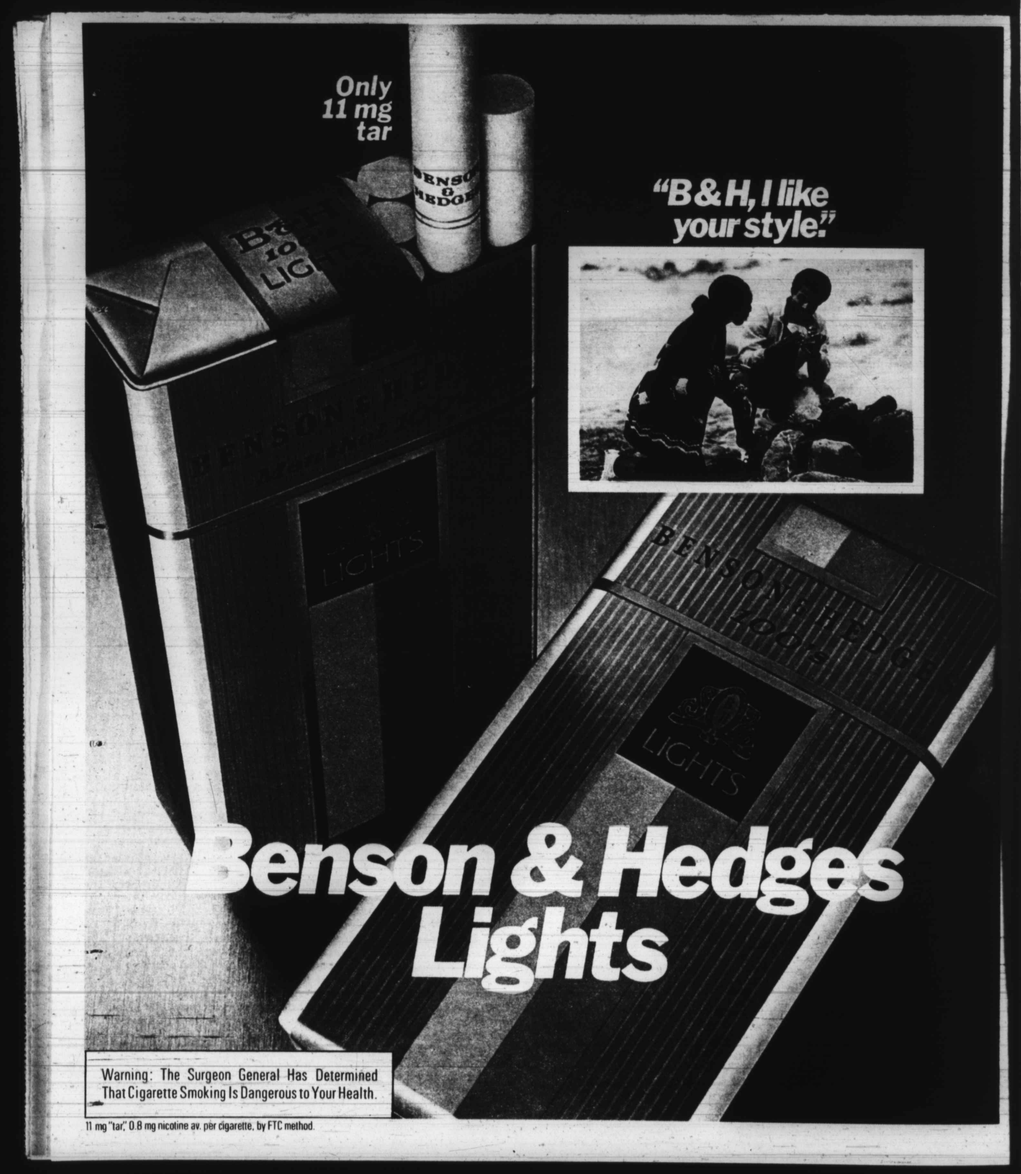

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2 women: local dope raiders harassing innocent citizens

Two Baltimore women involved in separate incidents in the wake of the recent wave of police dope raids in the city have accused the police of harassment.

They are Ms. Elizabeth Simpson and her tenant, Ms. Ethel C. Carr, both of 3300 block Haywood Ave. Ms. Carr was arrested July 6 at the intersection of Druid Hill and Liberty Heights Ave. Ms. Simpson, a nurse, reports a group of white officers "raided" her first floor apartment on July 18 in search of drugs.

Both women claim they are innocent of drug deals while charging the police with racism and improper arrests.

Ms. Elizabeth Simpson, told the AFRO her "terrifying arrest experience occurred on July 18 around 4:30 a.m.

Ms. Simpson said she was sleeping when all of a sudden someone broke the door down to her

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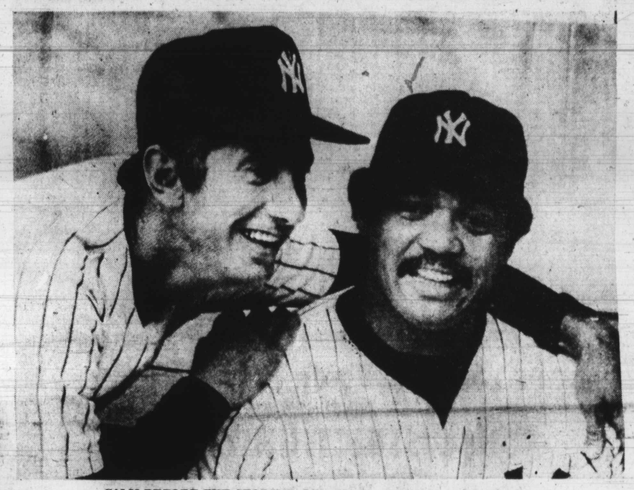
STROLLING — That's what guys and dolls did in Harlem in the heyday of Hi - De - Ho King Cab Calloway. See Showtime for more Bubbling Brown Sugar now playing at the Mechanic.

Reggie, Billy before the storm



CALM BEFORE THE STORM — Billy Martin, who resigned as Yankee manager this week, shows that everything was rosy in October, 1977 when Reggie Jackson, the Yankee outfielder, signed with the team. Things between Martin and Jackson however did not stay that way, as conflict between the two resulted in Jackson's suspension and Martin's resignation.

Firefighters want voters to okay $

The Fire Figheters and Fire Officers Unions, Local 734 and 964 have announced that they will launch a massive petitioning effort to place binding on the November general election ballot.

The groups said at thier Wednesday, July 25, press conference that members of both locals will be soliciting signatures throughout the entire city in an effort to obtain the 10,000 signatures necessary before the Aug. 21 deadline.

Under their proposal, the arbitration requires that when contract negotiations have deadlocked, a completely independent board of arbitrators considers the last proposal of both sides and decides which one is in the best interest of all.

The two groups maintain that binding arbitration has proven to be a very effective negotiating tool.

It has been approved in 14 states and has been beneficial to the cities as well as the unions.

It insures continous fire protection by eliminating the possibility of strike or job action and it insures a fair and adequate salary for the fire fighters and officers.

Mayor taking punch out of CRC?

By Fred Hines
AFRO Staff Writer

Disappointed that Mayor Schaefer's administration repeatedly refuses to take action to back their recommendations, distraught members of the Community Relations Commission (CRC) plan to do their duty any way.

The commission intends to hold a hearing on police brutality in September, knowing their rulings on the issue may come to nothing.

Several staff members and commissioners told the AFRO this week of thei displeasure while citing instances in which the mayor and other agency heads had failed to take action to correct discrimination actions against city residents.

Among recommendations members said they have made in the past two years but had been ignored are:

A report on the community of Fairfield which among other things said the streets go unpaved; non employment of minorities in city agencies, minority contractors in Baltimore City (recommended improvements), and a recent report on sexual preference.

"The problem is that Mayor Schaefer has not issued any statements or taken any action as a result of CRC's recent actions", said one commission official who added that the agency is not being heard by those in a position to bring about change.

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Adams, Kaplan, Quille quit Bay College board

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

Five members of the Bay College board of trustees are planning to resign their positions within the next several weeks, reliable sources said Thursday.

The five members include board chairman Sidney Kaplan, businessmen Allan Quille and William "Little Willie" Adams, Urban Services Agency director Linwood Ivey and community leader Joe Smith.

The resignations, according to reports, are expected to become effective immediately after the Aug. 10 hearing before the State Board for Higher Education.

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Who will get the power in the 41st district?

The growing power struggle, when resolved, in the 41st legislative district will determine who will be the real political power in this area.

The death of Arthur Murphy last June ended the peaceful alliance between the Vanguard Political Organization, which was run by Murphy and the Five and Five Political Organizations headed by Sen. Clarence Blount.

Not waiting to see what Vanguard was going to do, Five and Five named a slate which included Sen. Blount, Nathaniel Oaks, Dels. Pinkney Howell and Walter Dean for the House of Delegates and Vere P. Hall, Lester B. Wallace and Maceo Williams for the state central committee.

Vanguard, however, is pushing Mrs. Margaret Murphy, who was appointed to fill out her husband's seat as incumbernt, and Coach Earl Banks, Richard Johnson and Mrs. Murphy for seats on the state central committee.

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Pettit campaign motorcade July 29

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell will join Dwight Pettit, candidate for Baltimore City state's attorney in a motorcade Saturday, July 29 beginning at Pantry Pride in Mondawmin Mall, 9:30 a.m.

The motorcade is just part of Pettit's hard campaigning since he announced his intentions to unseat incumbent William A. Swisher three weeks ago.

The motorcade will travel south on Caroline Street to Pratt Street east on Pratt, to Broadway then north on Alsquith to Monument, right on Monument to Patterson Park Avenue, North on Patterson Park to Chase Street, east on Chase to Milton Avenue, left on Milton to Federal Street, right on Frderal to Erdman Avenue to Sinclair Lane then right on Sinclair to Moravia Road.

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Losing a loved one in a fire

Rebuilding a life after arsonist strikes

By Fred Hines
AFRO Staff Writer

On Dec. 7, 1975, Ms. Kathy Jackson, then a junior at Boston University woke up at 4 a.m. in the morning. With her was friend Darrall Rhon, also a student.

When Darrall opened the door, black smoke rushed in. Kathy eventually made her way to the window and fell three flights of floors to the ground. She then lost consciousness.

The next day she found out that Darrall had burned to death in the fire. It took onk only 20 minutes for the wood on the floors to char, even though, according to Ms. Jackson, a normal fire would have taken four hours.

Almost two years later in November 1977, the state's attorney for Boston, Mass. had enough evidence to indict the landlord of the building for murder, arson and arson with intent to defraud.

He was tried, found guilty, and sent to prison.

Ms. Jackson, a paraprofessional for the transportation division of Baltimore City Education Department, and a Baltimore resident said she has not been to Boston since the fire.

To focus attention on the dangers posed by arsonists and also on legislation before the U.S. Congress to make arson harder to get away with, ABC - TV will feature a special Aug. 3 at 10 p.m. entitled "Close - Up: Fire for Hire."

Commenting on the taped feature, Ms. Jackson told the AFRO:

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ARSON VICTIM — Kathy Jackson will be featured on the ABC - TV network documentary "Fire for Hire" to be aired on Aug. 3 at 10 p.m. (AFRO photo by Robin McGinty)

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