. ALSTON

Budget cut rally planned

Dear AFRO:

Over the last few months, the controversy over the attempt to cut the school budget has been going on. Mayor Schaefer, the City Council, the Board, of Estimates and the School Board have all teamed up to cut next year's proposed school budget a total of $44.7 million.

Despite the recent publicity about restoring some of the cuts, in actuality it was a very small amount. It added up to only about 3 per cent restored of the millions of dollars cut, only crumbs!

Our schools will lose hundreds of positions, will have fewer supplies and equipment and a lot less of an education for the young people of Baltimore.

At the April 9 budget hearing of the Board of Estimates, where over 200 angry parents, students and teachers demanded no cutbacks in the budget, the politicians present completely ignored the people present and our demands.

The fact that they have not scheduled another public hearing on the budget (it's been almost 5 weeks) shows that they could care less about what the people have to say.

They are also afraid that 800 angry people will come to the next hearing, ruin their "election year look," and expose them for what they really are.

By law the City Council has to have another hearing on the proposed budget. When this hearing will be, will probably only be announced a few days ahead of time.

Many people in Baltimore are not just sitting around waiting for this hearing. There is a petition being circulated demanding no cutbacks, which already has over 1,000 signatures.

Also there was a picket line at Mayor Schaefer's house, at which over 70 black and white parents, teachers and students are demanding a decent education for the young people of Baltimore. This movement is growing!

The next scheduled event concerning the budget cuts will be a rally and march on May 22. The rally will start at Clifton Park Junior High, (Harford Road and 25th St.) at 6:15-6:30 p.m. and will march to the school board meeting at Cold-stream Elementary (Loch Raven and Exeter Hall Rd.)

There, we will voice our concern about education in Baltimore. We will also present a copy of our petition to the school board.

BILL MORRISON
(Teacher-Rank and File Caucus)

In gratitude

Dear AFRO:

Here is a message to children everywhere, from their mothers. I have entitled it, 'In Gratitude, Post-Mother's Day Reflections':

Thank you, daughter for being a self-respecting reflection of me, Thank you, for accepting my well-intentioned, but selfish mistakes, Thanks for expanding the preception of my ego and for showing me what love really is, Thanks for making me so proud of my creation— my contribution to this world, Thanks to the One who made us both, for this moment of reflection and retrospect.

(MRS.) BERNICE BRANFORD LEWIS

Exemplary service

Dear AFRO:

I would like to call to your attention the outstanding service the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper rendered recently to the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On April 22, 1975, a photograph of a wanted bank robber, Andrew Carnot Easley, was made available to you with a request that it be published in the AFRO-AMERICAN if at all possible.

This office of the FBI had been looking for Easley since February 11, 1975, when he had been charged in a federal warrant with participating in the robbery of the Maryland National Bank, 5664 The Alameda, on December 31, 1974.

Easley's photograph, with an article concerning bank robberies in Maryland, was published in the April 29, 1975, issue of the AFRO.

As a direct result of Easley's photograph being placed in this issue, a citizen contacted the Baltimore Office of the FBI and furnished information which directly led to Easley being apprehended at Tulsa, Okla., on Friday, May 9, 1975, by Special Agents of the FBI.

The above cooperation rendered to this office by the AFRO-AMERICAN is but one example of your exemplary service to the community.

THOMAS H. FARROW
(Special Agent in Charge)

Mitchell-Schaefer

Dear AFRO:

It is disturbing but perhaps inevitable that some political observers are concerned over the possible candidacy of Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D-7th, for the office of mayor.

The consensus is that such a challenge to Mayor William Donald Schaefer will result in a polarization of the race.

If such a campaign develops, it will be incumbent on the electorate to demonstrate its political maturity and evaluate the candidates on their record and position on critical issues and not on the color of the candidate's skin.

Mayor Schaefer's victory over Clarence Mitchell and George Russell in the 1971 Democratic primary is an indication that black voters, for the most part, are exercising deliberation and prudence in their selection of officials and are not blindly casting their votes along racial lines.

However, I seriously question the criteria many white voters used in casting their ballots in the recent state's attorney's race.

The belief that black candidates are ethnically motivated in terms of decision making is completely credulous. Poverty, crime, inflation, corruption, unemployment, etc. transcend racial lines.

The late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said "the black man's dream is tied to the American dream . . ."

It is time we cast aside these myths and stereotypes and exercise the franchise in such a way that innovative and dedicated people, black or white, are elected to office.

Mesdames Schaefer and Mitchell have distinguished themselves in their respective offices and it would be a disservice, indeed, a tragedy if the voters judge them on the mere basis of color.

STEPHEN C. JONES

Where to call

HOT LINE — 539-5151 for abandoned vehicles; dirty yards; garbage collections; street lights, street repairs.

POLICE — Emergency, 222-3333; Community relations, 396-2710.

SERVICE — Ambulance, 396-1111; bad food, 396-4424; animal removal, 396-0218; fire, 685-1313; defective sidewalk, 396-3168; rats, 396-4418; food stamps, 234-2751; oil furnace check, 396-4429.

EMERGENCY housing, heating or light, 234-2412; after 5 p.m. and weekends, 234-2172.

CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION — 383-3700.

BALTIMORE ANSWERS YOU (BAY) — for help in problems with city agencies, 396-1234 (10:30a.m.-12:30 p.m.).

WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION — 223-6700.

INFORMATION — City Jail, 396-5211; transit and traffic, 396-3049; drug abuse counseling, 396-2720; job, 383-5468; legal aid, 539-5340; rumor control, 837-1188; rape center, 366-RAPE; pension reform, 962-3914.

MAYOR'S STATION — Govans, 396-6884; Greater Homewood, 396-6980; Northwest, 396-6024; Steuart Hill, 396-6297.

DISASTERS — 467-8905.

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND — 539-5348.

Register now

Now is the time to get on the books so you can vote for the next mayor and city council persons to represent YOU.

Register to vote now at Supervisors of Elections, People's Court-Building, Fayette and Gay Sts. Office open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration also available at all Enoch Pratt Libraries, all Urban Services Agency offices and all major department stores downtown and in the outlying areas.

Next primary election is Sept. 9, 1975. Deadline for new voters to register is August 11, 1975.

Disturbed

Dear AFRO:

I am highly disturbed by some politicians and community pressure groups attempting to usurp the power and authority of the Board of School Commissioners.

Without trying to argue the "pros and cons" of Dr. Patterson's performance, it must be understood by all that this superintendent and all former superintendents served at the pleasure of the board.

It is the board's responsibility to hire or release a superintendent.

This duty cannot and should not be delegated to any group of politicians or community pressure organizations.

I would urge the politicians to appropriate sufficient funds to operate a viable program of education in Baltimore.

It would be very beneficial for those concerned community groups to visit our schools and donate some time and services toward improving the quality and climate of education for all our children.

None of us can feel very proud about the accomplishments of previous boards during the last six years who were "caught up in the web" of politics and community pressures.

NATAHE L. WHITE
(Editor's note: The writer is principal of Calvert Educational Center)

Thrill

Dear AFRO:

I should like to express my appreciation for your assistance throughout the year. When the children in Miss Catherine Palm's class wrote letters to the media expressing their concerns regarding crime in the streets, it was the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN that picked up the story and transmitted it to the total readership.

Recently, when a group of pupils, under the tutelage of Mrs. Brenda Broke, made posters calling attention to the need for a clean-up campaign in the community, it was, again, the AFRO that printed the story. The pupils and staff are most grateful for your help.

It is thrilling to students to discover that their concerns are deemed worthy of your pages. The excitement of seeing their story in print provides motivation for continued civic interest and greater educational effort.

I should like to call your attention to the fact that the article regarding the Barclay Street Association poster contest which appeared in the May 2 edition, inadvertently omitted the names of Mrs. Brenda Broke, the school art teacher who guided the project and the following pupils who were also winners: Patricia Ricks, Karen Awkward and Jonathan Estes.

HAROLD L. KATZ
(Principal, Guilford Elementary School No. 23)

S AND YOU

Aries (March 21-April 19)—Surprises are featured. One who seemed distant now makes gesture of reconciliation. Insist on facts — let credit go.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)—The obvious gets tangled in maze of red tape. Could tangle and trip the truth. Call on the one with experience, teaching ability and willingness to spend some time with you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)—You have fun while others think you are suffering. You get around, are versatile, your ideas flow and your ego is fanned by opposite sex.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)—Pressures exist. Recognize them and work around them. Get down to specifics. Check details. Don't try to twist facts. Accept truth.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)—Be prepared for change, travel, variety. Find out who is moving, who is remaining and why. Be a reporter-detective. Accent is on disrupted communications.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Demeanor is more important than usual. Key is diplomacy, willingness to make concessions. Emphasis is on financial aspects of current activity.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22)—Be more selective than has been true in recent past. Check, double check-get money's worth. Someone wants something from you and does not intend to pay fair price.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)—Persons who seemed to have light touch may be the opposite. You have added responsibility. Your reward is greater, but there is less free time.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—You gain recognition from surprise quarter. You find one who commands and that person seeks your counsel. Be aware of your own worth. Love, romance, creativity emerge from storm clouds. You survive.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Get to heart of matters, especially where property and security are concerned. Your sense of timing is enhanced. You can be first with the most.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Caution sign flashes and you should observe it. Some around you encourage flimsy structure, quick methods, time-saving schemes. Such will not ultimately serve your best interests.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)—Get something more than promise for your efforts, money. Individual who talks a big game is willing to take risks at your expense. Know it and protect yourself in clinches.

Dear Jan,

I am 13 and I have this problem with my parents. Every time I do something, it's wrong and I get hollered at.

Every time I don't do something I still get hollered at. Please tell me how I can satisfy my parents? Confused

Dear Confused:

At 13, you are reaching for young adulthood. You are going through body changes that make you hard to live with.

Your parents are going through changes because they don't want you to go too far, too fast. Go to the public library or to your school counselor and get some books on parents and teens. Each week, the Enoch Pratt Library here in Baltimore has lectures on teens and their problems at different ages. Then, ask your parents to sit with you and discuss ground rules and guidelines. Good luck on having a peaceful home life. Keep your eyes open, sometimes your parents are not really screaming at you, they're probably frustrated about their jobs and other problems.

Dear Jan:

I am a mother in my early twenties and I have four daughters. I don't drink or smoke. I socialize once in a while.

For years I've been looking for someone to marry and love my children. There's a man in my life I love, but he lies a lot and he won't work. He wants to marry me but I'm afraid to take the chance because whenever I ask him how will we be supported, all he says, is that we will make it. I am trying to forget him but how can a person hurt someone he loves?—HURT

Dear Hurt:

You didn't say where you got the four daughters or what happened to the father ... fathers? If he's lying and won't work now you can bet he won't after you're married.

Drop him and concentrate on your daughters. It is better to be lonely than expose them to this character. He's using you, honey, for a meal ticket.

Mr. Bumble prayer

Our Father, God watch over our children please, as they travel to and from school, and while they are at play. Protect them from those who would do them harm. In the name of your Precious Son, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

(This week's prayer submitted by the parents of S. Kenwood Ave.)

Share your favorite prayer with the AFRO's Mr. Bumble, care of Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

If YOU ask ME——by bettye moss

About people, places and things: Girlfriends Inc., in national convention last weekend at the downtown Hilton, had a glorious time, we're told. Many an out-of-towner was within our gates.

Pleasant surprise was "the fast one" which Girlfriend Gaynelle Spaulding and Lee Woods pulled.

"We went out on a coffee break and came back married, 'that's the size of it,' she confided to this column.

Actually, there had been some advance planning—the event was Saturday, at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

Mrs. Spaulding is the widow of Dr. George Spaulding, the longtime Morgan State College chemistry department head. Mr. Woods, a widower, recently retired after 44 years as Baltimore city teacher and supervisor.

Witnessing the event were his daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Norman Hurts of Wheaton, Md., and her daughter and son-in-law, Gayle and Lee Bostic of St. Albans, L. I.

The newlyweds plan a honeymoon in Hawaii later this summer.

More romance: It was the fourth time around for Dr. N. Louise Young, the charming physician. She and William Spencer, the widower who has been one of the most sought-after men in town, tied the knot at St. James Episcopal Church.

He is the retired school principal. She is the obstetrician who has brought a number of her neighbors into the world.

The newlyweds are on a European honeymoon, will be back in the States on May 26.

The Miles Harrisons (Bernardine), should get your special prayers. He is the Lemmel Junior High principal who was stricken Sunday—apparent heart attack.

He is in intensive care at Provident Hospital. His illness comes at a time of great emotional stresses—their only son, Gay, gets his medical degree at Howard University today.

And, the family was making plans for the son's wedding to Wanda Valls in D.C., next weekend.

When once-in-a-lifetime events are approaching and you can not go because of illness, you're inclined to worry more.

That's why friends are helping the Harrisons to get themselves together and to resign themselves to doing the most important thing—obey the doctor and get well. He can see the graduation and wedding on film, later!

Cuff Note: The Alvin B. Watson, who was appointed deputy health commissioner for Baltimore city (see exclusive AFRO story in our Tuesday edition), is Mr. Harrison's brother-in-law. His wife is the former Anita Harris.

The Harris ladies are daughters of Mrs. Bernard Harris Sr., and the late Dr. Harris.

Mr. Watson leaves a top administration post at Coppin to take the $32,000-year city health job.

He is a whiz of an administrator and a topnotch guy, says Dr. Calvin Burnett, Coppin president.

William Mumby, the Coppin vice president, goes to Charles Center as assistant to President Martin Millspaugh.

He will be the highest ranking black administrator in the nonprofit firm which has contracts with the city to provide executive management services in connection with the downtown redevelopment projects.

Mr. Millspaugh tells this column there are other black middle management personnel.

Among them, Robert Wheatley, an administrative officer; Samuel Lloyd, assistant general manager; and Stanford Britt, an architect and director of planning.

Cuff note: Mr. Britt leaves his post next month, but will be replaced by another black architect, Edward Lynch.

Plenty of sunshine, please, to Miss Olive Caulk, whom many know as a good, good neighbor. She had emergency surgery at Sinai Hospital.

Many know her as the coordinator for elderly services with the city housing department.

Another good neighbor, Calvin Gilliam of N. Kenwood, is in intensive care at Hopkins Hospital.

Cheers to Mrs. Clarice Brooks, manager of St. James Terrace Homes.

She was discharged from N. Charles General Hospital on Thursday and flies on Sunday to Milwaukee where she will undergo open heart surgery.

Grad note: Miss Marsha Brown, of N. Appleton St., daughter of the late Elwood Brown, city policeman, and Mrs. Bernice Brown, Baltimore City school teacher, graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School last week. She will intern at Mercy Hospital.

People being kind to others: M Clarence Blount, (Gordine), was lovely hostess a Sunday ago when gave a birthday party for her st senator husband.

(At the recent testimonial for Councilman Clarence (Du) Burns, sla Sunday ago, members of his fat received a resounding ovation. Th occupied two long tables.

Pleasant persons met here, M Josephine Murdock, a 1972 Dougl grad who is one of the secretaries in Burns office. We met because I stop to admire her chic black and wh outfit.

And, on that same Sunday ago citizen's group which arranged birthday salute for Norman V. Reeves, proved what dedicated peo can do.

They turned Mondawmin Mall into thing of beauty—had the place fil with people and provided outstand entertainment and eatables.

Many of the dishes were prepared ladies and gentlemen on the commit who also served them. It couldn't h happened to a nicer guy. Maybe kind of support will encourage Reeves to run for City Council in the District.

Good News:—Marine Private Fi Class Stephen M. Pinkett, 17, of Leigh Ave., was graduated recently fr recruit training at Parris Island, S He was top honor graduate in the cl of 276.

Pfc. Pinkett was also awarded a watch in recognition of achievements. He will be trained aviation administration and support Meridian, Miss.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rol (Shirley) G. Pinkett, Sr.

More people being kind: Mrs. How L. Cornish (Althea), does the nic things for people.

At the closing dinner meeting of Philomathian Club, (she is chaplai she presented each member and guest speaker with jewelry designed. No one piece was alike.

Oddity—many of the earrings or be matched the outfits the ladies w wearing! !

Cuff Note: This writer has in possession a handsome pair of sparkl earrings—with four petals—wh someone left on a table at Philomathian affair, mentioned abo Owner can pick them up from Steele in this office

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QUESTION: Please give me th names of the Triple Crown horse racing winners — N. T.

ANSWER: Sir Barton, 1919; Gallan Fox, 1930; Omaha, 1935; War Admira 1937; Whirlaway, 1941; Count Fleet 1943; Assault, 1946; Citation, 1948 an Secretariat, 1973.

QUESTION: I notice that in yo WHERE TO CALL section you list number 467-8905. Whom do you call ar what kind of disasters do they handle? N. P.

ANSWER: This is the Red Cro Office and they handle disasters such fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricane Mrs. Sloan handles individual fi disasters.

In the case where a person has bee beaten and-or robbed and has to see medical attention, they should call 53 3340, Criminal Injuries Compensati Fund.

QUESTION: I noticed you had complaint from a reader about delicatessen in Lexington Market whe the man was smoking while fixin sandwiches.

The same thing happened to me at B Air Market. Where can people call report violations of health regulatio and dangers to our health like this?

ANSWER: Call the Food Contr Division of the Health Department 3 4424.

Salute pleased

Dear AFRO:

I was extremely pleased to be t subject of Salute of the Week on April The article was written in a mann which reflected my happiness in servi the children, youth and adults of c city, and I sincerely appreciated th

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