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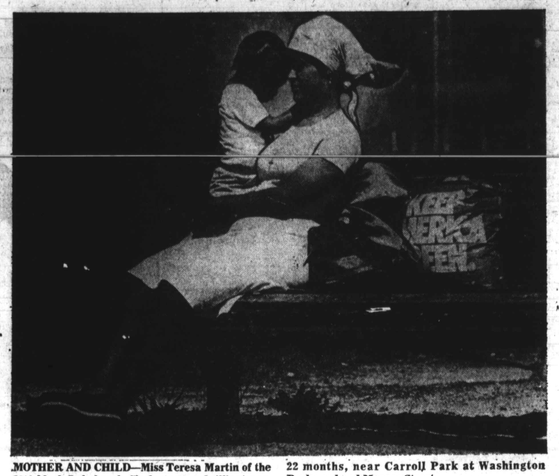
THANK HEAVENS FOR BENCHES is what Miss Sharon Carroll, 19, seems to be saying as she rests her arches in Hopkins Plaza.



MOTHER AND CHILD—Miss Teresa Martin of the 2900 block Lakebrook Circle poses a brilliant portrait as she sits with her daughter Felisha Harmon, 22 months, near Carroll Park at Washington Boulevard and Monroe Street.

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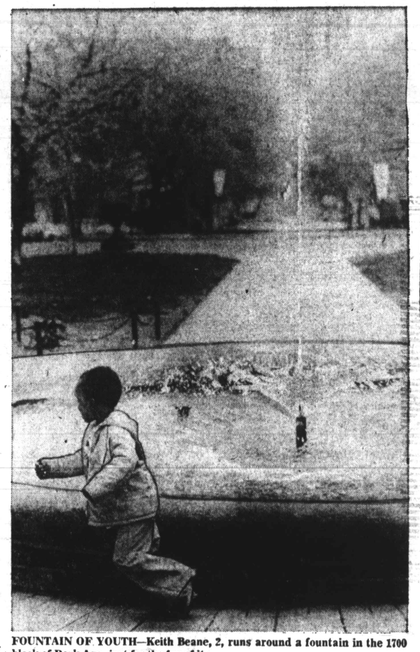
UNDER CONSTRUCTION is the Charles Center Station for the upcoming Baltimore Subway system and as a result motorists, including transit buses (right), have to zig zag along Baltimore Street which has become a rush-hour mess. At left, workers survey a ditch being dug by a backhoe at Baltimore and Hanover Street.



FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH—Keith Beane, 2, runs around a fountain in the 1700 block of Park Ave. just for the fun of it.

LUNCHTIME COUPLE—Pete Thompson, 27, and Miss Diane Tobias, 25, share a lunch break in Hopkins Plaza enjoying the balmy weather Baltimore has been having.

—Inmates' views

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The AFRO was able to obtain the signed statements from the men, who are presently serving time in the Maryland Pen. They include: Rafael Ranies, Craig Deshields, Elton Fitzgerald, Reginald Chambers, Juan A. Smith, George Moyer and Anthony Bogdan.

Most of their statements reveal that they thought Thomas did not have to be killed by the city jail guard.

About the shooting Ramos said:". . .I strongly feel that the officer was in the wrong, not because I am a prisoner, but because the officer did not use the proper procedure in apprehending the prisoner.

"I also feel that the officer could have shot the prisoner in his leg or somewhere else, instead of his back."

Chambers: ". . . he didn't have to shoot "Big-Boy" (Thomas) in the back, he was close enough to shoot him in the leg, but he didn't. He shot to kill him."

Moyer: ". . .He had just made it to the opening in the gate when Sgt. Davis shot him. Sgt. Davis had ample time to yell a warning or to shoot him in the legs. He did neither of these things.

"The above is exactly what I saw, as I was standing right next to Sgt. Davis."

Smith: "Sgt. Davis was negligent on the jail's behalf, because he could have put up the effort of attempting to catch the individual, but instead, he removed his revolver from the holster and fired at point blank range from 10 to 15 feet without giving the suspect a warning of any kind."

On April 10, Davis was restored to duty after an investigation by the city state's attorney's office cleared the 11 - year veteran correctional officer of the shooting.

Howard Gersh, assistant states attorney for violent crimes, said his office was only concerned with the legality of Davis' shooting during the investigation and not the morals of the shooting.

"The law says he has the right to use his weapon," Gersh said, "and there is no evidence to indicate that the officer committed a crime" so he was restored to duty.

(By Fred Hines, AFRO staffwriter).

Women's Day to be held at New Shiloh

The women of New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street, will sponsor their 12th annual Women's Day on April 16.

The Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist will speak at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.

A musical concert will be given by the Soul Choir of Saginaw High School from Saginaw, Mich. at 4:30 p.m., directed by Mrs. Marion Carter McKinnie.

Mrs. Lillie Belle Carter, mother of Rev. Dr. Carter, will be the 6 p.m. speaker.

The theme for Women's Day is "Christian Women in an Evangelistic Crusade for Christ."

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Dead tot given wrong blood

Grandparents press $21 million suit

Malcom Lightfoot Dixon

After two years the Commission on Medical Discipline has finally ruled that the Jan. 8, 1976 death of Malcolm Lightfoot Dixon, 4, was due to errors made by a physician who game him the wrong blood.

His grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. Ward (Helen) Mobley are still waiting on a $21 million damage suit filed against the doctor.

Dr. Mohammad Faysal, who had been found guilty of professional incompetency by the state Commission on Medical Discipline, is no longer in Baltimore.

He is now in a residency program at Stanford University.

According to the grandparents' attorney, Murray I. Resnick, Dr. Faysal will be returning to Baltimore within the next 30 days for deposition.

Malcolm was taken to Lutheran Hospital on Dec. 28, 1975 after he was scalded with hot water.

After he was transferred to City Hospitals his name was confused with that of a 67-year-old patient and he died after being given A negative blood.

Malcolm was supposed to have been given B positive blood.

The death certificate was not immediately signed and Dr. Jack Frost, an assistant medical examiner who handled the case, said the delay was caused by the hospital not proptly providing the child's medical and laboratory records.

The suit charges that Malcolm was killed as a result of a wrong blood transfusion.

"The blood provided was not the proper type and the child suffered great pain and died."

Malcolm had been transferred to City Hospitals from Lutheran Hospital where he was taken in December with scald burns.

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Swisher denies probe of Allen

State's Attorney William Swisher denies he has any knowledge of members of his staff posing questions to "street people" in investigations of Supreme Bench Judge Milton B. Allen, Col. James H. Watkins, attorney William Murphy, television newsman Dennis Holly and Maryland Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

He also told the AFRO Thursday morning he will look into it "right away" as to reports that Assistant State's Attorney John Denholm has been showing photos of the above men to persons under investigation and asking "what do you know about these people?"

When asked by the AFRO if he

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Baltimorean is our first woman airline pilot

A FIRST — Ms. Jill Brown, 27, a Baltimore native, joined five other women first officers becoming active co-pilots on Texas International's DC9 jets. She was previously a pilot for a North Carolina commuter airline based in Raleigh. She is shown in this AFRO file photo with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Brown (Elaine). Her father is a building contractor and her mother teaches art at two Cherry Hill elementary schools.

Join the big parade

George B. Murphy Homes Beautification Parade, Saturday, April 22, 1978, 727 George Street, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
See story on Clean Block Page

MSU grad wins Pulitzer Prize

James A. McPherson, a former student and associate professor at Morgan State University, won the Pulitzer Prize this week for fiction.

McPherson was awarded the coveted prize for "Elbow Room," a collection of short stories that examines the black experience in America. The collection is a continuation of stories first published in "Hue and Cry."

McPherson attended Morgan State for one year, 1963 - 1964, as an exchange student from Morris Brown College under the Political Science Institute, directed by Dr. James Fleming, and he was a student in Dr. Ruthe Sheffey's creative writing class.

Dr. Sheffey, an English professor, commented on the successful writer and professor. "I consider him to be one of my success stories," she said. "Mr. McPherson no doubt, would have been the successful writer that he is without my course, however, I enjoy basking in his reflected glory."

Almost 10 years later, in August, 1975, McPherson returned to Morgan State University as an associate professor of popular culture.

Commenting on his return to

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ALL THAT JAZZ

New superstar Al Jarreau

By Bob Matthews

If you are a regular reader of this space then you know that I have not taken kindly to the electronic music invasion.

But there is an exception.

And he is in town Friday, April 21, at the Murphy Auditorium at Morgan State University.

Talking about Al Jarreau, who has to be classed as the most outstanding jazz - oriented singer extant.

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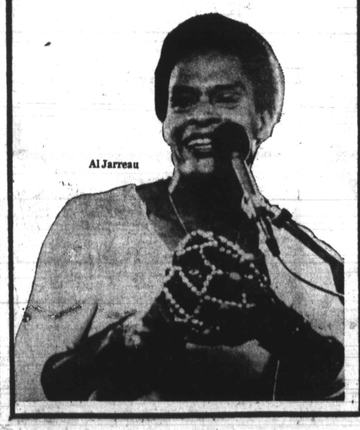

Al Jarreau

Gay rights, minority business top CRC public meeting agenda

The Community Relations Commission (CRC) held its April public meeting April 19 with a gay legislation report and discussion of the minority business report sent to the mayor as key agenda items.

At the present time CRC is in the process of finalizing the report that will eventually go to the City Council in the form of legislation. It seeks to prevent employers from discriminating against homosexuals.

"All commissioners should submit any questions they have about the report, because we will eventually be asked these same questions ourselves," said CRC Chairperson Antonia K. Keane.

Marion Sjodin, who will soon be retiring from her post as CRC public relations director, said "to my knowledge we have not heard an answer to the recommendations" sent to Mayor Schaefer on the Minority Business Report.

The recommendations were sent to the Mayor's office one month ago while the report was sent four months ago.

Besides the mention of an opinion from city solicitor Benjamin Brown, the short CRC meeting ended without much discussion on anything else.

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'Eggy' Davis gets 15 years

A 46 - year - old narcotics dealer who pleaded guilty to possession of heroin with intent to distribute, has been sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Benjamin "Eggy" Davis Jr., who in the early 70's was linked to the late Del. James A. "Turk" Scott, who was assassinated in July 1973, was sentenced on April 18 by Judge Milton B. Allen.

Davis, of the 5500 block Wesley Ave., was arrested on March 9, 1977 near Rogers Avenue and Liberty Heights when he was about to sell $520 worth of heroin.

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Democrats honor Howard H. Murphy

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Howard Hughes Murphy at age 77 received the coveted Candlelight Award from the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) Baltimore Chapter in an April 15 event which marked the 30th Roosevelt Day Dinner and the group's salute to the Needles Trade.

The banquet also heard Murray H. Finley, president of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, AFL - CIO, CLC, who urged Congress to pass the Humphrey - Hawkins full employment bill "for a decent job and wages for all."

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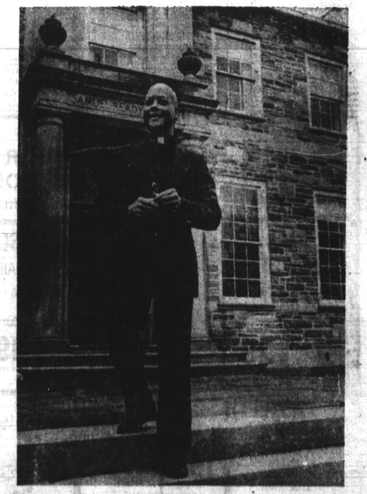

NEW OWNER — Bishop Monroe Saunders stands in front of thesrecently purchased Samuel Ready School on Baltimore National Pike, See story, page 13.