Attorney Alonzo Hairston seeks Supreme Bench seat

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Alonzo Hairston the one-time lightweight boxing champion of the state of Ohio (1941) scurried about in his office as he talked with a reporter about his race for a city Supreme Bench judgeship.

Hairston is probably the least well-known of the three blacks seeking to either retain or maintain a seat on the city highest judicial body.

The current lawyer and real estate broker f his candidacy only a c before the filing deadline and says this explains his lack of publicity to date.

Hairston still has a tenacious streak left in him from his days as a young boxer as evidenced by the struggle he says he went through in order to be able to file for the race.

"When I decided to file as an Independent I found out that the Board of Elections would not allow anyone not affiliated with one of the two political parties (Democrats and Republicans) to register for the Mayprimaries I decided to force the issue and went to the state Board of Elections. They decided in my favor and I managed to file on the last day before the deadline."

The five sitting judges all filed with both of the two major parties in order to circumvent the law which almost stopped Hairston.

Hairston is a native of Ohio and boasts a family tree which goes back more than two centuries to Peter Hariston who according to the candidate served in the American Revolution.

His family formalized their ties in 1931 by organizing the Hairston Foundation to perpetuate their history and provide scholarships to needy students.

This election marks Hairstons first bid for office. He says he is running to "break the stranglehold that the governor has over the judgeships."

His campaign to this point has accentuated the racial composition of the states judicial system which he says does not mirror the actual number of blacks and other minorities within the state.

As a result according to Hairston black suffer more than whitesat the hands of the legal system. "Many of our criminals" says Hairston, "Are victims of physical privation and spiritual despair. A judge must be sensitive to the defendants background and environment as well as his previous record before making his decision."

"A black judge may have a better perspective on the conditions which send many defendants to the courts than a judge with no experience or background in the community."

Hairston has served as a court commissioner in the city court system for a year and says that he gained a good deal of practical experience that he says will prove helpful if he wins a judgeship.

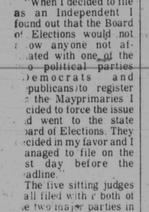
"I will be conscious and aware of the circumstances and conditions of each individual case. Each case I hear will be judged on its personal merits" stated Hairston. "Remember no two cases are alike no two backgrounds or individuals."

I trained under Judge Hargrove (now a Supreme Bench judge). While I was a commissioner we were taught that we had to consider all factors before suspending a persons bail or releasing them on probation" he said. "We had to analyze all sorts of factors such as would the defendant commit another crime while on probation; would he show up for trial; how stable is his background and environment; the nature of the offense; and the record of the defendant."

Hairston also advocates that anyone wishing to be a judge should have some training and experience in all aspects of the law which he says he has.

He is also an avid reader and says he consantly reviews and researches the law in order to stay abreast of the rapidly changing legal profession.

"A lawyer cannot practice law without doing research. In my opinion its impossible for any manto know anything about the law without constant reading."



AT SEA — Seaman James R. White, son of the late Raymond David White Sr. and Dorothy White Lawson of the 1300 block of N. Fremont Ave., ha's completed basic training at Great Lakes Naval Base, Great Lakes, Ill. He has been assigned to USS Puegot Sound destroyer in the Naval Fleet which will be stationed in foreign waters. He is a graduate of Mergenthaler High School.

AFRO photo by Mark Gail

FREE PINE TREE — Ms. Catherine Dally, a resident of the Lanvale Towers, holds the free white pine seedling handed out by the Maryland Forest Service at Arbor Day ceremonies in War Memorial Plaza held Wednesday, April 2. Arbor Day, observed every day, is designated as a day for planting trees.

It's back to real money for credit card users

Last week, Maryland National Bank canceled about 2,000 credit cards whose owners were delinquent in paying other banks say they are looking at prospective card - holders more closely

But even though many consumers are careless in their use of plastic money, the credit card firms are as much to blame, State Consumer Credit Commissioner Alan Fell says.

"Before this credit squeeze, people used to get cards in the mail unsolicited, there were lots of signs for easy credit and many retailers told customers they would rather take credit cards than checks," Fell said Monday.

"So, in effect, the credit card became part of our lives. It is a lot easier to purchase when you just put a piece of plastic down instead of taking cash out of your wallet."

Now that credit card companies and banks who have changed the rules, consumers will have to be conditoned to go back to real money, he said.

"It's a postive step in that there was too much use of plastic money and things were running away out of control," Fell said.

But he said some people could get hurt financially if the same firms that solicited credit card customers now take away the free use of the cards or charge interest from the date of purchase instead of the date the monthly bill is sent.

He also said some credit card firms are raising the minimum monthly payments.

"If the moves are just to restrict credit, that's good," Fell said. "But if the changes hurt people, that's bad. There were excesses (in credit card use in the past) so now we have to start swinging back because it was adding to inflation."

Fell said his office is monitoring the credit situation and is especially concerned about a proposal in the legislature that would raise the state usury limits.

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Baltimoreans in the armed forces

Marvin D. Scrivens son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scrivens 8 r. 2400 E. Eager St. recently was promoted to Army private first cl ass while serving as a switchboard operator with the 1st Si gnal Battalion in Kaiserslautern Germany.

Pvt. Ronald Tate son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tate 3300 Spaulding Ave recently completed basic training at Fort Jackson S.C.

Pvt. James T. Price son of Mrs. Mary L. Simms 2400 Francis St. recently completed basic training at Fort Jackson S.C.

Spec. 4 Pauline Jackson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel L. J ackson 1400 Poplar Grove recently was assigned as a clerk with the 1 st Infantry Division in Goppingen Germany.

1st Lt. Louis H. Brown son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Brown 1500 Kirkwood Rd. recently was presented the Army Commendation Med al in New Orleans La.

Pvt. Carol A. Thompson daughter of Mrs. Mattie L. Thompson 1200 Kilmore Rd. recently was assigned as a supply clerk with the 2nd Armo red Division in Garlstedt Germany.

Pvt. William E. Ruff Jr. son of Mrs. Clarice Ruff 2600 Clifton Ave. recently completed training as an armor crewman under the One St ation Unit Training (OSUT) Program at the U.S. Army Armor School Fort Knox Ky.

Pvt. Michael C. Atkinson son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Atkinson 200 S. Catherine recently was assigned as repairman with the 3rd Infa ntry Division in Wurzburg Germany.

Gary M. Stevenson son of Mrs. Dorothy Hamm 3800 Rubin Ave. re cently was promoted to Army sergeant while serving as a recovery specl alist with the 1st Maintenance Battalion in Boblinger Germany

Pvt. Kenneth Brown son of Mrs. Velma Gay 7300 Fairbrook R d. recently completed basic training at Fort Sill Okla.

Pvt. Winston M. Baxter son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Baxter 1 600 S. Eareckson Place recently completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning Ga.

Pvt. Andre Hounshell son of Mrs. Barbara L. Gray 2800 N. Hilton St. recently completed advanced individual training at the U.S. Army Infantry School Fort Benning Ga.

Fire officials probing charge that ambo crew left dying man

City Fire Department ambulance officals said Tuesday they are investigating allegations that an ambulance grew failed to take a dying man to a hospital because the crew was ready to go off duty.

Robert Simmons, the son of Lotton J. Simmons, 58, said his father died without medical care because a night - shift ambulance crew left the man at his home at his home at 6:37 a.m.

Thursday and returned to their station, where their shift ended at 7 a.m.

The day shift arrived at 7:20 a.m., but Simmons was dead, his son said. Doctors said Simmons died of advance cardiovascular disease.

Capt. Patrick Flynn said the Fire Department ambulance officers will investigate the matter.

Members of the crew said they did not refuse to transport Simmons.

Their fact sheet on the incident said Simmons was "transported by private auto" and an ambulance was "not needed." But the sheet does not say who told the crew Simmons would be taken by car to a hospital.

Veterans will receive extra check

About 2.6 million veterans and survivors who receive compensation payments for service connected disabilities from the Veterans Administration, Va., will get an extra check this year.

VA Regional Director John W. Rue said the special payment will go out because a 9.9 percent compensation increase passed by Congress and signed by President Carter last month is retroactive to October 1. October and November pay was made at the old rates and the extra check will be to make up the added amount due.

Rue said these checks will be mailed in time for delivery before Christmas.

MSU grad named manager for distiller

NEW YORK — Appointment of Carl E. Horton as senior national product manager on V. O. Canadian Whisky at Seagram Distillers Company has been announced by Thomas K. McInerney, vice president, director of marketing.

Before joining Seagram, Horton was a product manager for Heublein Inc. Earlier he held marketing posts at Xerox Corp., and General Foods.

He is a graduate of Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md., and earned a master's degree in marketing at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Horton and his wife and family currently make their home in Simsbury, Conn.

Carl E. Horton

Sea lion fall in love

Alfie, the Baltimore Aquarium's California sea lion, fell in love with a four-year-old California sea lion named Sassy while boarding at Beardsley Zoological Gardens in Bridgeport, Conn. where he will stay until the move to Baltimore next year.

"They get along beautifully, just beautifully," according to a spokesman at Beardsley. He said they begin their day swimming side by side in an outdoor pool. By late morning, Sassy starts barking and it's time for the first meal of the day.

Their afternoons are spent playing in the pool. Before long, Sassy starts barking again and it's time for dinner. The couple end their idyllic days sleeping side by side in a covered area beside the pool.

Sassy spent the first year of her life in San Francisco learning how to live in captivity. She has never appeared on television or in shows like her Hollywood-bred boyfriend Alfie, but can play frisbee and do high jumps out of the water.

Aquarium officials are considering the possibility of having Sassy join Alfie in Baltimore in 1981. According to Beardsley spokesmen, Alfie might even have an entire family by then.

The National Aquarium in Baltimore, now under construction on Pier III of Baltimore's Inner Harbor, will be completed by the spring of 1981.

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