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 (1892-1967)
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Happy New Year

It's resolution-making time again.

Not all take this tradition serious. Some look at it much as they do Santa Claus.

But that chubby fellow in red keeps hanging in there.

So why not consider a few of these among any resolutions you may make.

Never drive if you drink and never smoke in bed, if you smoke at all. Both can result in your not being around at resolution-making time next year.

How about resolving to do your best to help curb crime in your community — the first step being to avoid entrapment yourself.

And how about making sure you and yours all are registered voters, if age permits?

Having done that, your voice will be stronger if you resolve to let public officials know how you feel about the job they're doing.

The AFRO idea list could go on and on. But the one that counts is the one you make up and decide to live up to.

1977 will be what all of us make it.

Whether through resolutions or otherwise, get in your licks.

Happy New Year!

Next Assembly session

The Maryland General Assembly will open its doors for business Jan. 12.

During the 1977 session there will be no hot election year issues, debates or promises. However, there are some very hot "people" issues that legislators will have to address. Issues such as providing more jobs, preventing gigantic tax increases, reducing crime and improving the quality of housing and education will be priority topics in the minds of Marylanders and should be priority topics on the General Assembly agenda.

With the specter of Gov. Mandel's retrial on corruption charges overshadowing legislative activity, there may be a tendency to allow debates over concerns of special interests groups to become the center of attraction.

However, Marylanders will have a wary eye on legislators to see where they are placing their priorities — with the special interest groups or with helping to solve some of the cutting problems facing the citizens of the state.

People who elected representatives and senators last year will be looking to see what type of job is getting done in Annapolis. Probably a larger number of Marylanders will be coming to the State House to let elected officials know first hand what their concerns are and how they hope the legislature will be able to help them.

The people of Maryland will be watching and scrutinizing closely to see that their needs are fully addressed by elected officials and not just pushed to the side with bandage remedies.

Together, we'll make it a happy one

New Year commitment by Black United Fund

Years become shorter and faster as we grow older. One needs only to reflect on how long it seemed from Christmas to Christmas in one's childhood and then think about how long after paying off the previous Christmas bills does one have to think again about buying for the coming Christmas or indeed actually begin to purchase.

I'm sure that few would argue that the years don't fly by faster and faster as we grow older.

Some may argue, but it is still true, that once we achieve the adult years, the succeeding years often become constant repetitions of one another.

One year simply fades into the next and we look up one day and several years have passed and we wonder what has happened to the time.

As we become set in our ways and routines, it becomes harder and harder to break them or to renew our life's pursuits in ways that are most productive and meaningful to us.

Though we make New Year's resolutions and utter them with firm and unalterable determination when we make them, seldom do we follow them up with the same intensity.

Years were instituted as a way of measuring time in a defineable manner.

They were never promised to designate some magic or significant difference between one day's sunset and the next day's sunrise.

The difference between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 is merely a cutting point at which time an accumulation of days and weeks are stored together for history and posterity.

The size of the accumulated days and weeks could be more or less without drastically changing the lives of the people who are living through each such measured period.

I'm saying here that years as such are artificial measuring rods that we all adhere to.

Now I would hasten to add that years, despite their artificial utility, still offer us all a timely opportunity to assess our direction and goals in life.

They force us to see a breaking point, an ending and a beginning that is identifiable and measurable and, in fact, the other manner of measuring time, our birthdays, is measured in years and deviates from Jan. 1, to the date we were actually born.

Both provide us a time concept based upon accumulated days and weeks.

The major difference between birthdays and New Year's is that New Year's is common to all whereas birthdays are unique to those individuals who share the common day.

Birthdays are perhaps shared by about 1 per cent of the population each day.

Since we share New Year's in common with all the people, then it is perhaps most appropriate to express our community concerns along with whatever personal goals we decide for ourselves.

An old, African proverb says, "A rising tide lifts all the ships in the harbor," and that proverb expresses a point that is well to be remembered as we anticipate the coming year.

We all wish that the days and weeks that make up our lives are filled with fun and love and meaning. We wish this for ourselves and our friends, neighbors and loved ones.

We realize that these things are all meaningless in isolation. They are hoped for in a world of participation and sharing with those close to us and those we come in contact with.

Now and then — by g. james fleming

'You can't win them all'

This column had hoped for more courage and daring from President-elect Carter in naming blacks to his Cabinet. We had hoped that bright, sharp, legally and diplomatically experienced Patricia Roberts Harris would be picked for attorney general — or Federal District Court Judge Leon Higginbotham Jr., of Philadelphia, or Constance Motely Baker of New York, for instance.

We had looked in the direction of such a one as Mayor Kenneth Gibson of Newark as secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

But, as gamblers and sportsmen says, "You Can't Win Them All." Besides, one must understand the circumstances and practicalities of post-election politics as contrasted with pre-election politics. And we use the word, "politics," deliberately, instead of what some would call a "nicer" term.

In a very real way, appointment politics in a first term is re-election politics. A new president wants to keep all his pre-election friends, but he does not want to lose some supporters because of his being over-solicitous about others. A close-winning president, such as governor Carter, must also make friends among new groups.

This column does not place the post of U.S. Representative to the United Nations in the same topmost drawer as that of Cabinet Secretary. As has been stated often since Representative Andrew Young was nominated, it is long on prestige but short on power.

Neither does the UN office permit many employment opportunities for other appointees under the chief U.S. representative. We have never heard this office having a reputation as "a fair employment employer."

Perhaps Representative Young, brilliant assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be able to make friends and influence UN delegates favorable to U.S. policies and programs for Africa. But won't he largely transmit and orate policy made by others?

We hope Andrew Young won't be wasted.

Black supporters of Carter, of course, were naive, even unfair, perhaps, to think that, in the political lottery, they could win more than two Cabinet-level posts, if we accept the UN slot as of Cabinet rank (But, it must be remembered, there can be only one secretary of state).

There is still much more that blacks can bargain for, below Cabinet secretary rank. There are numerous under secretaries, assistant secretaries, special assistants, press representatives, administrative assistants and members of scores of important regulatory commissions and ad hoc projects.

There will also be relatively many openings in the federal judiciary, from the Supreme Court, to Appeals District and special courts, and to U.S. attorneys and U.S. marshals. From the Appeals level, down, blacks are notably missing.

Many of these positions are already "spoken for," politically. But, nevertheless, Carter as president, should be able to pass on his declared "fair participation" policy to his Cabinet chiefs and others of his power structure.

As a Baltimorean and a booster of Patricia Harris, secretary-designate of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, we know she will be personally outstanding as a member of the new Cabinet, as in every other thing she has touched (Until she is elevated to a judgeship).

Perhaps Baltimore can help her along the way. We therefore, call her attention to our Robert C. Embry, young in years but long-time commissioner of housing and urban renewal. He knows his way within and around all areas of urbanism, especially housing, housing aid to cities and the rehabilitation of the rotting core of cities. In addition, he is a lawyer by training, and will speak the language of the new HUD secretary.

Those who know Robert Embry best, give him a very high batting average in the difficult role of umpiring the conflicting interests of varied ethnic and racial groups in reference to urban renewal. We believe he would be a strong, supportive "pro," with very few equals in the country.

. . .And, as to all these matters, and many more, may 1977 be better for all of us than 1976.

A little about a lot — by madeline w. murphy

The cold figures

Is Baltimore trying to kid someone?

That's our reaction to the new study by the Chamber of Commerce's Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy which paints a rosy view of Baltimore's financial status when it is compared with 10 other selected cities.

The study ranks Baltimore first in municipal financial standing.

But we don't think that's going to fool anyone concerned about the future of Baltimore if we continue on the path now being followed.

Nothing in the new report wipes away the sting of sundry national studies that dub Baltimore a city with plenty of tinsel and mortar to show off but short on people development.

In fact, the new Chamber of Commerce study on ourselves strengthens the picture of Baltimore as a city polishing the outside of the apple while the core rots.

Among the 10 other cities lumped into the study, Baltimore stood ninth in social health and 10th in educational level per capita.

Tie together the income level of city residents, their educational achievement, the quality of their housing and stability of the family structure and Baltimore has relatively little about which to be proud.

Still, Baltimore officials go on building monuments to our short-sightedness and gambling away the welfare and best interest of city residents.

An example is this income-poor city's insistence on playing Santa Claus to the wealthier suburbs by permitting municipal jobs to be held by county residents.

Time after time, most recently in cases involving Philadelphia and Chicago — two of the cities doing something about this ripoff of their taxpayer residents — the Supreme Court has said public employes tend to have more interest in doing a good job for a city if they live therein.

In other obvious ways, Baltimore is shortchanging the future of its people — and that financial status of which the Chamber of Commerce is so proud.

If Baltimore is trying to kid potential businessmen and residents with the cold financial figures, then it's time to take off the blinders and stop fooling ourselves about the overall picture outsiders must get when they add up the positives and negatives here.

Gut feelings pay off on swine flu shots

Out-going President Gerald Ford left us quite a Christmas present in his $135 million (perphas twice the amount when suits against the government surface) program to inoculate most of the U.S. population against swine flu.

With all the radio and television spot commercials pleading with everyone to run out and get inoculated, blacks and minorities, true to their intuition, their gut feelings, decided to wait this one out.

And in so doing they showed a great deal of savvy that somehow reaffirmed their fear of genocide.

I was one of them. I remembered long ago when the first new oral vaccine for polio was being touted as revolutionary. I wouldn't allow my children to take it and in the ensuing months received a great deal of pressure from school authorities and the like, who thought I was some strange creature from outer space.

But not long after, 50 deaths were reported of those who received oral vaccine and many others became paralyzed.

Early this fall during the height of the campaign and the hysteria about an imminent epidemic, few people were brave enough to speak out against the swine flu inoculations. Even doctors, who privately showed great reluctance to inject patients, were quiet about the experimental nature of the campaign.

Prophetically it was only Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, the hero of it all (now vindicated) who warned us constantly about the experimental measures that were being used in testing the drug on blacks and minorities.

And it seemed that the press, some ministers and others with credibility, were duped, corralled into accentuating the positive, eliminating the negative.

Buried in the paper, however, were warnings from the World Health Organization that there were no signs of a world epidemic. One article unobtrusively hidden within the pages of the daily commented, "Having been accused that nowhere in the Ford platform is the concern for the poor, hungry, unemployed, how coincidental, how heartwarming that though the millions can't eat or sleep in snug housing, unworried about where the next meal is coming from, that they'll at least be kept alive in misery through the benefit of a flu vaccination."

Even that cynical comment could not presage the deaths of some who were stuck.

Despite the fact that the World Health Organization should have given us adequate reassurance while the Common Cold Unit in Salisbury, Eng. stated, "Swine flu is not as virulent as others;" despite the fact that the doctors were in agreement that it was not the flu that was to be feared so much as the side effects of pneumonia that ofttimes cause death, thousands of people had been sufficiently brainwashed by government to stand docilely in line.

Skepticism should have been the order of the day when the drug companies held up the program to guarantee that they would not have to insure the results of the drug. How calculating that public health officials' concern didn't surface until hundreds began suing the government because of paralysis and death of the recipients of this deceptive political potion.

Doesn't this tell us something about the whole direction and nature of this government, of drug companies and of research centers — that human life is to be tampered with merely to advance political ambition?

This is how fascism rears its ugly head, for there are those unwilling to question the voice of government, who believe in the adage "my country right or wrong," who help the onset of fascism.

It is also, Americans like this, who cry "America, love it or leave it," who have really become the vanguard for a dictatorship that punishes the dissenters, while hoodwinking the believers.

The sad part of this story, however, is that when there is really verification that an epidemic is imminent, who will believe those who have "cried wolf?"

Well, the lesson learned should be that we must continue to trust to luck, continue to heed our own gut feelings.

People are reading

Books most often requested at the branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library are listed below. If the one you want is not immediately available, the librarian can suggest another which you might enjoy.

NONFICTION

JUDY, Gerold Frank (M1420.G355F7)
A MAN CALLED INTREPID, William Stevenson (D810.S8578)
CHANGE LOBSTERS AND DANCE, Lillie Palmer (PN 2638.O3A33)
THE ROCKEFELLERS, Peter Collier (E747.C64)
WORLD OF OUR FATHERS, Irving Howe (F128.9.J5H8)

FICTION

A WORLD FULL OF STRANGERS, Cynthia Freeman
STRANGER IN THE MIRROR, Sidney Sheldon

Poet's Corner

Logic

Yesterday I heard a robin sing
telling of his plan
To build a nest in a willow tree.
I said, "Silly bird, don't you know
willows weep
And could drown you in her
sorrows."
And he said, "Silly girl, don't you
know a robin's song
Might brighten all her sorrows."

DOROTHY C. ALVES

Insurance suit

That suit by Bill Redmond and his wife against rates charged them by Blue Cross and Blue Shield could have far-reaching impact.

The Redmonds don't like having to pay $160 a year more for husband-wife coverage than they would be required to pay for similar coverage if they bought individual policies.

Blue Cross-Blue Shield insist the higher costs established by family relationships, rather than by age, makes the program less costly to operate.

Some other major insurers in Maryland sell a married couple coverage at the same rate at which two individuals can buy it.

Blue Cross-Blue Shield uses age without qualm in dropping children from a family plan when they become 19, the period when many are in college and often pose an extra financial burden for their families.

Thus far, the Redmonds have not been able to get a ruling in their favor from the insurer nor the insurance commissioner's office.

The Redmonds, whose case has been filed in City Court, say the rates they pay discriminate against them as healthy, young people.

A victory for them also could affect some of the seemingly arbitrary rate-fixing set in the automobile field where a man's residence hurts him more than his driving record.

It does not seem fair that any group of insured should be discriminated against in order to make life easier for the carriers.

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).

"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

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Women Voters League needs $$

Dear AFRO:

The League of Women Voters of Baltimore City announces with regret the curtailment of certain of its services to the community necessitated by a lack of funds.

1. As of Jan. 1, the office will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday only, and will be closed during the months of July and August.

2. The number of Voters Guides for a city of more than 700,000 was limited to 20,000 this year for the same financial reasons.

There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of the public about the wealth of the organization and some belief that the recent national debates were a source of income for the organization.

In truth, there still exists a large debt on the part of the national organization and a need for support from its local units.

If no help is forthcoming, more drastic measures may have to be taken: the city office may have to be closed entirely.

For those who believe this 56-year-old organization has been of service to them and to the community, contributions may be sent to League of Women Voters of Baltimore City, 2318 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. 21218.

CAROLYN GAUSE
President

Let Carter prove self

Dear AFRO:

We have been given the right to vote for one whom we feel will bring problems down in the world instead of up. Now that the election is over and we will have a new president, people are expecting so much from him.

I feel that Jimmy Carter has made some promises that he can't keep, for he is only as human as you and I. He can only try. Stop to think that if we had the chance to become president we would have made promises, too.

Some people said that Carter is for all blacks. In my opinion there isn't a white man out here who is going to be for all blacks, unless he's afraid. Carter will try to help the blacks as well as the whites.

The president works like you and I and has a big job to do. He has to try to make plenty of jobs, reduce taxes and try to keep America out of war.

It is not all fun and games being a president. So we should give him a chance. Maybe he can do the job and maybe he can't.

But, let him prove himself as others have.

MISS SHERIDAN ROBERTS

State scholarship aid

Dear AFRO:

Each year many students apply for scholarship aid and find that they have inadvertently passed the application deadline date established by the Maryland State Scholarship Board.

The deadline date for applying for use in the 1977-78 term is Jan. 15, 1977.

Application packets are available at a high school guidance office, college financial aid office, or through the State Scholarship Board (Telephone 383-4695).

Students needing help in completing applications can call the financial aid officer at any neighborhood college, or call the State Scholarship Board (383-4095) weekdays from 9-3, Saturday, Jan. 8 and Saturday, Jan. 15, for this assistance.

ROSALIE S. ABRAMS
State Senator

Smoking law not enforced

Dear AFRO:

I continue to receive complaints from people that the law prohibiting smoking on buses is not enforced.

They are disturbed that they must suffer the discomfort of riding in an enclosed area exposed to cigarette smoke for extended periods of time.

Throughout the country laws are being enacted to protect people from exposure to cigarette smoke which can be discomforting or harmful to them in public places.

Maryland has such a law regarding smoking on buses, as you know.

My bill, Senate Bill No. 507 of the 1975 session, requires owners and operators of intrastate motor bus carriers to prohibit smoking of tobacco products while the bus is in public service.

But a law is only beneficial if it is enforced. The public must depend upon you for this service.

I ask you to extend this consideration to those who ride the buses provided by your system.

VERDAF. WELCOME
State Senator

Try pound for reducing

Dear AFRO:

I would like to share with you and your readers (at no charge) a weight reducing diet which costs nothing, does not contain dangerous drugs, does not require strenuous exercise and does not prohibit sweets.

All one must do is tour the cat and dog pound.

Stay as short or as long as your stomach can tolerate it. Tolerance and-or breaking point varies with individual's capacity.

It will serve as introduction, or starter, if enroute to the pound you look at the strays all over the city and county and make a mental note that they may soon wind up at the slaughterhouse — excuse me, pound.

Weight loss will be noticeable almost at once because you will stop eating and sleeping. Satisfaction is guaranteed.

One visit may suffice. If by some fluke it does not, the prescription can be refilled on the authority of your doctor.

This is important because the experience could conceivably affect your brain and heart, those gifts from our Creator for thinking and feeling, which atrophy from non-use.

B.J. SMALL

Nowadays

Smile

One of the worse things to take for a cold is advice.

A good thing about a guilty conscience is it doesn't kick up a fuss until after the fun is over.

Young Beat — by larry young

New Year predictions for 1977

Last year we looked into the old crystal ball and made, oh, about 12 or so predictions. Obviously, world-famous Jeanne Dixon had nothing to fear, and in all likelihood, the case will remain the same this year.

Young Beat readers will admit that one of the predictions is just about to come into its own. Last year I predicted that former Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro III, would emerge into public view frequently and consider running for mayor. Well, he was the Baltimore City campaign manager for Governor Jerry Brown's campaign for president and has increased his membership on several boards, commissions and fundraising activities.

Now for 1977.

(1) "Sex for Grades" scandal will be brought to public attention.

(2) Lieutenant Governor Blair Lee and State Senator Steny Hoyer will emerge as the top two candidates for governor.

(3) AFRO readers to watch this year: Dr. Vernon Gray, director of political science department, MSU; Elbert Guillory, executive director, Human Relations Commission; Ms. Ruth Kirk, president, Citizens Democratic Action Organization; Ms. Willia Bland, proprietor, Flair Studios; Kenneth Strong, C.O.I.L., Youth Health Care Corporation; Isiah Spriggs, executive vice president, 1199E; Ms. Eleanor Lee and Irving Conway, Provident Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center; Dwight Pettit, lawyer.

(4) Young Beat's Under Thirty Bunch: Ms. Linda Cotton, teacher; Lewyn Garrett, law student; Reverend Major McGuire; Clarence Bishop, senior legislative assistant to Congressman Parren J. Mitchell; Reginald Hill, proprietor, Small World Day Nursey; Clarence Allen, federal employees; Benjamin Phillips IV, photographer; Ms. Laura Murphy, legislative adie to Congressman Mitchell; Ms. Angela Gibson, administrative aide to Delegate Arthur Murphy; Maurice Dorsey, interior decorator; James Kearney, MSU; Victor A. Thomas, New York theatrical student.

(5) Mayor Schaefer will improve the ratio of blacks holding key positions. Will not run for governor. Will weigh heavily the decision to seek a third term as mayor.

(6) A university president from Baltimore will be named to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

(7) A black will run for lieutenant governor. A black will be offered the position of Maryland secretary of state.

(8) The April 1977 Conference — A Citizen's Humanistic Values and the Quality of Life in Maryland: A Mandate for Social Action—to be held at MSU will be a big success.

(9) A prominent black church will be asked to have its Night Watch Services televised on New Year's Eve. 1977.

(10) A TV program featuring Dr. Andrew Billingsley and the Reverend Dr. Harold A. Carter discussing the black family will be a special treat for TV viewers.

(11) A black health network will be established in Baltimore.

(12) The AFRO Clean Block campaign will achieve even greater heights.

(13) AFRO readers will monitor the actions of our elected officials in Annapolis more carefully.

(14) Arena Players will celebrate their best attendance record ever.

(15) Governor Jerry Brown will speak at a major black fundraiser in May.

(16) A major hospital will have its discriminatory practices made public.

(17) The Baltimore Orioles will finish second in their division.

Happy New Year to all Young Beat readers.

'How-to' guide for desegregation

A "how-to" guide for everyone with a stake in school desegregation has just been published by the College of Urban Development at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

"School Desegregation: Making It Work" is a 140-page, brightly-covered paperback which describes role responsibilities for social scientists, lawyers, school superintendents, school board members and the media.

It also offers specific guidelines for those people plus community leaders, parents, students and government officials.

The book evolved from a conference held at MSU this past summer, sponsored by the College of Urban Development with a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

School districts now under court orders to desegregate are among those who will receive copies of the book.

CUD dean and project director Robert L. Green noted in the book's preface there is reason for optimism about the future of school desegregation.

"The public is recognizing with greater clarity that school desegregation is a necessary remedy to a violation of the constitutional rights of minorities," Green wrote.

"Of course, there may be some disruptive events to strain the success of desegregation efforts in many communities," he said.

"But these events should not be construed as signs of the failure of desegregation programs."

According to the CUD dean, conference participants were assured that they were not present to debate the "merits of busing," but to seriously discuss issues related to the successful implementation of school desegregation.

From this discussion, specific recommendations were developed.

Because the school superintendent's involvement in administering a desegregation program is a key factor, guidelines for this role were the most extensive.

A few are:

— Assume a visible leadership role to gain support of the community for the desegregation endeavor.

— Invite citizens to visit the schools which their children will attend as soon as possible after pupil assignment is worked out and before the children begin attending classes.

— Prepare the community for some initial disruptions in order, schedules, achievement, etc.

— If busing has been ordered, try to downplay public hope for a reversal of the decision.

— Seek out and identify parents who are supportive of desegregation to take part in parent committees working for a peaceful implementation process.

— Set up a desegregation center for disseminating information or receiving complaints by parents, students and teachers.

Make it official

The writer's name and address must be included in the letters to the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN.

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

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

The AFRO reserves the right to edit letters.

Salute of the week

AFRO readers are requested to submit names of persons or organizations to be used in this column. Write Salute of the Week, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.)

In the spotlight this week is Mrs. Carol Glover, director of the Glover-Tillman Learning Center. She was honored recently at a dinner-banquet sponsored by the Glover-Tillman Auxilliary.

Mrs. Darlene Forney, chairman of the auxiliary, told the AFRO:

"Mrs. Glover had worked so hard. Even when there were times when I felt I was ready to quit, she would say we couldn't do that and we must think of the children. When it seemed that all doors were slammed in her face, she never gave up.

"Everyone who gets involved with her will return either to volunteer their services or offer suggestions. There is something about her personality that draws others to her and her cause."

Mrs. Glover and the late Frances Tillman are founders of the center, housed in a one story, yellow brick building located at 3814 Edmondson Ave. It has been in operation since December, 1973.

The center provides an innovative program for emotionally handicapped pre-schoolers, the only facility of its kind in the black community.

A native Baltimorean, Mrs. Glover is the daughter of Mrs. Corine Terry, guest speaker at the affair. Mrs. Terry is a senior teacher in the Baltimore public schools.

Her father is Austin Hogan, who is retired.

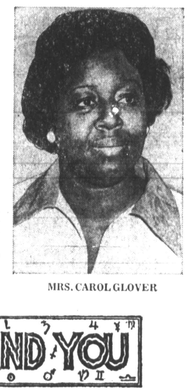
A 1960 graduate of Dunbar High School, Mrs. Glover holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morgan State University and her Masters from Coppin State College.

In addition to her activities at the center, Mrs. Glover is quite active at Eastern United Methodist Church where her husband, the Rev. Eugene Glover is pastor. However, she still holds her membership at New Lebanon Calvary Church. The Rev. J. P. Stewart is pastor there.

The Glovers have one son, John, 10, who attends P.S. No. 31.

Detrica Royster, Mrs. Glover's sister, volunteers her services at the center. She is a graduate of Antioch College.

Her brother, Russell Hogan, is a Baltimore public school teacher.



MRS. CAROL GLOVER

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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.

QUESTION: I have read that the Maryland General Assembly will convene on Jan. 12. Please explain to me how a bill becomes law. — W. D.

ANSWER: Del. Larry Young, who represents the 38th district explained the following to AFRO Line.

The bill is introduced in the House or Senate. It is assigned a number, read by title and sponsor and referred to a standing committee. A bill may be reported by the committee: favorable, favorable with amendments, substitute, unfavorable or without opinion. A committee can kill a bill by failing to act on it.

If the bill has been reported favorably, it has its first reading and is placed on the calendar for the next day. If it's reported unfavorably or without opinion, the bill is not likely to go further.

The bill now comes to the floor of the House or Senate. There it is voted on for second reader. It can be either amended or let ride for third reader.

A motion, usually from the majority floor leader, that the bill be read for the third time, opens the floor for debate. Following the debate a final vote on the bill is taken.

If the bill is defeated that is the end of it, unless a member who voted on the prevailing side requests its re-consideration and a majority approves.

For a bill to pass, both the House and the Senate must agree on the final form.

If either House fails to concur in an amendment, a conference committee consisting of senators and representatives must reconcile the differences. The resulting compromise is subject to the approval of both Houses.

After the bill has passed both Houses, the bill is read carefully to make sure the final wording is correct. The bill is signed by the presiding officer of each House and sent to the governor.

The governor may sign it, permit it to become law without his signature or veto it.

The bill may be passed over his veto by a majority of the members of both Houses. The governor has 30 days, (excluding Sundays), to act on a bill after he receives it.

The minimum time required for three readings in each House is 7 to 10 days.

An emergency measure can be passed in one day.

However, most bills take longer to complete the process.

Del. Young suggests that you write to your state legislator and obtain a free copy of the book entitled, "Your Voice in Annapolis."

Where to call

COMPLAINTS

Of discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, physical or mental disability or tension in your community, call COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION — 396-3141 or 396-3150

— of questionable business practices, CONSUMER PROTECTION, 383-3656

— on food, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, radiological products, call FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION — 462-4499

— discrimination in employment, housing or public accommodation, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION — 383-3680

— about phones or gas and electric services, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION — 383-2374

EMERGENCIES

AMBULANCE — 396-1111
FIRE DEPARTMENT — 685-1313
POLICE EMERGENCY — 222-3333
HOUSING, HEATING, LIGHT — 234-2172 or 234-2412

SERVICE

ANIMAL REMOVAL — 396-0218
CRIMINAL INJURIES resulting from robberies or assaults — 523-5000
DEFECTIVE SIDEWALKS — 396-3168
DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL — 383-2720
FOOD STAMPS — 234-2413, 234-2751, 234-2763
LEGAL AID — 539-5340
PENSION REFORM — 962-3914
RAPE — 366-7273
RUMOR CONTROL — 837-1188
SEWERAGE PROBLEMS — 396-0232
TRANSIT AND TRAFFIC — 396-3049
VACANT HOUSE — 396-4176
WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION — 233-4791

STARS AND YOU

ARIES "The Ram" (March 21-April 20) — The time to persue your education is now. Consult an expert for advice.

TAURUS "The Bull" (April 21-May 21) — A position of considerable responsibility may be yours. Do not refuse it for modesty sake.

GEMINI "The Twins" (May 22-June 21) — One who has been sympathetic to you in the past needs you now. Do not act as though you have not noticed.

CANCER "The Crab" (June 22-July 23) — Take a broad-minded view of an overheard conversation. There is more to it than the portion you overheard.

LEO "The Lion" (July 24-Aug. 23) — Unless you have confidence in yourself as a speaker, it would do well to write out your feelings.

VIRGO "The Virgin" (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Your fickleness can cause another serious emotional upset. A clean, kind break is now in order.

LIBRA "The Balance" (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Be as decisive as you are determined, in order to accomplish your task. The opposition will not have time to interfere.

SCORPIO "The Scorpion" (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't become discouraged because failure is indicated. A little fortitude may cause you to win out.

SAGITTARIUS "The Archer" (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Show your love for another in deeds not words. This is the secret of making a good impression.

CAPRICORN "The Goat" (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Advice that does not pertain to your present situation must be ignored. However, you must be alert to recognize it.

AQUARIUS "The Water Bearer" (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Do not overdramatize your dilemma because you believe others are unfair. It really could get out of hand.

PISCES "The Fish" Be patient, although you are terrible disappointed with another. You may lose out completely.