Daily Numbers--is it really OK to play?

The AFRO asked city residents why they play the state Lotter's Daily Numbers Games, and if not, why not? Is the Lottery "ripping-off" black people?

Here are their responses:

MRS. H. Henry — "I think I can do a little more with my money if I keep it and manage it myself. You must be a good manager or you don't survive.

"The Lottery can be a total waste of money and energy. I can speak for and against the numbers.

"For it, well, if you're lucky, OK. But you're not always lucky.

"I think folks should be stronger than that, after all, help begins at home."

Dean Anderson — "It's OK as long as people don't spend too much money on the Lottery.

"My parents play a little . . . A good limit for them is $2.50 or $3, and really that's quite a bit also."

David Lawson — "Hey, one way or the other, I play for the money, hoping I hit."

E. Torrey — "I occasionally play but I really don't care that much about them."

Donald Adams — "I like the numbers, it's not a ripoff like some people believe.

"I have played a number, dropped it and then it' came out — so what can you say?"

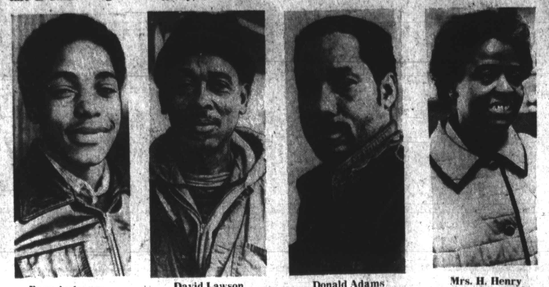
Emile Lewis — "I play because I'm trying to win. I've already hit two times.

"My daughter hit about five or six times. She's luckier than I am."

Carla Bennett — "I play once in awhile though I don't believe we're being ripped off.

"Really, black people are giving away their money, taking it right out of our pockets ourselves.

"To play $30 worth of numbers just doesn't make sense."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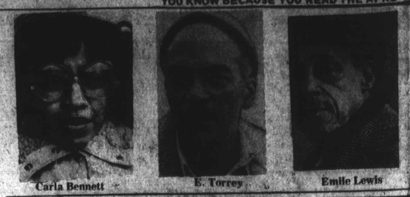
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CCB offers general courses

For spring semester the Community College of Baltimore (CCB) will offer general education transfer curriculum options, including black studies, international studies, anthropology, communications arts and contemporary studies.

Classes for CCB's spring semester begin Jan. 26 at the College's Liberty Campus, 2901 Liberty Heights Ave., and at the Harbor Campus, Lombard Street at Market Place.

Transfer studies prepare students to continue their education at four year institutions. Successful completion of two year transfer preparation at CCB leads to an Associate of Arts degree.

Black studies' classes and seminars include black American literature and Afro-American history, an introduction to African and Afro - American music, the black American and the social system, and race relations.

International studies courses are contemporary foreign governments, the world as an eco - system, elements of cultural geography, masterpieces of world literature, art in the culture, history of art, music appreciation, humanities, anthropology, and a class in rock, jazz, and contemporary music. Foreign language offerings include Danish, French, Hebrew, Spanish, Arabic and Italian.

Anthropology students may choose from developmental psychology, parent education, introduction to abnormal psychology, elements of cultural geography, anatomy and life, comparative religion, the myth in literature, introduction to archeology, and general semantics (problems in communication).

Sen. Douglass elected caucus chairman

The Maryland Legislative Black Caucus re - elected Sen. Robert Douglass, D - 45th, to serve as its chairman for a full year.

Douglass was elected chairman after serving the remaining term of the late Del. Arthur G. Murphy who died in June, 1978.

Del. Troy Brailey, D - 40th, was elected vice - chairman barely beating out Del. Nathaniel Exum of Prince Georges County 25th District by a vote of 10 to 9

Freshman Del. Howard "Pete" Rawlings D - 40th was elected secretary of the caucus and Sen. Tommie Broadwater of Prince Georges County 25th District was re - elected treasurer.

The Caucus also established two standing committees electing Del. Larry Young, D - 38th, chairman of the health committee and Del. Exum chairman of the DJE resolution committee.

OUR WORLD

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Miss Hannah D. Cooper weds Raheem Ajenifuja

The Douglass Memorial Community Church was the setting for the Saturday, January 6, noon wedding of Miss Hannah Delores Cooper and Raheem A. Ajenifuja of Lagos, Nigeria.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell (June) Cooper of Baltimore. She is a graduate of Carver Vocational - Technical High School, the Maryland Institute of Art and Peabody Conservatory. The new Mrs. Ajenifuja of Lagos, Nigeria is a faculty member in the Fashion Department, Community College of Baltimore, Harbor Campus.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isiaka (Sariyu) A. Ajenifuja of Lagos, Nigeria. He is a graduate of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va. where he received a bachelor's degree in Political Science and History. He is presently attending graduate school at the University of Baltimore majoring in Public Administration.

The couple was wed in a beautiful double ring ceremony by the Rev. Marion Bascom.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Douglass Bryant; maid of honor, Kathy Cooper, sister of the bride; Vanessa Holiday, Sandra Lewis and Leslie Cooper, bridesmaids.

Best man was Rasaq A. Ajenifuja, brother of the bridegroom, also of Lagos, Nigeria; Ronald Hill, Abbas Ademola, Shala M. Ajenifuja, brother of the bridegroom of Lagos, all ushers.

Jennifer Johnson was flower girl along with Clinton Bryant as ringbearer.

The bride designed and made her own wedding gown which was a creme off - white satin skirt with a bodice of sequined lace and chiffon bishop sleeve. It also had a chapel length train.

Nell Sheridan, popular for her many original hat designs created the bride's headpiece.

The couple were honored at a reception hosted at The Gentlemen's Ten, 2135 Edmondson Ave. where guests enjoyed a delicious repast and the honorees were showered with gifts.

The newlyweds took off after the festivities for honeymooning in the Poconos. They will make their home in Baltimore.

MR. AND MRS. RAHEEM A. AJENIFUJA (the former Miss Hannah Delores Cooper)

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MORGAN JR. (the former Miss Robin King)

Miss Robin King weds R. Morgan

The All Saints Catholic Church was the setting for nuptial rites of Miss Robin King and Robert Morgan Jr. on Saturday, January 6, noon.

Miss King is the dauther of Mrs. Shirley Maynor and Edward King, both of Baltimore. She is a graduate of Northwestern Senior High School and is employed as a clerk at USF and G.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of Northwestern High and is employed by the Children's Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Agnes) Morgan.

Bridesmaids were Debra Tunstall, Brenda McCullouth, Iris Barrett, Regina Cogdell, maid of honor and Robin Hatcher.

Ushers were Larry Cozart, Kim Price, Dennis Hamlin, Therman Cogdell and Xazier Quarles, best man.

Junior ushers were Eddie Scholtz and James Whittaker.

Flower girl was Keeshia Diggs and ringbearer, Chris Maynor.

A lavish sit - down dinner reception was hosted in honor of the newlyweds at Martin's West. Some 200 guests attended the affair and were entertained by the Oyez Band.

Mrs. Margaret Slaughter came from Washington, D.C. to participate in the festivities.

The couple will honeymoon later during the Spring with friends in Texas and will make their home in Baltimore.

SoYou'reGettingMarried

Getting married? Let the AFRO know. Give our office a call at 728-8200, ext. 76. We'd like to print a wedding story and picture of your special occasion in our paper.

Engaged? We'd like to help you let others know that too! Send us the engagement information with a black and white glossy photographer of the bride-to-be. Pictures will not be returned.

Planning a wedding

If you plan to have a traditional-style wedding with invited guests, there are certain timetables you should follow and costs you should know about.

Six months before the ceremony, you should select the location, date, and time for the marriage and the reception; decide how many guests to invite, and how formal you want the occasion to be. Hotels, clubs, and caterers generally need this much advance notice.

If you prefer a religious ceremony, choose the clergyman or woman you want, and ask if he or she will be available. If you are planning to make changes in the standard marriage ceremony, or intend to write your own, tell the minister, priest, or rabbi at this time.

Discuss the kind of music you like, and make sure the musicians are available. Select your attendants — the bride and bridegroom usually have one each — and plan your guest list.

Three months before, order the invitations and announcements and, if you wish, personal stationary for thank-you notes. Order your bridal gown and select the bridesmaids dresses. Dresses usually require at least six weeks for delivery, plus additional time for fittings. Choose your rings, especially if they are to be engraved. Also pick out the china, silver, and other gifts you want, and register your preferences with a convenient store that will keep your needs on file.

Two months before the wedding, choose a photographer to take candid shots during the day and-or do a formal portrait; make medical and beauty-shop appointments; select the gifts for the attendants; arrange delivery for floral decorations, and make transportation and hotel arrangements for the wedding party and parents.

Mail out the invitations at least three weeks ahead. During the last month, you should also record all wedding gifts you receive in advance, and start mailing thank-you notes. Prepare a list of the clothing you want to take on your honeymoon.

Verify all final arrangements with the clergy, caterers, florist, and photographers. Send out wedding announcements to local papers, and include pictures where they will use them. Get blood tests and the marriage license. With this careful groundwork, any wedding should go smoothly and be as worry-free for the bride and bridegroom as it is for their guests.

Amy Smith fulfills pledge to Red Cross

Amy Smith, of northwest Baltimore, made a steadfast pledge of service to others. And even a move to another country couldn't deter her from keeping it.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Mrs. Smith came to the United States in 1977. Her pledge of service, however, was made in 1965 in Jamaica where she was struck by the great need of people less fortunate than herself.

"My heart went out to them," soft-spoken Mrs. Smith says. "So I made a vow to work two days a week as a Red Cross volunteer. That way, I wold be more effective in helping the less fortunate, indigent, and aged people around me."

Red Cross, an international organization dedicated to relieving human suffering by practical means, offered Mrs. Smith the opportunity to work with her community in a variety of ways. She was a nursing and firstaid volunteer and rode on ambulances, assisting in the care of patients. She also helped serve food in Jamaican children's hospital canteen. And, in addition to these regular duties, she was on call to cover other emergencies.

"I remember being called to the Red Cross chapter headquarters in Jamaica to stand hurricane watch," she says. "Whenever there would be a warning, all the volunteers would gather at the chapter in case we were needed to help people affected by the storm. Those were exciting times."

Perhaps standing out most in Mrs. Smith's memory regarding her service with the Jamaican Red Cross were the moving rededication ceremonies held annually for Red Cross volunteers.

"We would gather at a church and pledge ourselves again to the spirit of Red Cross, of service to others. It was always very moving," she remembers, "with the uniforms, candles, and genuine feeling of a mutual dedication that bound us together."

Mrs. Smith left her duties with the Jamaican Red Cross when she came to the United States to live with her daughter and two grandsons. But it wasn't long before she was at the front doors of the Baltimore Regional Red Cross Chapter Headquarters. She wasn't going to let a little thing like a completely new life in a strange country keep her from fulfilling her pledge.

Now after eight months with the American Red Cross, Mrs. Smith has become indispensable in the Red Cross Blood Services. She works on bloodmobiles in the community and at the Donor Center at Chapter Headquarters, preparing plastic blood containers and serving refreshments to donors.

"I enjoy the Blood Services so much because it gives me a chance to meet and talk to people," Mrs. Smith says. "I don't register donors before they give blood because my accent makes it hard for some people to understand me at first. But in the canteen area, where things are more relaxed, I talk with the donors and encourage them to give blood again as soon as they can."

RED CROSS VOLUNTEER — Mrs. Amy Smith serves refreshments to a blood donor at the Red Cross Chapter Headquarters Donor Center.

Even though Mrs. Smith worked with the Jamaican Red Cross for 12 years, she didn't get a chance to work with the Blood Services because the blood collection was done by the Jamaican government, not Red Cross.

In Baltimore, Mrs. Smith is continuing her pledge to work two days a week for the Red Cross. And it hasn't been an easy pledge to keep. Not only does she have to take an hour bus ride to Red Cross Chapter Headquarters twice a week, but she also chose to give up a full time job opportunity that would have interfered with her Red Cross activities.

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Chili takes the chill out of winter

It's cold outside and no matter what you've been doing out there that fresh open air can work up a mighty appetite.

When the gang gets together after outdoor they'll all cheer for hot, hearty foods like Cheese Potato Slims served with Chili.

A nippy Parmesan flavor makes Cheese Potato Slims so special. They're strips of potatoes that are dipped into a Tabasco pepper sauce and water mixture then covered with a coating mix that has been seasoned with grated Parmesan cheese.

The Potato Slims are then baked for an hour and come out with an appetizing flavor blend. The cheese adds a mellow touch while Tabasco pepper sauce creates a spicy tingle. They're delicious with every crispy bite.

Along with the Cheese Potato Slims everyone will enjoy a good hearty bowl of Chili. It's made in one pot for fast clean - up and combines beef, herbs, spices, vegetables and kidney beans in tomato sauce.

These two dished are perfect for parties, quick dinners and whenever hungry people get together. They're easy to fix, too, so the cook enjoys the party along with everyone else.

Cheese Potato Slims

3 medium baking potatoes
¼ cup water
½ teaspoon Tabasco pepper sauce
1 package Shake 'n Bake (the original flavor)
3 Tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
Salt

Pare potatoes and cut into strips (as for French fries); soak in cold water. Mix water and Tabasco in pie plate. Mix Shake 'n Bake and grated Parmesan in plastic bag from package. Drain potato strips, a few at a time, and put in Tabasco mixture in pie plate; swish around to moisten on all sides. Put 8 moistened potato strips at a time into plastic bag with Shak 'n Bake; shake well. Remove and place in rows on foil - lined baking sheet. Repeat with remaining potatoes. Bake in 325 F. oven 1 hour. Sprinkle with salt and serve immediately.

YIELD: 4 to 6 servings.

Chili

2 pounds ground beef
1 onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 green pepper, chopped
½ cup chopped celery
1 can (1 pound, 12 ounces) tomatoes
1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon sugar
2 teaspoons salt
1 bay leaf
½ teaspoon dried leaf oregano
½ teaspoon dried leaf basil
¼ teaspoon Tabasco pepper sauce
2 cans (1 pound each) red kidney beans, drained.

Break up beef in Dutch oven or kettle; add onion, garlic, green pepper and celery. Cook, stirring frequently, until beef is brown and vegetables are tender. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, chili powder, sugar, salt, bay leaf, oregano, basil and Tabasco. Cook over moderate heat for 30 minutes. Add kidney beans; cook 15 minutes longer.

YIELD: 8 servings.

WARM UP YOUR FAMILY with a hot bowl of Chili served with Cheese Potato Slims.

Partyline

By Michele L. McRae and Pattie Hodges

Our mail box has been flooded since the new year and our telephones have been ringing off the hooks with friends inviting us to share in their new year activities. We haven't been able to make them all, but our friends have sent reports.

One such invite is from the D.B. Dusters, a non-profit organization which helps to resist crime through the Baltimore Alert Radio Team. They're hosting their Fourth Annual Sweethearts Ball on Saturday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m. til 2 a.m.

The affair will be hosted at the LaFontaine Bleu, 108 S. Ritchie Highway. Music will be provided by the Gaye Street One.

Guests should prepare themselves to enjoy a mouth-watering buffet consisting of choice top round of western beef, Maryland Southern fried chicken, Hawaiian Ham Hui, New Orleans shrimp creole on fluffy white rice, vegetables, relish tray, breads, drink and Boston Creme Cake for dessert.

We also received a nice note from our good friends, Mrs. Elnora Burton and husband, Lloyd. They are the owners and operators of Chic 'a Nele Bridal Consulting Firm, located 3302 Park Circle.

Unfortunately, Elnora hasn't been feeling her best. She was hospitalized on Nov. 6, underwent surgery on Nov. 8 and wasn't released to go home until the end of November.

Chatted with Elnora for a few moments on Wednesday afternoon and she reports she's doing much better. "I've got to take it slow, but there's no reason to rush things," she said.

We all wish her a speedy recovery.

"I would like for you to come by the house tomorrow to meet the Rev. Ronald Braxton and his family about 12:30 p.m. Plan to spend the day and help celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary. Come early and stay late."

So read the invitation that went out to family and close friends recently from Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul (Bettye) Moss.

Guests gathered at the Forest Park Avenue home of the Mosses to meet the fiance of their oldest daughter, Marie Murphy Phillips-Cooke. He's the Rev. Ronald E. Braxton, pastor of the Allen AME Church. The couple will wed February 9 in ceremonies at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 1307 Eutaw Place, 7 p.m.

Mrs. Virginia Braxton, Ronald's mother and his sister, Roslyn, a teacher in the Virginia Beach, Va. schools motored to Baltimore from their Norfolk, Va. home especially for this occasion.

Guests also help the Mosses celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary. The couple had just returned from El Pasco, Tex. and Mexico a day before they hosted the affair.

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Tattle Tales

HEY, SPEND IT IN THE CITY — Child, guess who we saw in a county shopping mall recently, all loaded down with packages?

None other than Mayor William Donald Schaefer. We saw him in the bath department — you know towels, shower curtains, etc. Looked as if he had already spent a bundle.

It's a shame. First Hochschild Kohn and now Stewart's downtown bit the dirt and he's spending his (OUR???) dough in the county.

It's tough to "revitalize the downtown retail area" from Westview, W.D.

SPEAKING OF HIZZONER — A faithful Tattletales reader is hopping mad at you, Mr. Mayor.

She wants to know why she saw no black hostesses at your New Year's open house at City Hall.

She reminded us that since this city is more than 50 percent black there ought to have been some ladies of color to greet fellow taxpayers.

AND JUST WHO IS THE WOMAN who launched that vicious rumor about a local clergyman? She and her cohorts burned up the telephone wires before and during the holidays. Disgraceful. Must have been rejected.