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Being Ritzy

We have high hopes for young black entrepeneurs who enter the mainstream of business.

The men and women who launched a supper club on the site formerly housing the Playboy Club are to be complimented on such a business venture which is founded on the premise that Baltimore's downtown can be revitalized.

Their aim is to operate a quality restaurant for a quality clientele and maintain certain high standards of hostelry.

However, their recent involvement in a court action by a entertainment promoter who sought to hold special "gay nights" at The Ritz, flys in the face of their original resolve.

Documents produced as evidence in the court hearing show that The Ritz sought a contract with the promoter that would limit the number of blacks who might attend such "gay nights."

Leadership of the Monumental Bar Association learning of this staged a protest of this "quota" mentality with a picket line in front of the Light Street restaurant.

Both sides, through the good offices of Councilman Michael Mitchell, were able to resolve their differences.

For which we are thankful. The Ritz is supposed to be a class act and it best accomplishes that by treating all guests and potential guests hospitably.

Not for sale!

Unfortunately, most people will only remember that five black ministers who campaigned for Jimmy Carter in northern California, collected $1,000 checks each for their respective ministerial alliance. At least, the Carter campaign manager sent the checks out.

What will not be remembered is that four of the ministerial alliances returned their checks, seeming to say, "We cannot be bought." The checks were returned although, for the record, they were to be used "on political organization in their (the alliances') areas."

There was a time when according to one cynic, "Any politician could take over a Negro church on Sunday morning for 100." This has never been totally true and, thank heavens, it is not true today. Many critics of the Black church, and many more lovers of the black church, still believe black ministers are too free and "cooperative" with those politicians who visit their churches only just before a primary or just before a general election.

In the instance referred to above, we repeat that the Carter people sent out five checks to black ministerial organizations, but only one was cashed. Four checks were returned.

Access for handicapped

Dear AFRO:

I want to take a few moments to publicly express my thanks to all those commercial establishments which have done such an outstanding job in modifying their facilities to provide reasonable access for handicapped persons.

In 1978, the Anne Arundel County Council passed County Council Bill No. 130-75 and with the cooperation of county businesses most facilities were modified to provide better services to handicapped individuals. Even though most businesses have complied, not only with the law as written but with the intent of the law, still much work needs to be done.

Recently, representatives of the Chesapeake Area Society of the Physically Handicapped conducted a survey of shopping centers in Anne Arundel County to insure compliance with Bill No. 130-75. The survey indicated that there were some business establishments which had not fully compiled with the law.

I am most concerned that all businesses modify their facilities to provide access for handicapped individuals and, thus, I am requesting that my Director of Inspections and Permits, J. Michael Evans, notify those businesses which are not in full compliance of future actions which must be taken to insure adherence to the letter of the law. These letters will be received by the businesses in question within the next few weeks.

I feel confident that each business will take the necessary and appropriate actions to comply with the law within the time frame required.

Again, I would like to thank all those who have complied with the spirit and intent of the law and urge those who are not yet in total compliance to fully implement those alterations which will result in the degree of accessibility that is mandated by the law.

ROBERTA. PASCA,
Anne Arundel County Executive

Give animals a break

Dear AFRO:

Many Pat Clarke's City Council Bill 1762 (to stop the sale of dogs from the Baltimore pound to research laboratories) was to have a public hearing almost a year ago.

Dr. Emerson R. Julian passed away and we knew there would be a delay, because he had not yet scheduled the hearing. But his son's deliberate effort to kill this bill was inexcusable, for the very reason that he too is a physician.

Even the American Medical Association is taking a long hard look at the massive killing of animals in the name of research. Its American Medical News issue of May 25, 1979 is must reading.

Then we have Dr. Ronald S. Hines, chief of Animal Resources Facilities, Gerontology Research Center, National Institute on Aging, saying: ". . . sales of animals for purposes other than as pets is incompatible with the animal shelter concept. There is no humanitarian need for the city to sell animals."

And William Bender, chief primate technician and a 39-year-veteran of Johns Hopkins research laboratories, recommending ". . . tombstones for all the animals sacrificed to research."

Dr. Julian Jr. said last week, he will not seek election to the post he assumed upon his father's death, so I beg those in power to right the wrong done these many months: give dogs the break they deserve and arrange for an immediate public hearing of this bill!

B. J. SMALL,
Area representative,
Friends of Animals, Inc.

Where is support for Douglass' campaign?

Dear AFRO:

Delegate John W. Douglass of the 45th Legislative District needs financial help in his bid to become Baltimore's first black city comptroller.

Hyman Pressman's re-election committee has already started strongly to donate money in his behalf, while the John Douglass committee has to struggle along the best way that it can.

The 1979 citywide election can have at least one black candidate in one of the top seats in City Hall if the black voters of Baltimore really want too.

John Douglass can be that successful candidate if he gathers some top financial support now to help make a successful go at it.

Hyman Pressman feels that he has the city comptroller chair in the bag, and his committee sees the way that the Douglass committee has to struggle along for financial support.

But several important questions need to be answered and fast to help the Douglass committee.

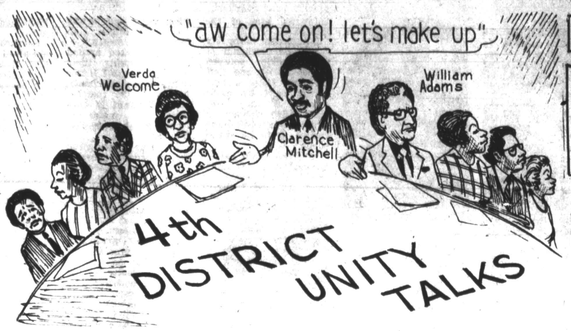
1. Why does John Douglass has to struggle for money when there are so many blacks wasting money daily in lottery lines in the black community?

2. When is John Douglass going to pick up some support from the black churches?

3. Why is John Douglass never invited on any of the local talk shows on television to express his opinion in his bid for the city comptroller seat?

4. Is he being ignored by the whites, because they feel that the blacks do not care?

KARL SCOTT CROSBY



LETTERS

Coming forth, going forth on the Fourth of July

By Charles Dugger

"Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, free at last!"

"Free your mind and your backsides will follow!".

"Free parking." "Free admission."

"Free love." "Free high." "Freebies."

"Free the land!"

"Free as a bird."

"Free all political prisoners!" (Free all unjustly imprisoned black people — free Gary Tyler, Johnny Ross, Joanne Chesimard, Dessie Woods, Rev. Ben Chavis, the Republic of New Africa Eleven, Eddie Conaway, the Charlotte Three, Candice Boyce, and those of us not named who are.)

Free to dare, free to care and be cared for, done for, and tended to.

Free to do as I please? No!

Our existence on this planet in this time and space and in other times and spaces must always be about we not I.

What does it mean to be free? Would you agree that black people are close to being free than we think we are? Think about it. It is we who are imprisoning us! We are our greatest enemy.

Sure, the man is oppressing and killing us; but, get angry at us because we allow "the man" to do it.

We allow all of his oppression — dope, alcohol, poor housing, police brutality, and general economic exploitation to flourish.

Just because Mr. Slick's male and female fashion clothing store is there doesn't mean we have to buy the outfits.

Just because Mr. Sauce and Oil's "Fire Water" and "Anti-Freeze" Shop is there does not mean we have to buy the drinks.

Just because it is OK to play does not mean we have to play.

Just because Super Slick is conveniently standing there on the corner does not mean we have to buy his "scag," "stuff," "boy," or "horse." Just because the exploiting grocer is right in the neighborhood does not mean we cannot deal elsewhere.

Freedom means being able to do what we want to do when we want to do it. Being free requires taking responsibility for our actions. We are not free, black people, because we are not meeting our responsibilities. Some of us are "doing it all" but not ready to "pay" for everything, anything, or even some things.

Paying to be free does not involve money. July 4th is Independence Day for "the man" and it is about money and hypocrisy. Independence Day for us, black people, involves us and our total life force working together.

Brothers and sisters, with love, we can do it all.

"Free to see, free to be."

Free to live, free to give.

Free to breathe, free to conceive.

Free to dare, free to care, free to be cared for, and tended to.

Free to remember that we are members of our family.

Delegate Young sets the record straight

Dear AFRO:

I have missed emotions about writing to you regarding the article printed Tuesday, June 19, 1979 in the AFRO which stated that I was interested in running the 4th District City Council seat.

No, I am not interested, never said I was.

I expect to support Councilman Mitchell and Mrs. Adams.nI will most likely handle the 'get out the vote' activities for Councilman Mitchell on Sept. 11.

In addition, my political organization CDAO is holding a candidate's night on Thursday, June 28, at St.Johns A.M.E. Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave. focusing on the Fourth's councilmanic candidates. I will be a moderator not a candidate.

If the AFRO would highlight the fact that a young black Maryland legislator is coordinating a National Conference on Urban Policy scheduled for October 1979 — that would be news, or that I was the only state legislator invited by U.S. Senator Thomas Eagleton to testify before the Senate Subcommittee on Aging - Impact of the Energy Crisis on the Elderly and Poor on Thursday, June 7.

Why didn't the AFRO cover CDAO's third Anniversary Dinner on Friday, June 15 — with over 300 in attendance; or cover the Scholarship Fund Gospel Concert I hosted on Father's Day, June 17; or the fact that I toured the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant to make an inquiry of what a Three Mile Island incident would mean to black Marylanders.

The AFRO has never mentioned that I am advising several members of the Congressional Black Caucus, National Business League, and members of the National Caucus of Black State Legislators on energy issues. I will be coordinating the Congressional Black Caucus Energy Roundtable on Capitol Hill, July 26, 1979.

The paper has not given me fair coverage of my work as a legislator during session or in the interim. That's how it is.

So I go out every night to community meetings, send out monthly reports to the people, attend two churches every Sunday, help with special causes and trust that the people, not the press, will remember.

I would appreciate you printing the truth about my not being interested in the Councilmanic race this year except to support three candidates that would be endorsed by CDAO.

DELEGATE LARRY YOUNG
38th District,
Maryland House of Delegates

Another view of Black People's Assembly

Dear AFRO:

As a participant in the recent Black People's Assembly I must disagree with your overly optimistic and glowing comments on that gathering.

Black people have had gatherings of this type since 1830 in this country, some have been productive and some have not.

In 1972 the National Black Political Convention drew up an agenda that was far - reaching and very similar to the resolutions drawn up at Morgan. The politicians both here and elsewhere in the country refused to work on the agenda just as they will not initiate the resolutions passed by the Maryland Black People's Assembly.

For black people to achieve liberation in this society we will have to bite the bullet and work for complete restructuring of America. The present system cannot and will not tolerate black equality. The delegates to the convention for the most part did not seem very prone to fundamental change in society.

Another thing I observed at the assembly was the need to have someone uttering a prayer at the end.

Why is it so necessary when we have our nation - saving sessions to invariably have some preacher rattle off some cliches about Jesus being our only salvation?

We have other religious elements in our community besides Christianity and to favor one over the other promotes disunity.

Anyway if God, Jesus or Allah really cared or answered prayers black people would not have suffered as we have around the world for the last five centuries and the gathering held at Morgan would have been a celebration of freedom and not an expression of despair.

Adimu Khary

Tribute to a young man

Dear AFRO:

There are so many bad things that are being reported that makes me want to write this letter to the AFRO.

We have a young man who works in our community of Westport - Mt. Winans who we think is a God sent man.

Because he has so much love for all of the children here in Westport and Mt. Winans that wherever he goes in this community all of the children run after him.

He always takes time to stop and talk or play with them. The children all love him so.

I feel the city should know about the way he stops and asks the children, "What did you do in school today? "Or "Why di you not go to schiol?"

He will then say, "come by and let me help you read a book today" or he will take them over to the park and tell them about their history.

He is just great with the children of Westport and Mt. Winans.

His name is Irvin Conway and he works at the Urban Services Center in Westport.

MICHELLE WILLIAMSON

Spend $$$ with black businesses

Dear AFRO:

I do not spend one cent of any store of any type owned by any member of any Asiatic group; Korean, Vietnamese or otherwise.

If I need gas, I go to Adair's, which is five blocks out of my wife.

If I need flowers, I call Cripps.

If I need produce, i go to Youngs.

If I want to buy property, I go to Ralph Johnson.

I save my money at Advance.

In other words, I spend all the money I can with a black businessman. Whther the service is good, bad or indifferent matters not. I figure it's worth it in the long run.

So it makes me real tired to read about blacks who are going to sue the government for these foreigners having stores in our neighborhoods.

Instead, they need to sue every soul brother, mother, sister and child who walks into one of these stores and supports this impudence.

We need to leave the government out of this fight and do it our damn selves.

MARGARET D. PAGAN

Provident thanks AFRO

Dear AFRO:

I will never be able to say "thanks" enough to express my sincere appreciation for the support given in producing the special AFRO supplement saluting Providenh Hospital for 85 years of health care service to the Baltimore community.

We have received many compliments on the supplement and I ordered some 500 copies for employees, hospital records, and other interested parties.

Thanks again for your cooperation.

MICHELE L. McRAE,
Special Assistant,
Public Relations and
Development,
Providenh Hospital Inc.

PARREN MITCHELL

Zimbabwe, Rhodesia

Mr. Mitchell represents Maryland's 7th District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The ugly head of racism always surfaces from its gloomy depths when it senses an opportunity to discredit its opponent, to shrink the imagination to a one - track mind, and play upon the convenience of making those who differ appear as unacceptably different.

In the June 24, 1979 edition of a daily newspaper the head of racism rose up in search of its prey. It came in the form of an article entitled, "American Blacks and Elections in Africa."

If we were to believe its author, who was a correspondent in Africa for a major national newspaper, we would view the recent elections in Zimbabwe - Rhodesia as the step in the right direction. This in turn would justify easing sanctions against Rhodesia.

He would have us believe that groups such as TransAfrica, a black lobbying group, and the Congressional Black Caucus have been too harsh in their judgement, and unwaveringly stubborn.

True, for those of us who will see Ian Smith's Rhodesia as society's sinister serpent, our judgment is harsh, justifiably so, and we are unwaveringly committed to a true majority government.

Even more interesting, but frightening is the emergence of two questions.

First, does the author believe black people to be so naive, so politically unaware that we would accept rhetoric stating that blacks have made the mistake of equating the situation in Rhodesia and Africa with the American Civil Rights Movement?

Second, is the mood of the country, so callous that the author disregards the opinion of those blacks who might read his article, and speak to that part of America that now finds it easier to embrace Ian Smith's apartheid system?

The answers to both questions are irrefutably yes!

The proof is a stream of statements which clearly asks us to believe that few other African nations in that region boast of "democratic elections." We also read that Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe refused invitations to participate in constitutional talks.

Still further, the author reports tha Mugabe expressed disdain for the electoral process, and Nkomo refuses to talk to reporters concerning the elections.

Why should these men suddenly entrust their nation's destiny to a man who has murdered the bodies, looted the souls, and raped the minds of so many for so long?

The author even gives the reader a bit of racial nostalgia quoting that elections and constitutional reform are "down the road . . . somewhere." He and many others assume that the Smith - Muzorewa government is right for the nation, and any prolonged opposition by Mugabe and Nkomo only means ongoing conflict.

How convenient to cite the civil rights campaign of the 50s and 60s that used law to achieve those rights.

Spare us, please, that familiar phrase "The American sense of fairness," when America has been both insensitive and unfair in many respects at home and abroad.

A number of Administration appointees and government employees have threatened to resign if sanctions against Rhodesia are lifted. Their stand is certainly laudablee. More of us must recognize that a betrayal of a black liberationist spirit in Rhodesia shows an equal lack of concern for the plight of blacks in this country.

No, we do not flex our muscles due to any new found power, or a sudden interest in foreign policy. We only proclaim that we will now use that power that has laid dormant, to reinforce that ancestral bond abroad, and truly determine our own destiny at home

G. JAMES FLEMING

'Mother knows best'

"Mother knows best" could well have been the title of the announcement by Dr. Emerson Julian Jr., that he was withdrawing from the multi-headed campaign for election to the Baltimore City Council, 4th District.

Reports are that the strongest voice advising him not to run was that of his mother, Mrs. Emerson Julian Sr. She pointed out that the community needed him more as a physician rather than as a politician; that his last year of residency in obstetrics and gynecology would be too demanding on him; and that he had invested too much of himself and the family's resources in preparing to be a doctor to turn to something else.

Of course, the junior Julian made up his own mind. He also had advice and hints from others besides his mother, both friends and non - friends. Nevertheless, up to early last week, he was sure that he would run; perhaps even fielding a slate of candidates on an "Emerson Julian ticket."

His mother must have reminded him that his late father entered politics and became the outspoken councilman that he was in the evening of his life, with a solid practice and wide experience behind him. On the other hand, the son is only 38 and is serving out the unfinished term of his father.

The decision to withdraw may be one of the wisest decisions ever made by the M. D. Now, he will be free to become, unencumbered, a great physician, rather than neither a great physician nor an outstanding city councilman; that is, even if he won election.

The words of Dr. Julian's mother must have lain heavily on him. It is good that he took them seriously. As so often down the centuries, it is a case of "Mother knows best."

Thousands of people, perhaps millions, wished that President Franklin Roosevelt's mother could have urged him not to run for a fourth term in the White House. Or, that he might have listened to her, rather than to the political followers who stood to gain, personally, from his winning a third and a fourth term.

Thousands who saw FDR campaigning in Philadelphia, in 1944, riding by in a roofless limousine during a snowfall, mumbled or said aloud, "He should not be here, he should not be running . . ." Some others noticed that he was too weak and "not his old self."

If any of his palace guards or his family urged him not to run (his mother died in 1941), he must not have listened to them. Most Roosevelt buffs believe that it was just the opposite.

We wish Mrs. Sarah Delano Roosevelt, strong - willed as she was reported to be, might have been alive to insist against her son's trying for or serving a fourth term. In other advice, in earlier years, she had demonstrated that "Mother knows best."

Many friends of President Jack Kennedy and his brother are presently hoping that Sen. Theodore "Ted" Kennedy will not enter the race for the presidency. These are the people who believe that, if he enteres the race, he will win both the nomination and the presidential election.

But, these friends of the Kennedys are "afraid," although they do not say openly why they are afraid. It would be "too indelicate," they hint. Even here, we leave it to your imagination (But, it is not Chappaquiddick).

Sen. Kennedy's decision - making must not be left only to those who will benefit from his elevation to the presidency.

In the spirit of "Mother knows best," we wish his mother could be telling him that he is doing "great" as the chief member of his Majesty's Opposition."

By Marion M. Banfield

Year of the Child — Part IX

What do you call your stepfather's mother when you already have a maternal and paternal grandmother? That's a question which more and more children face.

With the increase in unmarried mothers, divorces and remarriages, children and adults must cope with many more relationships than would those with the old - fashioned nuclear family.

Relationships are not simpler when there is just husband, wife, and children from this one marriage. Reality is making us take a closer look at modern family patterns.

Sometimes a stepparent or stepgrandparent feels sad because there is not an immediate surge of great affection and understanding between the children and adults in the new family blend.

There need be no guilt on either side. It takes time to build relationships. There were emotional bonds before the new marriage. Those bonds are not quickly loosened and perhaps need not be loosened. What is needed is time to develop and strengthen new, complicated bonds.

When we must deal with his, her, and our children, even adults have emotional problems. It helps if adults will relax and remember the importance of time. Some things cannot be rushed.

Our fairy tales give stepmothers a bad name. To be treated "like a stepchild" is bad. If we remember our cultural biases and our myths, we are more able to deal with family relationships on a patient, conscious level.

Social agencies have social workers trained to help with such complicated family problems. Today's children need understanding, and so do the parents.

Basic respect for each other is the first step toward establishing warm family relationships. If there is too much tension over too long a period, family agencies are available to give support for developing affection.

Baltimore's Information and Referral Service at 685-0525 can refer for family counseling.

Mrs. Banfield is district director of Family and Children's Society.

JOBS AND JUSTICE

Education reform the big need

By Art Carter

A major legislative initiative of the Carter administration during this session of Congress is reorganization of all education programs at the federal level into one newly established department of education.

Many arguments are being put forth by interested and affected groups, both for and against the move to set up an indpendent department to incorporate all educational responsibilities at the federal level.

In our view, the real need is for educational reform and enforcement of current laws, already on the books, rather than simply moving more boxes around as a part of "reorganization" efforts. For example, based on recent reports, it now appears that most of the white male executives in the Office of Education have been charged with sex and race discrimination by the highest ranking woman in OE, Dr. Ann Martin, associate commissioner for occupational planning.

In a suit filed in Federal District Court, Martin has charged that OE officials have repeatedly attempted to undercut her authority and pressure her out of her job through various devices such as unnecessary reorganization.

In so doing, Martin charges the agency has violated an agreement reached with her in 1977. That agreement followed a lengthy dispute over the agency's attempt to fire Martin after her first year in office. The agreement followed an investigation of discrimination charges made by Martin. Implicit in the agreement—that Martin be "allowed to carry out the duties of her office"—was that the agency had, in fact, discriminated against her.

Knowledgable sources emphasize that the real reason the OE hierarchy wants to get rid of Martin is her insistence on questioning certain OE vocational educational programs whose funds are being diverted away from the children they were designed by Congress to serve. The children are primarily minority and female.

Martin's responsibilities include nationwide responsibility for vocational education programs, and she has reportedly taken strong positions in support of more effective education and training of minority and female youth in occupations in which technological change is creating jobs — such as electronics, computer technology and allied fields.

Martin's attorney, Quentin Banks, has been quoted as stating that he is convinced that the chain of command at OE is nothing more than "the old boys network," and it appears that the OE effort to get rid of Martin largely stems from her refusal to play ball with these officials, particularly on the issue of vocational education funds.

Martin's suit asks very simply that she be allowed to do the jobs for which she was hired and that reprisals against her be ended.

The Martin case underscores the points we have made in this column in recents weeks, concerning policy issues involving bias and racism in the programs run by the Office of Education. We earlier cited another instance in which the USOE has refused to comply with the president's directive of January 1979 to heads of departments and agencies ordering them to assist black colleges and universities.

These situations warrant the special concern of black citizens not only because they raise questions about the administration's stated commitment to fighting the serious problem of black youth unemployment, but also because they raise questions about the real commitment of HEW and USOE to effectively improve the quality of education available to black youth.

And finally, Dr. Martin's efforts have been strongly directed at implementation of the Humphrey-Hawkins Act through emphasis on occupational, vocational and employment planning at the local level. The resistance she has encountered within OE points up a flagrant refusal by OE officials to obey the law and implement a significant congressional mandate designed to assist in relieving unemployment and promoting balanced growth and economic development.

For these important reasons, we must express grave doubts that reorganization of the educational bureaucracy at the federal level will do anything more than place the discriminators and lawbreakers in even stronger positions in a newly established department of education.

In our view, the real need is for a sweeping review by Congress, particularly the House Education and Labor Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, of the serious questions of impropriety and illegality on the part of high officials of the U.S. Office of Education.

As we have stated often in Jobs and Justice in the past, the need is for reform of the bureaucracy, incompetent and discriminatory officials, rather than simply reorganizing them into more powerful positions to continue their illegal and biased activities.

BROWN REACTIONS: Culled comments on what happened in the 25 years following the U.S. Supreme Court's Brown v. Bd. of Education decision:

"The Brown decision reordered the values, the thinking of America about race relations. We can't go back; we can't ever talk of segregation as a good thing." — Drew S. Days III, Assistant U.S. Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice

"The case was designed to offer all kids a quality education. It just hasn't happened yet." — Charles Scott, the original lawyer for the Brown case

"An indifferent nation has traveled a long road that leads not to equality, but to Bakke." — Vernon Jordan, president, National Urban League

"After 25 years, Brown still fits the description that some scholars gave it at the time: good justice, bad law." — Columnist James Kilpatrick

"Well, it's the same as it always was, but it's different, too." — A Mississippi black woman.

METHODIST HEAD: A native American, the Rev. Raymond Baine, 53, has become district superintendent of the United Methodist Church in Santa Ana, Calif.

This is the first such appointment outside the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Of native Alaskan descent, Baine will lead 50 congregations and 27,432 persons.

Give our youth hope

What has happened to the American sense of value or reason? Is there any American who can really govern these United States as they should be?

At present things are too loosely run and everyone seems too selfish and only ready to rip off the other person.

There are far too many undocumented foreigners in this country; too many unemployed, and joblessness is akin to crime which weakens any country.

Our jails are crowded with black youth, when it would seem to make more sense to give the youth jobs so that they would have some hope. Youth with no hope have very little to live for.

ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

By Elizabeth M. Oliver,
City Editor

THE ALL-DAY Holistic Conference Wednesday on the campus of the First Church of Apostolic Faith, Bishop Monroe Saunders' fantastic place on Baltimore National Pike, is one everyone should have attended.

Such famed persons as Dr. Harvey Webb of Constant Care, Dr. Cornelius Washington a noted authority and Dr. John Eubanks of the Howard U Dept. of Religion were speakers.

The great idea (which is certainly not new) is that the state of the mind affects the state of the body (health). Thanks to Dr. Webb who arranged the conference we are abreast of the times. The biggest of the medical institutions are already into the Holistic view as well as the top physicians of the world.

THE EST Program originated by the now famed Werner Erhard (in which I am now enrolled) is another phase of mind training so that your living in transformed for the best.

TO GET a place in the class is the fondest wish of many folks who are abreast of the times, like administrators, head of the leading corporations, chairman of the boards, etc. Some 200,000 graduates around the globe including my daughter Marsha say the process of putting your life together is astounding.

A CHAT with Supreme Bench Judge Robert B. Watts (who has been chosen by Baltimore Magazine as "Best") reveals it is to join an EST class one day. He states that he knows several attorneys who vow their lives are greatly improved since taking the course.

IT'S NOT a religion, sect nor hokus pokus thing but a new dimension and a scientific program designed to work with total certainty.

WE TRY medicines, drugs, salves, creams, politices, pills and everything else to attempt to overcome what seems to be wrong in life, why not try something that will work? And then, we should always seek knowledge.

SINCE last week's For All We Know, I have had several calls from persons who want to take the EST course and I will refer them to the key persons who make the selection.

This is the first time in the Baltimore area and my 150 classmates are from Washington, Silver Spring, Westminister, Pikesville, Annapolis and all over, an interesting and highly expectant group of mature persons.

THE FLORIST who made up those unusual bouquets for that beautiful garden wedding of Gwen Neal and her Jacie Bell is Clay Florist's owner who is a master at designing greenery and flowers. Some days he has as many as eight weddings. His father before him ran the shop which is now over 100 years old.

THE BOUQUETS had sprigs of pungent herbs and English ivy tucked among the flowers according to custom, a romantic old idea.

CAROLYN ANN HARCUM, a journalist of some note, is researching her Hicks-Taylor Family, the one said to be the largest in the USA, the one to which belong the actors, Bill Cosby and the tennis great, Arthur Ashe, the Baltimore Taylors, Hicks, Blackwells, Sheils, etc.

CHECKING the Library of Congress, Carolyn came up with records from 1790, the Census of Northumberland County, Va., and found the St. Stephen's Parish list of the descendants of the Samuel Blackwells, the Thomas Harcums and her entire tree.

The top listing is "Heads of families, Virginia, 1782."

BUT EARLIER, the "Ministers of Families" compiled by Bishop Williams Meade subtitled "Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, Va." lists a Capt. Samuel Blackwell - 1724 and Elisha Harcum - 1799.

HENNINGS Statutes at Large of Va. list James Harcum as Inspector of Tobacco and Virginia Wills and Administrations lists William, William H. and Thomas Harcum from 1632 to 1800.

LOUIS A. BURGESS lists Scott and Lot Harcum as militiamen in "Virginia Soldiers of 1776."

Sunnybrook, Va. is Miss Harcum's father's home (Raymond Thomas Harcum). Her mother's side of the family, the Groomses, have held reunions in July in Sykesville, Md. for the past five years. TV's Joyce Jefferson is a member.

NOT A WEEK goes by that we do not hear from some member of the Taylor-Hicks Family of Northumberland and Brunswick Counties. The story was published in our Richmond and Baltimore AFROs and somehow got around the world.

DUNBAR HIGH'S youngest graduate is Cheryl Bonita Boyd who is 14 years old and an award winner. She received the "Yes, I Can Honor" from Mr. and Mrs. John Woodland. Mrs. Woodland is Dunbar principal.

CHERYL, an attractive teenager has a sparkling personality and enters Towson State College in September.

Actually, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel (Pattie) Boyd tell me she has always been ahead of her age and was reading at age 5 when she was in school at Sir Robert Eden School 20 kindergarten.

She then went to the first grade at the private school, Sister Clara Muhammad School, 514 Wilson St., where she completed grades one through 8 in six years. The school by the way has produced many a brilliant youngster and public schools are proud of the young people of the Muslim faith.

Although he adopted the faith when he was a young man, Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) the shinning example as the most popular and successful man on the planet earth. (True, 'tis true).

CHERYL completed Lake Clifton High's 9th Grade in four months, graduated with a high average and went to Dunbar for her last three years where she made the honor roll each year and the last three quarters of her Senior year.

HER MOM AND DAD are also quite brilliant. Her mother was the guiding light of the banquet the Muslims gave at the Hilton, the one in which their minister revealed almost a year ago the fantastic plan the faith has for producing a new food, the food of the U.S. Armed Forces now have purchased.

And, they disclose, the package will soon solve the world food problem. We're happy to announce it was at that dinner the AFRO award was given, early enough to say we recognized the Muslims as "way out in front," before it all became known. A great group.

THURSDAY was the big day for HCD when hundreds of volunteers were honored at a luncheon.

GEORGE BROWN, longtime supervisor, administrator and fondly and widely known C and P Tel. Co. "Life Saver," is now at the new C and P Phone Center in Mondawmin Shopping Center.

We say "Life Saver" because he helps preserve the C and P image of politeness and ability to serve as no one else, absolutely no one else. Stop by there and meet that great guy and you will have a chance to see a real gentleman who knows how to treat people and to help.

BALTIMORE MAG also picked James Richardson of the No. 47 Express Bus Line as best driver and Joyce Jefferson as the No. 1 TV sex symbol, Gerards as the best disco and that one in Catonville as "The Worst." The parking place near the News Amer. downtown is The Worst, the mag states.

JUDGE and JACKIE WATTS' kids, Gennell and Bobette are straight A students at Towson State and are going into Criminal Law, like Pop.

DR. SIMON AND KAY Carter's youngest son, Michael Alan Carter, received the MBA Degree from Tulane University last week and is already working in Dallas at Cooper and Lybrand as an accountant. Meanwhile his equally brilliant brother, Mark, has reenlisted in the Army and will attend Electronics School for the next 18 months.

DR. CARTER is one of the best of physicians and Kay, beautiful, gracious and glamorious, is well known as one of the nation's powerful women.

She took the lead at the 1978 International Year of the Woman Conference attended by thousands of ladies from across the land and the four corners of the world. Remember?

CECIL L. GILLIAM has been promoted from services coordinator to buildings and grounds supervisor in the Field, Transportation, and Support Services Department in Knoxville, Tenn. He joined the Laboratory as a laborer on June 1, 1976. Prior to his employment at ORNL, he worked for the University of Tennessee. He is nephew of Herb and Bettye Graves and husband of Janice Shell Gilliam.

CECIL is a native of Baltimore, graduate of Douglas High School. He continued his education at Morgan. He and JANICE (employed at Allied Chemical), reside at 2322 Woodbine Ave. in Knoxville. Cecil enjoys rabbit hunting and fishing in his leisure time.

CHARLES T. PARKER III flew to California this week to see his daughter, Robin Neil Parker, receive a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Child Development and Early Education from Stanford University.

With him was his mother, Mrs. Gertrude M. Parker, sister-in-law, Mrs. Lorraine Parker, Robin's grandmother and aunt.

Charles Gary Parker, Robin's brother, received a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Howard.

Their cousin, Kyra Ross, was graduated cum laude from Howard with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance.

DOROTHY and ROBERT DEBOLT, parents of 20 children, fourteen of whom are adopted and handicapped, were at Martin West, Thursday. She is a black. He is white.

Dorothy and Robert rose to national prominence after the airing of their academy award-winning documentary, "Who Are The DeBolts - and where did they get 19 kids?"

They came to Maryland at the request and under the sponsorship of the Developmental Disabilities Council to speak on the subject of their family and the special joys and challenges of raising handicapped children.

They hope to reach handicapped people all ages, prospective adoptive parents and parents of handicapped children as well as the general public.

Money Matters

Credit rights for divorcees

She also might want to consider opening charge accounts with retail stores.

The Maryland CPAs point out that she doesn't have to borrow against those lines of credit; they will appear on her credit history as soon as they're approved. If, however, she does borrow or charge purchases, prompt meetings of payments are essential.

Federal laws now require creditors to consider alimony, child support or maintenance payments "consistently made" to a divorced woman as partial evidence of her credit worthiness.

But every lender has a different idea of what falls into the "consistently made" category. Most will want to know whether there is a written agreement covering the payment, whether there are procedures to compel the payments, and what the credit history of the ex-husband is.

As an additional item of importance, the Maryland CPAs point out that, effective this year, a divorced woman shares her ex-husband's Social Security benefits, providing the two of them were married 10 years. (Previously, they had to have been married 20 years.) However, if her Social Security benefits depend entirely on what her husband contributed, she becomes eligible to receive benefits only after he retires.

Don't be a holiday statistic

With the big July Fourth holiday coming up it is especially important for consumers who purchase fireworks to exercise extreme caution in their use.

This year the necessity for extreme caution in holiday (Independence Day) celebrations is more important than ever inasmuch as the gasoline shortage will probably keep a large number of celebrants at home instead of at the beach or some other out-of-town activity.

Thus, we take this occasion to remind motorists that improper handling and storage of gasoline can be dangerous. In addition, [illegible]