—Sen. Broadwater

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"At today's cost of living, how can anyone pay rent, utilities, buy clothes and live in dignity on $294 monthly?"

As a member of the Budget and Taxation Committee, Broadwater has made it his business to ensure that budgets for black universities are not severely cut.

He has helped Bowie State College get funding for a desparately needed student union building and this year $180,000 remains in the budget for furniture and equipment.

"We have to provide whatever is necessary to upgrade our black institutions," commented the second - term senator.

"We cannot let them go under, they are directly linked to our future."

Sen. Tominie Broadwater

In addition to the bill on welfare assistance, he has reintroduced his "civilian on the police trial board" bill which is especially important in Prince George's county police community relations.

Broadwater is sponsor of a bill to provide for an inmate grievance commission and legislation to prohibit medical experimentation, on inmates.

Aside from his legislative duties, he is treasure for the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus. He recently hosted a fundraising affair for the caucus at his restaurant in Fairmont Heights, Md.

One disappointment faced by the senator was the defeat of D.C. constitutional amendment.

Commenting on the issue, Broadwater noted, "This means we have to come out stronger and more united next year."

Sharing his Landover office with Delegates Francis Santangelo, Nathaniel Exum and Sylvania Woods, he says "team effort has been the key to our success."

He pointed out that through their efforts black have been appointed to more jobs including a black who was appointed in the administrative office of the Chief of Police in Prince Georges County.

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SWINGERS — Roland J. Ball Sr. and granddaughter Tiesha LaShawn Ball enjoy sunny spring weather 1st week in Druid Hill Park. Warm weather lasted through the weekend but a cold front Monday morning brought snow flurries to parts of metropolitan Baltimore.

Project SAGA planning disco

Greenmount - West residents of Baltimore City, aged 55 and over, are invited to an afternoon of disco dancing at Gatsby's as guests of the seniors of the Family and Children's Society Project SAGA on Wednesday, April 11.

Free round-trip transportation will be available for Greenmount-West eligible residents.

At 10 to 10:30 a.m. there will be a bus waiting at the Federal Street entrance of the Guilford Avenue Elementary School, located at 1634 Guilford Avenue.

At 10:30 to 11 a.m. a bus will be waiting at the Community Residence Center, located at 310 E. Lanvale St.

Free lunch will be available at a SAGA Center, before going to Gatsby's.

The buses will return residents to these locations at 3 p.m.

For more information, call 462-5505.

—Energy program

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"These criteria," the proposal stated, "would ensure that within the context of limited eligibility, the program would provide the most help for those most needy."

At present, the income of a family of four at 125 percent of the federal poverty level is $7,750 per year. The committee estimated there would be approximately 15 million households initially eligible for assistance.

Of these 15 million, the proposal stated, almost 6 million households are headed by persons 60 or older approximately 40 percent are black and 30 percent are Spanish.

To finance this project, the committee recommended several options which included:

— Utilizing the rebates from refiners to the energy department which came from prosecution of refiner overcharges.

— Using a crude oil import tariff.

— Using a crude oil equalization tax.

— Getting direct funding from the federal treasury, which the committee prefers.

— Funding from another tax on all forms of energy.

— Using a part of the existing federal gasoline tax, which would not likely impose any new costs on any part of the economy.

To distribute these funds, the proposal stated that three agencies "appear to offer certain strengths in terms of program administration at the federal level" it recommended that the Commumty Services Administration, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) might best be used for this purpose.

On the local level the proposal pointed out that the administration of the program might best be suited for the agency using the following factors:

— Determining the individual household income eligibility.

— Establishing the amount of money to which each eligible household would be entitled.

— Authorizing an administrator to set up a "line of credit for the money.

— Setting up the most effective public information and outreach effort.

— Effectively monitoring to prevent system abuses.

— Establishing some sort provision of fuel saving counseling and referral services to other energy assistance agencies such as weatherization and energy audits.

The committee in submitting the proposal to Ms. Hazel Rollins, deputy administrator of the Economic Regulatory administration, pointed out that the program was necessary because of the abrupt changes in energy prices.

"It is apparent that the low income households in America pay a far higher proportion of their total annual income for energy than do higher income households," the proposal stated.

"However, it must be understood that these factors represent only the national average. The poor in various regions of the country where climate conditions are more severe than average — and energy costs are higher — face still a greater problem."

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Mitchell plans seminar at MSU

Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-7th - Md., announced a one -day Maryland Black Peoples Assembly schedule for Saturday, June 16, in the Hill Field House, at Morgan State University, Coldspring Lane and Hillen Road.

Mitchell said the Assembly will be attended by 3,000 delegates representing the 23 counties and Baltimore City.

The purpose of the Assembly, according to Mitchell, is "to plan a five - year agenda for black people in Maryland."

The delegates to the Maryland Black Peoples Assembly will plan the five year agenda through a series of workshops, that will cover a multiplicity of areas, such as health, economic development, community development; housing, affirmative action, criminal justice, communications, education and social insurance.

Mitchell also announced that Rep. Mickey Leland from Texas, and Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Ind., will be keynote speakers during the Assembly.

A coordinator will be named for each of the counties and Baltimore City to begin recruiting the delegations.

The registration fee for the Maryland Black Peoples Assembly will be $10 and registration packets will be available the middle of April.

Persons who are interested in participating in planning for the Maryland Black Peoples Assembly should contact the Black Peoples Assembly Coordinator, Jerry Lymas, special assistant to Rep. Mitchell, at 1903 Bloomingdale Road, 962-4530.

Fraternity initiates candidates

Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., held its third initiation since chartering in 1975.

A large number of Alpha brothers atttended this occasion including some from IUL Chapter in Silver Spring and OLA Chapter in Washington, D.C.

The chapter welcomed Brothers B. Wayne Kong, Theodore Frank Page Jr., Rodney Purcell Savoy III and Gerald Maurice Whitaker.

During the past several weeks, while in the Sphinx Club, they developed a directory listing Howard County Boards and Commissions. This directory will include the purpose of each board and commission, tenure of office and meeting dates. The directory will be distributed to civic and social organizations in Howard County.

The members of Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter provide programs in five major areas of activity: education, community service, business encouragement, fraternal extension and social.

Since 1976, the Chapter has provided Saturday transportation for senior citizens of Howard County with the cooperation of the Office of Aging for 48 weeks a year.

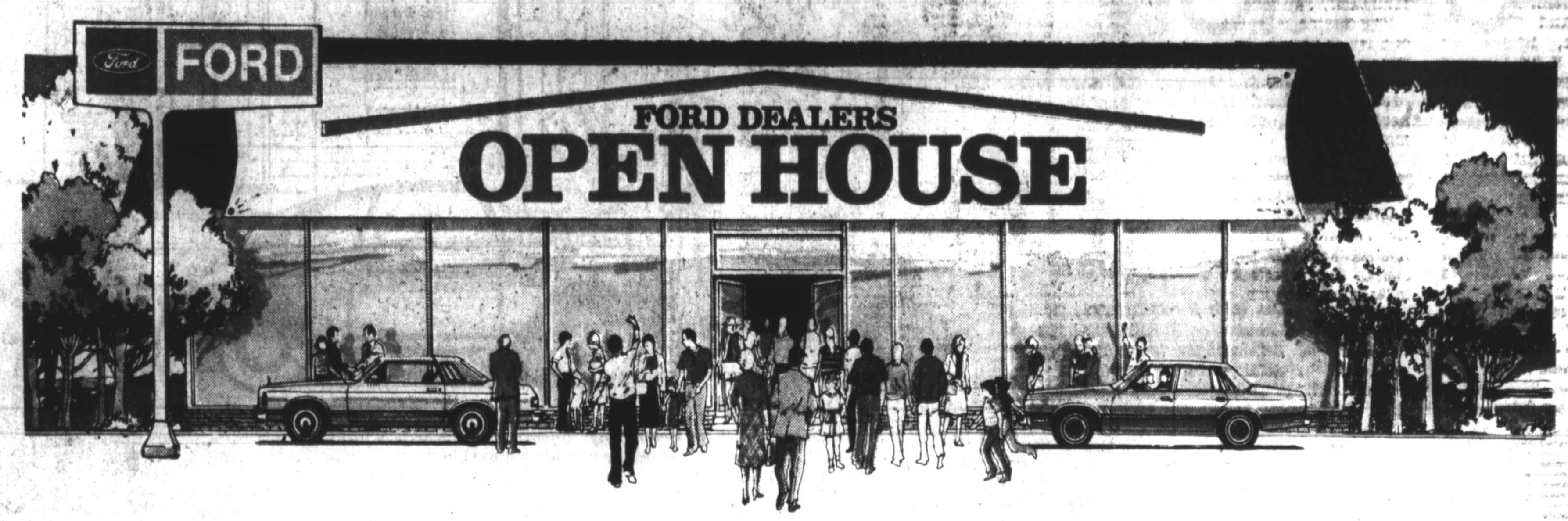
The fraternity also repaints the Audrey Robbins Emergency Shelter at least four times a year, when needed. The Chapter was the recipient of the Audrey Robbins Humanitarian award this year.

Sunday birthday party planned

A birthday party for Rosalee Watson, given by Charles Washington, is planned for Sunday, April 1 at St. Martin's Community Hall, 2130 Madison Ave.

Ms. Watson is a coordinator at Lincoln Convalescent Center and she is also employed at Provident Hospital.

Family, friends and a host of co - workers are expected to atter



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