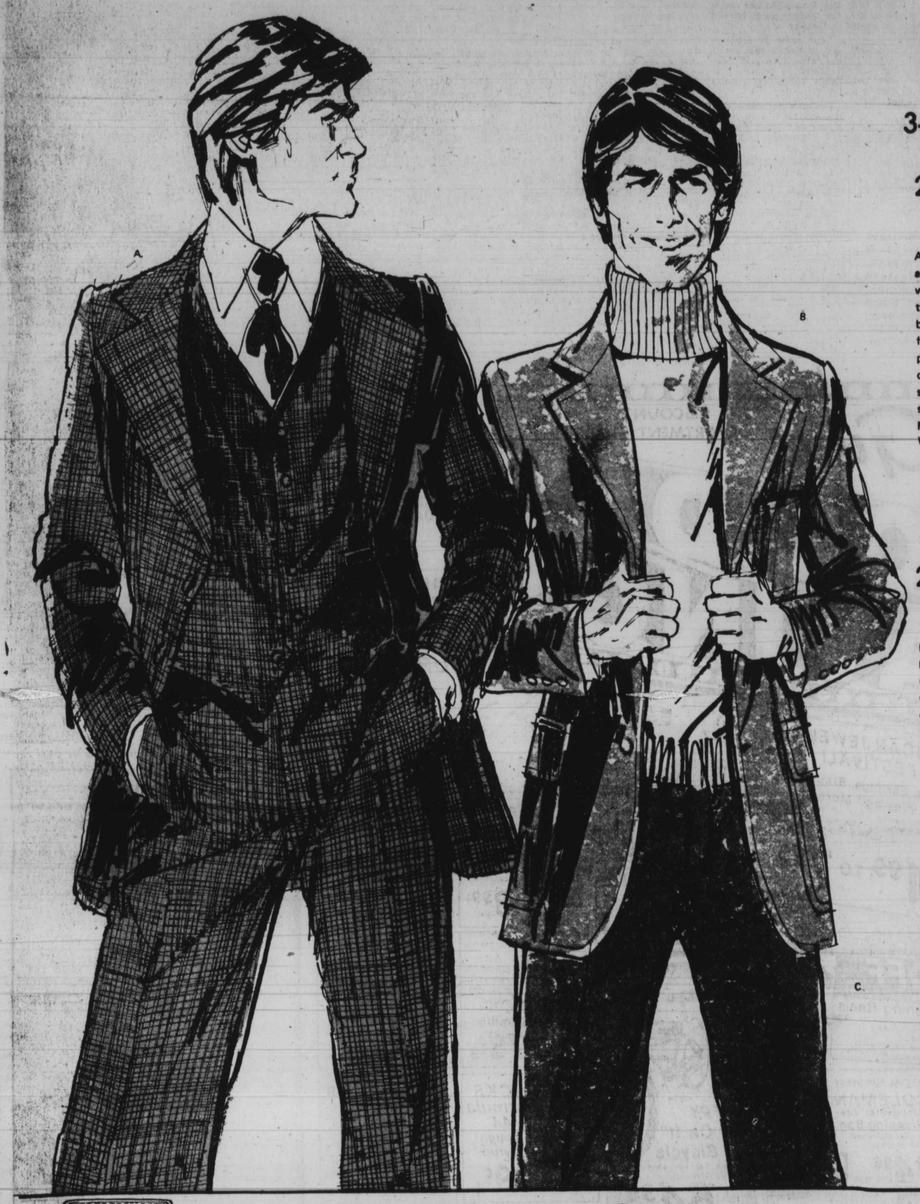


# sales for men

## 3-and 4-pc. vestec winter suits

20% off original prices

$68 to $180

*orig $85 to $225*

A–Suit yourself with one or more from a selection of 3-pc. vested suits and 4-pc. vested suits with odd slacks. You'll find traditional or European styles with two-button, single-breasted jackets. Choose from a variety of seasonal colors and patterns, in wool, wool blends, corduroy or polyester; regular or long sizes in the selection. Entire stock not included in sale. All suits are subject to prior sale. Men's Clothing–Downtown, Towson, Westview and Salisbury

## single-breasted sport coats

20% off original prices

$39.99 to $72

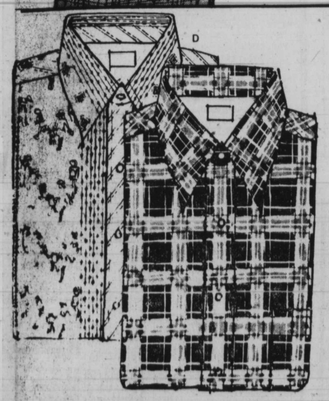
*orig $55 to $90*

B–Single-breasted sport coats with two-button, European or traditional styling. Choose cotton velvet, corduroy, wool and wool blends in sleeves, of seasonal colors and patterns, regular or long sizes. Entire stock is not included in sale. All sport coats are subject to prior sale. Men's Clothing–Downtown, Towson, Westview, Eastpoint, Southdale, Salisbury

## solid and patterned slacks

$12.99

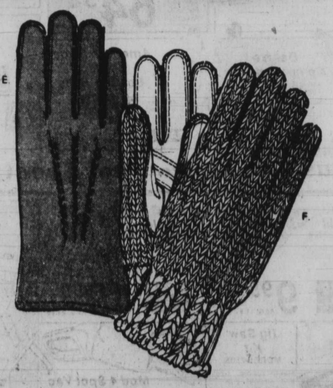
Machine-washable, dryable slacks in waist sizes 32 to 42. Choose from two styles: C–Permanent-press, texturized polyester slacks from a well-known maker, with belt loop styling and back pockets. Select from a variety of solids and checks. Not shown: Permanent-press, polyester-cotton corduroy slacks with belt loops and slightly flared legs. Select from solid shades of brown, tan, navy or green. Men's Clothing–Downtown, Towson, Westview, Eastpoint, Southdale, Salisbury



## sport shirts

$9.99

D–Two from a selection of print, plaid and solid shirts in a variety of colors, patterns, and machine-washable and dryable fabrics. Selection includes styles from well-known makers. S, M, L, xL. Men's Sportswear–Downtown, Towson, Westview Eastpoint, Southdale Salisbury



## warm gloves

$4.99 and $8.99

Fine-quality gloves for warm holiday gifts. Make your selections from two styles. E–Leather gloves with warm lining. Choose from a variety of styles and colors in sizes S, M, L, xL, $8.99. F–Handsome knit gloves designed with leather palms, one size fits all, $4.99. Men's Furnishings. Downtown, Towson, Westview, Eastpoint, Southdale, Salisbury

# HUTZLER'S

HOLIDAY HOURS: Friday, Downtown 9:30 to 8; Towson, Westview, Eastpoint, Southdale 9:30 to 11; Salisbury 10 to 10.

A SINGLE-ALARM East Baltimore fire in the 2900 block Madison St. seriously damaged the second floor of a two-story row home Wednesday morning. During the fire, one civilian was treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital for smoke inhalation. (AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

# Florida confab hails community education concept

Mrs. Julia Woodland, principal of Dunbar Community High School, Del. Hattie Harrison, director of the Mayor's facility in the Dunbar complex, and Mrs. Marguerite J. Campbell, community Relations specialist in the mayor's office recently attended the 11th annual National Community Education Association Conference in Miami Beach, Fla.

Nearly 2,000 persons attended the three-day conference.

The association advocates the "community school concept," which offers all people the chance to participate in the learning process when they can, often outside of regular school hours.

In so doing, it offers the chance to extend the learning process to the whole community. To reach this end, the association supports "turning on of the lights" in the schools across the nation after the regular school day.

The convention theme was Tucker of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wht was the first keynote speaker of the conference.

Mrs. Tucker charged participants to commit themselves to people, adding that: "It costs $20,000 a year to keep a man in prison; that money can be used to improve the literacy."

Stating Russia improved its illiteracy from 80 to 8 per cent in less than a generation, Ms. Tucker claimed the curve shows that we in this country, "are going up in illiteracy."

Her message to the group, President Ford said: "Opening up the doors of the neighborhood schools can provide needed services to parents who want guidance in raising their children, to the elderly who want to act as volunteers in schools, to adults seeking improved job skills, and to people of all ages looking for hobbies and recreation."

A proclamation by the Dade County School Board of Education, quotes Superintendent L. Britton as saying: "The School Board of Dade County, Fla., reaffirms its endorsement of the continued growth of community schools, and encourages all students, school personnel, parents and members of the community to share in the development of the Dade County community by joining together in the continued improvement of the community education concept."

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Judy Carter, the daughter-in-law of President-elect Carter, "turned on the lights" at the highlight event of the conference.

Community education and the challenge of the Third Century represents the kindling of a new vision for the future role of schools in the total educational process that is central to the vituality of every community.

Miss Patricia D. Fenn of the Maryland-Capitol Park and Planning Commission was recipient of the National Community Education Award.

Harrison, Bill Bright, Jim Shelley and Mrs. Marguerite J. Campbell King, Allen Hall, Ms. Ivory Lofton, Mrs. Julia Woodland, Jim Shelley and Mrs. Grady King, Ms. Denise Ray Terrell, Del. Hattie were nominated to serve on a national task force to address itself to setting up a series of symposiums designed to identify basic problem areas.

It is also charged to plan positive action for implementation and development of effective evaluation techniques to determine successes and failures, with the ultimate goal to share in the benefits from the grass-roots/urban thrust being considered by the Mott Foundation.

# Salary hikes total $4.1 million in new 1977-78 school budget

By Clarence W. Hunter

Wage increases totaling $4.1 million have been requested by the Board of School Commissioners as a part of the 1977-78 school budget.

The increases, slated for classified employes and certain staff members in the school system but not for teachers, is just one portion of the $99.9 million budget request submitted to the School Board at a special meeting Wednesday.

According to Ely Francis, education's controller, increases have been requested for such employes as bus drivers, secretaries, school security guards and maintenance personnel. Raises for staff members, he said, would only be for those who stepped up in rank because of seniority or advancement in education.

Teachers are not included in the pay increases because no contract negotiations have been conducted, according to school officials. The board is awaiting the outcome of a challenge to eligibility of a new organization to represent over 8,000 teachers in collective bargaining by the declassified PSTA and UTBC.

Courses indicate if no bargaining agent is recognized, the board will seek funds to pay city teachers about the same wage increases negotiated for other city employes last spring totaling about $7 million more.

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The proposal submitted to the board at Wednesday's meeting is about the same initially sought last year, however, was pared down from a $323 million total that came out of the original budget development process that started last spring.

It also represents a $22 million increase over the present budget of $277 million.

A public hearing has been scheduled for next Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Coldstream Elementary School on the proposed budget and approval is expected Thursday, Dec. 22.

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Aside from the wage increases requested for staff and classified workers, other built-ins consist of fringe benefit settlements, inflation in materials, utilities and equipment costs and water and sewerage payments.

Added mandated programs totaling $5.6 million include funds for exceptional children, grants and subsidies for non-public handicapped, transportation, food services and driver education.

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The School Board has also asked that $865,000 under improved services be allocated for materials and supplies for each student in the school system.

Francis stated the $865,000 total represents a six dollar increase request for material and supplies times 155,000 pupils. The present allocated amount for materials and supplies is $29.02 per pupil.

Other requests falling under improved services include a $1.3 million proposal for several new positions in the school system.

These positions would consist of 50 elementary counselors, 14 instructional specialists, home and hospital teachers for handicapped and lunch and instructional aides.

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Francis said the new budget request will not entirely wipe out the $9.9 million deficit presently plaguing the school system.

Because of that deficit the board imposed an extremely tight hiring and promotion freeze on all positions except where the education of a student might be concerned.

Dr. John L. Crew, superintendent of schools, is also expected to come up with further deficit cutting measures sometime after Christmas.

# Greenstein nominations end Jan. 16

Nominations for the Harry Greenstein Organization Achievement Award made annually by the Health and Welfare Council of Central Maryland, Inc., will close on Jan. 16, 1977.

The award is presented each year to an agency or organization in Central Maryland (Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties) selected on the basis of its outstanding achievement in providing service to the community.

In the form of a Certificate of Organization Achievement together with $250.00, the award is to be presented at the Health and Welfare Council's annual meeting in March.

Additional information and nomination forms can be obtained by calling the Health and Welfare Council Office at 752-4146.

# Last rites held today for Ms. Sharon Dirton

Funeral services were held today (Friday) for Ms. Sharon Dirton, of Lexington Terrace Homes, 701 W. Mulberry St.

Ms. Dirton, 20-year-old mother of four children, was found bound, gagged and apparently strangled around 11:30 p.m. Sunday in her apartment.

Police are still investigating the case and said her body was discovered by a group of teenage males who went to visit her Sunday night and found her apartment door unlocked.

At AFRO presstime, the medical examiner's office reported the cause of "death was still pending." Ms. Dirton was found partially dressed and there was no visible sign of a serious sexual assault.

Ms. Dirton's children, ages 2 through 5 years old, were not home when the body was discovered. Just three months ago, Ms. Dirton's nephew was found dead in the basement trash compactor around 7:20 a.m.

James McClain, 21, of the 1300 block W. North Ave., was charged with killing the baby and is now confined to City Jail.

Police state McClain was the boyfriend of Ms. Dirton's sister who also lived in the Dirton apartment. The baby's mother, Ms. Deborah Thomas, 18, left her baby with a friend for a few hours.

Police reveal when she am, and did not see her son, McClain decided to call the police. While searching the apartment for the baby, a custodian found the baby in the basement trash compactor. Doctors report the baby died of a fractured skull.

In addition to her four children, Ms. Dirton is survived by her grandmother, Mrs. Queen Williams; her mother, a sister and two brothers.

# Del. Brailey says Civil Service changed job classifications and the rules 'because of us'

Del. Troy Brailey has asked the Civil Service Commission to explain how and why it has suddenly changed classifications of two jobs asked for last week in an AFRO editorial.

Del. Brailey's accusations of the motives behind the move are clear in his letter dated Dec. 16.

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Here is the letter:

Mr. Austin H. Henning
Personnel Administrative Supervisor
Civil Service Commission
711 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Henning:

I respectfully call upon you to explain your reasoning for adding the classification of Personnel Director and Chief, Bureau of the Budget and Management Research to the Exempt Class.

In my opinion, this action was taken to prevent blacks from competing for these positions in a competitive examinatio .

It's the same old story. When you think blacks may have a chance to succeed, you change the rules.

I await your answer.

Respectfully yours,
Troy Brailey, Member
House of Delegates
Chairman, NAACP Labor Committee

Here is Mr. Hennings' letter dated Nov.24:

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT AND BUREAU HEADS

RE: THE EXEMPT CLASS

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarity some misunderstandings as to the meaning of the Exempt Class.

The Charter of Baltimore City, 1964 Revision, Section 111, states, "the **Exempt Class of the Classified Civil Service** shall include all offices of positions, except those of laborers, for the filling of which competitive or non-competitive examinations shall be decided by the Commission to be imporacticable."

Persons appointed in the Exempt Class are Classified Employees and have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of all other Classified Employees.

Persons in the Exempt Class are exempt only from the examinatio process. However, any appointing officer may request that the Commission hold an examination in order to determine the fitness and capacity of an applicant.

Over the years, classifications have been added to and withdrawn from the Exempt Class.

At the present time, the Exempt Class includes only the personal secretaries of the members of the Board of Estimates.

The Commission has proposed that the classifications of Personnel Director and Chief, Bureau of the Budget and Management Research be added to the Exempt Class and such additions, unless previously rescinded by the Commission, will become effective Dec. 15, 1976. Austin H. Henning, Personnel Administrative Supervisor,

(Copy to: His Honor, Mayor Willia m Donald Schaefer)

The Exempt Class shall include the personal, confidential secretaries to the members of the Board of Estimates, the Personnel Director of the Civil Service Commission, and the Chief of the Bureau of the Budget and Management Research.

# William Robinson was MTA employee

William D. Robinson, 56, of the 900 block Franklintown Rd. died Dec. 14. Relatives state he had not been ill and was pronounced dead at Lutheran Hospital.

The family will receive friends Dec. 20 at Herbert Nutter Funeral Home, 3035 W. North Ave., from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with funeral services following.

Born in Baltimore, Mr. Robinson was employed at the Metropolitan Transit Authority for 36 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris Robinson; three sons, Jackie, Melvin and Henry Robinson; three daughters, Jacqueline, Gwendolyn and Jean Robinson; five sisters, Ms. Ruth Robinson, Ms. Dora Robinson, Mesdames Elizabeth Saunders, Loretta Lucas and Jean Brown and four grandchildren.

# Ex-sergeant charged with mail violations

A 52-year-old former Army sergeant testified in Federal Court that he was persuaded to participate in an illegal drug ring by an undercover agent, who was working for the Army's Criminal Investigation Division.

James Wilkins, who lived in Kaiserslautern, West Germany is charged with conspiring with two Army sergeants to smuggle heroin into Maryland through the Army postal system.

Judge Joseph H. Young is presiding at the jury trial which is expected to end today.

Wilkins testified he had never been involved in narcotics until he met Agent William D. Hutchinson. According to Agent Hutchinson's testimony Wilkins concocted the alleged drug smuggling scheme.

Wilkins is quoted as telling Hutchinson he wanted to work out something with our organization to smuggle heroin into the United States and he would guarantee the delivery to any place in the United States.

However, Wilkins testified Agent Hutchinson first proposed the West German smuggling operation. Agent Hutchinson told the jury Wilkins said he had been involved in smuggling heroin into the United States since 1966 and had formerly done it by placing it in coffins of servicemen.

The drug smuggling operation was a major criminal investigation since 1973. Sgt. Charles L. Fields, 24, of Oxford, N.C., pleaded guilty to a single count of using the mails for narcotics purpose and was placed on probation.

The government said Fields helped ship heroin through the Army postal service from Kaiserslautern, West Germany to a Silver Spring, Md., address.

Sgt. Larry V. Brown, 36, of Fayetteville, N.C. was found guilty of smuggling heroin into the United States and sentenced to five years in prison.

Fields and Brown both worked in the Post Office at the Kaiserslautern Army Depot and sent drugs to the U.S. for Wilkins who secured them from European drug dealers.

The case against Brown and Fields started in January 1975 when Agent Hutchinson acting under cover began discussing the possibilities of shipping a kilo of heroin into the states with Wilkins.

TRUCK HITS FIVE CARS, BUILDING—William Thomas, 38, of the Smith's Transfer Company was charged by city police with failing to set the brakes of his company's tractor-trailer truck after it hit five cars and smashed into the side of a building. No one was injured in the mishap that occurred Wednesday at Lanvale and Barclay Sts., but property damage was heavy. (AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

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