AFRO asks — Should Orioles leave Baltimore?

D. SMITH, OVER 25, 3700 block of Springdale, self - employed — "If we're going to be constantly harassed by them saying they're going here or there, they should let them go. It would be a loss to us, though. I think an effort to increase the paid attendance would be better."

VERNON G. TUCKER, over 65, 3300 block of Ladden, retired — "No. I don't think they're going to leave town. The man (Edward Bennett Williams, owner of the Orioles) said on TV they will stay. I would care if they left. I want them to stay. I've been going out for years and years. Dam right, I support the Orioles and the Colts."

JOEL SMALL, 18, 3100 block of Tioga Parkway, student — "I feel very strongly about it. I've been following the Orioles since I was 4 - years - old. If they leave, the city will be dry. I think Williams is using them to get more from the people like (Robert) Irsay, (Colt owner). I still say they're the best entertainment in town for the money."

GEORGE WRIGHT, 67, 1100 block of Poplar Grove St., retired — "I hope they don't leave. If they leave and Irsay says the Colts are going to go, then we'll only have school games here. It's all this money tied up in it. I'm a baseball fan and attend football games, too."

JOHN TALTON, 60, 2800 block of Windsor, housekeeper for state of Maryland — "I hope they don't go. I'd like them to be here. I go out once in a while. If baseball leaves and football leaves there won't be any sports here."

IVAN HALE, 21, 2600 block of Fairview Ave., retail clerk — "I'm strongly opposed to (the team leaving) because the Orioles belong to Baltimore and the people show it by their attendance. It would be tragic to lose them to Washington. I hope something can be arranged. They seem to love Baltimore and we love them."

IRVING DINGLE, 44, 100 block of S. Kussuth St., machine operator — "Well, I'm not really a baseball fan, but I think they should stay in town. Kidls like to go see them but if there's no team they won't have nowhere to go."

ONSLOW EVANS, 69, 2500 block N. Ellamont St., retired — "I think they will stay. At least I hope so. I do support them. I go out to the games. I n fact, I'm going next when Boston comes in town. I can't miss that."

Oblate Sisters banquet honors William L. Adams

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MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD was presented to William (Little Willie) Adams by Sister Reginald Gerdes on behalf of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the oldest Catholic order for black nuns, for his outstanding work in the community.

HEAD TABLE GUESTS included Denise Stanley and Allen Quille, brother - in - law of the honoree and chairperson of the Restoration Plus Fundraising Board for St. Francis Academy.

LOOKING ON during the awards banquet Aug. 23 at Martin's West was Irvin M. Kovens, prominent Baltimore businessman.

RELIGIOUS GUESTS — Among the 1,000 guests who filled the Martin's West ballroom were Sisters Jacinta Briscoe, Mary Charles Jackson, and Raymond Lawes.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD — "Little Willie" as he is known to most, receives an award from Richard Palmer on behalf of the Meritocrats, an organization which raises funds for student scholarships.

ENJOYING THE AWARDS BANQUET are Police Lt. Col. Edward V. Woods, Walter Lewis, and Deputy Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson. Proceeds from the affair will benefit the Restoration Plus Fundraising Project of St. Francis Academy.

TRIBUTE TO "LITTLE WILLIE" — Among the many members of the business community who attended the affair were Charles Tilghman, owner of the Sphinx Club and his wife, Frances. Also seated at the table is Mrs. Orpha Lampkin.

ATTENTIVELY LISTENING to the program were (L to R) James E. Bentley, Denise S. DeLeaver, Joy Elaine Pinder and Michael A. Rashid.

John Douglass

AFRO backs Douglass, Schaefer

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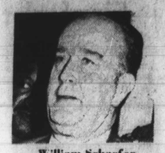

William Schaefer

Special election TATTLETALES

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Council candidate kills wife, self

A 6th district candidate for city council shot his wife in the head and chest as she leaned into the window of his 1974 Plymouth on the driver's side and then shot himself in the head.

Dead are John Walter Reed Jr., 35, of the 600 block of Hillview Rd., and his wife, Mrs. Mildred L. Reed, 34, of the 2200 block of Round Road. Both were residents of Cherry Hill although were seperated at the time of the shooting.

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John Walter Reed

AFRO Slate

Take this with you election day Sept. 11

City-wide

DEMOCRATS

MAYOR

Pull Lever

William D. Schaefer 2B

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Walter S. Orlinsky Unopposed

COMPTROLLER

John Douglass 4A

REPUBLICANS

COMPTROLLER

St. George Crosse 4F

Council races

2nd District

DEMOCRATS

Clarence H. "Du" Burns 5A

Nathan C. Irby Jr. 5C

REPUBLICANS

Margaret L. Dyer 5G

Edward Maceo Jones 5H

3rd District

DEMOCRATS

Harold L. Dobson 5B

Phyllis B. Douglass 5C

Grover L. McCrea Jr. 6D

REPUBLICANS

Essie Richardson 5G

4th District

DEMOCRATS

Victorine Q. Adams 5B

Kweisi Mfume 6C

Michael B. Mitchell 7A

REPUBLICANS

Gladys M. Hines 5H

Maddie E. Mitchell 5I

Victor Clark Jr 5F

5th District

DEMOCRATS

Earl C. Banks 5B

Norman V.A. Reeves 6B

Anthony Robinson 6C

REPUBLICANS

Carl M. Adair 5F

Geraldine V. Gray 6F

6th District

DEMOCRATS

Marguerite J. Campbell 5A

Peggy Ann Jackson 6D

Gerald Ernest Manning 7C

Peggy, Marguerite campaign in Cherry Hill, Edmondson

AFRO photo by Mark Gail

POLITICKIN' PEGGY — Traveling everywhere by bus to promote her campaign throughout the 6th District, Peggy Jackson, City Council candidate, met Edward Quince and Charles Cummings at the Cross Street Market area.

PLANNING CAMPAIGN — Marguerite Campbell, 6th District City Council candidate, discusses with volunteers what final campaign strategies will be used before next Tuesday's primary election. Mrs. Campbell (L) is shown talking with Shirley Howell, Melvin Stukes and Muriel Alexander.

Cheeks blasts candidates on rent control

By Libre Jasiri
AFRO staff writer

In an election that has been characterized by the absence of issues, rent control may surface as the lightning rod of Baltimore's Election '79.

sm1000 Bob Cheeks, chairman of the People's Campaign for Rent Control, has accused black leaders of "dilly-dallying" on the rent control issue and of underestimating the importance of rent control to black and other poor people in the city.

"Black politicians have not contributed one dime to rent control," he said.

"While the landlords have raised a quarter, of a million dollars to fight us, black politicians are still sucking around Mayor Schaefer, who has already said he is against rent control," Cheeks said, heatedly.

"They're asking the same people whom the Mayor doesn't support to support them and him", he continued.

In a similar vein, Cheeks called the refusal last week of city election officials to validate signatures on petititons to place the rent control question on the November ballot "an outrage".

He referred to a decision by the Board of Election supervisors to delay validation of the signatures after board officials acknowledged that at least 10,000 (the total required by law) of 35,000 signatures submitted were those of registeree voters.

The board's decision came at the request of an attorney, M. Albert Figinski, who questioned whether the signatures were collected by registered voters as required by the Maryland constitution.

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Husband calls spine operation 'a miracle'

By Jim Rowley

Auto mechanic Ray Thomas can't see the "miracle" device that replaced his wifes missing lower spine and apparently will save her from a life strapped to a stretcher.

But he knows its there and he thanks God every day that the history-making operation to repair his wife Jessie's damaged spine was a success.

While many Maryland residents spent last weekend on the beach or at holiday picnics, Thomas sat beside the University of Maryland Hospital bed where his wife's condition continued to improve.

sm1000 In a 19-hour operation, Dr. Charles C. Edwards implanted a six-inch piece of metal in Mrs. Thomas' lower back to replace spinal tissue that was damaged by pressure from a football-sized tumor. The tumor was removed July 17.

Thomas admits he was nervous before his 33-year-old wife entered the operating room. Aug 31.

But after "a little bit of praying and trusting in Jesus Christ, I was all right. We just kept on praying and singing and hoping for the best," he said. "I think it's very good, it's a miracle the work he did."

Hospital officials said Mrs. Thomas continued to improve from surgery.

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Woman trainee charged harassment

Board clears white firefighter

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

A white Baltimore city male fire fighter, with the department 18 years, was found not guilty of sexual harassment of a co - worker at a hearing before the Board of Fire Commissioners on Sept. 5.

Vaughn Fox, 40, had been charged by Mrs. Terry Lyles, 23, a CETA paramedic trainee.

In her complaint to the board Ms. Lyles stated that he grabbed her in a fire station bunkroom on April 17 and allegedly told her "he wanted my body because he had never had a black woman before."

After the two - hour closed hearing, Calhoun Bond, president of the fire board said, "We feel based on what we heard there was not enough evidence to find Mr. Fox guilty."

With tears in her eyes, Mrs. Lyles said afterward that she feels she did not receive a fair hearing because witnesses did not give the complete story.

"However, I will continue to do my work as a paramedic trainee," she said.

Mrs. Lyles who was represented by the Rev. St. George Crosse, pastor of Lewin United Methodist Church and Fox, who was represented by an attorney, were before the board of fire commissioners for nearly two hours. Through his counsel Fox had requested a closed hearing.

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What every voter should know!

..The Baltimore City primary election, Tuesday, Sept. 11, will determine the candidates for the November general election.

..Registered voters will select candidates for mayor, city comptroller, and City Council representatives for all six districts.

..Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 11.

..The primary is a closed election. Voters may only cast ballots in the party in which they are registered. No write - in votes are permitted.

..Voters may check off their choices on the AFRO Slate and take it with them into the voting booth. Simple ballots will be posted at each polling place.

..Emergancy Absentee Voting is available to registered voters unable to be at their polling places on election day because of illness, accident, absence caused by employment or illness or death in the immediate family after the normal seven - day deadline.

..For more information, call the Board of Supervisors of Elections at 396 - 5553.