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School and Home Section

The AFRO's weekly report to students, parents, educators.

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Educator in the news

AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz.

BETTER UNDERSTANDING — Administrators at Dallas F. Nicholas Elementary School, during the school's first anniversary celebration, selected pupils to assume administrative jobs for one day so students can experience the responsibilities of running the school. (L to R) Principal Mrs. Bette Topp with her counterpart James Scott, 10. Senior Teacher Jesse Green watches sixth grader Genese Hubbard teach his class sounds made by the letters "s." Linda Bristol, 12, makes the morning announcements while Joseph T. Jones watches and Secretary Miss Janice C. Carter teaches fifth grader Reginald Thomas to type.

HOTLINE:
Checking for Scoliosis

The city Health Department is helping parents keep their children healthy by screening all 7th grade pupils in city schools for early signs of scoliosis or curvature of the spine.

According to health officials, an estimated seven to 10 per cent of the pupils ranging in age from 10 to 14 years show evidence of curvature of the spine.

The cause is unknown, there is no way to prevent scoliosis and early detection is the only way to prevent it from becoming a severe problme. It can cause critical disabilities such as orthopedic problems, body organ displacement and difficulty in breathing.

Secondary school nurses of the Health Department have been trained in the 30 second screening technique. No special equipment is used.

If you want your child checked you have to give permission. Most parents have assented to the screening and in some schools the nurses are helped by parent volunteers.

If your child is examined and any spinal deformities are found you are advised to see your family doctor, or orthopedic specialist or go to the scoliosis clinic at Johns Hopkins, Children's or Kernan's Hospitals.

Merger Possibility

The merger of the city school's Student Senate and the citywide public, private and parochial combination of the Association of Student Councils for Baltimore City (ASCBC) is approaching reality.

A resolution voted on by the senate in April expressed an interest in merging the two groups to provide more effective student governing procedures and the possibility of better organizational efficiency.

The plan has also received the support of the ASCBC.

A committee has been formed to investigate the possible merger. Work planning sessions have been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Pimlico pupils tour local businesses

To learn more about employment opportunities in the business world, 31 social studies pupils from Pimlico Junior High School toured the various businesses in their community and in the Baltimore area.

The tour was sponsored by the Baltimore Business United to Stop Trouble (BUST) program and was the first attempt to bridge the gap between the business community and the school system.

According to one BUST official, the pupils were taken to businesses in their own community then were taken to other companies in different communities to give them an opportunity to compare communities and businesses.

The pupils visited the redevelopment area of Park Heights, Oldtown Mall and the Inner Harbor. They also saw the food making process of a local fast food chain.

They were then treated to a meal at the Rotunda Mall before they returned to school.

THE CITY SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Women cop both student commissioner posts

The feminist won when two young women were elected the new student commissioners for the city's school board.

Miss Peri Mello of Western High School and Miss Wanda Johnson of Walbrook Senior High School came to last Friday's Student Senate elections with the firm intention of winning the posts they were seeking.

Running against one other young woman and one young man, Miss Mello and Miss Johnson presented prepared arguments explaining why they should be next year's student commissioners.

The Student Senate elections were the final elections in the Vote In '77 program that involved every secondary public, private and parochial school in the city.

Usually held in June, the election of the student commissioners and the senate executive body were held a month early to give the 1977-78 representatives an opportunity to learn their new jobs before the beginning of the '78 school year.

Next executive officers are Dennis Witmore of Southern High School, president; Ronald Malone of Lake Clifton, vice president; Paul Demos of Baltimore Polytech, coordinating chairperson of committees; Mis Leslie Watkins of Douglass, recording secretary and Miss Margaret Brogden, of Cherry Hill Junior High School was elected corresponding secretary.

Miss Yvette Fike, an incumbent student commissioner, was pleased that two women won seats on the school board.

Parent of the week

AFRO Staff Photo by Norma Spencer.

MRS. MARY TAYLOR enjoys her day as a parent volunteer at Harris Elementary School. Mrs. Taylor believes that the education of a child is the most important thing in his life.

It's happening

There is more to school life than just sitting in the classrooms.

City schools offers many different activities. For example:

CARVER ADULT CENTER

An evening vocational program for adults will be offered at the Carver Vocational Adult Center, 2201 Presstman St., beginning at 7 p.m., Monday, June 27.

All adults and out-of-school youth over 16 years of age are eligible to attend the center, where all classes are free to Baltimore City residents. A materials fee of $2.00 will be charged for most courses.

The Center will operate from June 27 through Aug. 4 with registration conducted at 7 p.m. on June 27. For more information about these programs as well as other opportunities for adults during the summer months, call 396-6702 or 6705.

CITY WIDE

Two adult and community education centers will offer special classes for adults who need help in preparing for the high school equivalency (GED.) examination.

The classes will begin on June 22, at 6:30 p.m. Registration will take place during the first half-hour of the evening. A materials fee of $2.00 will be assessed each student.

ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY

The school will hold its first annual Flower Day Monday at 10 a.m. on the school grounds.

Park School opens new thrift shop

The School House Thrift Shop is now open at 224 W. Read St. in downtown Baltimore.

According to Stanley I. Panitz, head of the Park School Board of Trustees, the Thrift Shop is designed to raise funds for the scholarship program at the school. Panitz said the shop grew out of the successful garage sales which the school sponsored for several years.

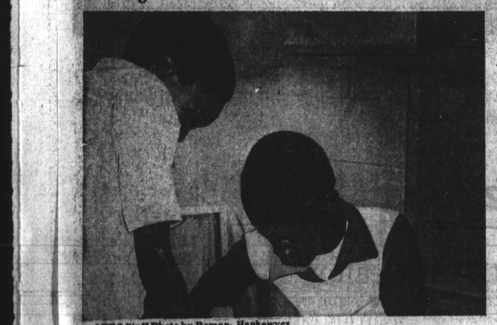
The merchandise carried is a variety of household and clothing items contributed by friends and members of Park School. The Gifts are tax deductible.

Bill Hughlett has been appointed the manager of The School House Thrift Shop, which is manned primarily by volunteers.

"The location is a splendid one," Hughlett says. "We attract people who work downtown as well as those who live in the area."

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays. For information about contributing or purchasing merchandise, call The School House Thrift Shop at 752-2494.

Young achievers



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HARD AT WORK — Brothers George and Robert Wormley of Cherry Hill and Windsor Elementary Schools assiduously work on their racer which was an entry in the preliminary Soap Box Derby contest held in Cherry Hill Thursday. The derby finals will be held June 4 with a race between Dr. John L. Crew, superintendent of schools and Mayor Schaefer.

VIEWPOINT

By Mrs. Anne Jackson
Special to the AFRO

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Jackson is chairperson of Project Open, a community - based organization specializing in improving education in the city schools.)

I wish I had some magical answers to the financial dilemma facing the school system. I'm sure everyone does.

In light of the state legislature's failure to provide any financial relief for the coming year our local fiscal crisis is significant.

Recently I attended the Department of Education agency hearing and listened to the grim possibilities for the coming year, which are especially drastic if we are also being asked to consider living with this year's budget.

As chairperson of Project Open and a parent of two children in public schools I have a deeply strong commitment to public education.

Dr. John Crew, superintendent of city schools, recently said that our school system is at least showing the positive signs of much needed stabilization, improved morale and significant improvements in student test scores.

If we are forced to make additional reductions, possibly resulting in the elimination of all our Home Visitors program, it would be pulling the rug right out from under us.

The current education budget requests for next year barely enable us to remain in a comparable position with this year.

Our youngsters' education future deserves much more, certainly not less.

I trust we are all vitally concerned with the future of public education in our city. I am sure we all want the very best education opportunities for our children regardless of our circumstances.

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Our day at the races
A Preakness postscript

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

Black dollars accounted for much of Pimlico's Preakness day income.

For example, we observed so many of us at the $50 and $100 windows, Preakness Day, May 21, that in reality could have

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(Photo by J. D. Howard)

TRIUMPHANT RETURN—Years ago Redd Foxx (L) and Slappy White (R) worked in Baltimore's Pennsylvania Ave. nightclubs in relative obscurity. Now they return as show business superstars to lead the celebrity list at the internationally known Preakness. Shown in the center is jockey Willie Shoemaker.

(Photo by J. D. Howard)

PREAKNESS POSTSCRIPT—Black citizens enthusiastically celebrated the Preakness. John Polston (left panel) who groomed Seattle Slew for victory, gently strokes the horse in the winner's circle. In the center panel is Maritta Coleman, only black cheerleader in Preakness activities. At right panel, Mrs. Ellanora Williamson stands at the bettors window to collect money won on Seattle Slew.

Weaver's corner: a legacy (SEE PAGE 4)

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Memorial Day at the movies (SEE PAGE 28)

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Woman neighbor held in Eastside murder

Lee urged to veto death bill

Gov. Marvin Mandel should veto the death penalty bill passed by the 1977 General Assembly because it is poorly drawn and presents major administrative problems, Attorney General Francis Burch said.

Burch said the capital punishment bill meets Supreme Court guidelines, but also contains serious procedural problems, including confusion over when a defendant should be sentenced to death.

The bill was designed to meet constitutional objections to the invalidated 1975 law, which mandated death upon conviction of certain crimes. The new bill gives the jury discretion in sentencing, but Burch said it offers little guidance in applying the death penalty.

"It is unfortunate to say the least that a bill of this importance leaves so many loose ends and possesses so many interpretation problems," Burch said.

Several legislators made similar criticisms during the session but the bill passed because the assembly wanted to be sure the state had a capital punishment law.

The bill is the second piece of major legislation which Burch wants vetoed. He urged Mandel earlier this week to reject a major property tax bill because a technical error gives utility companies an unintentional tax break.

Alan Wilner, Mandel's legislative aide, said decisions have been made on all but "one or two" bills, but he refused to identify them.

Wilner said decisions were made on all legislation before Lt. Gov. Blair Lee III held a bill signing ceremony Thursday. The legislation must be acted on by May 31 or it becomes law without a signature.

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Lee has already signed most of the legislation passed by the 1977 session, but several crucial bills must still be endorsed, including a one per cent increase in the sales tax and legislation appropriating funds for a medium secur-

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Residents of Perlman Place said they don't know the 30-year-old woman who had been charged with killing one of their neighbors, whom they say was "very well liked."

Mrs. Rosa Davis, a mother of two children who lived 12 doors from Mrs. Fredonia Caldwell, has been charged with killing Mrs. Caldwell last Sunday.

The 52-year-old victim was found lying on her living room floor with a blood-stained hacksaw blade near her body. Police reveal she had been stabbed in the face, neck, chest and abdomen and died of multiple stab wounds.

Bail was set at $50,000 for Mrs. Davis who is now confined to City Jail and is scheduled to appear in court June 16.

Relatives of Mrs. Davis were seen moving Thursday morning while the AFRO reporter talked to several neighbors.

Police state Ms. Davis is the neighbor who called and reported she ahd not seen Mrs. Caldwell and thought something was wrong because, "her home was dark."

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Ms. Bernadine Walker described Mrs. Caldwell as a neighbor who was always willing to share. "Several weeks ago she knocked on my door and asked me if I would like for have some fish her friend

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Tournaments close out high school sports

Baltimore City high school sports are ending accompanied by the resounding cymbal-like crashes of tournament play in baseball, tennis, golf, lacrosse, boys and girls track and softball.

Rain during the middle of the week however, halted some of the tournaments after the preliminary rounds. Boys' baseball and girls' softball were two that did finish and the results are reported on pages 12, 13, and 14.

Boys and girls track, boys golf and lacrosse, and 'B' Conference tennis all have finals left, the results of which will be reported in next Tuesday's AFRO.

DOCTOR WILLIAM (LITTLE WILLIE) ADAMS received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga. recently. Pictured are (L to R): Dr. Robert A. Threatt, president of the college; Mr. Adams and Mr. Eddie M. Laws, professor of biology at Morris Brown.

William L. Adams receives honorary doctorate degree

You can call him Dr. William Lloyd Adams now.

The legendary William L. Adams, who rose from being the "Little Willie" of Baltimore's ghetto streets to a nationally known real estate developer, political power and industrialist of uncommon wealth, received an honorary doctorate from Morris Brown College at the Atlanta school's recent commencement ceremonies.

Adams was also principal speaker at the graduation ceremony when some 200 undergraduates received their degrees.

Earlier Adams and his wife, City Council-person Victorine Adams, were guests of honor at luncheon given by the class of 1957 in the plush Atlanta Sheraton-Biltmore Crystal Ballroom. He had been inducted as an honorary member of the Morris Brown class of that year on the recommendation of Isaiah Larkin, a class of '57 member and business associate of the Baltimore business leader.

The 1977 graduating class heard a memorable address from Adams, who for years had been a mythical, mysterious and controversial driving force in black America's financial circles. With Henry G. Parks, Adams developed the Parks Sausage Company into a multi-million dollar national enterprise. His Adams Realty Brokers firm has extensive holdings in Baltimore and elsewhere.

His speech, which Adams described as "Little Willie's philosophy suggestions of how you can make it in the world today," was a down-to-

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BULLETIN

Houston Jackson dies at 79

Dr. Houston R. Jackson, retired assistant superintendent of Baltimore's public schools, died Thursday night in Deaton Medical Center after a long illness. He was 79.

The educator's career began in 1920 in Frederick County, Md. where he was a teacher in a one-room school house. He entered the Baltimore school system as a history teacher and retired in 1957 after 40 years of service.

The body will lie in state Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 1219 Druid Hill Ave.

The family will receive friends Tuesday at the church from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Church 12:30 Wednesday.

Who's to say what's a welfare 'emergency?'

By Peter Harris
AFRO Staff Writer

When bureaucrats are entrusted to speak for people of the streets, it often happens that a communications barrier pops up, resulting in confusion about the definitions of words or phrases usually thought to be common to the public.

Take the word 'emergency.' A simple word, yet, in the case of the rules governing state welfare grants for persons who encounter one, its definition has produced a protest that won't die easily.

An 'emergency,' as defined by federal welfare guidelines governing Maryland's two emergency aid programs, does not include the destruction or wearing out of furniture in a tragedy, according to state Department of Human Resources (DHR) officials.

Because of that, and State - Legislature-ordered budget cuts, DHR has changed its rules in such a

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'Mr. Fro' keeps on spreading cash

As surely as crowds flock to a circus or carnival, so will kids, grownups, male and female alike, all run out to meet the money man from the AFRO — Mr. Fro with Dough, out on the streets Wednesday afternoon.

This week's outing meant happiness for three winners in west Baltimore: Mrs. Carolyn Hunter, a $10 winner from 1615 McKean Ave., Mrs. Flossie Ingram, 3522 White Chapel and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Brown in the 2000 block of Ashburton St.

Ms. Ingram, who won after receiving a call from Mr. Fro because she was the lucky caller clipped from the AFRO, let her son Anthony throw the dart at the number she picked on the AFRO number board.

Anthony's strong right handed throw hit seven blocks away from her numerals — 021, putting her the closet to winning the extra $100 than either Ms. Hunter or the Brown's,

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Peel it & Paste it
Mr. Fro will be looking for AFRO Lucky Stickers as he gives away $ Dollars $ in the AFRO-In-Your-Home Contest.

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STRETCHING FOR THE TAPE—Karen Jones (L), of Forest Park, Trina Cunningham of Western (C) and Celice Taylor of Patterson pour out a last burst of energy in the 80 yard low hurdles in the Baltimore City Girls Track and Field Preliminaries held at Lake Clifton Tuesday. Ms. Cunningham was victorious. See page 12 for more prep sports results.