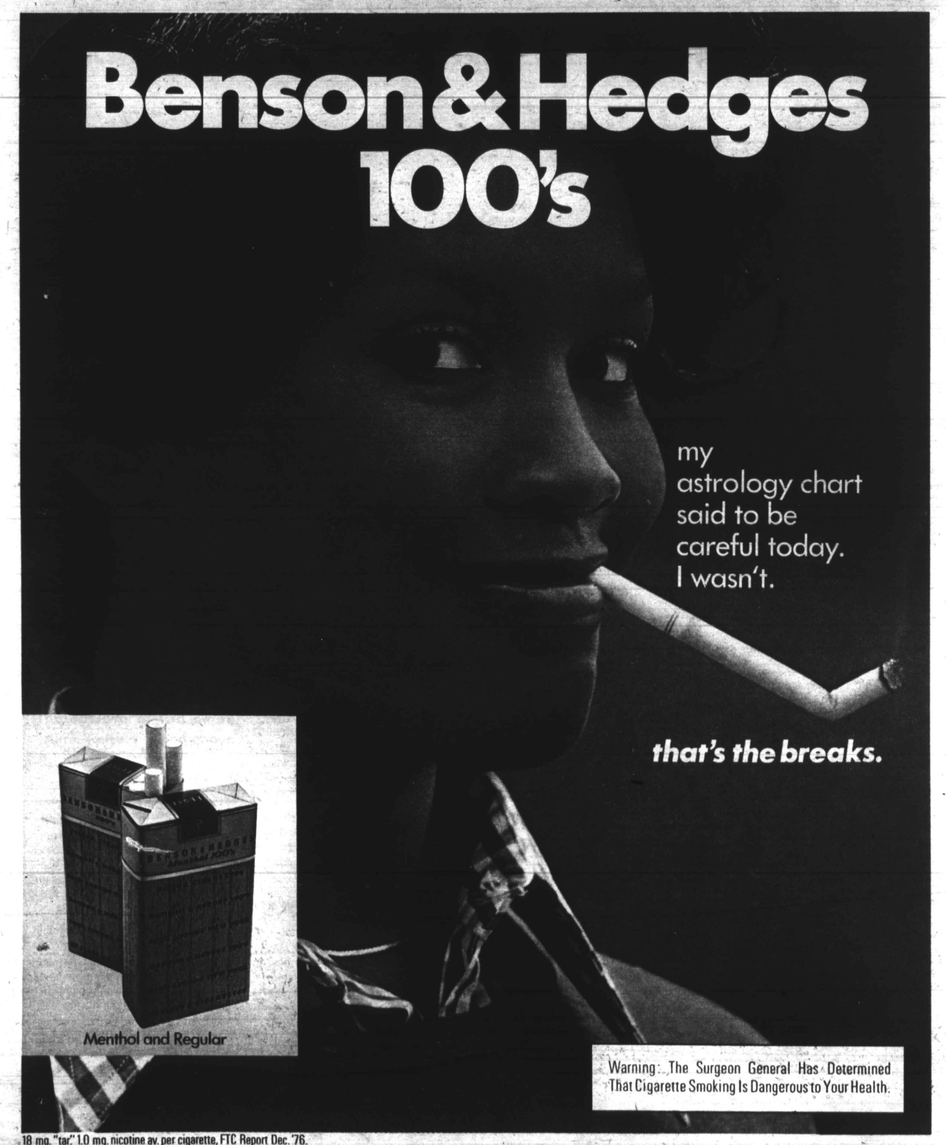

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Eastsiders wait for Jimmy Carter to review Mandel prison site mess

Florida firm makes offer to Parks, Adams

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

The H. G. Parks Inc. Baltimore based firm, known as Parks Sausage, has agreed to what is in essence a merger with a Miami, Fla. holding firm, the Norin Corporation.

Raymond Haysbert, Parks' president, told the AFRO Thursday that the Florida based firm has offered to buy stock at $10 a share from Henry G. Parks, chairman and William L. Adams the majority stockholders..

The transfer which is at present a verbal agreement and according to Mr. Haysbert involves some $5.1 million for the 511,000 shares at $10 a share. Mr. Parks has 32 per cent and Mr. Adams 31 percent.

Waiting in the wings is another firm, JEMNS Ltd. of New York which, according to their attorney, Reginald Lewis, has strong interest in obtaining what they feel is "a very fine company."

Mr. Lewis told the AFRO Thursday that the group he represents is predominately black and would be "symbolic" if there could be an arrangement "in case the other deal does not go through."

Hoping there may still be "a chance", Mr. Lewis

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Pollack was 'long gone' years ago

James H. "Jack" Pollack died March 15 at age 77 of cancer and after almost 50 years as "boss" of a political machine that stretched over Maryland.

At death, however, his influence had waned to only a whisper and few young people ever knew he once held a shameful hand of discrimination in black

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ALL THE WAY to the White House is where Mrs. Joyce Clasing, Mrs. Pat DiCarlo, Mrs. Thelma Tucker and Mrs. Zatella Giles took their pleas for federal intervention to save East Baltimore from harboring another prison in its backyard. Wednesday afternoon White House officials told a reporter some action would be taken.

Justice officials to meet with citizens

WASHINGTON — The Carter Administration is dispatching a Justice Department official to meet with some 70,000 East Baltimore residents opposed to the state's intent to locate an 800-bed medium-security prison in East Baltimore.

The Administration's action came late Thursday afternoon.

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Wednesday a delegation of four women residents from the affected Orangeville and Kenwood sections of the city met with White House officials who earlier had been sent a packet of information, including news clippings detailing vocal protests by residents.

The Wednesday meeting was arranged as a White House follow-through on a telephone call it had made to Mrs. Zatella Giles, one of the co-ordinators of the protests.

At that meeting, Dr. Joyce Starr, associate special assistant to the President for Public Liaison, listened to the four women's pleas for federal intervention with patience, but avoided making a commitment then. However, she did say she would have a response "from the appropriate officials" within 24 hours.

Early Thursday evening Gil Pompa, acting director of the Community Services Division of the Justice Department, telephoned the AFRO to say he was sending an official from his Philadelphia office to meet with the East Baltimoreans "as soon as possible."

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Minutes later, Henry C. Mitchum, a conciliation specialist with the Community Relations Services Philadelphia regional office, telephoned the AFRO to say he intended to meet with residents "the next day" Friday (today).

Mitchum said he has been ordered to "make an assessment" and report his findings to Justice Department officials. — PAUL EVANS

'Du' Burns star rises in the east

When you look at Clarence "Du" Burns, the second district city councilman, his rounded face and sparkling eyes tell the story of how he's feeling and the state of his political condition.

About now, it's everything's coming up roses. Things are on the sunny side and a smile and a brisk, businesslike handshake are the order of the day.

"Du," as he has been affectionately called by relatives, friends, colleagues, constituents and even detractors — with his role as vice-president of the City Council, and the first black man to hold such a responsibility — is on his way.

He's bubbling over with enthusiasm and has all kinds of ideas and suggestions he wants to attempt in his new politically "inner circle, up front" role.

Yep, "Du's" about to be launched into a position of increased importance, responsibility and most of all visibility in Baltimore's political sun.

Speaking in vibrant, optimistic tones this week, he told a reporter, "I am going to stay as chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee. It is because of my concern with the urban renewal process. The Inner Harbor. The new town of Coldspring. Lower Park Heights.

"All of the renewal projects in the city come through this committee. And I make sure that everybody gets his share. I don't want one area to get more than another. In fact, I hold committee hearings in the neighborhoods. Urban affairs is too important for people not to understand it."

Burns said he intended to pursue the traditional role of the number two man in the council. In the past, that has meant serving as the Mayor's floor leader and chief spokesman in the body.

But, he added, "I am going to add some things of my own." These things of his own, he said, will include meeting with each councilperson once a week to find out what their problems and concerns are.

"Then," he told the AFRO, "I will sit down with the Mayor once a week and bring to him a bundle of council's problems."

He felt this is needed because some councilpersons say they can't get to see Mayor Schaefer when they need to.

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Moreover, Burns says he sees himself as a mediator between Schaefer and Orlinsky, who are known to have a long-standing mutual dislike, based more on methodology than substance sources say.

"I know what both want. What the Mayor wants. What Wally wants. I hope that by talking with them individually that this will help bring together. The city will benefit from them

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Don't miss the Circus

There are plenty good seats left at the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus from today (Friday) and through Sun-

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Hopkins lawyer cries

Charles Hopkins, 35, started crying Thursday in Criminal Court when his girlfriend told the jury how she noticed a personality change in him several months before the April 13, 1976 City Hall shooting.

Ms. Constance Matthews, 31, testified Hopkins was known as "A gentle man who loved to have fun. Two years ago Charles started to change. Particularly about the way he was with women. He got cold and said a black woman should do whatever a man tells her to do."

Hopkins is on trial before a jury with Judge David Ross presiding. He is charged with killing City Councilman Dominic Leone and wounding four persons last April at City Hall.

The trial continues today (Friday) in Room 236 at the Court House. When Ms. Matthews started telling the jury about Hopkins' 11-year-old son being concerned about the outcome of his father's trial and how he would go to bed each night with his portable radio to hear the news about the trial, Defense Attorney William H. Murphy interrupted her testimony and asked Judge Ross for a recess.

Again, tears started flowing from the eyes of

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JON LOVE 2ND ELEPHANT RIDE

Tarzana talks

1. Howda you do. Let me introduce myself. My name is Tarzana. I was named for a human hero who used to hang around the herd a lot. It was way before my time, but I heard through the grapevine that he was a real swinger.

Jon Love, for the second straight year represented the AFRO in the elephant walk from the Camden Yards to the Civic Center to open this year's circus. Jon, 13, is a seventh grader at Woodlawn Junior High. He's the grandson of Mrs. Arnetta Lottier, deputy director of public relations.

2. I realize this is your second time as a pachyderm passenger. Relax and be calm. We elephants at Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus are the Rolls Royces of our species, so don't worry about a thing!

3. As a point of information, all of us elephants who work for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus are female. It's not that we discriminate against the opposite sex, but we don't need any male chauvinist elephants stealing the spotlight. And, oh yes, if you have a memory problem and forget my name, call me anything.... anything but "Tiny."

4. In case you didn't know, we are natives of India, but we were trained in Germany, so we understand that language as well as English. You can make small talk in either language and we'll understand. Don't worry about your grammar. If we understood Johnny Weissmuller's jungle jargon, we can understand anybody!

5. By the way, when you climb aboard, do dress informally. You don't have to impress me. I'll be dressing casually also; so skip the loincloths and safari suits! A pair of jeans will be just perfect.

6. Perhaps you were con-

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House passes measure on employmet agencies

The Maryland House of Delegates has passed unanimously the HJR Bill No. 23 which calls for investigation of employment agencies which charge as much as $80 or more for getting citizens jobs.

The measure, when it passes the Senate, will set up a committee which will be administered by the State Department of Labor and Industry. The committee, appointed by Governor Mandel will give its findings to the chief executive for action.

The bill's author, Del. Troy Brailey, said the unanimous passing in the House is encouraging since thousands of black persons on menial jobs have too long been losing most of the earnings and taking home practically nothing after working long hours.

The measure came as the result of hundreds of complaints of household and other domestic workers who each week find their earnings amounting to "not enough to exist on" because of the excessive fees practice of employment agencies.

Here's an example of how poor and black citizens suffer:

A woman who said that the $80 was to be deducted

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$40 million subway fight

By Elizabeth M. Oliver,

ANNAPOLIS — The dispute between a low-bidding contractor and the General Council Baltimore Association of Minority Contractors Inc. for the fourth time held up the $40 million contract for the Mondawmin Shopping Center location of the subway system.

Appearing before the Board of Public Works here Wednesday, were members of the black contractors organization, their attorneys and spokesmen and the prime contractor, the joint venture of Clev-Con-Au-Au-Vianim.

Robert Fulton Dashiell, the Baltimore lawyer for the black contractors told the AFRO the touchy situation came before Board of Public Works members, Gov. Mandel, Comptroller Louis Goldstein and Treasurer William James, for possible conclusion but resulted in delay until April 6.

Dashiell said the Clev-Con low bidder had submitted a list of minority contractors and the amount of their contracts to the Mass Transit Association as totaling $4,147,500.

Dashiell said, "Although this total appears to have satisfied the 10 per cent requirement of Clev-Con's contract as to minority participation, the fact is that of the $4 million in sub-contracts to purported minority firms, only $201,500 is earmarked for

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