I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. — 1929-1968.

OPINION

Baltimore Afro-American

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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 (1889-1967)
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5 judges not enough

Lest we be accused here of emphasizing the negative, let us be the first to say we join our community in applauding Governor Mandel's appointment of Milton B. Allen to sit on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city.

There he joins four other black judges and sixteen whites who preside in City, Circuit, Superior and Criminal courts in the downtown Baltimore courthouse.

As we have said previously in this space, Mr. Allen's experience as a civil rights and criminal lawyer and state's attorney, and his reputation for objectivity and fairness equip him to serve in any court of record.

What this piece is all about, however, is the fact that with the appointment of Judge Allen, there are still only five black judges out of the total of 22 authorized.

As our reader on page opposite correctly observes this is a sad state of affairs in a city where black people comprise over 63 per cent of the population and, comprise the majority who do business with the courts.

We think that every time Governor Mandel gets the opportunity to rectify this inequity he should do so. There is still another vacancy on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore.

Mr. Mandel can name a sixth black judge now.

Sometimes, in our enthusiasm over one step forward, many of us fail to see the total picture. Those who attended Judge Allen's installation should have a clearer idea of the discrimination charges lodged last summer by Judge Joseph C. Howard. He said the court house is 'a bastion of discrimination based on race and sex.'

If the Allen audience observed closely, they had to notice that Superior Court clerk Robert E. Brown, who administered the oath, was white.

There were no black clerks in the courtroom. There were 16 jurists present to witness the ceremonies, only four blacks, Judges Howard, Harry A. Cole, John R. Hargrove, and Robert B. Watts whom Judge Allen joins. Absent were four white members of the bench.

Gov. Mandel was represented by his black administrative aide, Col. William A. (Box) Harris.

The other participants at the Allen ceremony were white except for his former law partners who helped robe him.

Baltimore Bar Association Jeffrey B. Smith gave an excellent salute to Judge Allen but this was blemished by his "end man in the minstrel" remark when he alluded to placement of Judge Allen on the Criminal Court Bench was like throwing Brer Rabbit into the briar patch.

This week, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell has asked Judge Howard for a progress report on job integration at the courthouse.

Congressman Mitchell's request comes at a time when he is reviewing an earlier plea by Judge Howard for federal aid in determining the patterns of employment.

New Chief Judge Anselm Sodaro is on record as endorsing equality in courthouse employment.

When Judge Howard supplies his progress report to Congressman Mitchell, we hope meaningful steps have been taken.

But those of us who walked up and down the halls in the courthouse before and after Friday morning's swearing in of Judge Allen and who witnessed the ceremonies and the introduction of special guests, could not help but come away with the feeling that the 5 black judges on the Supreme Bench are just a drop in the bucket. And the courthouse has a long way to go if it is to become a true equal opportunity employer.

Wise words to remember

(From the writings of famed Abolitionist, Frederick Douglass, born in Easton, Md., on Feb. 14, 1817; died Feb. 20, 1895).

If there is no struggle there is no progress.

These who propose to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground.

They want rain without thunder and lightning.

They want the ocean's majestic waves without the awful roar of its waters.

What we need for happy Valentine Day

young beat ___ by larry young

Loch Raven purchase a wasteful move

(The writer of this column, Larry Young is a member of the House of Delegates from Baltimore city's 38th District which encompasses the inner city. At 25, he is the youngest member of the Md. Legislature now in session in Annapolis.)

Some critics say that money is being spent properly on recreational opportunities. I disagree. Case in point:

Public acquisition is not always necessary to prevent the conversion of land from a "lower" to a "higher" degree of development, as state and local governments may apply land use controls without costly public expenditures.

A number of states, particularly California, Oregon, Vermont, and Hawaii, have chosen this course to protect valuable open spaces.

But this use of state police power has proven to be politically unpalatable in many parts of the country, as recent debates over federal laws designed to encourage such practices show.

In order to mollify substantial opposition, some jurisdictions are exploring other tools for open space protection, such as the purchase of development rights and the establishment of tax incentives or disincentives.

In the absence of sound land use controls, public funds are used to purchase land of little public use simply to keep it from being sub-divided, and thus to protect it as open space.

The availability of federal money through the Fund for such purchases, encouraged by its genesis as a land banking fund, reduces the incentive of state and local governments to take on the politically sensitive issues of open space protection without acquisition.

A good example of how the Fund encourages wasteful land purchase is the recent acquisition of 507 acres of land by the state of Maryland at Loch Raven Reservoir, north of Baltimore City, for future use as a passive natural resource and passive recreation area.

This property is on the northern side of a large and beautiful reservoir just outside of the Beltway around Baltimore.

Much of the land around the reservoir is already in public hands, and receives heavy recreational use.

Most of the 507 acres had been farmed until the parcel was purchased by a developer, who planned to construct a large new subdivision.

The acreage is not of prime recreational value, particularly in comparison with most of the other land around the reservoir. It is only about 30 per cent wooded, and a large power line cuts through the middle of its open area.

It is close to a road, and on the opposite side of the reservoir from the populous Baltimore area to the south.

A close reading of the documents submitted to Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (Department of Interior), with the application for a $750,000 fund grant for this purchase reveals that the primary concern of state officials in making this purchase was to protect the reservoir from the threatened subdivision.

Officials feared that run-off during construction would add to an already serious siltation problem in the reservoir. They were also concerned about how the sewage would be treated.

The developer wanted an interceptor extended to the land, which might well have led to even more development on the reservoir's watershed.

As an alternative to such a line, he proposed to put in septic tanks.

Land use controls to protect a water supply are a legitimate use of the police power to protect public health and safety.

The availability of federal matching funds for this acquisition, however, encouraged officials to choose the politically easier method of purchase.

Continued agricultural use of the land with proper precautions would have protected the reservoir and kept the property on the county tax role.

An easement could have been sought if public access for hinking was desired. The $750,000 grant would then have been available for high-need projects, such as playgrounds in the over-crowded residential districts of Baltimore's inner city.

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.

DECEMBER 24, 1920.

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

Smile

If it is true that the meek shall inherit the earth, then a good part of the globe will one day belong to Liberia.

Now and then ___ by g. james fleming

Is Black Caucus significant?

Some voices have been questioning recently whether the Black Legislative Caucus has any significance, any importance; whether it has any influence (power) in the State Legislature, assembled or unassembled.

This column would like to give a resounding "Yes."

In the first place, just "presence" is important. Long ago, in the 1930's, Oscar DePriest, the first black congressman elected from the North (Republican, Chicago), told this writer:

"On these committees, where the hard decisions are made, I am the only Negro, but I find that my being present makes an impact as to what others will say and what they will do against my people." Then he added:

"White folks seem to have one kind of morality when they are acting together alone and another kind when some (even one) of us are present."

It was while DePriest was the only black member of Congress that he was able to force into many a depression work relief law provision that said law would be administered without regard to race, color, etc.

"Presence" counts and even one man or woman often can make an important difference, for better or worse.

Many people, in varied interpersonal and group relationships, are not so much hateful and prejudiced as they are ignorant of, or inexperienced in, the matter at hand.

Or, they might have been sold a bill of goods that some certain stand will be "good politics."

These kinds of people have to unlearn. They need new contacts, new experiences. They must be helped, or be forced, to see what is "good politics" in a new light.

The 19 black members of the Maryland General Assembly, (five in the Senate), can be instrumental to all these ends. They can help to wipe out or dilute ignorance. They can promote a new bill of goods, they can show that race-baiting or anti-black postures are no longer good politics.

It was this kind of influence, by a relatively few blacks, that transformed Texan Lyndon Baines Johnson, from a supporter of all anti-civil rights legislation, up to 1957, into a stalwart advocate for civil rights ("We shall overcome," he once shouted to a nationwide TV audience).

It was this kind of exposure to a few that made plutocrat Franklin D. Roosevelt into a champion of the poor, and converted Harry Truman into an unexpected instrument of change.

The stories are endless of how this same process, with the aid of law, is creating a new South.

But, it is not change of heart alone, or law, that gets the credit for change in the political arena.

Responsible, importantly, is the fact that men and women have been helped to formulate a new definition of what is "good politics."

In the rough and tumble of legislative politics, 14 Maryland delegates (presently the number of blacks in the lower house), seeing eye to eye on major issues, can have substantial influence. They can make the difference as to which side comes out victorious in any contest.

The Black Legislative Caucus showed its capacity for getting things done last year, when its agenda and strategy — backed by a united community — made possible the passage of the bill giving Morgan State university status.

It was the contacts and friends that Senator Verda Welcome had made down the years that delivered 31 fellow-Senators as co-sponsors of her university-legalizing bill.

It was the skill and capacity to "wheel and deal," to trade, to exact and give promises, and to collect on past favors that made possible a majority vote for university status in the House — a majority of one.

The Black Legislative Caucus can not generate all the political clout needed by the black community, however.

Behind elected officials must be an aware, concerned, ready-to-act electorate — voters who play their part vigorously, from registering and actually voting in large numbers, to writing letters to the editor, to suing conference and persuasion or pressure, and most important, to supporting political effort with bodies and money.

Yes, the Black Caucus, whether on local, state or national levels, is important and significant.

Its potentials are great as it achieves and represents like-mindness and unity, smartness and efficiency, and the backing of the thousands who vote, or begin to vote, in increasingly large numbers and with increasing sophistication.

A little about a lot ___ by madeline murphy

Brains not brawn

The great Horatio Alger story about rugged individualism and bootstrap mobility is epitomized around this time of year because of the inspiring story of Abraham Lincoln.

In addition, because "BUYcentennial SELLebrations" will be in great abundance — most of them tacky and tasteless — history is the 'in' subject this year more than ever.

And although some of us may feel like Edward Gibbon that "history is . . . little more than the register of crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind." history at the time of Lincoln tells us something much more inspiring about our ancestors.

Countless slaves were forging their way through underground railroads, oftimes run by freed black men and women. No doubt a goodly number were ushered, cajoled and bullied North to Canada by Harriet Tubman, while Sojourner Truth trumpeted our cause, seeking money from the North.

We must never forget that our forefathers made untold sacrifices, contributions in every imaginable trade and profession, in order to make our lives more liveable.

They left us a legacy that we, in many ways, have defiled.

For the message is still loud and clear, that it they could do it, under such grave and dangerous circumstances; if they could survive and prevail under the overpowering handicap of deprivation, we can do it too!

With all the hulabaloo about quality education, young people in high schools today must become equally independent self-starters; be curious; be aggressive in finding a niche.

For however inspiring Abraham Lincoln's story is, ours is the more remarkable.

And though Lincoln, as a rail splitter could have earned a decent livelihood in the mid 19th Century, today, with very few exceptions, rail splitters are obsolete.

Just a cursory glance at the classified section of the daily paper indicates the need for skills, for paper qualifications — high school diplomas, graduate degrees; diversity of training; programmers; sales representative; managers, draftsmen with engineering capabilities; scientific background for the health professions; legal training to challenge unfair laws and discrimination.

Nowhere are black doctors, dentists, pharmacists, RN's, LPN's filling the overwhelming need. Nowhere are there enough black lawyers, and judges.

Moreover, in all the promises of short-term employment on an 8-mile subway, (re-read Del. Walter Dean's definitive article in Friday, Feb. 6 AFRO), full employment in the long run can be possible only with government subsidies and jobs bills that will give semi-skilled and unskilled workers an opportunity to make a decent livelihood for the rest of their lives.

In addition, as in other industrial nations, there should be family income supplements across the board for everyone as a matter of course, the precept on which this country was founded — guaranteeing life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Even so, it is mere sophistry to contend that even brains alone will get black people a fair shake in this country, racism being what it is.

But to strive for the good life is still the ambition for most who have bought the American dream, and the possibility of getting in on the goodies of that dream become more realistic when:

We prepare for it adequately.

We challenge school guidance counselors to open new doors to opportunity and encourage young people to get a broad view of varied job opportunities.

College and university minority recruitment officers, deans and others vigorously shake the scholarship money trees.

Students prepare early for Scholastic Aptitude Tests and cut out the courses that merely mean a higher grade point average, but offer no building blocks for a career in wide open fields.

Proficiency in the English language becomes the passport that transports them into a better world.

Our forefathers fought so that we would progress by excellence.

Let us be foresighted enough in the coming century to value brain power, because, really, nobody's buying muscle anymore.

Abe Lincoln said, "Every man (has) his peculiar ambition . . . I have no other so great as that of being truly esteemed by my fellow men . . . rendering myself worthy of their esteem."

Probe the spy probers

The Maryland Senate special investigating committee looks so absurd and pathetic when asked to back up its unproved charges of police spying illegalities and abuses that it invites public censure for reflecting on the honesty, fairness and professionalism of the General Assembly's upper house.

Here we have the chilling civil liberties horror of a group of senators, backed by a hired staff, spending months and thousands of dollars in a probe to determine the extent of abuses commited by Baltimore's Inspectional Services Division, formally parading before the public a report tying police and others to vicious charges and claims of wrongdoing but providing no evidence.

The judicial system was extremely concerned about the Senate committee's charges that judges, especially District Court judges in Baltimore city, were lax in handling warrants for policemen.

So it asked for some facts.

Police Commissioner Donald Pomerleau also has asked for some facts.

So has the telephone company, which was accused of participating in illegal buggings.

When Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy of the Maryland Court of Appeals sat down with some of the key Senate committee mud slingers, Senator Edward T. Conroy, D-Prince George's, committee chairman; Senator Arthur H. Helton Jr., D-Harford; Senator John A. Cade, R-Anne Arundel, and committee lawyer Daine Schulte, he got NO EVIDENCE at all.

Just as they had nothing in their 157-page bloated report to support any of their charges, they offered the chief judge no proof. According to the mud-slingers, they must keep secret the names of their witnesses.

Apparently, they also must keep secret the evidence they claim to have received from the witnesses.

Baltimoreans, who got extremely upset over the unproved charges of illegal spying by the ISD under Pomerleau, apparently are blind to the alarming horror and threat to every Maryland citizen if elected officials of this state will stoop to the level of issuing such damaging charges against other officials of public trust without supporting evidence.

The AFRO is not going to try to cover for Pomerleau or any other official when someone puts some facts and evidence on the line to back up charges of wrongdoing. Thus far, no one, including the Senate probers, has done that.

In fact, based on the Senate probers' report, which has had so much undeserved public play in the media, the AFRO thinks a good case can be made of wrongdoing on the part of the so-called investigating committee.

The Senate president or Gov. Marvin Mandel should appoint a top-notch investigator with the power to demand answers from the committee.

"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

New Lincoln address

Dear AFRO

"A New Nation Conceived in Liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," is an inspiring statement from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

This address, and our Constitution, have been the hallmarks of hope for millions of Americans for many generations.

In truth and in reality we must admit that:

1. Justice under the law is not equal.
2. Political opportunities are not equal.
3. Housing accommodations are not equal.
4. Job and Promotional opportunities are not equal.
5. Health and Public services are not equal.
6. Educational opportunities are not equal.
7. Taxation by government is not equal.
8. Public protection is not equal.

Millions have worked and sacrificed their very lives upholding the spirit of these two great documents:

Millions have instilled the principles of these documents in the hearts and minds of their children.

Past and present conditions seem to indicate that these efforts have been in vain.

The realities of life make this statement, "A new nation, conceived for the rich, the few, and the affluent and dedicated to the proposition that the poor and ordinary citizens will defend her in war, carry the greater burden of taxes, and be satisfied with the crumbs from her table of plenty" is more suitable than the promises of the Constitution and the spirit of Lincoln's address.

Today, Lincoln might close his address with these words, "And that government of the politicians, by the selected few, and for the special interest groups, has taken over this Nation, and all average Americans can perish from the earth."

ISAIAH WHITE

Very much white

Dear AFRO:

I was among those who sat in the crowded courtroom last Friday (Feb. 6), and watched with joy as Milton B. Allen was elevated to a judgeship.

I was very proud because I have been active in the NAACP and other groups and I know the contributions he and others have made in advancing the cause of black people.

But, somehow, I was a little saddened as I looked around that court. Except for Judge Allen's associates who presented him to the court and for the 4 other black judges who sit on the bench, all the officials were white.

I think we should rejoice that Gov. Mandel has named Mr. Allen to become a judge, but with 22 judges sitting in the courthouse downtown, the five black judges are only a drop in the bucket.

Here we are the majority citizens in Baltimore City, yet the majority of judges who sit in judgment on the defendants who are mostly black are white. There is something wrong here.

And, I did not see any black clerks or other officers in the courtroom either. I say, let us be happy about Allen, but please let us not relax the campaign to integrate the courthouse further. To my mind, it is still very much white.

JAMES ARNOLD JR.

(Editor's note: See our editorial

Make it official

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Those which contain printed or typed name and initials will not be considered.

All letters MUST be signed. Names will be omitted if requested.

The AFRO reserves the right to edit all letters.

Bicen Bit clarified

Dear AFRO:

I was reading your "Bicen Bits" in the January 27th edition of the Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN.

I have been studying and reading numbers of books about the life of Marian Anderson, the great American contralto. I immediately noticed your article on her was misleading.

The article gave the impression that the concert given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial was on January 27, 1939. Actually, it took place on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939.

Please clarify this historical fact for your readers.

MELAINE A. POSEY,
Grade 5
Mordecai Gist Elementary School No. 69

(Editor's Note: Miss Posey is correct in saying the Marian Anderson concert took place on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on April 9, 1939. However, what the "Bicen Bits" in AFRO Jan. 27 edition said was she was refused permission to use Constitution Hall by the DAR on Jan. 27, 1939.)

Tell it to Jan

Dear Jan:

I married someone I really didn't love because my parents insisted, and just to get away from home. However in the 23 years we have been married I have learned to love my husband.

Now he has begun to stay out two or three nights a week. What can I do?

UPSET

Dear Upset:

The best way to keep a husband home is to make it pleasant for him. It is possible your husband feels you don't love him. Show him.

Dear Jan:

I am 19 and involved with two married men. One is the father of my child whom I had not seen since before the baby was born. Now he comes by every week to see the baby.

This causes me to cut down on the other man's visits. What am I to do?

MIXED UP

Dear Mixed Up:

To become involved with married men is dynamite. There is no possible future. Think of your baby and put both of these men out of your mind. If you don't, no single man will ever consider marrying you.

NOWADAYS ___ by bill riley

"NOW DO YOU SEE WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO COME TO SUCH A CLASSY RESTAURANT?"

Salute of the week

(Editor's Note: Afro readers are invited to submit names of persons to be featured in this column. Write Salute of the Week, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.)

In the spotlight this week is John Mills, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday. Friends and relatives gathered at the Denison Street home of his oldest daughter, Mrs. Annie M. America.

Mr. Mills was born Dec. 12, 1895 in Littleton, N.C. When he was 21 he married the late Bettie Warren Mills and they reared 7 children and a cousin.

He has 31 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Our honoree was a farmer before he retired 15 years ago to relax in his North Carolina home until 1970 when he moved to Baltimore.

Mrs. America told the AFRO that her father was "a good hunter and loved to fish but now he likes the quiet life and spends his leisure time girl watching."

Among those attending the party were his children, John T. Mills, Harrisburg, Pa.; Leroy and Ephrian Mills, Washington, D.C.; Joseph Mills, Portsmouth, Va.; James Mills, Baltimore, and Mrs. Virginia Jenkins and Mrs. Minnie Simms of D.C.

Mr. Mills attends Friendship Baptist Church, where the Rev. William McCoy is minister.

AMONG GUESTS when John Mills (C) marked 80th birthday were his daughter, Mrs. Annie America, and Rechelle Jenkins grandchild.

If YOU ask ME ___ by bettye moss

People moving about: Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Beverly are back in Baltimore and settled in their Cross Keys apartment. She is the former Dr. Lois Young, the eye doctor. He's the anesthesiologist.

Shortly after their marriage in April, they left on an extended honeymoon which took them to the Mediterranean, to his native Barbados, to Jamaica, to Canada and California.

They had planned to settle in San Diego, but returned instead to Newark, N. J., where he had lived for 15 years and served on the Beth Israel staff. She began work with the Veterans' Hospital eye clinic.

Their plans were abruptly changed last October. Dr. Beverly fell while working in the operating room at the Newark hospital.

Mrs. Beverly says since then rumors have been flying and they've been bombarded with calls from friends here in Baltimore and elsewhere.

But, the facts are that Dr. Beverly suffered a head injury — he did not have a stroke, and he is coming along well. He hopes to be back at work soon. The Beverlys returned here Feb. 2.

She's back at her old office at the University of Md. eye clinic. Good luck to them.

Small-world department: When we flew down to St. Thomas, in the U.S. Virgin Islands last month, we remembered that a former Baltimore resident lived there.

Our hosts for the mid-winter publishers' meeting, supplied the phone number and that's how we had a reunion with Vera McLean, whom we hadn't seen in 30 years.

She is manager of the islands' tourist bureau and the wife of William Gordon McLean, who is in urban renewal.

Baltimoreans may remember Vera when she taught dancing here and was married to Madison Garrison.

Their two children are Erie Garrison, now 32, who is with radio station at his alma mater, Howard University; and Gail Garrison, 28, a graduate of Colorado Women's College, now a buyer with a V.I. firm.

The McLeans also have two children, Mora, 20, a junior at Wesleyan College in Middletown, Conn., where she is studying international law; and Elys, 15, an attractive tenth grader, who lives at home.

REUNION in Virgin Islands with Vera and Gordon McLean is described in accompanying Ask Me column.

Cuff notes: Mrs. McLean is the daughter of the Charles Quanders (Alice.) Remember she once conducted a dance school on Arlington Ave?

She asks this column to say special hello to Osborne Dixon and to Chita McCard Shipley, and to report to them she's still "up with" the latest dance steps.

More cuff: Mr. McLean has a brother, Chauncey, who lives in Washington.

A visit to the McLeans' comfortable home reveals Mr. McLean's many talents. He designed the attractive furniture and unique knick knacks.

People standing straight and tall in the face of sorrow and difficulty: Mrs. Gertrude Lynch, age 95, was a tower of strength throughout her ordeal last week.

She remained poised and calm as she helped make funeral arrangements for her daughter, Mrs. Maceo Patterson (Mildred), right on through the wake, the mass at Our Lady of Lourdes and the burial.

And friends marvelled that the other daughter, Mrs. T. Shelton Coles (Marjorie), found the strength to leave Montebello Hospital and attend the services.

You'd have had to see her sitting erect in her wheel chair at the wake and at the last rites to recognize you were watching an individual of real courage.

Orchids too, to her husband, who also provided great comfort despite the fact that he is still walking with crutches.. He was recently discharged from the hospital. He had a slipped disc.

Here for the Patterson funeral was Mrs. Sara J. Austin of Farrell, Pa., where the Pattersons lived before Dr. Patterson's death 11 years ago. He was known in that community as the friendly family physician.

Other out-of-towners were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gittings, Youngstown, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrine and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Perrine and son, Scott of Warren, Ohio.

Cuff note: Mr. Coles was able to return to work on Thursday. He is on the Walbrook faculty.

More people standing straight and tall: Mrs. Verna Day, the energetic Arena Players pioneer, at the two funeral services for her husband the Rev. John Day.

And, weren't friends kind — so many of them turned out for the Friday rites at Atholton Methodist Church, in Simpsonville, and on Saturday at Douglas Memorial where he was an associate pastor.

Fact is the funeral procession was two blocks long. God bless.

Baltimore chapter of Chums, invited their mates (Hums), to join them when they met Saturday night at the Raymond Haysberts (Evelyn).

It was a gala occasion because the group inducted a new member.

She is Mrs. Argin Hutchins, Sr. (Bernice), an art teacher at the Martin Luther King School.

Hubby is an engineer at Morgan State University. Their son, Argin, Jr. is working on his Ph.D. at Cornell University.

Prayers, please, for Mrs. Clift Guttis (Helen), who has been so ill, is back in the hospital. She entered Provident on Tuesday.

James H. Murphy, retired Morgan University director of housing is resting comfortably at Provident (Room 6002). His wife, Yvette, who has been under the weather, is also better.

People being thoughtful: When the Simon Carters (Kay), entertained members of the Couple's Club a Sunday ago, they gifted all five couples with a mounted extract from the YMCA's Martin Luther King Memorial breakfast which had been coordinated by member A. Paul Moss.

And, in keeping with February being love month (Valentine Day et al), each couple received this timely verse entitled 'Love.' It's by Emmet Fox:—

There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer; No disease that enough love will not heal;—

No door that enough love will not open; No gulf that enough love will not bridge;

No wall that enough love will not throw down; No sin that enough love will not redeem.

It makes no difference how deeply seated may be the trouble, how hopeless the outlook, how muddled the tangle, how great the mistake. A sufficient realization of love will dissolve it all.

If only you could love enough you would be the happiest and most powerful being in the world.

Afro Line

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AFRO-Line is an effective AFRO community service to help you solve problems. You may also report errors in news stories, request corrections and complain and inquire about AFRO news stories and policies.

You need only to write a postcard to AFRO-Line, P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203, stating the question you want answered. Include your name, address and telephone number.

You may also call 728-8200, extension 64 or 50, between the hours 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and speak directly to AFRO-Line.

QUESTION: Good Times was scheduled to be shown in Baltimore last week on Channel 2, but was cancelled. This series, which depicted "J. J." suspecting he had a venereal disease, was shown on the Washington station, Channel 9. Why wasn't it shown in Baltimore? W. E.

ANSWER: Dale Wright, program director at WMAR-TV told AFRO-Line:

"We pulled it because of content. We got a big reaction' on this. People think we didn't show the program because of the V.D. subject, which is not true.

"We are as concerned about the problems of V.D. as anybody is. It needs coverage.

"Our problem was that it showed J. J. in a situation where he obviously had been engaged in sexual activities with this girl and as a role model for lifestyles, we didn't feel that it was appropriate to be showing him as an example of what people should copy, engaging in sexual activity.

"We had a lot of parents who called us up and said, 'we are glad you are not showing it. That's not the kind of example I want my children to be faced with. My 14-year old shouldn't get the idea that this is what you are supposed to be out there doing."

"But some attacked us on the V.D. side of it, which had nothing to do with it. V.D. needs coverage. It is a bad problem, and we recognize that. It was the other part of it that bothered us."

QUESTION: I enjoyed your article about the performance by the deaf. I was most inspired and would like to volunteer in some way. Will you be kind enough to tell me where I should call. D. F.

ANSWER: You may contact Mrs. Lydia Waters at the Md. Rehabilitation Center, 2301 Argonne Drive. Telephone 366-8800.

Register to vote

So you can vote in the Primary Election on May 18, 1976 to nominate candidates for president, U.S. Senate, congressmen, judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and the Circuit Court of Baltimore County and delegates to the National Convention.

General Election is November 2, 1976.

You may register by mail by using the form in the AFRO to apply for Application to Register, or at the Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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ARIES "The Ram"—(March 21 to April 20). Finish the job you left and you will find an improvement in your life. An Aquarius needs encouragement.

TAURUS "The Bull"—(April 21 to May 21). Engage more in social affairs. A Sagittarian is more than willing to help you.

GEMINI "The Twins"—(May 22 to June 21). Those in authority could use a little more respect. You can certainly use their good will. Try harder.

CANCER "The Crab"—(June 22 to July 21). A Pisces can help you in your endeavor. Strive for the top. Don't be hasty in reaching lifetime decisions.

LEO "The Lion"—(July 22 to August 23). Some impulses can be helpful but use your good judgement. It takes tact to deal with your associates. Keep cool.

VIRGO "The Virgin"—(August 24 to September 23). A smile at a Capricorn may relieve what is now a tense situation. Don't forget to double check for your own mistakes.

LIBRA "The Balance"—(September 24 to October 23). Perk up the appearance of your home. You won't have time later. Make sure others don't take undue advantage.

SCORPIO "The Scorpion"—(October 24 to November 22). Fundamental changes are needed to bring about more peaceful relations at home. You can pull it off.

SAGITTARIUS "The Archer"—(November 23 to December 21) Get busy sharing the load of activities. Gemini is waiting in the wings. A kindly word will start things moving.

CAPRICORN "The Goat"—(December 22 to January 20). Check with a business expert to assure more income in the future. Hard times don't have to be with proper budgeting.

AQUARIUS "The Water Bearer"—(January 21 to February 19). Get rid of those debts and do it quickly. Then straighten out misunderstandings with those you love. Tell them.

PISCES—Keep that early morning disposition all through the day. A Leo is watching. Live one day at a time.