—Families evicted

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his 18 months at the Edmondson Village development, his rent has been late anywhere from four to six times.

He said, "But I always got it in, and I always paid the late charge, which they gladly accepted."

The warrant of restitution, however, did state that the Smiths were overdue $130, or one month's rent.

According to the Smiths 28 families were being evicted Thursday, some without even their knowledge. As the AFRO sat in the young couple living room, furniture from an apartment across the court from the Smiths were being put outside in brown bags.

The woman to whom the furniture belonged was at work and when the constables sought to reach her, she was at lunch.

Mrs. Smith said angrily, "She was only going to be at lunch until 1:30. They could've waited until then to move the furniture out. And she has a lot of good stuff, too."

J. Jerome Butler, chief constable at the Baltimore District Court, told the AFRO, "The constable can't be blamed for anything, they just do their jobs. I can't talk off my head about this situation, because I'm totally in the dark about it. It could be that the constable who served notice were in the dark, also."

Sgt. William E. Stanley of the Baltimore Police Department, told the AFRO, "The constables aren't the bad guys and either are the policemen. They're just doing their job. In fact, there's one constable around here who doesn't even follow policy. He will sometimes accept the money himself and get it to the landlord instead of evicting the people."

Sgt. Stanley has worked as a security guard at the development hince disturbances last year. He told the AFRO that he simply tries to "maintain peace...and that's not always easy."

According to Butler, the Court is no longer obligated to give an exact date ovacate. It is now left up to the landlords to work out with the residents.

Tom Kavanaugh, maintenance supervisor, told the AFRO—that residents can be evicted anytime within 48 hours after receiving their final notice. The Uplands notices were handed out on June 21.

Skolnik disputed the assertion that 28 families were evicted. He said, "It is my understanding that only three apartments were evicted, for not paying their rent.

It's a fact of life that if you live somewhere, you've got to pay rent.

—Teacher cuts

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used to ease problems due to the desegregation plan.

Other administrative position cuts include discontinuing money allocation for co-curricular activities; convert the model schools into regular schools, saving six vice principal positions; reduce the Office of Student Placement by five positions and elimination one region.

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The move to eliminate one region would drop 50 administrative positions and save $1 million a year in operating costs.

Although there is still speculation that Region 9 will be the region dropped, Joseph would not say which region it would be, saving the announcement for sometime next week.

The board will also cut costs by reducing inventory of school supplies, trimming heating bills, eliminating some field trips, rescheduling school hours so school system buses can be used for interscholastic athletic games and reducing sabbatical leave.

Joseph said the bell tightening measures are necessary because the City Council has given only $277.2 million for the schools, a full $22.5 million less than the original request.

According to school board president while the system will receive $11.75 million more than this year, the amount is less than the $19 million in built-in increases that are a part of the new budget.

Joseph also said the largest part of that increase is an 8.5 per cent rise in teachers' salaries provided for in the second half of their two year contract.

—Dave Bass found dying

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James McAllister and sister of Dr. Donald Hughes, the prominent physician.

The dead man was at one time connected with Margaret's Music Land, 3049 Mondawmin Mall. The AFRO learned the place was vacated a few weeks ago and Mr. Bass had plans to relocate the business.

Dwight Pettit, the lawyer who had represented Mr. Bass in the past described Mr. Bass as "such a nice guy".

He said the young businessman was about to overcome some financial set-backs and that a loan "was going through". He said, "Things were just beginning to look up for him."

Mr. Bass in 1974 had a summer camp, "Camp Timberly" for youngsters in Baltimore County.

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The AFRO was unable to reach relatives for an obituary. A Mr. Brooks of the Kenneth Law Funeral home told the AFRO "We do not have an obituary on Mr. Bass."

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As far as could be learned, the dead man was a descendant of the prominent Bass family in business and associated on Pennsylvania Ave. for many years. He had been previously married and divorced it was learned.

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BY THE WAY...

by Joe Black

Ever so often, I think it's wise to take a fresh look at some of the values, some of the areas we all have to deal with today. If we all really have our eye on tomorrow.

So, in this column today, I'd like to restate some of the comments, some of the concepts I keep weaving into the fabric of all the By The Ways.

Some things that have to do with the overall idea that Black is beautiful.

And how beauty can fade to ugly.

Simple things, for instance, like our Black neighborhoods and communities. Black isn't beautiful when our home grounds get all junked up with trash, bottles, and empty beer cans. That's an ugliness we, too often, do to ourselves. And, as they say when it happens, "There goes the neighborhood."

More important, there goes a sense of pride. And if we lose that, we've lost it all.

Another thing I lay on a lot is education. Good, complete education. The kind that helps prepare our young people to take a better place in the work world. And a stronger position in the Black community.

If we flunk out on education opportunities that are vastly more available today, then we flunk out on tomorrow's opportunities for all of us.

Then there's the insidiousness of Black-on-Black crime. Blacks ripping off other Blacks. Because of envy. Apathy. And false values—if any—that too often stem from a cancerous lack of caring.

If this kind of crime continues to destroy our faith and trust in ourselves, then what are we?

Last, but not least, is the strength of the home unit. The responsibility of both Mother and Father to work together, one as the other, to provide the best starting ground for our children as possible.

If home isn't where the heart is, then we're raising future generations with no heart.

Of course many of our problems still stem from discrimination. I don't deny that. But we're all going to be hard put to handle that problem if we don't take care of a few of our own first.

If we all believe that Black is beautiful, how can any one of us help make it ugly?

I don't believe we have the right.

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