# Our Principal

Mack B. Simpson Jr., principal at Grove Park Elementary School No. 224 since 1973 is one of the city's leading educators. He has a master's degree from Columbia University and further graduate study at Johns Hopkins University.

He began teaching in Sparrows Point's Bragg Elementary School in 1948 and after extensive experience through 1966 in elementary and junior high schools, became an associate professor at Coppin State College.

His administrative experience began in 1960 as [illegible] man — Sollers Point Junior - Senior High School 1960 - 1966

Principal — Francis Murphy Laboratory School Coppin State College, 1967 - 1968

Assistant Principal — Margaret Brent Elementary School 100 East 26th St., 1968 - 1972.

Frankford Elementary School, 6001 Frankford Avenue, 1972 - 1973

Principal — Grove Park Elementary School No. 224, 5545 Kennison Ave., 1973 to present

ADMINISTRATIVE CERTIFICATION

1971 — Met the state requirements for elementary school principal, elementary school supervisor, middle school principal, secondary school principal

Workshops Completed — Child Study

School Activities — Sollers Point Junior - Senior High School

Department Chairman Audio - Visual Coordinator

Chairperson, Faculty Planning Committee

Chairperson, Faculty Steering Committee

Member, Executive Board P.T.A.

Chairperson, Public Relations Committee

Chairperson, Assembly Committee

Religious Affiliations — member - St. John A.M.E. Church, member - trustee board St. John A.M.E. Church, organist - director, Allen A.M.E. Church, organist - male chorus - St. John A.M.E. Church

Community Activities — assistant superintendent - Sunday school, president, Neighborhood block club, secretary, trustee board - St. John A.M.E. Church, member, Y.M.C.A., member, N.A.A.C.P., member, Homewood Education Committee.

Participant in Nova's Doctor of Education Program for Educational Leaders, member - Phi Delta Kappa, Johns Hopkins University Chapter.

HOBBIES

Photographer, swimming, music, piano, organ, saxophone. Travelled in: Mexico, Africa, Spain, Hawaii, Jamaica and Bermuda.

GRADE SIX — Teacher, Mrs. Adelaide Flamer; Steven Adams, Carol Brockington, Donna Burton, Stephanie Cason, Alice Chestnut, Dion Conway, Ramont Craig, Jonathan Dammons, Kevin Fields, Sheryl Green, Kimberleigh Harden, Donald Johnson, Maria Johnson, Kimberly Jones, Gregory Kent, Lavinia Livingston, Lisa Mack, Michelle Morrisey, Alma Moore, Zenobia Penn, Dawn Pierce, Ray Pinkney, Charles Richardson, Marvin Riley, Melvina Scott, Kevin Seymore, Denise Shell, Rhonda Spencer, Alicia Turner, Deborah Woodfolk.

MISS LAURA VULGARIS' GRADE 6 — Darren Atkinson, Frank Heath, Yolanda Hill, Phillip Johnson, Sharon Brown, Tracy Bryan, Sandra Bryant, Diane Chestnut, [illegible]ry King, Ludenia Lotts, Bryan Mack, Allen Cynthia Crumedy, Calvin Flood, Michelle Foote, Anita Green, [illegible] Morgan, Floyd Stokes, William Tyler, Torri Shawn Green, Andrew Griffiths, Brian Hardy, Steven Harris, [illegible]ack, Thomas Woods.

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# How McAllister died

Despite a heavy curtain of police silence, informed sources have told the AFRO that James W. McAllister, the 54 - year - old former assistant states attorney whose decomposed body was found in Baltimore County 12 days after he was reported missing, was a murder victim.

According to a source involved in the investigation, McAllister most probably was killed at one place and his body then transported to an isolated dirt road near the 8500 block of Winands Road in the Randallstown section of Baltimore County where his remains were dumped.

Missing since June 14 McAllister's body was found by an elderly man walking in the Winands Road area.

Following discovery of his body on June 22, Baltimore County homicide investigators first reported no evidence of foul play. It had taken three days for police to determine McAllister's identity positively, so badly was the body decomposed. Definite identification was made on June 25.

At AFRO presstime, however, investigators were no longer discounting the possibility of homicide. Pending laboratory reports from the medical examiner's office McAllister's death is now characterized as "suspicious."

The AFRO, however, has learned that while the cause of death is still pending, the pathologist who performed the autopsy has conceded that there is "evidence of hanky panky."

Dr. Homer Guard, of the medical examiner's office, stated there is no evidence of external causes of death, such as beating, shooting or stabbing.

"He was a healthy and handsome man," Dr. Guard explained, adding that the investigation now centers on internal causes.

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## Watkins —what now?

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Now that Lt. Col. James H. Watkins has been found innocent of charges that he accepted bribes in return for his protection of convicted narcotics dealer Charles R. Burman Sr. he has a major decision before him.

The jury's decision of not guilty, which came at 6:30 p.m. Thursday after only three hours of deliberation, has opened the way for the officer's reinstatement in the police department.

Having joined the police department in 1961, Watkins is now eligible to retire and the question now is will he stepdown or return to his post as deputy chief of the department?

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(AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz)

LAST RITES—Mrs. Shirley McAllister, (c), wife of attorney James W. McAllister, is shown entering Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church to attend funeral services for her late husband. McAllister was found dead June 22. Also shown, an [illegible]e to the mortician Carlton C. Douglas and relative and friends.

## Towson U. student, 29, slain after ball game

A Towson State University student who had been playing basketball with his friends and was on his way home, was shot in the face as he stood in the 4400 block of Liberty Heights Ave. on June 26.

William Walker, 29, of the 5800 block Haddon Ave., was pronounced dead at Provident Hospital at about 6:30 p.m.

Dressed in his jogging suit, Walker was at the corner of Liberty Heights and Eldorado Ave., when three young men, one of whom was carrying a gun approached him.

Police report they have no motive for the killing but believe it might have been robbery.

Witnesses told police they thought they heard firecrackers explode and later saw three men run and saw Walker run for about 300 feet before he fell.

The family will receive friends June 30, 11 a.m. at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street, with last rites at 11:30.

Relatives told the AFRO Walker loved to play basketball and enjoyed listening to music. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Walker; one son, Marty Walker; a daughter, Elaine C. Walker; parents, Mr. and Mrs. William (Ann) Walker Sr.; two sisters, Miss Estelle Walker and Mrs. Karen Parker; two brothers, Kenneth Walker and Michael Walker.

## Affirmative action gets the green light

In the wake of Wednesday's U.S. Supreme Court decision rejecting the "reverse - discrimination" charges brought by a white worker, a major campaign is expected to get employers, including government agencies, to establish "affirmative action" programs for black workers, other minorities and women.

By a 5 - 2 decision, the high court ruled that employers can voluntarily give preferences to minorities and women in hiring and promoting for "traditionally segregated job categories."

The decision, which overturns a lower court victory won by Brian Weber, a white worker, gives the green light to employers who have wanted to set up affirmative - action programs but hesitated in fear of so - called "reverse discrimination" suits by white males.

Such employers will now find it harder to resist demands for preferential programs from civil rights groups, their own employes and the government.

Bobby Doctor, a regional director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Atlanta, Ga., said "With this decision, companies in the South that have been reluctant to set up affirmative - action programs will have nothing to hide behind."

Spearheaded by the NAACP, civil rights groups hailed the decision and promised to use it immediately to press their demands on employers.

Jack Greenberg, director of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, said "It seems to be a very clear - cut, straightforward victory for affirmative action."

Eleanor Holmes Norton, head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) declared "employers and unions no longer need fear that conscientious efforts to open job opportunities will be subjected to legal challenge."

AFL - CIO president, George Meany called the decision a "victory for all who, like the AFL - CIO, believe in racial justice and who are committed to private voluntary action to end discrimination."

Meany sent a message to the NAACP Convention in Louisville, Ky. expressing the same opinion.

In Louisville, Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, hailed the decision as "probably the most important civil rights decision in recent history." If the court had ruled for Weber, Hooks said "it was our prediction that the cause of affirmative action would have been set back 10 years."

Hooks is expected to deliver a full scale speech on the decision and how NAACP branches around the country will follow through on it at the "freedom Dinner" which climaxes convention activities in Louisville tonight, (Friday).

On a 5-2 vote Wednesday, the court upheld a racial quota which Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. and a union used to select applicants for an on-the-job training program.

The decision reversed a lower-court ruling striking down the quota, which was challenged by a white factory worker named Brian Weber as a violation of the 1964 civil rights acts bar against racial discrimination in employment.

The law "does not condemn all private, voluntary, race-conscious affirmative action plans," Justice William Brennan wrote for the majority which included Thurgood Marshall, the lone black court member.

He said the statute was designed instead to open employment opportunities to blacks.

"It would be ironic indeed if a law triggered by a nation's concern over centuries of racial injustice and intended to improve the lot of those who had been excluded from the American dream for so long constituted the first legislative prohibition of all voluntary, private, race-conscious efforts to abolish traditional patterns of racial segregation and hierarchy," Brennan wrote.

But Justice William Rehnquist, in a stinging dissent joined by Chief Justice Warren Burger, said the court's decision betrayed the spirit of "equality" for both races — whites and blacks — in the act.

"There is no device more destructive to the notion of equality than the .. quota," which creates castes — "a two-edged sword that must demean one in order to prefer the other," Rehnquist said.

Weber, who initiated the employment sequel to last year's Bakke "reverse discrimination" college admissions case, said he was surprised by his loss. "I was pretty confident I would win," he told a news conference in New Orleans.

In the "reverse discrimination"

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### High court decision rejects Weber 'reverse discrimination'

'RETIRES' — Muhammad Ali, three times world heavyweight champion, again has announced his 'retirement.'

## Nursing home strike looms

A strike of the 17 nursing home facilities in Baltimore has been called for Sunday by the Hospital and Health Care Employees Union Local 1199E if nursing home officials do not meet the demands of higher pay and more benefits for union employees.

Ron Holly, 1199E president, said union officials are expected to meet with nursing home officials early Friday and again on Saturday.

A union general membership meeting of the 1,600 nursing home employees has been called for 7 p.m. Friday at the Downtown Hilton Hotel.

"Everybody on the state, city and federal level pays to have good health care," said Holly. "Why can't nursing home owners use the money to upgrade working conditions so their employees can provide better care instead of trying to cut every corner in order to pocket the money and leave the workers with nothing."

Nursing home employees have been negotiating with their em-

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## TV 11's Stovall staying put

The WBAL-TV Channel 11 brass made it official — Stan Stovall, their television news anchorman, is sticking around.

John Cooke, executive producer for WBAL, told the AFRO "we are quite pleased with Stan.

"We intend to honor his contract and I hope he plans to do the same," he said. "There's not even a remote chance of him leaving and we're going to have him doing what he's always been doing and that's broadcasting the evening news."

Last week Stovall denied rumors that he was on his way out as news anchorman. His name was mentioned along with Dwight Smith and George Groce, television newsmen for WMAR-TV Channel 2 News, who it is said will not have their contracts renewed.

A spokesman for the station refused to discuss personnel changes with the AFRO.

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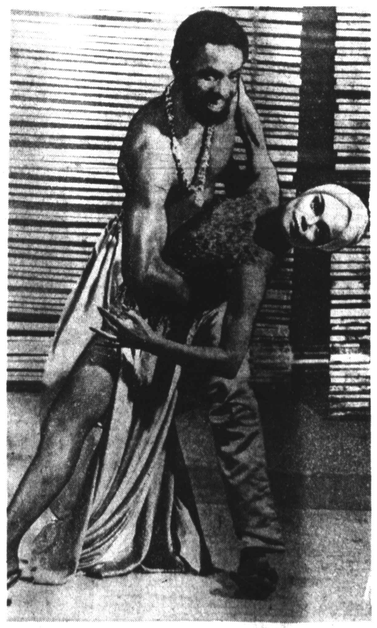

FOR A SIZZLING 4TH—Dazzling, exotic, flamboyant Miss Eartha Kitt and her partner Gregg Baker open in "Timbuktu" at the Mechanic Theatre, July 3.

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