—Rent control

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Question K received as many or more votes than Irby in 50 of 90 precincts in the 2nd District, Lunday said.

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The audience became pessimistic when Irby said that while he felt controls are necessary, "a strong rent control bill will never, never pass City Council.

"I said it in 1979, I'll say it in 1980. I feel strongly that a strong rent control measure would never pass."

Compromise rent control legislation has the only chance for approval in City Council, Irby said.

And, he would not introduce any type of rent ceiling measure "unless I am positive it would pass city government."

Moore questioned that statement, saying the overwhelming majority of voters said "yes" to Question K and since the Council represents the residents, Council members owe the people effective legislation.

"I represent pro- rent control people, anti-rent control people and the no opinions," Irby said.

"Oh, yeah — which percentage?" a woman jeered from the audience.

From that point on, Irby and the audience found little about which they could agree.

Moore presented 10 components that rent control supporters deem necessary for effective legislation.

Most of Irby's responses met with little favor from the crowd.

Supporters want a bill that would be permanent, not expire after two years.

Irby favors a measure that would have to be reviewed after 18 months.

He said he would "be sensitive" to a provision which would limit increases to a fixed percentage of the rent.

When Irby again said he favored an 18-month limit on the bill, the audience angrily objected.

"If it works after 18 months, what guarantees would we have that it would be extended?" a man asked.

"None," Irby said. "But you would have one more vote in the Council."

"That is arrogant. It is not our job to generate one more vote in City Council. We voted for Question K in November.

"We don't kowtow to you and it is not our job to generate votes," one woman replied, followed by applause.

Irby recouped some of the group's good will when he said he favored a city agency to implement and enforce rent control, but was right back in the dog house when he said repairing health and housing violations should not be included in the bill.

"To allow increases on houses with violations is to reward landlords who rent inferior buildings and don't repair them," Moore said.

Irby countered by saying there are existing city agencies to handle violations.

"Maybe they are supposed to, but they don't!" a woman said.

The discussion became more heated when Irby refused to say why he felt code enforcement should not be included.

"He can't commit himself to anything because most of the people who own houses are politicians like himself," said Walter Jones, of the Johnson Square Self-Help Housing Association.

The audience became further irritated with the Councilman when he objected to penalties for exorbitant rents. Irby said penalties should be included in the city housing code.

When a resident asked how it would be possible to have a rent control bill without penalties, Irby reversed himself and acknowledged a bill would have to include some penalties.

Try as they might to pin Irby to a definite answer about his plans to introduce a rent control bill, it was not to be.

The closest commitment Irby would make was "Maybe. I intend to do what I think is right in City Council."

He told the audience if they feel strongly about rent control and they are not satisfied with his responses, there are 18 other members of the Council.

Irby, obviously irritated with the crowd's negative attitude toward his responses, scolded them on his way out.

"There is a difference between an open forum and an inquisition. This was an inquisition."

Moore's final words to the supporters after Irby left were "don't stop working for rent control.

"If we learned anything tonight it is the distance between what the people want and what elected officials are willing to do."

Maryland lottery

The winning numbers in the Maryland State lottery drawn on March 5 were: six-digit number, 292041; five-digit, 68143; four-digit, 1584; three digit, 114; two-digit, 68, and bonus number, 180147.

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—State job bias

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Although it was Hughes' job to advertise such openings, a white co-worker was given the assignment instead. According to an official with the Department, this was done because "we don't want any of Ralph's friends to apply."

The report by the EEOC intimated that the Department has followed a systematic policy of either relegating blacks to lower level positions or not hiring them at all.

The EEOC confirmed that, while 90-to-100 positions are available within the department on a contractual arrangement as proof-readers, clerks, and messengers, no blacks have been hired to fill those positions.

The EEOC also supported Hughes' contention that the department had not made any efforts to attract qualified blacks to the agency, and when blacks did apply, they were usually turned away because of their race.

Although the Legislative Reference Department countered the charges by stating that there had been only three occasions between 1977 and 1979 to hire permanent Analysts, the EEOC report contradicted this.

The report stated that six persons were hired within two years of the filing of the charges, which means that more than three positions were available during the 1977-1979 period.

Also, three Analysts hired in 1979 alone. Commenting on the number ofblacks who have applied for positions within the department, the EEOC report stated "The record shows there to be a greater number of blacks available than Respondent (the department) admits for professional positions, and they're better qualified than some of the whites who were hired.)

No concerted effort to increase black representation in the Department, says the report, was made until after Hughes' charges were filed. Five black lawers were hired. However, these are only temporary positions which will terminate in April, when the current session of the state legislature expires.

State Senator Clarence Mitchel III and noted civil rights lawyer Juanita Jackson Mitchell have worked with Hughes in preparing and executing his complaint action.

Ms. Mitchell declined to comment on the report because she said it would be in violation of EEOC policy.

However, Sen. Mitchell said "I've been working over the last 2 years in helping him to document his case...and I intend to ask the Speaker of the House, (Benjamin Cardin), and the Chairman of the Senate, (James Clark), to set up a meeting with the head of the Legislative Reference Department to discuss this matter.

As a result of the five-page finding, which was released on Feb. 22, the state must join with Hughes and the EEOC to arbitrate a settlement. If the state refuses to do so, the EEOC has the option of forwarding its information to the federal Justice Department, which would then possibly institute legal action against the state.

—Cousin missing

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She was caring for the two children and invalid mother of a girlfriend who was in the hospital. She left the East 30th Street residence around 6 p.m. to travel to the Greenmount Avenue shopping district to purchase a skirt.

"She loved Mrs. Hall like her own mother and she would never go off and leave her alone with the kids," reported Mrs. Brock who referred to her daughter as a very friendly person.

Ms. Brock was last seen wearing a green short sleeve dress with a white turtleneck blouse, black boots and a long dark green leather coat. She was carrying a brown cloth bag with about $20, in cash.

The missing young woman who stands five feet, nine inches tall, weighs 230 pounds and has brown hair with hazel eyes.

According to her mother, none of her friends has seen or heard from her and have volunteered to search the neighborhood for her.

Anyone who has seen Robbin Brock or has information on her whereabouts should call Mrs. Ruby Brock at 366-4033 after 5:30p.m. or the Police Department's missing persons division at 396-2444.

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—Park Heights

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The PHCC also operates a Rat Eradication program, which has been featured on an area television show, and is headed by Rev. McDaniel's wife.

The PHCC has contracted with the city to provide the community with additional sanitation trucks, and is involved in a novel effort to build their own neighborhood parks.

"Last year, several neighborhoods suggested the idea of getting new parks," says Frederick Woods, who also heads the Oakmont Community Association. "We decided that if the people built the parks themselves, it would cut down on costs. Now, with $1800 from the city, we will build a $150,000 park."

He admitted that the project was still a pilot program, but feels it will provide a new initiative for area residents.

Despite the obvious signs of development and improvement in the region, a mounting groundswell of discontent is also evident in the region. This discontent manifested itself in the January 17 meeting of the board, during which Leo Burroughs, a community organizer fired for failing to drum up attendance at two meetings held to determine the feasibility of building two new parks in the region,) regained his job. During the meeting, several residents called for the resignation of members of the board.

Since then, Burroughs has been given "administrative leave with pay" pending a hearing on a grievance Burroughs has filed with the board charging that he had been harassed by Melvin Jackson, his superior, since he regained his position.

Young defended the actions of the board.

"Burroughs is on administrative leave with pay, that doesn't mean that he is suspended. It means that, for several reasons, a person has been placed on leave to pull things together," he states. "The executive committee placed him on leave, not Melvin Jackson, the executive director. We felt that a cooling off period was needed."

When asked why, he responded.

"Sometimes, when people have philosophical differences, they need time to deal with the various opinions we have here."

He added that the media ban was necessary to ensure the smooth running of the organization.

"I don't believe personal grievances should be aired for the public. No one person is greater than the community."

No date has been set thus far for Burroughs' hearing on his grievance.

Percy Pair, a Morgan State University student, who had been participating in a field project at the PHCC worth seven credits toward his graduation, was terminated by the corporation after his stand in support of Burroughs became public. Young sticks by the decision to dismiss the student, who is a senior.

"Pair was terminated," he says. "Due to the fact that he, rather than carrying out his duties, wanted to get involved in community politics. That was out of the scope of activites that Morgan entailed for him."

Rev. McDaniel agreed, and told a reporter "all staffers are prohibited from getting involved in community politics."

Responding to the charges of nepotism, Young stated "we try to hire the best possible people we can, and we give community residents first priority."

Several applicants for the position of Executive Director, which was open almost eight months ago, expressed displeasure with the application procedure. None of the applicants interviewed by the AFRO were interviewed for the position, and the current executive director, Melvin Jackson, is related to both James Howard Young and an influential minister in the area.

Forty-five persons applied for the job.

But Young, who, along with other members of the board is not paid for his services, expressed sadness that the board has come under the charges.

"When people get involved around issues like this, I don't like to see it. I know I'm so committed to this that I can't leave it. People have offered me jobs that are paying, but I can't leave." The PHCC was recently audited by the state's Department of licensing and Regulation as a result of complaints by employees who claimed that the corporation was illegally giving them compensatory time instead of overtime money when they worked in excess of their scheduled hours. "It was a routine thing," says Young of the audit.

We had one done a year ago. What happened was that some employees who have left feel that they may not have gotten paid enough. We do give comp time, but we try to have them use the time as soon as possible."

Food stamp truck schedule

March 8, Saturday, Division Street and North Avenue, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Brooklyn Homes, 1 to 4 p.m.

March 10, Monday, Claremont Homes, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Hollander Ridge, 1 to 4 p.m.

March 11, Tuesday, 5210 York Road, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 601 Wyanoke Ave., 1 to 4 p.m.

March 12, Wednesday, 2638 E. Baltimore St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 234-2001.

CRIME WRAPUP

County cops say break expected in Phyllis Green case

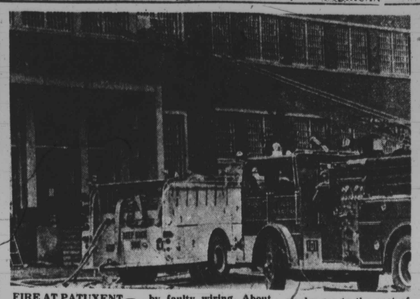
Police expect a major break in the Feb. 4 murder of Miss Phyllis Green, 20, who was found frozen in a cornfield 20 feet off Dogwood Road in Baltimore County.

Miss Green, of the 3800 block Milford Ave., was reported missing Jan. 31, when she never returned home from the store.

Baltimore county police spokesman Jay Miller told the AFRO, "We do have a good suspect but are waiting for the laboratory test results on physical evidence found on the scene."

Miss Green was a student at University of Maryland Baltimore County and was working at the Social Security Administration. She had been strangled.

When asked if Miss Green might have known the person who killed her, Miller stated, "I am not sure." However, Miller stated, "In 90 percent of the cases we handle, the victim usually knows the person."



FIRE AT PATUXENT — A two alarm fire at the Patuxent Insitution March 5 forced the evacuation of 45 inmates and staff members and caused an undetermined amount of damage. Authorities said the fire may have been caused by faulty wiring. About 60 firefighters from Howard, Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties fought the fire. Seven inmates on the top floor, 20 office workers and eight infirmay employees were evacuated. the fire posed no danger to the rest of the 589 inmates who remained in their cells. Patuxent is the state's maximum security facility for inmates with wmotional or intellectual deficiencies whom the state believes will respond to treatment.

Mitchell releases reports

Minority youth unemployment will not improve in '80s

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D-Md., released a set of two hearings on minority employment opportunities in the 1980s reveal that the institutional factors of access to training and education which were barriers of entry to the labor market in the 1970s will continue to be institutional barriers.

Occupational shifts will occur which will expand the traditional highly skilled white collar occupations while the unskilled and semi-skilled blue collar occupations will be reduced. Mitchell called for an extensive federal effort to train and educate low skilled and unskilled workers to meet the shift in the labor market.

"Witout federal commitment to prepare low skilled and unskilled workers who are primarily concentrated in our inner city areas, the decade of the 80s will be plagued with high rates of structural unemployment.

"It is conceivable that the current 13 percent unemployment rate in the black community could escalate to 25 percent unless the skills of inner city workers are upgraded to meet the projected demands of the labor market stated Mitchell.

The report points out that the problem of youth unemployment will translate into a problem of minority youth unemployment in the 1980s.

More than 42 percent of the Hispanic population and nearly 39 percent of the black population are under 18 years of age as compared to 7.5 percent of the white population. Thus, the decade of the 80s predicts a continuous and more serious problems for black and Hispanic teenage labor force entrants relative to whites.

The racial unemployment disparity is predicted to widen in the 80s. According to testimony, in order to meet the goals and timetables of the Humphrey-Hawkins Act, as well as eliminate the current racial differential in unemployment rates and keep pace with the expected population growth, two out of every five new jobs for youth would have to be filled by a minority worker.

This task was deemed insurmountable because factors which serve as institutional barriers, as education differentials and labor market discrimination, are projected to prevail in this decade.

Mitchell also recommended federal efforts to target programs for higher education in the black and Hispanic communities as a solution to the labor market shifts.

16-year-old found guilty in mom's death

A 16-year-old who killed his mother with a baseball bat, because he was afraid to tell her he had been suspended from school, pleaded guilty to second degree murder. March 4 in Baltimore County Circuit Court before Judge Paul E. Alpert.

Keith Cartwright, of the 2900 block Essex Road, told the court he was suspended from school on April 27, 1979 because he had alcoholic beverages on school grounds. He was given a note to take home and was afraid he would be punished.

According to the prosecutor's statement in court, when the teenager's brother left home for school Monday morning, Cartwright also left the house around 7:30 a.m. and later returned.

Court records state the teenager took a baseball bat and hit his mother in the head while she was asleep in bed. A neighbor saw the front door open around 8 a.m. and found Mrs. Alice Burnell Cartwright in bed.

When Cartwright returned to his home, police told him what had happened and he admitted killing his mother. Court records state Cartwright had been a disciplinary problem for his mother and that she had beaten him with a frying pan and rubber hose. Cartwright is now confined to Baltimore County jail.

2 youths arrested in church vandalism

Three white juveniles were arrested in connection with the Klan style vandalism at Pleasant Zion Baptist Church in the 4300 block North Point Blvd., on Feb. 22.

Police report remarks by the boys in school following the incident led to their apprehension. The youth, who are 8 and 10-years-old, allegedly broke the church windows and painted the letters KKK (Ku Klux Klan) on the outside of the 81-year-old church.

Serious crime increases

Maryland State Police report a serious crime occurred in Maryland every two minutes and one of every 16 persons in the state was a victim, in 1979.

According to a spokesman for the state police, all seven index crime categories showed increases over 1978 ranging from six percent to 21 percent. The number of murders was up 21 percent, while rape, aggravated assault and robbery showed substantial increases.

It was the third straight year the number of reported crimes in Maryland has increased and the largest jump in that period.

The last time crime decreased in the state was 1976, when police recorded a 3 percent downswing. Clark said statistics are based on information submitted by law enforcement agencies to the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program. All areas in the state reported increases in crime.

Man acquitted in MSU slaying

A Bethlehem Steel employee, who was charged with killing a 19-year old male at a disco at Morgan State University on Oct. 5, 1979, was found not guilty.

After hearing testimony for a week in Criminal Court, the jury found Stephfon Jenkins, of the 1600 block Ingram Road, not guilty of using a deadly weapon and acquitted him on the murder charge.

Court records state Charles D. Carroll, 19, of the 2600 block Aisquith St., was shot at the Reflections Club in the student center of Morgan.

Teenage friends of the victim testified under cross examination that Jenkins had accepted two $5 bags of marijuana without paying for them and then hit the defendant in the mouth.

Witnesses and the susprct disappeared before Morgan students discovered the victim. Neither the victim, the defendant nor the witnesses who testified attend Morgan.

Press group elects officers

Bob Reid, editorial staffer with the Bowie, Md, Blade-News, was elected president of the Maryland-Delaware-DC Press Association at the 71st annual Winter Convention held in Baltimore recently.

Other officers elected for the coming year were James Schurz, Hagerstown Herald-Mail, president-elect; Ray Mahaffey, Silver Spring Suburban Record, vice-president; George O'Connell, Baltimore Daily Record, secretary; Rodney Smith, Elkton Cecil Whig, treasurer: and association manager Ray Hamby, assistant treasurer.

Baltimore County Line

Howard U's convocation

University's history noted by honored educator

By Roger Glass

"Since our present is the consequence of our past we should not overlook our history," states noted educator and historian Charles H. Wesley.

Speaking at Howard University's Charter Day Convocation, Wesley, cited by the university for "the magnitude of his many contributions to society," said "nothing solidifies or inspires a university like its history."

Dr. Wesley, former president of Wilberforce University in Ohio and one-time head of Howard's Department of History, was the convocation's keynote speaker. His remarks followed the presentation of alumni achievement awards to Dr. Lydia Eudora Ashburne; Atty. Robert Lee Carter, former counsel for the NAACP; Charles E. Cobb, executive director of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice; John E. Codwell, Sr., author and educator, and William D. McKissack, president of McKissack and McKissack Architects in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Wesley's address, "The Challenge of History," noted the role that Howard alumnae have played in this country's history. "We(Howard) have a history of being first."

The university, he says, has produced "pioneers trodding in places where no black men or women had trod before."

The former dean of Howard's College of Liberal Arts was instrumental in initiating a course in Negro history at Howard. He lauded university president James E. Cheeks for the growth Howard has undergone during his 11-years at the helm. This was the university's 113th anniversary.

"These 113 years show Howard's visions, life, ideas and ideals marching forward." Dr. Wesley said. "We need to provide ourselves with a philosophy of love and peace ... for people of all colors."

Retracing the accomplishments of some of the school's founders, Dr. Wesley said that they "have challenged us to make greater accomplishments than they did.

The sparse crowd at the convocation was entertained by the university's choir and brass ensemble.

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Residents in the West Catonsville area, are in the process of forming a community corporation to recieve the small cities block grant from Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Earlier HUD annouced tha" a number of Maryland subdivisions were elegible to recieve over $7.1 million in grants, for revitalization and assistance to low and moderate income families.

West Catonsville has been awarded $540,000 by UD, it is expected in the community in October 1980.

The grant will be used for street improvement, home rehabilitation, acquisition of vacant houses, and cosmetic rehabilitation of Bannaker Community Center.

At the Wedensday night meeting citizens moved on several issues concerning the grant, the key issue being the nomination of officers for the proposed community corporation.

The community will elect five officers and two ex officio members. The elections are scheduled for March 22, 8 p.m. at the Bannaker Community Center, in Catonsville.

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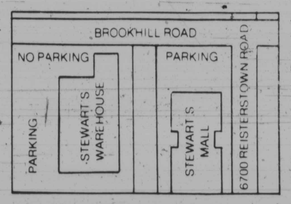

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