ARGUING EDUCATION—Parents representing 12 PTA groups from Baltimore City School's Region 7 argue with Mayor's Aide Quentin Lawson prior to meeting with the Mayor Thursday after a demonstration at City Hall that morning.

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

Federal government provides money for rent for low income families

The program under which low-income families get direct aid payments on rent payments to private landlords has worked well, Housing Commissioner Robert C. Embry says.

Three-and four-bedroom apartments are still needed urgently.

Embry hopes property owners will take advantage of the program.

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Assistance is now given to over 400 families under the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments program. The present quota for the federal program is 590 units.

Section 8 is particularly useful for elderly people, enabling them to remain in apartments they had been renting but which had become too expensive for them. More than half of the assisted families are elderly.

The city's entire quota for one- and two-bedroom apartments has been put in use. Until the City's authorization is enlarged, future rentals under the program must be in the three- and four-bedroom size.

Property owners who now have good tenants with low incomes may find Section 8 a good way to help them.

Qualifed low-income families in the program pay no more than one-fourth of their income as rent; the federal government pays the balance up to a fair market rent.

The program permits rents expected to be up to $278 for a three-bedroom apartment and $316 for a four-bedroom, including utilities.

Thus if a family's income is $500 a month and the rent is $260, the family will pay $125 (one-fourth of $500) and the federal government the balance of $135.

To the property owner, the program offers prompt receipt of the assistance payment on the first of the month and an incentive to keep the apartment or house occupied and in good condition.

Once a unit is accepted subsidies are available for up to five years.

Dwellings are inspected by Housing and Community Development before they are approved for subsidy, and they must be maintained in accordance with program standards.

Embry notes that property owners should not avoid the program for fear of involvement in red tape.

The only contact with HCD after the intial agreement, is at the annual inspection.

Property-owner applications are made by calling 396-4093, or by writing the Housing and Community Development, 222 E. Saratoga St.

To date, the average subsidy payment has been $110.91, with a tenant share of $56. Seventy per cent of the assisted families are classified as having "very low" income, with most of them receiving public assistance or living on Social Security payments.

Embry notes Baltimore's economy as a whole is strengthened by the infusion of federal money.

For further information, call Dich Davis, 396-4100.

Rev. King talks of his 'crazy image'

RICHMOND

By John Templeton
AFRO Staff Reporter

On his way to an almost certain rebuff at the White House, the Rev. Clennon King issued an ultimatum to President-elect Jimmy Carter's church in Plains, Ga.: admit a black to church membership by Jan. 23 or "I will just have to continue with this crazy image I've been maintaining."

King had invited reporters into his Richmond hotel room last Thursday, where he sat on his bed in robe and T-shirt, surrounded by scattered papers, which he said were letters of response to the church's denial of his membership application.

The 56-year-old, who taught history at Richmond's Virginia Union University between 1948 and 1950, said at one point during his rambling discourse, "God tricked me into going to the church the Sunday before the election" to enable Carter's election.

He said he had received angry letters from blacks who said they had only voted because of his action. Carter received overwhelming black support.

But he said that he would again try to join the church because "a white Southern, segregationist judge" had pulled him aside in a Richmond restaurant the night before and urged him to continue his effort.

King said the judge told him: "You have let us phony white Christians down ... Do not let us get away so easily. Don't stay up here; please go back to Georgia. Go back and get some black person to join." He declined to identify the judge.

Since the Plains Baptist Church had said he was not a resident of the community, King said he would establish a residence in the town by Jan. 23 and reapply for membership.

King came close to tears as he compared his current experiences to another turning point in his life — in July 1958, when he attempted to enter the University of Mississippi and was instead tossed into an insane asylum for 12 days, he said.

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Hochschild's announces store plans

Hochschild, Kohn, one of Baltimore's leading department stores, today announced plans to open three new stores in the Baltimore area during the next two years.

Hochschild's, a division of Supermarkets General Corporation, also announced plans to close its obsolete downtown Baltimore store at Howard and Lexington Streets in July of this year.

Hochschild's is actively evaluating new downtown locations based on the retail district revitalization program being developed by the Greater Baltimore Committee, in conjunction with the Mayor's office.

Ward R. Woods, president of Hochschild's said that "these new plans are part of our on-going efforts to better serve the shopping needs of Baltimore area residents. They will help us continue to bring fashion merchandise to our customers on an economical basis.'

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Hochschild's, which currently operates six stores in the Baltimore area, also announced that it would move its executive offices to space at 1726 Whitehead Road near its newest store on Security Boulevard and would relocate its fashion distribution facilities now at Park and Centre Streets to its existing distribution center at Meadows Park.

According to the company, new store plans call for the opening of a store in the North Plaza near Perring Parkway in August this year, a store in Bel Air's Harford Mall later this year and a third store in the Kenilworth Bazaar in Towson in 1978.

Mr. Woods said that "Together with the major remodeling of our Belvedere store last year, these new stores represent a major commitment to our customers in the northern part of the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan area."

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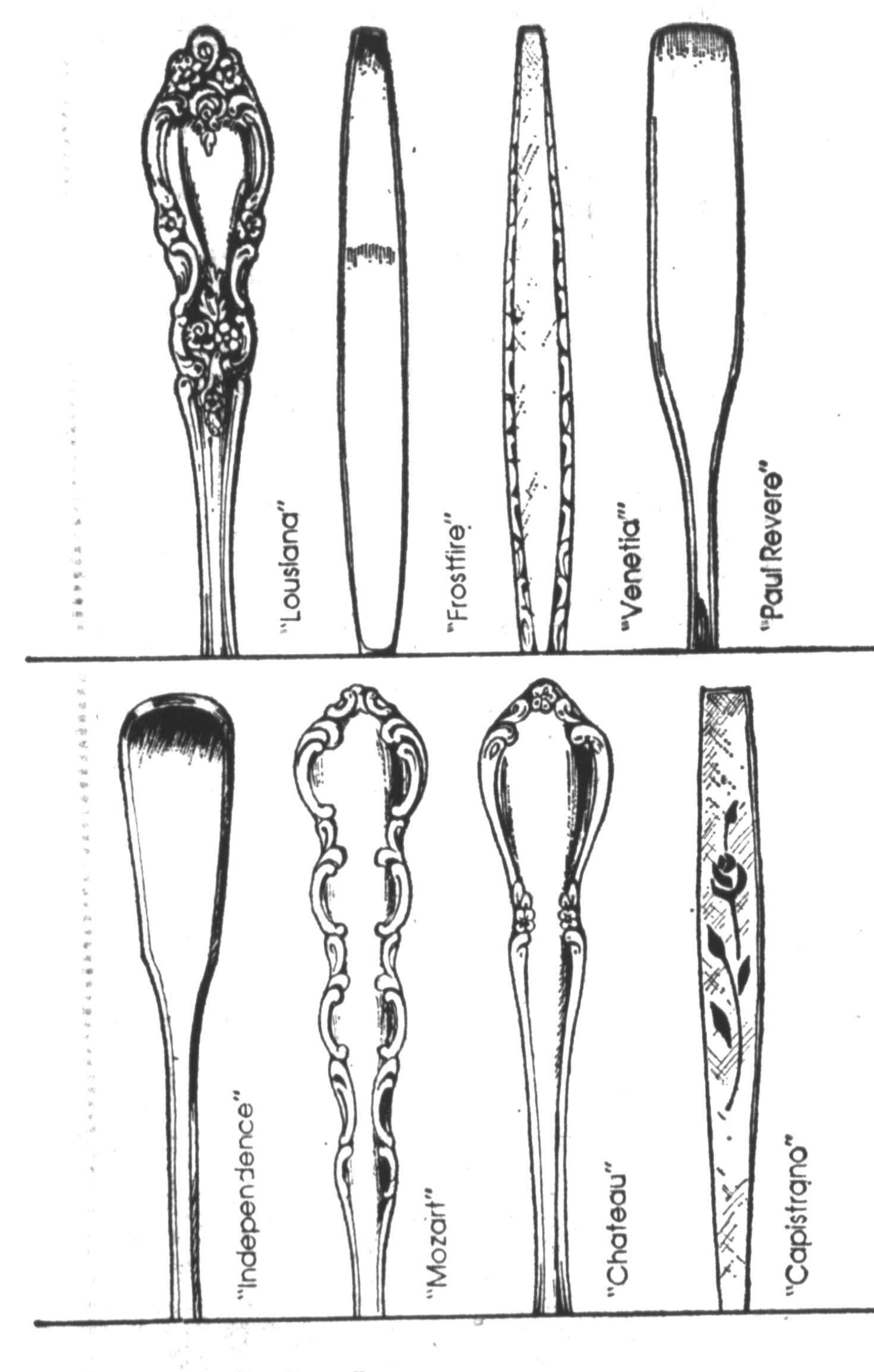

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A TESTIMONIAL will be given for Dr. Pearl C. Brackett, retired assistant superintendent for educational services of the Baltimore City Public Schools on Sunday, Feb. 6, 4 to8 p.m. at Blue Crest North. For reservations call: 396-7120. Samuel Adams is chairman.

Region VII teacher vacancies?

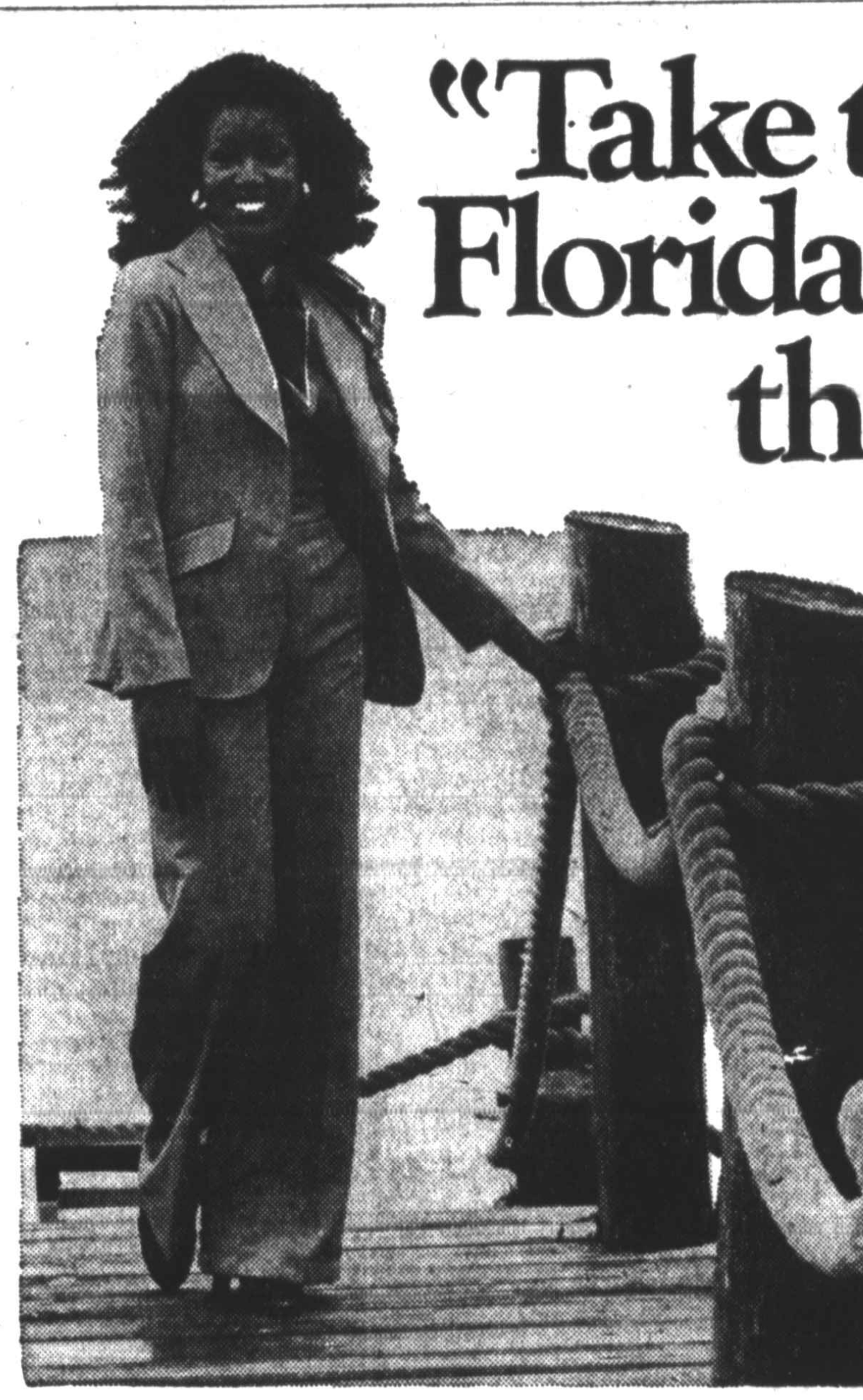
Parents of the city schools Region VII met with the Mayor Thursday morning to express concern over the reported large number of teacher vacancies in the region.

Mrs. Elsiee Williams, chairperson of the Regional Advisory Council of Region VII, said:

"We the parents of Region VII are concerned about the large number of teacher vacancies compared with the number of vacancies citywide. We want thees vacancies to be filled by competent teachers.

"We have been bringing our attendance up. This means bringing in a number of children who have problems. We need the support of psychologists and others.

"We expect to press on until we get quality education in this area. We are all-black area."



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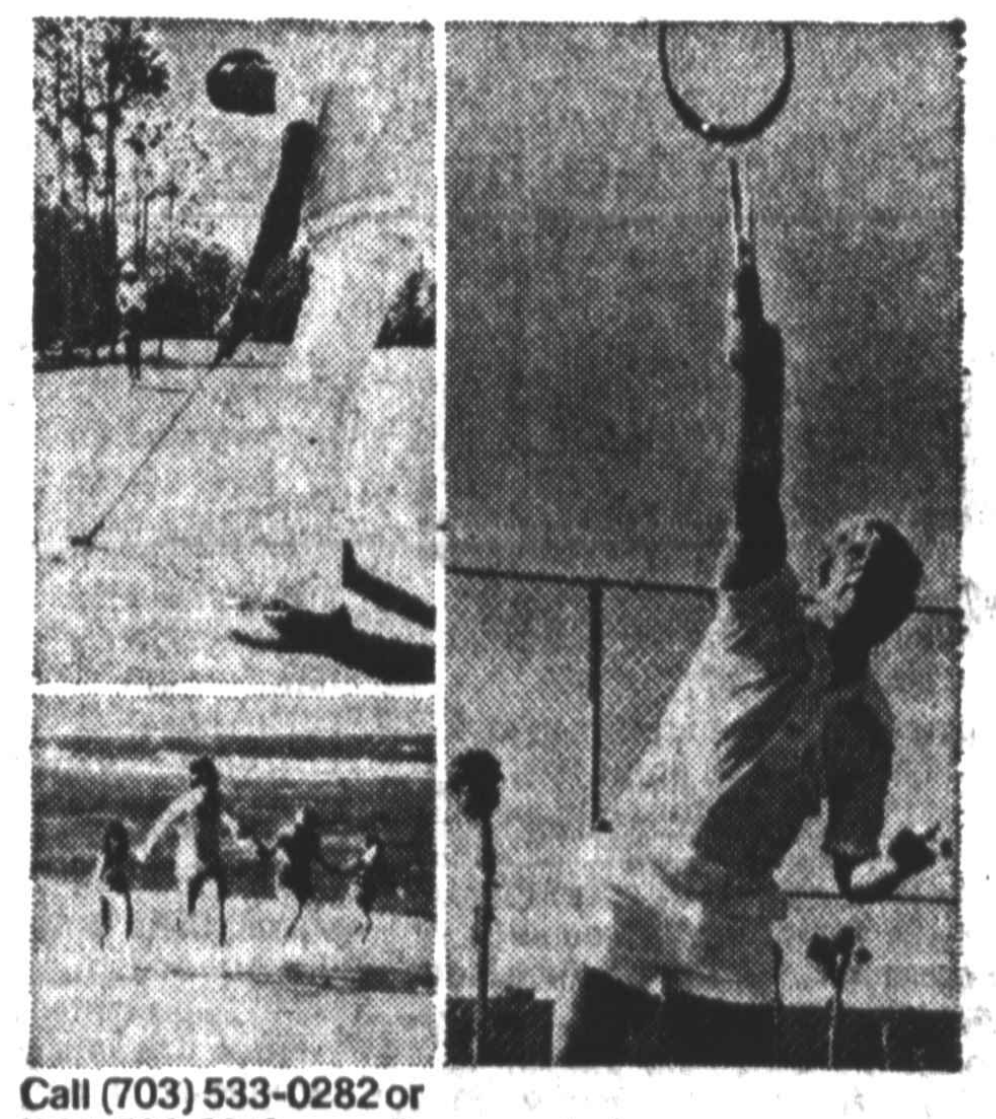

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MS. PERKY STOKES, 38, is shown leaving court, with her attorney William H. Murphy Jr., Ms. Stokes, is accused of shooting Miss Gloria Bynum, a Go-Go dancer as she left work from Club Harlem in the 300 block W. Lombard St. The trial will continue today (Friday) before Judge James A. Perrott.

Mandel trial scheduled for April 13

BALTIMORE (UPI) — Publicity about Gov. Marvin Mandel's political corruption case should diminish enough by the scheduled April retrial data to permit a fair trial, according to the trial judge.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert Taylor, who was assigned to the retrial of Mandel and his codefendants, explained in a written order Monday why he earlier denied a defense request to delay the retrial until June.

Taylor ordered the retrial to begin April 13, two days after the Maryland General Assembly adjourns.

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In his written opinion, Taylor said he believed publicity about the mail fraud and racketeering case would diminish by April and that a fair trial could therefore be obtained.

"In the opinion of the court, it is likely that much of the publicity surrounding the first trial will time," said Taylor of the dissipate during this period between Dec. 7, when the first trial ended in a mistrial, and the April retrial date.

Federal prosecutors wanted the retrial to begin in February, but Taylor said he chose April because time was needed for publicity to dissipate.

Taylor's opinion also reiterated another reason for setting the April date — that he did not want the trial to interfere with Mandel's legislative work.

The trial of Mandel and four codefendants was aborted after some jurors heard a news report about two jury tampering attempts.

Indicted with Mandel are W. Dale Hess, William A. Rodgers, Harry W. Rodgers III and Ernest N. Cory Jr. They were named in a 8-count indictment which accused Mandel of accepting financial favors in return for his influence on race track legislation.

Taylor must still rule on a request by federal prosecutors to have a sixth defendant, Irvin Kovens, tried with the others. Kovens' case was severed last summer for health reasons.

Charles G. Bernstein, federal public defender, filed a motion Monday requesting that he be appointed to represent Cory Bernstein as[illegible] court his assumption of Cory's defense [illegible] deelay th trial.

Cory claimed he could no longer afford an attorney and asked the judge to appoint one for him.

Man, 38, sentenced for fraud was unemployed, had big car

A 38-year-old Baltimore man has been sentenced to three years in prison for defrauding the Social Security Administration.

Charles Johnson, also known as Charles Gordon and Gordon Tony Johnson, 3703 Reisterstown Rd., was sentenced on Jan. 11 by Judge R. Dorsey Watkins, U.S. District Court, Baltimore.

Johnson had pled guilty to a charge of falsely stating his income and resources, which allowed him to receive $3,380 in unauthorized Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments from the Social Security Administration.

According to U.S. Attorney Jervis S. Finney, Johnson made statements to Social Security indicating he was unemployed and that he did not own an automobile.

A subsequent investigation by Social Security's program integrity staff, revealed that Johnson was holding two jobs in the Baltimore area, by the use of aliases.

The investigation and referral to the Department of Justice of potential SSI fraud cases is an ongoing effort of the Social Security Administration aimed at assuring proper eligibility for SSI payments.

The SSI program pays cash benefits to needy aged, blind or disabled persons who have little no income and very lim resources.

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Cerebral palsy telethon set for Jan. 29, 30

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Hosts Dennis James and Paul Anka will be joined by the greatest gathering of stars of the entertainment world. Portions of the program will originate from New York, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. Some stars that will be appearing are: Jerry Vale, Florence Henderson, Rip Taylor, Roy Clark and Wayne Newton.

Also Steve Lawrence, Edyie Gorme, Charlie Callas, Charo and Bill Cosby.

Tony Bennett, Rich Little, Diana Trask, Bill Withers and Odea Coates.

Last year the people of Central Maryland rallied to the aid of cerebral palsy by flooding the local telephone centers with pledges of financial support.

Bert Jones, star quarterback of the Baltimore Colts, will be adding his support to the telethon as honorary chairman.

Money raised by the major entertainment event is used to rehabilitate youngsters and adults stricken with the dread crippler — cerebral palsy. Also, part of the receipts is used to support vital research projects.

What are they learning?

"What are our children learning? is the theme of the seventh annual conference on early childhood education sponsored jointly by the Maryland State Department of Education and the University of Maryland, Department of Early Childhood, on Feb. 10 at the Center of Adult Education, College Park.

Scheduled principal speaker is Harold G. Shane, research professor at Indiana University and former dean of the school of education there.

Other speakers include Barbara Bowman, director of the Erickson Institute, Chicago, Jenny Klein, of the DHEW, Office of Child Development, and Louis Rubin, of the University of Illinois.

The theme, "What are our children learning?" will be amplified in morning and afternoon workshops when participants will select from four discussion titles: "about themselves" "about society," "about others," and "about learning."

Participants will be early childhood specialists ranging from teachers to university administrators as well as public and private day care and nursery school specialists, and parents. About 600 are expected to attend.

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