THE AGONY OF EVICTION, when all your worldly goods are set out in the street and you have no home are all reflected in these AFRO staff photos by Benjamin M. Phillips IV at the 2511 Eutaw Place scene Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Colesin Stewart (center) cries out to a policeman for help. Her daughter (right) 12-year-old Desiree was taken from her sick bed. She had just come home from the hospital.

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Girl said to be handcuffed as police evict her mother

A West Baltimore mother and her 12-year-old daughter were evicted from their third floor apartment last Tuesday after what she describes as a "long harrassement" by her landlord.

Mrs. Colesin Stewart who rented the apartment in the 2500 block Eutaw Pl. charged the landlord, Charles E. Sheets, accompanied by police invaded her apartment where her sick daughter was sleeping, drove her daughter out half-naked, and packed everything out of the apartment for nonpayment of her rent.

Her daughter, according to Mrs. Stewart, suffered bruises after she had been manhandled and handcuffed by the police. As a result of the ruckus, Mrs. Stewart claims her daughter had a blackout and had to go to see a doctor. "When I came to I was in the doctor's clinic," Miss Desiree Dodson told the AFRO.

Mrs. Stewart who said she would file charges against the landlord, claims several pieces of furniture were broken during the eviction which occured while she was away at work.

The alleged harrassment began when, Mrs. Stewart told the AFRO, she began to organize the neighbors to get the landlord to fix their apartments. This culminated in a series of threats of eviction and charges of nonpayment of rent. She stated she was taken to court several times by the landlord.

"I paid him every cent of rent I owed him but he said I didn't pay my rent for December." Mrs. Stewart said Del. Troy Brailey had been in court twice with her.

Del. Brailey said the last time he was with her in court was in April when Mrs. Stewart was charged with failing to pay her February rent. She claimed she did but, Mr. Bailey said after examination of papers the judge ruled Mrs. Stewart owed the February rent.

When Mrs. Stewart could not meet payment for February and April Mr. Brailey said he arranged to pay the landlord the next day but the landlord later changed his mind stating he did not want the money but would want Mrs. Stewart to quit the apartment. However, two weeks later, Mr. Brailey alleged Mrs. Stewart called and stated the landlord came with police to collect the rent.

Stating all efforts to meet with the constable who came to collect the rent to discuss the matter failed, Mr. Brailey said: "I have the reasons to believe that some constables are taking sides with the landlord."

He said he was shocked to see a constable in court a couple of weeks ago as witness for a lndlord in a case the constable knew absolutely nothing about. He charged the policemen don't even work in that district.

Stating that he was on the scene of the eviction of Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Brailey said two other constables who arrived onthe scene were "very unfriendly and acted nasty," while the other two originally on the scene were "perfect gentlemen."

The landlord could not be reached for comment.

Trooper's rites set for Friday

Funeral services will be held Saturday, 11 a.m. for State Trooper Mart Hudson, 25, at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1111 Old Annapolis Rd., Severna Park, Md.

The family will receive friends today (Friday) 7 to 9 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Asbury United Methodist Church Cemetery.

According to Maryland State Police, Trooper Hudson of Severna Park, was assisting a disabled vehicle owned by Lee Simmons around 11 p.m. June 15, on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge on the Capital Beltway.

Trooper Hudson had set up road flares and was standing behind the car with Mr. Simmons when a car driven by a 17-year-old youth ran through the flares hitting both men.

Trooper Hudson went through the windshield of the disabled car, receiving a fractured arm and legs, head, chest and abdominal injuries.

Mr. Simmons of Augusta, Ga. sustained leg and head injuries and was taken to Cafritz Hospital in Washington.

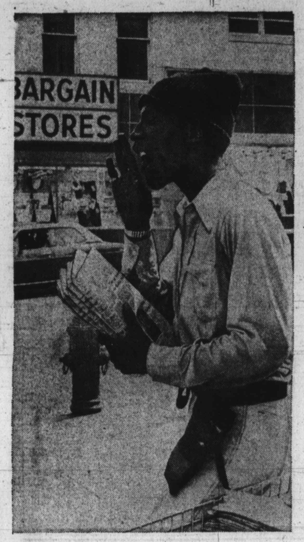
Maryland State Police state the teenager was charged with reckless driving. He was released on a $10,000 bond with trial scheduled for Aug. 28, 1975 in Alexandria, Va.

Relatives told the AFRO Trooper Hudson "loved his job and was pround of wearing his uniform." He was stationed in Forrestville, Md. and had been assigned to road duty only three months.

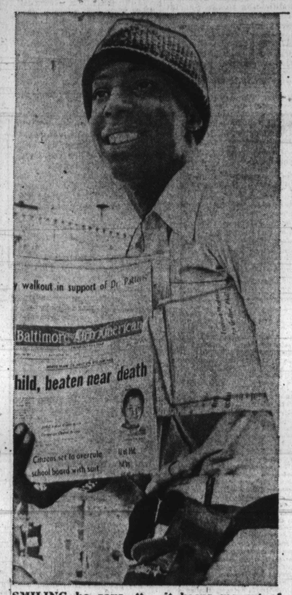
Trooper Hudson graduated from the Maryland State Police Academy in March 1974.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Jessie Nealy; father Mart Hudson Sr.; stepfather, Harold Nealy; four brothers, Harold Jr.; Clifton D., David and Roy.

TROOPER HUDSON



BOOMING BUSINESS — Kevin Davenport sells some 1,200 AFRO's in one week. Customers like his style.



SMILING he says, "...it keeps me out of trouble."

Ace AFRO seller attracts thousands

Every Tuesday and Friday between 1 and 6:30 p.m. downtown shoppers hear the familiar voice of a slender young fellow on the corner of Lexington and Eutaw yelling, "AsaasanFRO."

Kevin Davenport, 16, has been selling AFRO's for about three years and has become something of a landmark to Baltimoreans.

"I haven't missed a day yet," he said proudly.

"I've made a lot of friends ... there are some people who only buy AFRO's from me," he said.

"I make good money and I sell a good deal of papers," he continued, "on Fridays I sell about 800, on Tuesdays I sell close to 500, a good 1,000 or 1,200 papers all together.

"I like to make money, I like to work. All my friends are probably saying, "that dummy is still selling papers, but they don't know what I'm doing for myself."

His sister, Rhonda Davenport, 11, has been helping him for the past three years.

"I save money so when I get older I can depend on myself and I don't have to worry my mother," said Kevin, ..."knowing I need the money, I bank most of it."

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice and William S. Davenport are his parents.

After high school, he plans to enter the Marines.

Kevin entertains no thoughts of quitting because he likes what he does and as he says, it keeps him out of trouble.

This reporter heard one AFRO customer tell him, "Tell the world you're sellin' 'em." And he DOES.

THOMAS IRELAND was recently appointed assistant executive housekeeper at Franklin Square Hospital. He is a member of the Environment Management Association and the Hospital Housekeeping Services.

Summer fun slated for Baltimore youth

The Bureau of Recreation has planned extensive summer recreational activities for Baltimore city youth. The many centers throughout the city will have sporting and cultural events for those who wish to participate.

A calendar of events has been provided for AFRO readers. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Bureau at 396-5675 or the respective centers.

June 16-20, Intensive Summer Training Class — Mt. Royal Rek.

June 23, Beginning of Bureau of Recreation Summer Program.

June 23, Swim and Splash Program begins.

June 24-July 22, "Sparky" Fire Prevention Classes — Brooklyn Rek.

June 25, 2d Annual Pinochle Tournament — Sr. Citizens Clubs in Ctrs.

June 30-Aug. 30, Camp Concern.

June-Aug., Kool Kat Drug Abuse Program.

June-Aug, Fire Dept. Visits to 20 Recreational Centers.

July 1-3, Special 4th of July Programs at all Centers.

July, District Pentathlons.

July 7-26, Local Trashball Contests.

July 9, Annual BNBL Exhibition — Hopkins Plaza.

July 10, City-Wide Hula Hoops — Cahill Rek.

July 11, City-Wide Frisbee — Armstead Rek.

July 17, Jesse Owens Track Meet — Edmondson or Walbrook Sr. High.

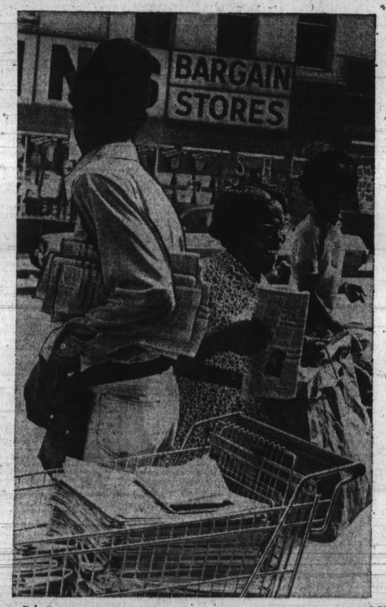
July-October, Dog Shows at Rek Centers — NRPA recommended.

July 21, Recreation Day at Hopkins Plaza.

July 28-Aug. 9, District Trashball Contests.

July 28, City-Wide BNBL Tournament — Lake Clifton High School.

July 29-Aug. 26, "Sparky" Fire Prevention Classes, Hilton and Irvington Reks.



SALESMAN Davenport was turning left and right as the customers kept coming. (All Photos by Cynthia K. Davenport

Pre-school health screening

Dr. Susan R. Guarnieri, director of Children and Youth Services, announces the City Health Department's health screening activities are nearing readiness for a summer session in 67 schools under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title I.

The summer program, seeks to give disadvantaged children from four years of age through the fourth grade of school special help through both early childhood education and health screening and counseling.

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CONTRACT MARRIAGE FOR FUTURE

Marriage is here to stay

By Marie P. Cooke
AFRO Women's Editor

The institution of marriage is here to stay — honestly!

Although the reasons for visiting the parson have changed during the past decade (and are still changing), the end result is still the same — Mr. and Mrs.

That is what Dr. Jessie Bernard, a psychologist, said on a morning talk show last week. In today's changing society, "people marry because of the relationship marriage can offer," he replied in answer to the question, why are people exchanging marriage vows today?

"People recognize their various physical and emotional needs," he added, and marriage, in most cases, can meet those needs. That is provided both parties are "open and honest" with each other.

But, Dr. Bernard, who was promoting his new book on marriage, did admit that polygamous relationships, those involving additional persons, are becoming more popular with women. "Women are now breaking away from monogynous relationships," he added. The more liberal married women talk freely about their lovers.

... for better and for worst

... in sickness and in health

... until death us due part

Three cheers perhaps for the Women's Liberation Movement!

Looking into the future, couples will agree to marriage only after they have set certain ground rules. "They will commit themselves" to their own liking. No longer will couples vow "... until death due us part," says Dr. Bernard.

Contract marriages look promising and offer a great deal of flexibility.

Dr. Bernard says that a couple will agree to short-term contracts of three to five years. Near the expiration date, the persons involved will reexamine it and decide whether or not it should be renewed. In many cases the couple will not agree to another three to five years of living together as man and wife.

Should contractural marriages ever come about, legally, one might experience many marriages in his lifetime — maybe even 10!

Send for form

Attention brides-to-be: You can have your wedding story printed in this section at no charge. Send for special AFRO wedding form: P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203 or call 728-8200, ext. 31.

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(From "American Bride,"
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(Please note attendant's relationship, if any)

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Residence _____

MARRIED ON LAST DAY OF MAY

Miss Shaw, Mr. Croxton repeat vows

Wedding photo credits

BRIDE: Karen Cornick, Columbia, Md. (Pinnie Ross Models)

BRIDEGROOM: David Young, Baltimore (Travis Winkey Modeling Studio)

GOWN: White Qiana with beaded Alencon lace yoke, A-line with empire waistline; neckline, high, beaded Alencon; sleeves, long with flounced cuffs; train, chapel length with flounced ruffles. By Bridal Couture. Price: $230 from Bridal Salon at Hutzler's.

HEADPIECE: Large organza picture hat with Venise lace and tulle trim. Price: $70 from Bridal Salon at Hutzler's.

FLOWERS: Bouquet of white carnations, daisies and baby's breath by Bob Jones Florists (Allied Florists affiliate)

TUXEDO: Valet Formal Rental, Mondawmin Mall

PHOTOS: By Benjamin M. Phillips IV.

EDITOR: Marie P. Cooke

In a floral setting, Miss LaNae Alita Shaw repeated marriage vows with Robert Randy Croxton on May 31.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph John Shaw of Belle Ave. The bridegroom is the son of Robert B. Croxton and the late Mrs. Ruth J. Croxton.

The wedding was held at St. James Episcopal Church with the Rev. Donald O. Wilson officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a wedding gown of white voile and lace. She carried a nosegay of roses, stephanotis, gardenias and baby's breath.

The bride's sister, Miss Melanie M. Shaw, was the maid of honor. The bridegroom's father served as best man.

Bridesmaids were: Mrs. Deborah Dudley of New Carrollton, Md.; Ms. Peggy Boozer and Mrs. Clarice Scriber, Baltimore and Mrs. Charlene Love of Columbia.

Little Tria L. Wallace of Baltimore was the flower girl.

Ushers were Michael Coleman, Keith Gilmore, Kenneth James and Ricardo Kimbers, all of Baltimore.

Soloist, Ms. LaVerne Stewart, sang "Ave Maria" and "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Maurice Murphy on the organ.

A reception followed at the Baltimore Hilton Inn where the couple received their guests poolside. Mrs. Clarence Coleman served as the hostess. Guests were served dinner followed by a champagne toast to the couple. Guests were present from New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Richmond, Va. and Washington, D.C.

The new Mrs. Croxton is a graduate of Eastern High School, the University of Maryland, Morgan State College. She taught in the Baltimore County schools.

Mr. Croxton is a product of Baltimore City College, Morgan State College and is presently attending Georgia University and working as a loans supervisor with Commercial Credit Corp. in Atlanta.

The couple is now at home in Atlanta following a honeymoon to the Playboy Club in Jamaica.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT R. CROXTON
(former Miss LaNae Alita Shaw)

Brides have set dates ...

Miss Andrea B. Street, daughter of Mrs. Doris L. Street and Elzie Street Jr., will exchange marriage vows with Donald R. Holmes tomorrow, Saturday, at 1 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 1219 Druid Hill Ave.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

Miss Marlene Jean Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maichi Williams, will be wed to Cornell Archer Carter tomorrow, Saturday, at 3 p.m. at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mrs. Beatrice Boyer and James Carter.

A reception will be held in the church hall.

Miss Patsy Ann Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hall Sr. of Round Rd., plans to be wed to Christopher Clifton Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton C. Myers on July 26.

The wedding will be held at the Word of Faith Cathedral followed with a reception.

Inside special bridal edition...

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(Note: The regular Reflections section appears inside today with features and pictures ... it's all on the inside)