—Landmark case

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y two police officers before the jury, the presiding judge, Ralph W. Powers, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, recessed the trial for lunch.

Upon reconvening the Court, the judge called Mr. Mitchell and the State's Attorney to the bench and announced for the record that information had come to him that one jurors was prejudiced about the case.

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It was later determined that this juror was Black and the only black sitting on the jury.

The jury commissioner recorted certain information to the judge about comments made by the black juror.

Mr. Mitchell requested that he be allowed to determine if, in fact, the juror was prejudiced about the case.

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Judge Powers denied Mr. Mitchell the opportunity to call the juror and question him as to any possible prejudice. The Court then, on its own motion, declared a mistrial over the objection of Mr. Mitchell, counsel for defendants.

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Mr. Mitchell immediately filed a motion to dismiss the indictments, which matter was heard before Judge James F. Coach, Jr. of the Circuit Court and denied. Whereupon, Mr. Mitchell instituted an appeal to the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland.

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In an opinion filed by the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland on March 24, 1976, the appellate court agreed with Mr. Mitchell's contention and further said, "We think it was apparent that there was no demonstration of manifest necessity for the mistrial.

"Under the circumstances, we think that the judge acted precipitously and without a sufficient foundation of facts upon which to formulate a judgment that the declaration of a mistrial was manifestly necessary.

"Otherwise stated, the judge violated the admonition of the Supreme Court in United States v. Perez, 9 Wheat. 579 (1824) that the discretionary authority to declare a mistrial 'ought to be used with the greatest caution, under urgent circumstances and for very plain and obvious causes.'

"Subjecting these appellants to a retrial of the charges for which they went to trial on Feb. 26, 1975, would place them twice in jeopardy in violation of their constitutional right against being placed in double jeopardy. Their motion to dismiss the charges should have been granted."

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Top singer, then and now

TOP SINGER, THEN AND NOW — Mrs. Dorothy Pye, formerly known as Dot McCoy celebrated her 76th birthday March 20. Mrs. Pye was rated as one of the top singing and dancing stars on the east-coast, as she entertained audiences for 25 years until her retirement in 1940. Mrs. Pye is a member of Douglas Memorial Church.

—Black Caucus

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is concerned about proper financial support for other black colleges such as Coppin State and Bowie State Colleges which have felt the bite.

Also in the field of education, is what will be the Caucus stand on the reduction of out-of-state students to colleges and universities being imposed on Morgan and Bowie which have a high population of these students?

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These are just a few of many vital matters. At present, the main focus is shifting to the senate where the budget is now under consideration.

The strategy is to get what they have now in the budget passed before the body can concentrate on other issues.

Either way, the Black Caucus has to address key issues which confront them from all directions.

-'Shocking'

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doctors were calling Florida authorities about the rape and murder of a young boy in Cape Corals, Fla. Goode is wanted for questioning in that case.

Allison called him a lonely person who was fond of riding his multispeed bicycle for hours.

She said her brother always combed his hair to look younger and sought out the companionship of younger boys.

Goode's parents sold their Hyattsville home and went to Pine Island, Fla., while their son was in Spring Grove, several months ago.

-Church food

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made by removing steel grates and breaking a window.

Te Rev. Mr. Payne stated the church is open seven days a week for the public and clothes are distributed daily to the needy.

The Rev. Mr. Payne has served as pastor of City Temple Baptist Church for five years and said it's inevitable something like this would happen at the church.

-Calverton Hi

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mer, according to relatives.

Funeral arrangements were not complete at AFRO's press time Thursday evening.

In addition to her father and brother, Mrs. Nicholson is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Porter; her husband, Jerry Nicholson; two sisters, Misses Brenda and Beverly Pinkett; one other brother, Bryant Bailey; two aunts, Mrs. Lucille Sleid; Dorothy Bailey; and two uncles, Bob and William Bailey.

- AFRO Honor Roll

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one of the leading Maryland institutions of higher education.

JOHN PETERS, Freedom House executive, is cited for distinguished and longtime leadership in the inner city organization established by the late Dr. Lillie M. Jackson.

COL. BISHOP ROBINSON, honored for his leadership and superior public service, is the first of his race to become Chief of Patrols in charge of 3,000 uniformed officers.

MRS. W. A. C. HUGHES, president of the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard St. Church and the Church's Committee are cited for over five years struggle which culminated in 1974 with the nomination of the old slave church for the National Record of Historic Places.

VALIANT ADMINISTRATOR ELBERT A. GUILLORY, described as an acu "immiate administrator," is the executive director of the State Maryland Commission on Human Relations.

MRS. ESTELLE FISHER MATTHEWS, described as unselfish, has lifted the burdens of the less fortunate to her own shoulders.

HOWARD PETE RAWLINGS, outspoken critic, is a known community leader and outspoken critic of job discrimination at the University of Maryland.

THE REV. MR. AND MRS. WILIAM (NELVINA) EDWARDS, a couple always helping, married nearly half a century and always helping others.

* * *

RUFUS G. FOLLY JR., devoted to the youth, is a church leader and known to use his leisure hours to help the community in which he lives.

MRS. MATTIE PREE, established her business 51 years ago, in 1924 and has more than 300 graduates now in business.

FRANK HARRIS, a dauntless young man, plagued with cancer of the right leg but was an inspiration to many young people because of his faith in God and his determination to live.

DR. HARVEY WEBB JR., in 1974 reorganized the old Provident Hospital Comprehensive Health Care Center, to be the largest health care center in any inner city in the nation.

-Jewels taken

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Mrs. Garner's mother is the widow of the Rev. Dr. M. C. Allen who served as prominent Southwest Baltimore pastor for years.

The thieves who entered the home by forcing open a rear living room sliding glass door, made off with jewelry belonging to Mrs. Allen, and the Garner's daughter, Ms. Wilhelma Garner.

Commenting on the break-in, Mrs. Garner said "We're fortunate they didn't harm us. If we hadn't heard them, we would have walked right into them."

Estimating the value of the dozens of jewelry pieces taken Mrs. Garner said was "impossible" at this time. She said most of the jewelry had been accumulated by her mother and daughter over years, and was prized for its sentimental value.

This is the first such occurrance at the Garner home. "We'll be living 8 years at this house this September," Mrs. Garner said, "and we've never had anything touched before."

Some of the identifiable things that were stolen included a green amethyst ring, and two gold and silver charm bracelets with the names Billy and Wilhelma on them.

Mrs. Padula named to Aging group

Dr. Matthew Tayback, State Director on Aging, has announced the appointment of Helen Padula as consultant to the Maryland Office on Aging.

Mrs. Padula will assist in the development of a system of long term care, with special emphasis on purchased community home care services.

One of Mrs. Padula's initial projects is to plan a series of meetings with national agencies in the field of aging to discover what is being done in the area of long term care outside the State of Maryland.

MUC classes start in May

The new University of Maryland University College schedule of classes beginning in May, June and July is now available.

The schedule lists hundreds of college credit courses offered in the evenings and on weekends at College Park, Baltimore, and off-campus locations in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Northern Virginia.

For your free copy of the schedule, call 454-LUCK, or write to Information Services, University of Maryland University College, College Park, Md. 20742.

UMUC also offers a wide range of free services to current and prospective students.

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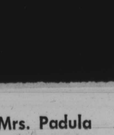
President



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Cash		$ 1,954,863	Statutory Policy Reserves		$107,881,221
Bonds			Policy Claims Currently Outstanding		10,286,979
U.S., Canadian and Other Government	$ 4,368,826		Dividends to Policyowners		4,602,526
State and Municipal	9,190,233		Other Policy Liabilities		14,501
Railroad	4,067,356		Interest, Rents, and Premiums Paid in Advance		526,254
Public Utility, U.S. and Canada	23,410,144		Taxes and Accrued Expense		1,833,183
Industrial and Miscellaneous	34,618,157	75,644,716	Employee Benefit Reserves		615,118
Stocks			Mandatory Security Valuation Reserve		170,167
Preferred	$ 3,274,306		Group Contingency Reserve		1,465,141
Common	5,472,047	8,746,353	Other Liabilities		378,029
Mortgage Loans					
Conventional	$31,569,023		TOTAL LIABILITIES		$127,773,119
Insured or Guaranteed	6,786,162	38,355,185			
Real Estate			CONTINGENCY RESERVE AND SURPLUS		
Properties for Company Use	$ 6,598,772		Reserve for Contingency	$6,423,190	
Other Properties	253,814	6,852,586	Asset Fluctuation Reserve	2,500,000	
Policy Loans		3,455,118	Unassigned Surplus	9,000,000	17,923,190
Investment Income Due and Accrued		1,909,959			
Premiums in Course of Collection		8,262,908			
Cash Value - Policies on Officers		405,495			
Other Assets		109,126			
TOTAL ASSETS		$145,696,309	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		$145,696,309

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Lake Clifton to welcome CTA program

A press conference and reception to welcome the new Theater-in-Residence program will be held at Lake Clifton Sr. High, 2801 St. Lo Drive, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Developed by the Chidren Theater Association's manager Susan Bond and artistic director Carl Pistelli, the program will begin at Lake Clifton in September. Mrs. Bond and Pistelli will be present to discuss the unique curriculum offered.

The CTA Theater, which presently performs at the Baltimore Museum of Art, will also relocate at the schools sometime this summer.

Members of the City Council, the General Assembly, the CTA Theater Board of Directors and a representative of the Mayor's office along with Dr. Crew and other school office will be among the guests present.

Is Baltimore short of nurses?

Some local hospitals are experiencing a nursing shortage. But others, such as Lutheran Hospital, have a waiting list of nurses who want to come to work there.

Lutheran has doubled its nursing staff in the past two and a half years by paying nurses higher salaries than most other hospitals.

The Baltimore shortage appears to be the result of nurse hopping among hospitals and a reluctance of nurses to work nights because it disrupts family and social life.

Nationally, nursing turnover is 27 per cent. In Maryland and it ranges between 25 and 35 per cent.

Two weeks ago, 13 of the city's hospitals were advertising for nurses. Recruiters from University of Maryland, Sinai, City and Bon Secours Hospitals recently went to Boston to recruit nurses but found few takers.

Hearing on proficiency exams set

Whether to institute high school proficiency exams in the basic skills is the subject of a public hearing of the State Board of Education on April 7 at 2 p.m. at the Sate Department of Education in Linthicum.

An earlier hearing on the same subject found professional educators in general agreement in the need for testing in reading, writing, and mathematics, but there was disagreement on two points: whether to make passage of the tests a condition of graduation and the grade levels at which the tests would be offered.

Individuals or organizations wishing to be heard should call Ms. Betsy McKay, administrative assistant to the Board, at 796-8300, to be placed on the agenda. Reports submitted in writing will be given the same consideration as those presented verbally.

Science Fair set at Hopkins U.

The 21st annual Baltimore Science Fair, - in which junior and senior high school students exhibit science projects, - will be held March 30-31 at The Johns Hopkins University.

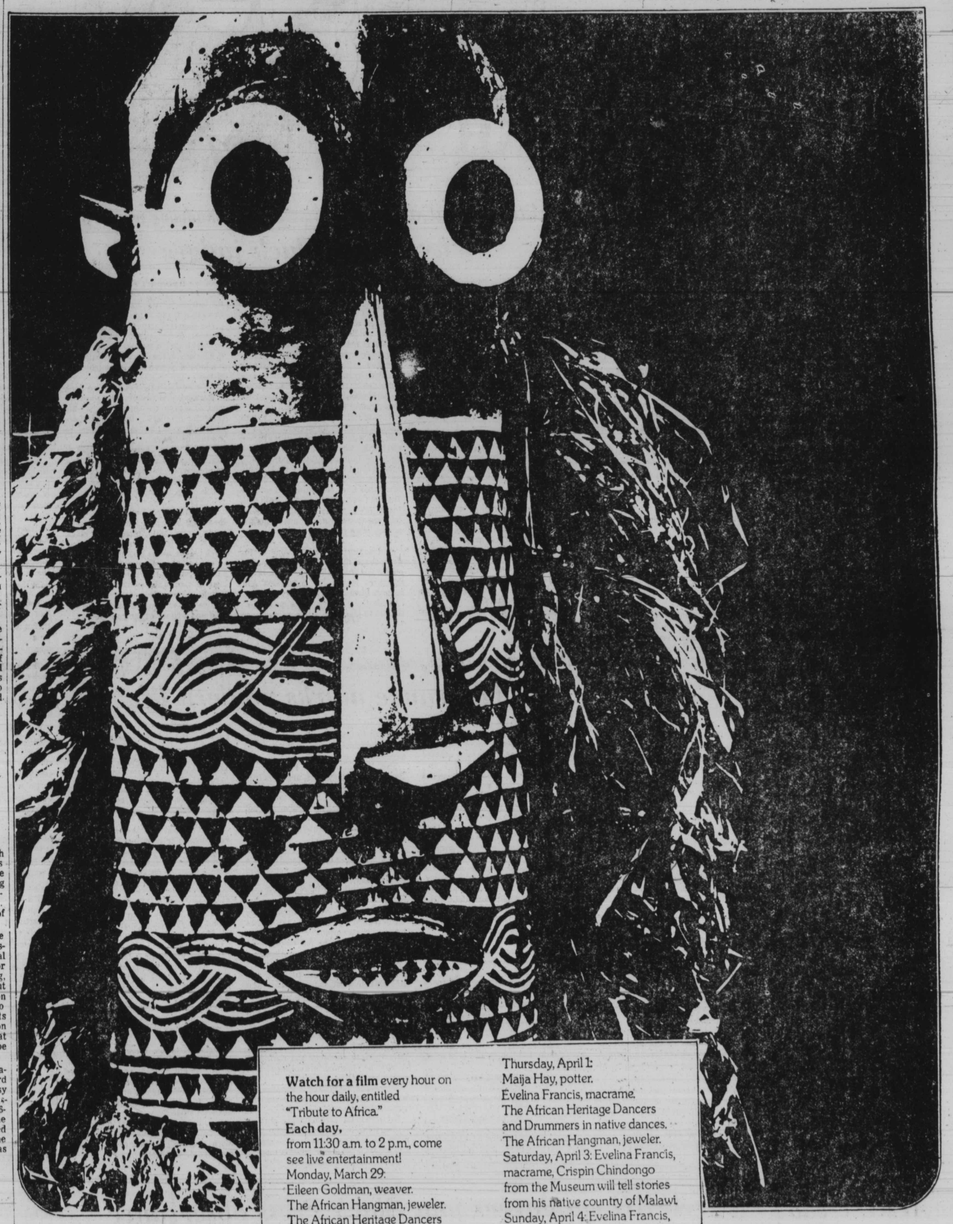
Sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Towson and Baltimore City and The Johns Hopkins University the fair will be held in the Newton H. White Jr. Athletic Center in the University's Homewood campus.

It will be open to the public on March 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on March 31 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. An awards ceremony will be held March 31 at 8 p.m., with Stu Kerr of WMAR-TV serving as master of ceremonies. Admission is free to the public

"The Language of African Art" Exhibition

Come join us at The Hecht Co. for a uniquely entertaining and educational experience, from noon, Monday, March 29, 1976, through Wednesday, April 7, 1976, in the F St. Special Events Center, third floor. It's the unprecedented appearance of this exhibition from the Museum of African Art, 318 A St. N.E., Capitol Hill. One hundred fascinating pieces of sculpture will be displayed.

The exhibition begins its two-year tour of the United States here at The Hecht Co. Museum personnel will be on hand to answer all your questions. So come celebrate the Bicentennial with a better understanding of the multi-ethnic heritage that is truly our own!



Watch for a film every hour on the hour daily, entitled "Tribute to Africa."

Each day, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., come see live entertainment!

Monday, March 29:
Eileen Goldman, weaver.
The African Hangman, jeweler.
The African Heritage Dancers and Drummers in native dances.

Tuesday, March 30:
Eileen Goldman, weaver.
The African Hangman, jeweler.

Wednesday, March 31:
Maija Hay, potter.
Evelina Francis, macrame.

Thursday, April 1:
Maija Hay, potter.
Evelina Francis, macrame.
The African Heritage Dancers and Drummers in native dances.
The African Hangman, jeweler.

Saturday, April 3: Evelina Francis, macrame. Crispin Chindongo from the Museum will tell stories from his native country of Malawi.

Sunday, April 4: Evelina Francis, macrame. Alex Akoto from the Museum will entertain with stories from his native Ghana.

Monday-Wednesday, April 5-7: Abenaa demonstrates African cloth. Sara Brown demonstrates tile design.

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