FOUR GENERATIONS of his family were present on the 80th birthday celebration for George Conaway (bottom center). Included are his children, Del. Frank M. Conaway and Mrs. Conaway (far right); Mrs. Helena Fallin, Mrs. Doris Goode, Miss Shirley Conaway; brother, Norman Dewey Conaway; sister, Mrs. Margaret Dates and close friend, Mrs. Eleanor Doswell; and other relatives, Monica Pindle, Belinda Conaway, Shantago Dawson, Michelle Conaway; Doris Goode, Marty Conaway, Lamont Conaway Jr., Tanya Goode, Lamont Conaway Sr., Lashawn Goode, Casandra Fallin and Alethia Williams.

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Mr. Conaway marks 80th birthday

March; families in the nation, the Conaways, Hickses, Taylors, Sheils, Blackwells and Stiths of Northumberland County and neighboring counties of Virginia.

Therefore, when he celebrated his 80th birthday at a family party hosted by one of his sons, Del. Frank M. Conaway last week, there were not only four generations present but scores of other relatives coming and going throughout the evening.

Mr. Conaway, born Feb. 15,1900 in Lillian, Northumberland Couny County, Virginia(who boasts at 80 he is as spry as ever) is the son of the late Sarah Wiggins Conaway and Daniel Conaway. He and his late wif the former Miss Helen Blackwell, were wed June 18,1928.

Their children are Del. Conaway, Mrs. Heelena Fal Fallin, Mrs. Doris Goode and Miss Shirley Conaway, all of Balti His brother and sister, both of whom were at the party are Dewey Conaway and Mrs. Margaret Dates of Baltimore.

Mr. Conaway came to Baltimore in 1917 and worked on the Port as a longshoreman until his retirement. He has been a member of Perkins Square Baptist Church 10 years.

MRS. DORA EVANS FOSTER, guest of honor at the family gathering on her 75th birthday

Five generations at the 75th birthday party for Mrs. Dora Evans Foster

Mrs. Dora Evans Foster was suprised indeed when her six daughters and five sons, 20 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces an nephews gathered at her home in Baltimore to wish her happy birthday.

Born Feb. 16, 1905 in Prince Edwards County, Va., Mrs. Foster is the daughter of the late Robert and Betty Stokes Evans of slave and Indian heritage, a proud legacy. Her late husband, Jefferson Foster, was a WWI veteran and employed at Bethlehem Steel 48 years.

One of her many distinguished nephews is Damon Evans, the noted actor who played the son on the Jeffersons TV show the part of Alex Haley as a member of the Coast Guard in Roots II and starred in The Me Nobody Know on Broadway and here at the Mechanic Theatre.

She is a staunch member of Faith Baptist Church, the Golden Age Club and The Saratoga Neighborhood Club.

Thechildren who came for the party from points along the Eastern her board are Mesdames Evelyn F. Mejia and Bettye F. Washington of East East Orange, N.J.; Delores F. Bell, Hoboken, N.J.; Margaret F. Johnson, Jean F. Ware, all of Baltimore and all nurses and Dorothy F. Bennett, principal of Rosemont Elementary in Baltimore.

The sons are James Foster, Hoboken; Dennis M. Foster and Robert J. Foster, Baltimore; Samuel L. Foster, Baltimore County and Frank K.Foster, New York. Grandchildren present were Gary, Daniel, Bridgette, Yvette, Damali, Delores, Dennie, Deborah, James Jr., and Maria Foster; Rudy Washingto Berndette Pettigrew, Lisa Washington, Dana Johnson, Andre Johnson, Donna Pettigrew, Patrici McBride, MariaAlton Pettigrew, Dora Hill, Gerald Johnson.

Great-grands included Shaner and Shaneek Gist, Jason, Dorian and Damon Hill. Nieces and nephews, Francus Henry, Nancy Carroll and Mildred Booker; Richard Evans, Mozella Jackson; Charles Evans,her brother; and Carrie Evans, sister-in-law.

MS. ELIZABETH M. OLIVER AFRO City Editor — DR. REBECCA CARROLL school administrator — MRS. ENOLIA McMILLAN president, Baltimore NAACP — REV. WENDELL PHILLIPS pastor, Heritage United Church — COL. WILLIAM A. HARRIS retired assistant to Maryland governors — REV. VERNON DOBSON pastor, Union Baptist Church

Near 2,000 to attend VUU honors concert here on March 9

The Virginia Union University choir will appear here for a concert Sunday March 9 to honor the six Baltimore citizens selected by the post Miles W. Connor Alumni Chapter to receive the group's highest honors.

In addition, President Harlow Fullowood has announced the event will feature a Talent Contest with a $500 scholarship, $100 cash and trophies going to selected high school students.

Nearly 2,000 tickets have been sold and guests will fill the Woodlawn High School's spacious auditorium to capacity at 5 p.m. for the program whos co-sponsors are Maryland National, Equitable Trust, Lloyola Federal and Advance Federal Banking institutions and McDonald's Operators Asso.

Some 35 VUU students, Miss Virginia University and the college vice-president Dr. Dorothy Cowling will be present. Honorees are Mesdames Enolia McMillan, Elizabeth M.Oliver, Dr. Rebecca Carroll; Revs. Wendell Phillips, Vernon Dobson and Retired Col. William Box Harris.

Rowen speaks at college history fete

Carl Rowan, one of the most honored print and TV journalists in America spoke at Western Maryland College in Westminister, Md. last week on a seminar and at an evening dinner as guest of the Black Student Union, the student body and Dr. Ralph C. John, president.

He predicted that once the Iranian hostage situation is over presidential candidates will have to go back to the issues of bread and butter "long before you go to the polls".

He also said the Middle East situation has accented U.S. citizens as "energy gluttons of the world".

As a syndicated columnist for the Chicago Sun - Times, Rowan's writing appears daily in almost half the homes in the nation. He is panelist on TV's Meet The Press.

The Rowan Report on national affairs, is broadcast five days a week over the radio. He is also a roving editor for Readers Digest, a strong voice for minorities and ardent NAACP and other civil rights groups supporter.

Mrs. Joyce Muller, director of public information at the college referred to the fact that the blizzard of 1979 kept Mr. Rowan from appearing the last Black History celebration and he had therefore returned for the occasion this year.

DEDICATION of the Benjamin Banneker stamp in Annapolis featured participants (L to R) Carroll Greene Jr., the executive director of the sponsors, the Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture; Jack Flood of the Annapolis Post Office; Warren M. Bloomberg, postmaster, Baltimore. The replica of the stamp shows the design done by Jerry Pinkney of Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

CARL ROWEN (C) the famed journalist who each year delivers addresses at over 40 colleges is shown at Western Maryland College with students (L to R) Michael West, treasurer of the Black Student Union; Miss Charlotte Whitaker, secretary; Mr. Rowen, Miss Jarcelyn M. Smith, co-chairman, all of Baltimore and Dr. Samuel Banks, head of the Baltimore City Schools Department of Social Studies and a special guest at the dinner and seminar.

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Annapolis site of Banneker ceremony

The issuance of the stamp honoring Benjamin Banneker (1731 - 1806) the pioneer American scientist, mathematician, surveyor and astronomer, was noted nationally when the first day of issue came in Annapolis Feb. 15.

Carroll Greene Jr. executive director and the commissioners of the Maryland Commission on Afro - American History and Culture are responsible for the unusual honor coming to Maryland and held the ceremonies in Aubury Methodist Church which was built in 1832.

Present were many notables and historians including Dr. Roland McConnell, author and commission chairman; Dr. Silvio Bedini, author of the Life of Benjamin Banneker; Jack Flood of the Annapolis Post Office; Warren M. Bloomberg, Baltimore postmaster; James V. P. Conway, deputy postmaster general, Washington; Jerry Pinkney who designed the Banneker stamp as well as those honoring Harriett Tubman and Frederick Douglass, all Marylanders.

Also, Dr. DePriest Whye, Asbury pastor; Rev. Robert M. Powell, rector of the Annapolis St. Phillips Episcopal Church and Mrs. Angeline F. Williams, commissioner. The dinner which followed benefitted the Banneker Museum fund.

MRS. ALICE PINDERHUGHES (L) presented a portrait of her late husband, William Pinderhughes, at the dedication of the elementary school which bears his name. Accompanying her are (L to R) Albert Harper, custodian; Henry Redwell, the youngster who was master of ceremonies on the occasion and Mrs. Mary H. Hines, principal.

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Another Murphy Homes slaying!

Councilman, rent control fighters in stormy session

By Ann Sagi
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Some 100 East Baltimoreans and rent control supporters met Tuesday, March 4 with 2nd District Councilman Nathan Irby Jr. and vainly searched for common ground on the emotional issue of rent control.

What began as an orderly exchange of ideas and viewpoints dissolved into a sniping session with audience members calling Irby "arrogant" and the councilman calling the meeting an "inquisition."

Councilman Nathan Irby

More than 70,000 voters approved Question K, a rent control measure on the November 1979 ballot. The referendum was declared unconstitutional by Judge H.H. Kaplan. Supporters appealed and the measure remains in limbo until the State Court of Appeals delivers a verdict.

Rent control proponents, not content to wait for a court ruling, are meeting with City Council members to determine who would support legislation to curb rent increases.

The meeting with Irby, sponsored by the Baltimore Rent Control Campaign and held in the basement of Grace Memorial Baptist Church, began optimistically because Irby had initially supported Question K and had introduced short-lived rent control legislation in the Council in 1979.

"We are going to all members of City Council, so don't anybody think we are picking on Mr. Irby. We'll be picking on the whole Council," said Ralph Moore, a member of the rent control campaign.

As a reminder of 2nd District sentiments on rent control, Jim Lunday, another rent control proponent presented statistics on the 1979 vote for rent control and Irby in East Baltimore precincts.

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AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

HEY KIDS — Be a clown for one night AND win 10 free tickets to the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus on AFRO night, Wednesday, March 12. Just look inside this edition and color the clown. But don't waste any time — the contest closes Monday, March 10.

This time, girl,10, is gun victim

Another Murphy Homes resident has met a violent death.

There has been a rash of narcotics - related and domestic shootings in this west Baltimore high - rise public housing development in recent years. The latest incident claimed the life of a 10-year-old girl who was the victim of an accidental shooting.

Elisa Scott, of 725 George St., was accidentally shot in the head March 2 while playing at home. She died Wednesday in University Hospital.

Police report a 17-year-old male has been charged as a juvenile with manslaughter. According to a police report, the teenager was showing the gun to a friend when Elisa was shot.

Elisa, who was fondly called "Lisa" by her friends was a member of Girl Scout Troop 135 and was a fifth grade student at Samuel Coleridge Taylor Elementary School 122.

Her grandmother, Mrs. Doris McRea told the AFRO, "Lisa was active in school and the community. She was a member of the Murphy Homes Majorette Team and loved to dance."

Relatives state Elisa would spend time reading to her younger brother and sister and taught them how to write. "She was a smart child," said Mrs. McRea.

Alise Scott

The family will receive friends March 9, 4 p.m. at William C. March Funeral Home with last rites at 4:30 p.m. In addition to her grandmother, Elisa is survived by her mother, Mrs. Karen Scott; stepfather, Calvin Scott; one sister, Tamara and a brother Don.

State office sued for job discrimination

By James Abraham
and Ebony Alexander
AFRO Staff Writers

The Legislative Reference Department, a branch of the Maryland General Assembly, has been accused by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission of practicing racial discrimination in its hiring and promotion policies.

A report filed by the EEOC Feb. 22, which was initiated after a black employee of the Legislative Reference Department, Ralph Hughes charged that he had been denied a promotion because of his race.

State officials have adopted a hands—off policy regarding the report, and one, House of Delegates leader Benjamin Cardin stated that the incident was past policy, and that the General Assembly would not get involved in the proceedings.

He added that the agency is no longer discriminating against blacks. Robert Zarnoch, an assistant attorney general for the state, said he disagreed with theEEOLreport.

In his original charge, Hughes, who had been employed in the codes revision section of the department, complained that, while he had been denied a promotion, seven whites who had joined the Department after he did,received the same promotion he had sought.

Hughes had been employed at the department since 1973 as a Legislative Analyst III.In 1976 he was promoted to a higher grade, Legislative AnalystIZI But his progress in the deportment stopped there.

Hughes saw seven whites move into the deportment as Legislative Analysts II, then move past him through the ranks to the position of Associate Revisor, a promotion which stalled no pay raise but greater responsibility.

Although Hughes was told that he was refused the promotion because he had not passed the Maryland Bar Exam, the EEOC report stated that two of Hughes' superiors, Carvel Payne, who heads the deporment, and Mike Volk, Chief of the Legislative Division of the deportment, both had not passed the same exam.

After Hughes filed his charges, he was given an 'unsatisfactory' evaluation by his superiors, the first such evaluation ever given in the 42-year history of the department.

In its ruling, the EEOC found the evaluation "retaliatory". Hughes had never been told his work was poor until he had filed the charges with the EEOC.

Part of the testimony in the case was an incident which occurred when vacancy appeared within the Department.

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Slain Sinai worker's cousin missing

A Northeast Baltimore woman,Robbin Brock, a cousin to Mrs. Betty Toulson, a Sinai Hospital worker who was found dead in Baltimore County last week, has been missing for six days.

Family members who state that they do not believe her disappearance is connected with Mrs. Toulson's death are becoming increasingly concerned for her safety.

Mrs. Ruby Brock, a Provident Hospital employee, told the AFRO that whenever her daughter was going to be away from home for any length of time, she would always phone.

"Whenever she would stay out late, she would call home, no matter what," said the mother. "She has never stayed away this long.

"If there was any way for her to call home, she would. I think she can't call."

Then she added, "She knew we were all upset about Betty's death so she wouldn't go off and not phone anybody. And she wouldn't stay away from the funeral on Monday. This is unlike her."

The 21-year-old woman wno resided with her parents in the 900 block North Hill Road was last seen March 1 at the home of a neighbor.

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Park Heights execs break media silence

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Members of the executive board of the Park Heights Community Corporation, after maintaining an almost two-month long media silence, spoke with AFRO reporters regarding the organization and its role in the community.

Park Heights is the largest urban renewal project in the nation, and the funds poured into it are greater than those of any other comparable city area.

Residefts in the community have become increasingly disenchanted with the PHCC, however, to the point of establishing a counter - group the Park' Heights Reform Council. They have charged the PHCC with nepotism, insensitivity to community needs and high-handedness in the dismissal of several popular PHCC employees.

But James Howard Young, president of the board of directors, Rev. Elijah McDaniel, parliamentarian of that body, and Frederick Woods, second vice-president, in charge of personal all refuted the charges, and alleged instead that the recent upheaval is all part of an effort, spearheaded by outside agitators, to "tear the corporation apart."

Young pointed out that, in past PHCC elections for the board of directors, he has garnered the highest vote totals of any candidate. Young says he began his career with the PHCC as a member of the Physical Planning Committee almost seven years ago, and has come up through various committees to his present position.

He blasted detractors of his administration, and stated "If they really want to change the community for the better, why don't they come out and run for office, or get involved on one of our committees. Then that would separate the men from the boys."

Rev. Elijah McDaniel, who also heads the Park Heights Anti-Crime Consortium, says that, despite criticism of the consortium, crime in the Park Heights area has been cut by 25 per cent since its implementation.

He also spearheaded the recent struggle to prevent the sale of "Rush", a powerful stimulant which had been sold to minors legally.

Woods described how the Park Heights Community Corporation was originally formed in 1974.

"One of the reasons for developing this organization was the creation of Coldspring-Newtown. Residents of the area felt that money should be coming into this area to revitalize services.

As a result, the PHCC was born.

The corporation serves as an intermediary between residents who need social services and the city, and also has implemented several programs to improve the social welfare of citizens of the region.

Among these are a tutorial program, which operates from two area libraries and serves youth from elementary school through twelfth grade, and a Street Academy which serves as an alternative education center for school-age youth.

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Provident clinic picketed

Ebonie Alexander
AFRO Staff Writer

Low temperatures and rain on the morning of March 5 did not prevent Concerned Citizens for Better Health Care (CCBHC from picketing the Provident-Druid Children and Youth Clinic in protest of recent staff firings.

Demonstrators carrying signs demanding that Provident Hospital reinstate Dr.Nina Rawlings, and other personnel recently dismissed.

Irma Givings, a community resident who demonstrated, called the picket line a peaceful "demonstration."

What CCBHC hopes to gain through these tactics is the reinstatement of all personnel fired from the clinic. This includes Dr. Rawlings, medical director, Charles Cooper, chief of medical records, Flora Williams, social worker and Dr. Donald Parker, chief dentist.

Cooper, Williams and Parker were fired as a result of a report released to hospital personnel in support of Dr. Rawlings. The report, " Recent Trends at Provident-Druid CsY Clinic", showed increases in the clinics productivity, with Dr. Rawlings as an integral part of the management team.

Helen Bradford, chairperson of CCBHC was on the picket line too. She told the AFRO "the community should be recognized because they're the ones who worked with this project with the help of Dr. Rawlings and James Workman". Workman had been director of social work at Provident-Druid until July '79.

Community residents had worked closely with Dr. Rawlings for a grant which expanded the clinic's services. It was their feeling that when the funds were forthcoming the subsequently fired staff would continue in leadership.

As a result of the personnel action by Provident, Mrs. Bradford requested Region 3 of HEW withhold all funds until the dispute is settled.

The community hospital conflict continues at press time, there has been no resolution. CCBHC officials now say they plan to picket Provident Hospital proper on Sunday, March 9.

June banquet to honor Wes Unseld, coach William "Sugar" Cain

By Elizabeth M.Oliver

The 1979 "Evening with Sam Lacy" was an overwhelming success for the benifit of Baltimore's Project Survival, the Urban Services program to improve opportunities for young people.

The 1980 project, "An Evening with Wes Unseld" and the special tribute to William "Sugar" Cain set for Tuesday, June 17, promises to be the same, a citywide banquet involving the whole town to provide funds for scholarships and the year around basketball league events.

The annual Sam - Lacy Scholarship Award established last year in the name of the AFRO's veteran sports editor will again be given to the Project Survival participants with the best scholastic average and the best athletic ability.

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William "Sugar" Cain

Wes Unseld

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