AFRO begins Mrs. Santa Drive today

The AFRO's 1979 Mrs. Santa campaign begins today, Friday, Nov. 2. This year's goal is $2, to help needy Baltimoreans have a happy Christmas this year.

Plans for the 1979 program will be drawn up by a committee of 5 at a luncheon hosted by George Mitchell, owner of the Electric Eye on Reisterstown Road.

Meeting are leaders of community and social organizations and AFRO Clean Block organizers who will help raise funds and identigidentify elderly and needy families and fire victims

Watch for people wearing crocheted red flowers. You will know they have helped Mrs. Santa.

Won't you help, too? Mrs. Santa heeds you.

Freedom awards set for Nov. 9

The Second Annual Freedom Heritage Awards Banquet sponsored by the Lillie Carroll Jackson Musuem will be held Friday, Nov. 9 at the Blue Crest North, 41 Reisterstown Road.

Raymond H. Boone, editor and vice president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers is the guest speaker for the affair which begins at 7 p.m.

The 1979 Freedom Heritage Awards will be presented to Elizabeth M. Oliver, journalist, James Rouse, fair housing pioneer and in memoriam to Dr. J.E.T. Camper, longtime NAACP political leader.

The Lillie Carroll Museum aims to preserve the life stories of freedom fighters of all races in the struggle for justice for black Americans in the hope that men, women and children will be inspired to give of themselves in the continuing struggle for equality under the law.

The Museum is located at 132 Eutaw Place in the home of the late Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, longtime Baltimore Branch NAACP President. It is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1;3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays by appointment. Admission is free.

Black mayor in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — With black voters demonstrating political muscle at the ballot box, Dr. Richard Arrington defeated a white opponent Tuesday night to become the first black mayor of Birmingham, Alabama's largest city and a onetime bastion of segregation.

In an unofficial vote tally, Arrington, a two-term city councilman, won by almost 2,000 votes over attorney Frank Parsons, who was making his first bid for public office in an election dominated by the racial issue.

Arrington, 45, won the election on the strength of a black voter turnout of 71 percent and a boost from white voters, who turned out 65 percent strong to cast their ballots. He is the South's third big city black mayor.

Arrington said President Carter called and told him it was a great day for Birmingham and the nation after the city's history of racial turmoil in the 1960s. "I feels great, it just feels great," Arrington told a room packed with cheering supporters.

"This is an historic occasion for our city because the majority of the voters of this city has tapped one of the sons of color," said Arrington. "I'm also proud of the voters of this city because they rejected any campaign based on fears and any campaign based on smears. I'll be a mayor for all of the people of this city."

Parsons said he was not officially conceding the race until the returns were made official. He said if Tuesday night's totals were certified today, "I'll be the first to congratulate Dr. Arrington."

Arrington, who received a call from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., earlier in the week, will take office Nov. 13.

Reactions from the city considered a bastion of segregation little more than a decade ago and torn again by racial strife last summer were not all pleasant.

"Well, my reaction is that this is a gloomy dark period in Birmingham," said Donald Fulghum, a white man who placed an advertisement in a city newspaper saying a black mayor would contribute to a rising crime rate. "I think we need to drop the flags at half staff and fly them for 30 days. It's gloomy because Richard Arrington was elected and he is a first class racist."

Arrington, who holds a doctorate and is president of the Alabama Center for Higher Education, a consortium of black schools, becomes the third black mayor of a big southern city, joining the ranks of Atlanta and New Orleans.

With all 75 boxes reporting, Arrington garnered 44,798 votes in an unofficial final vote count, or 51.1 percent. Parsons had 42,914 votes, or 48.9 percent.

"I believe that the decision of the voters of this city says more about how far Birmingham has gone than all the P.R. (public relations) we can do and all the things we can say," said Arrington.

About 45 percent of the city's 129,000 registered voters are black, although blacks make up just over half the city's 300,000 residents. Officials estimated 66 percent of Birmingham's registered voters turned out to cast ballots.

Arrington, son of a West Alabama sharecropper, polled 44 percent of the vote in a seven-candidate, nonpartisan election Oct. 9. Parsons was a distant second with about 17 percent, splitting the white vote with two other candidates, including the incumbent mayor, David Vann.

Vann, viewed as a friend of blacks when elected in 1975, was ousted primarily due to a volatile racial issue that left black voters dissatisfied with him. The mayor's handling of the police shooting of a young black woman sparked demonstrations by blacks and the outrage of black leaders, who urged Arrington to run. Arrington, ironically, helped put Vann in office in 1975.

"It's a real refreshing thing for the South and for the nation," said Johnny Ford, the black mayor of Tuskegee, a city of 11,000 about 100 miles southeast of Birmingham. "Truly we see the South rising again. The South is coming a long way, and it ain't where it should be, but Lord have mercy because it has come a long way from the way it used to be."

ONLY 30 PASS

Black cops say test still unfair

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Kenneth Johnson, an attorney for the Vanguard Justice Societ Inc., an association of black police officers in the city, says he is not "pleased" with the number of officers who passed the revised promotional examination for sergeant.

Only 3 out of 153 officers have passed the first part of the test. The 3officers took the second part of the test at the Convention Center on Oct. 31 and are scheduled to take part three today ?Friday?.

The AFRO learned they were given less than a 24 hour notice for part two of the exam and the oral interviews are scheduled to start Monday.

Johnson told the AFRO he hand delivered a letter to Judge Frank A. Kaufman, the same judge who ruled the first test unconstitutional. He said in his Oct. 31 letter that he was not satisfied with the results of the test.

The exam being used is intended to determine qualification for promotions and was drafted by law enforcement and Civil Service experts after officers won a suit earlier this year, charging that the previous exam was discriminatory.

Johnson stated he has also subpoena the entire test. A spokesman for the Police Department stated the department is not running the test and "We don't touch it."

The Vanguard suit charged r race and sex discrimination in the police entrance examination and said the test disqualified black and females who actually were qualified to become officers

"The department should have played a part in the exam. When the Police Department gives an exam for a promotion, it is announced at least three months in advance and we have time to study," said an officer.

There are 2,28 police officers and only 44 are black. Out of the 44 officers, only 27 are members of the Vanguards. The other black officers are affiliated with the Faternal Order of Police, who requested an injunction to stop the first test.

JudJudge Kaufman denied a request to block the revised promotion examination for the Vanguard Justice Society.

Herbert Weiner, attorney for the Faternal Order of Police stated Judge Kaufman has allowed the FOP to present claims on behlaf of any group of police officers who feel they may have been discriminated against by the promotion exam.

Members of the Vanguards are upset with the number of black officers who rremained with the FOP. "Black officers were defeating themselves by paying dues and belonging to the FOP," said an officer. He added, "The FOP did not come to our aid and we are now being guided by our attorneys."

Another officer told the AFRO, "When the suit was filed in Federal Court, the FOP did not come to our aid."



LITTLE GUEST— Among the participants in the Westside Elementary School Community Luncheon was Nakia Graves, 1, and Ms. April Griffin.

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HALLOWEEN ENTERTAINMENT — Costumed students sing a song for guests at the Parent-Pupil-Staff Community luncheon at Westside Elementary School.

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ENJOYING LUNCH — Mrs. Silvai Watt (L) and Mrs. Anna Andre were among 400 persons who feasted on oven baked chicken, whipped potatoes and green beans during a delicious luncheon sponsored by Westside Elementary's PTA.

WASHINGTON — The Minority Trucking-Transportation Development Corporation will hold its fourth annual conference in San Francisco Nov. 1-4 at the Jack Tar Hotel.

PUBLIC HEARING
URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT PROGRAM

A public hearing has been scheduled to discuss Baltimore City's proposed submission of an application for Urban Development Action Grant funding from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Urban Development Action Grant Program will be explained and the City's proposed application requesting Action Grant funding totaling approximately $1,800,000 for the construction of a photovoltaic production facility will be presented.

The 30,000 square foot facility will bs constructed by the Solarex Corporation in the vicinity of Northern Parkway and Wabash Avenue. It is anticipated that approximately 112 new permanent jobs and 53 construction jobs will be created, and the project will generate $4,500,000 private investment. The meeting to discuss this application will be held in the

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
7:30 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Draft copies of the proposed application, along with Federal Rules and Regulations concerning the Urban Development Action Grant Program, will be available for citizen review and comment in Room 310 of the Department of Housing and Community Development, 222 E. Saratoga Street, as of Monday, November 5, 1979.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and express their views on the City's needs and the proposed application.

M. J. BRODIE
Commissioner

Department of Housing
and Community Development

Crime rate jumps 5.6 percent

There were 5.6 percent more violent crimes committed in Maryland in 1978 than in the previous year, including increases in murders, the FBI said Wednesday.

State and local police reported there were 30,328 violent crimes committed in Maryland in 1978, compared to 28,716 in 1977. Violent crimes include murder, homicide, forcible rape, rabbery and aggraved assault.

Maryland had a crime rate of 5,813.6 per 100,000 residents, compared to 5,700 per 100,000 in 1977.

In its annual uniform crimes reports, the FBI said murder and non-negligent homicide in the state rose 1.6 percent. Propely crimes increased 1 percent.

The number of car thefts decreased slightly, officials said.

Justice department officials said the crimes reported by law enforcement agencies are a good indicator of criminal activity, although they admit the "total number of criminal acts occurring is unknown."



LUNCH TIME — Mrs. Jeanette Carter, Mrs. Daisy Johnson and Mrs. Annie McNeil (L to R) attended the luncheon which was aimed to bring parents and the community closer to the school.



Dr. Jerome H. Holland, national chairman of the American Red Cross.

Red Cross conference in Gettysburg

The Chesapeake Division of the American Red Cross will hold its 5th Annual Conference at the Sheraton Inn in Gettysburg, Pa., Nov. 5 and 6.

Dr. Jerome H. Holland, national chairman of the American Red Cross will be special guest speaker.

Red Cross members and the general public are invited to attend. Red Cross chapter management and the organization's many humanitarian services to the community will be among the topics discussed.

For further information concerning schedules, fees, transportation, and programs, call the Baltimore Regional Red Cross at 467-9605.

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EXPOSED: City festival theft ring!

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Cops cool to rash of cross burnings

Gunfight in City Jail?

Authorities at City Jail reported late last night that two inmates had been wounded in an apparent scuffle.

Although spokesmen at City Jail refused to confirm reports that the two inmates were involved in a pitched gunbattle inside the facility, they did confirm that the inmates were rushed to City Hospitals at approximately 8:20 p.m.

According to an anonymous tipster who phoned the AFRO at about 8:30, two inmates had fought a gunbattle inside the jail.

Captain Eugene Bryant, a shift commander at the jail, stated that; "The two gentlemen are in the hospital now, and we are investigating the incident. We are currently conducting a jail wide shakedown."

He also added that the inmates, whose names he refused to release, were both from the general population of the jail.



RENT CONTROL VOLUNTEERS celebrate victory, from left, Lloyd M. White, Gary Dickens and Karen Scipio.

Klan-style incidents get indifferent response from police

By Ann Sagi
AFRO Staff Writer

A flaming cross, police cars and a fire truck with its siren blaring, at 2 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, apparently failed to arouse much curiosity in the northeast Baltimore community of Gardenville.

The Northeastern District police officers who responded to the scene of the cross-burning did not seem to care too much, either.

George Wiae, a 29-year-old mechanic, told the AFRO he awakened Tuesday morning after he smelled smoke. A three foot by four foot wooden cross was blazing on his front lawn in the 4300 block of Shamrock Ave.

Wise said he did not like the attitudes of the responding officers.

"They acted like, 'So what do you want us to do about it?' They were very unprofessional. One officer took a scrap of paper out of his pocket and wrote my name on that. He didn't use a regular form," Wise said.

When the AFRO called Northeastern District for information, a sergeant said, "I don't do cross-burnings."

Wise said he thought it was strange that only one of his neighbors looked outside to see what was causing the commotion.

"Only one person came to the door. They acted as if they knew. They're all homeowners and these are rowhouses. You would think they would be curious about a fire truck on their street," Wise said.

The Nov. 6 incident at Wise's house is the seventh cross-burning in the Baltimore area between Oct. 23 and Nov. 6.

Five crosses were torched in the Lansdowne section of Baltimore County in an 11-day period. A second cross was burned in northeast Baltimore City in a grassy vacant lot.

Wise, a single parent with a 10-year-old son, said the cross-burning in front of his home is the fourth racially motivated incident since the middle of October.

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GEORGE WISE, victim of cross-burning

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20 CITY EMPLOYEES QUESTIONED

Who stole from Inner Harbor festivals?

By Ann Sagi
AFRO Staff Writer

Vendors and concessionaires at last summer's weekend ethnic festivals at the Inner Harbor were the targets of a group of thieves, the AFRO has learned.

Kegs of beer, a Coca-Cola dispenser including canisters of soda and pressure guages, a golf cart owned by Pepsi Cola and a rented cash register were stolen by city employees and transported by city trucks on city time.

Most of the thefts occurred Monday mornings after festivals when city workers would report to Rash Field to make repairs.

The AFRO was told that supervisors would order subordinates to take the items.

A Pepsi golf cart was reported taken by city employees at the order of a supervisor. The cart was loaded onto a city truck and transported to a Pratt Street warehouse.

The AFRO was told the cart, which was not operating at the the time of the theft, was repaired by city employees during working hours. The cart, which Pepsi used to transport supplies to vendors during festivals, was to be repainted and given to a city employee.

An official with Pepsi confirmed that the cart was taken on a Monday morning following a festival. Although he would not say it was stolen, he did say "it wasn't borrowed."

He also said "police were aware of the theft" and said the cart was "recovered" the following Friday.

Pepsi negotiated for the cart: return it and official police action would not be taken.

A city employee drove the cart back to Rash Field from the Pratt Street warehouse on city streets in broad daylight without license plates.

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RENT CONTROL

People won

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Bobby Cheeks, the burly head of the Welfare Rights Organization and the People's Campaign for Rent Control, stood head and shoulders above the crowd, surveying the scene of jubilation and celebration at the headquarters of the campaign located in the cellar of a Catholic church in the 1700 block west Fayette Street.

Across town, in a plush second floor office in the 5900 block York Road, members of the Keep Baltimore Best Committee, an organization of property owners and developers committed to defeating the bill, stared listlessly at a television screen which showed the rent control bill gaining steadily as the evening wore on.

Three blocks south of the rent control headquarters, a local property owner stood disconsolately outside a polling place.

"They don't even know what it's all about," she complained bitterly, describing the mostly poor and black voters who streamed into the polling place to vote for rent control. "They just keep coming in, pulling the lever, then going home!"

Those three scenes summed up what is now common knowledge in Baltimore, the fact that Question K, the rent control bill won by almost 5,000 votes Tuesday, Oct. 6. "It was a people's victory, pure and simple," said Cheeks, as supporters of the bill hugged him or shook his hand. "Everybody, including many of our own politicians, turned their backs on these people. They said these people, our people, wouldn't vote, but we showed them different."

Delegate Troy Brailey, a sort of political grandfather of the rent control movement, who had his rent control bill killed in the General Assembly almost a year ago, stated:

"I'm overwhelmed." In the background young children, old people, teenagers all partied and celebrated. "I felt all the time that it could be done. I agree with Cheeks that the only way it could have been done is through the referendum process. It's impossible to get this kind of legislation through our legislature or the city council. Look at what happened to my bill a year ago."

Ali Shabazz, head of the Reservoir Hill Community Coporation and a vigorious rent control worker since the summer, stood in a corner, relaxing with a can of beer;

"Once upon a time, truth was walking to town," he said, waxing philosophical. "Truth decided to take a swim in the lake, so he took off his clothes and hopped into the water. While he was swimming, lie came along and stole his clothes and went to town, so you had a lie going to town dressed like the truth. When truth came out of the water, he was faced with a choice; whether to go to town dressed as a lie, or to go to town as the naked truth. That's what we did, we gave the town the naked truth, and we won."

In a campaign marked with misleading statements and dirty tricks, many felt that the truth was a hard commodity to find.

The Keep Baltimore Best Committee was accused of several misleading tactics, including mailing out anti-rent control literature in envelopes which closely resembled city tax statements and distributing so-called sample ballots of area political clubs which urged the reader to vote against the amendment. Both Mary Pat Clarke, of the New Era Democratic Club, and Victorine Q. Adams, of the Metro Democratic Organization, protested vehemently after receiving the bogus ballots, as both backed Question K.

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MIDNIGHT BLAZE roused tenants in seven apartments Wednesday in the 2300 block Eutaw Place. The two alarm fire reportedly started on the first floor and flames leaped out of the third floor windows before the blaze was put out. (see story page 32)

500 expected for Freedom awards at Jackson museum

More than 500 persons are expected to attend the Second Annual Freedom Heritage Awards Banquet of the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum tonight, Friday at the Blue Crest North, 401 Reisterstown Road.

Raymond Boone, editor and vice president, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers is the guest speaker and will address the theme, "Building on the work of Dr. Lillie Jackson."

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The Museum is located at 1320 Eutaw Place, the home where Dr. Jackson lived for several years before she died in 1975. She was a pioneer in the civil rights movement and was known as the "Mother of Civil Rights," and served as Baltimore Branch NAACP president for over 30 years.

The Museum is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays by appointment. The admission is free.

Police hunt man, 27, in party rape, murder

Police are still looking for a 27-year-old man who allegedly killed a man, raped a woman and robbed another woman he allegedly gagged and tied to a chair.

A warrant was issued Nov. 2 for Eugene Hilton, of the 2500 block Madison Ave. At AFRO presstime, he had not been arrested.

The homicide and rape took place following a party in a friend's house in the 1500 block Baker St. Police report the suspect was attending a party with a group of friends and became upset when one of the women refused to give him $200.

Police report the suspect raped the woman, took her money and tied another woman, child and man up.

When Louis Holley, 50, of the 200 block Lafayette Ave., entered the Baker Street home, he found three people tied to a chair.

Police report when Holley approached the suspect he was shot. The woman who had been raped was leaving her home wearing only a coat, when officers arrived on the scene the woman stated, "I live here and I've been raped. The woman was taken to the hospital and treated for two cuts and rape processing.

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