The gang's all here - over 400 students listed at Gist Elementary School

400 proud youngsters

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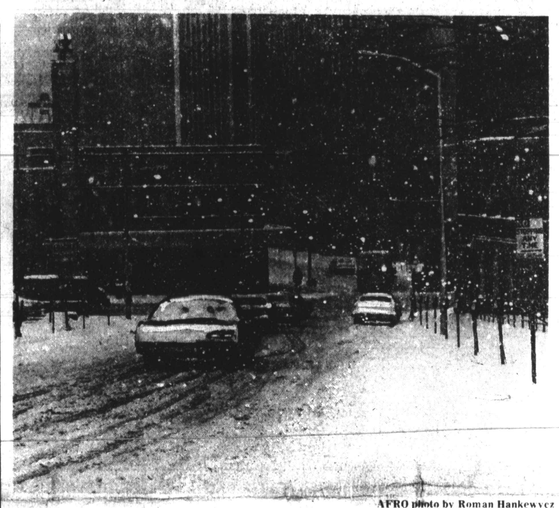
Teen slain in snow storm



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FLAKY — Cars slip, slide and skid down a snowy city street Feb. 7. Seven inches of snow caused fender benders, school closings and snarled traffic. Sunny skies Feb. 8 tried to melt the mess, but predictions of near zero temperatures for the weekend assure skiers, sledders and snowmen makers will still have enough cold, white stuff to play in.

Pimlico High student, 14, shot 2 blocks from home

Daryl Magor

Daryl D. Magor was walking home along through the swirling snow storm Wednesday night, Feb. 7, when he was suddenly attacked by three teenage boys, shot in the head and left to die on a snow bank near his home.

Relatives said, "We don't understand why someone would want to kill Daryl. He did not have any money and was coming home from the recreation center."

Daryl, a 14-year-old Pimlico Junior High School student, was found lying in the snow covered with a blanket, just two blocks away from his Belvedere Avenue home. Police would not say who had covered his body.

Police report they received a call at 8:13 p.m. regarding a shooting in the 4900 block Denmore Ave. When they arrived on the scene, the reporting officer stated an unidentified young male was bleeding from his nose and mouth. A portable tape recorder was found near his body. He was taken to Sinai Hospital and later transferred to University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

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Sausage king denies marriage

Henry Parks

Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

No congratulations to the groom are in orders says Henry Parks, head of the sausage company that bears his name.

Parks late Thursday denied the current and persistent rumor that he and Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes, assistant superintendent for elementary education in the city schools, are or ever have been married.

"No, it's not true," he told the AFRO. "I don't know how it got started but Mrs. Pinderhughes and I are dear friends and I hope we will continue to remain friends."

The AFRO had contacted Parks after being bombarded with calls concerning the rumor.

It would seem that the entire matter got started when Sylvia Boone, a local daily newspaper columnist, wrote in her column on Jan. 28 that Parks had "really tied the knot" and that "the lucky lady" was Mrs. Pinderhughes.

Ms. Boone told the AFRO "reliable sources are sometimes not always reliable."

Parks said he was quite startled that something like this could be published without consulting the parties involved.

"I'm a little upset about this not from my viewpoint but from Mrs. Pinderhughes'," he said. "I'm very fond of her."

So ring no wedding bells for Henry Parks — at least not yet.

Smart dogs lead to 2 corpses

A dog running loose in Southeast Baltimore for four days led police to the discovery of his master's badly decomposed body.

Police said a barmaid at the Collington Lounge in the 600 block Collington Ave., noticed a dog belonging to George Covington, 52 of 608 Collington Ave., had been running around the neighborhood since Sunday.

The barmaid said she decided to call the police because she "had a funny feeling," about the dog being outside alone so long.

Police entered the house and found Mr. Covington lying in the living room, dead of multiple stab wounds.

Police report it appeared Covington had been dead for about four days.

Police could not determine if the house had been ransacked.

The barmaid said she had been leaving food on the front steps for the gray miniature poodle since Sunday, Feb. 4 and another neighbor had placed a blanket on the steps.

"I noticed a light on in the house Wednesday and did not get an answer after ringing the bell," said the Covington Avenue barmaid. Police report they are still investigating the case and the victim's dog is now in the city animal shelter.

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Bobby Cheeks' welfare righters win important court decision

One week before Christmas last year the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization and the Poor People's Housing Coalition began picketing downtown Baltimore to protest unsafe, overcrowded housing conditions.

The groups had also decided that they would not pay rent for the public housing they live in, and instead placed their rent money in an escrow account.

Later the rent strike ended in court before District Court Judge Robert M. Bell. On Friday Feb. 2, Judge Bell handed down favorable decision to 30 of the 49 tenants.

The tenants and their supporters interpreted the decision as a victory.

"Naturally, we would have liked to have seen relief granted to all 49 tenants. Nevertheless, we consider this an important victory, not only for the tenants involved, but for the city of Baltimore as well," said Bobby Cheeks, director of the Welfare Rights Organization.

"This proves that you can fight City Hall and win. This gives hope and pride to the tenants. They can take pride in where they live, they are somebody. And it is this pride and hope that can also benefit the authorities.

"What poor people lack in money and influence, they can make up in organized numbers and determination."

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Dr. Patterson doing great in The Bronx

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Dr. Roland N. Patterson, formerly the superintendent of schools in Baltimore, is bringing a new day to the Community School District No. 9 in the Bronx, New York City.

Educators call the brilliant man who is little over five feet tall a giant and "a breath of fresh air" for the area school system they felt was failing and chaotic.

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Never early to bed for Md. law makers

By Portia E. Badnam
AFRO Staff Writer

Thinking of what a legislator does at the Maryland General Assembly might bring to mind the thought that a delegate or senator's life is easy, sitting around listening and voting on bills, taking long lunch hours and having the rest of the day off.

This isn't a clear picture of what most legislators really do throughout the session's 13 - week run. Unlike the old adage "early to bed and early rise, makes one healthy, wealthy and wise," most assembly members never get to bed early, but rise almost before the sun comes up.

However, some manage to stay healthy, rising as early as 6 a.m. for basketball practice at the Naval Academy for the weekly, Senate vs. House of Delegates basketball games.

Some members are wealthy, well almost, since the lawmakers receive $16,000 for the 13 - week post at the state capitol along with salaries from their yearly jobs. And, as many voters would hope, they are all wise.

Although the House of Delegates session begins at 10 a.m. that doesn't mean that the delegates have time to leisurely sit through breakfast, and the senators who don't go into their session until 2 p.m. aren't able to catch a few extra winks by sleeping late.

One delegate who plays on the basketball team noted, "By the time I get to the office after basketball practice at 7:30 in the morning, I already feel like I've put in a full day. But I need the practice to stay in shape."

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LEGISLATIVE SPOTLIGHT

Conaway tackles consumer, insurance issues

This article is the second in a series featuring each of Baltimore's black delegates and senators in the Maryland General Assembly.

Delegate Frank M. Conaway, Democratic representative for the 40th legislative district in the House of Delegates, has already filed 16 bills in this session of the General Assembly.

Delegate Frank M. Conaway

Several of these bills are designed to provide added protections for consumer borrowers in making automobile and other purchases through banks and loan companies and in borrowing to purchase homes.

An additional measure, similarly proposed by other delegates, would give more liberal consideration to city automobile owners when they purchase required car insurance.

In the area of elections, Conaway has introduced two bills that would make the office of lieutenant governor a directly elective position.

Currently, the lieutenant governor runs along with the governor on the same ticket.

"I think it's wrong for people in the state of Maryland not to have a clear cut choice as to who will be lieutenant governor," explained Conaway. "We should not have someone to possibly succeed a governor who was not chosen by the voters."

He pointed out that in the last state - wide election, Maryland could have had its first black lieutenant governor if that seat were a separate slot.

Senator Aris T. Allen, who ran on the Republican ticket with former Senator J. Glenn Beall, could have won the lieutenant - governor's seat if the election were separate, Conaway feels.

Should the bill win favorable approval, Maryland would join 22 other states who allow the governor and lieutenant governor to run separately.

Secondly, another bill would provide for an election recall procedure for officials with whom the voters are disenchanted.

Conaway stated that the process would require voters obtaining a petition with names constituting 12 percent of those votes cast for that particular office.

He pointed out that this petition could not have been drawn until after the official had served for at least six

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Morgan seeks extra million $

Dr. Andrew Billingsley, president of Morgan State University, went to Annapolis Wednesday to ask the state for more money — $1.1 million more in addition to its present proposed budget of $27.2 million.

But before journeying to the state capital he asked the university's board of regents to appove a $35 increase in student tuition.

Billingsley says he needs the additional $1.1 million because the planned $27.2 million, a five percent increase over last year, is "neither acequate nor equitable" for the university's needs.

He added he feels he has a fair chance of getting the additional budget request approved.

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Cab serenades Eubie

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

96 YEARS YOUNG — Cab Calloway (L) signs "Happy Birthday" to Eubie Blake at a gala party to celebrate Eubie's 96th birthday at the Mechanic Theater. The celebration, complete with Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Gov. Harry Hughes, began after the premiere production of "Eubie!", a revue featuring 24 songs by the Baltimore native. See Showtime.