MINI-INTERVIEWS:

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AFRO asks Baltimoreans 4 easy questions and 1 'toughie'

The 'easies:' Last book or magazine article you read? Fashion rumor has it that mini-skirts are coming back. What is your reaction? And what do you think of slit skirts? If you had a round-trip ticket to anywhere in the world, where would you go and why? What is your favorite beverage?

The 'toughie:' Did the Miami riots surprise you?

The Rev. William Minson Jr., 30, founder and chairman of The Urban and Domestics Affairs of the young Council: 'The Living Bible,' the only book I read...The individual has a right to select what they feel is right for them. I also feel our attractive young women show good taste as well as style...Egypt, to explore the pyramids...Fresh orange juice...No, if injustice and disharmony continue to prevail in our country, instead of unity and combine faith, this is only the beginning."

Leslie E. Baltimore, 70, retired: "Ebony magazine...Not too good. So many women are getting raped and it looks like that entices them. Slit skirts are all right, if you don't go too far with them. That's enticing too...Las Vegas. I don't drink and I don't gamble but I'd like to go there. I think I'd enjoy it. . . Soda and milk . . . In a way. It shouldn't have been. It could have happened here. Everyone should respect everyone else."

Deborah Briscoe, 24, student at Strayer Business College: " 'Black Boy,' by Richard Wright. It was a good book...I don't like mini -skirts and I don't wear them. I like the slit skirts as long as they aren't too slit...The Caribbean. It's nice and warm all the time. Also I have a friend I want to see...Pepsi-Cola...The Miami riots didn't surprise me. It could happen here because of (Ja-Wan) McGee."

Harvey Wainbaker, 50, odd jobs: "I don't read too much. . . I don't go for it too good. I like slit skirts though . . . I would like to go to Florida to see Disney World . . . Vodka . . . Yes they did. I don't think they'd have riots if the police hadn't killed that man."

Glenn Doughty, wide receiver, Baltimore Colts: " 'Think and Grow Rich' . . . Not soon enough. Not high enough...Ethiopia and Zaire, first of all to get an idea of my heritage and then to see what state they are in in terms of progress and direction...Kool Aid, Hawaiian Punch and Amaretto and Coke. No. I would have to say what (Rep.) Parren Mitchell said when he stated the atmosphere for those reactions is ripe. Unemployment is too high in the black community and what happened in Miami could happen elsewhere, in Baltimore or any large city in the country. Racial injustice exists throughout. Blacks could reach the pressure point anywhere."

Estelle Searcy, poet, singer, actress: " 'Psychology of Behavior' . . . I just had a mini-skirt on Sunday. I think they're sexy. Slit skirts are all right too if you have the legs to put in them...I'd like to go to Africa, particularly Nigeria because I'm interested in the Yoruba religions and their art...Carrot juice...It was like deja-vu. It reminded me of the sixties. What did ssurprise me was that racial tension is still as great as it was during the sixties."

'It's our own academy awards'

100 students honored for achievement

Some 100 students in the Baltimore city public schools were honored recently for their outstanding achievement during the first annual Academic Festival.

The program, sponsored by the Division of Instruction and Curriculum Management, was held May 25 at Lake Clifton High School and featured performances by several of the talent winners.

Jacqueline Hardy, program coordinator, called the festival "our own academy awards."

Students recieved certificates and trophies for competetive academic events sponsored by the Division of Instruction and Curriculum Management and local businesses, agencies and community groups.

Students in the various categories are: Pace Artistic Achievement Awards

Art - Amy Flicko, Desmond Wright, Jennifer Adams, Kellie Componova, Lisa Brown, Ethel Bryant, Danette Gillian, Leandrea Gillan, Monica Gordon, Tammy Jones, Rhonda Mathis, Anisia Matthews, Nicole Nesbit, Veronica Netlis, Frances Parker, August Pierce, Roline Price, April Saunders.

Anisia Smith, Contrina Smith, Sharon Wilson, Karen Banks, Tracey Briscoe, Rudonna Bullock, Tonya Eades, Karen Glassman, Chante Jones, Rosalind Rooney, Margaret Snowden, Kim Tapley, Felicia Wilks, Sharon Anderson, Jackie Ford, Stephanie House, Patricia Jones, Shelly Jones, Terri Joyner, Janulyn Lennon, Roxanne Smith.

Stephanie Sterrette, Frances Stevenson, Yvonne Tanner, Lisa Rawlings, Patricia Smith, Jackie Thaxton, Thomasina Stuart.

Music—Tammy Brunner, Sonya Wooten, Jeffrey Beyers, Dana Cole, Martha Daneker, Drew Sewell, Kellie Camponova, Kelly Davis, Andrea Jackson, Patricia Weaver, Rachel Bladwin, Melame Brent, Martha Daneker, Dwayne Kearns, Jennifer Laidlaw, Julie Shane, Nancy Silverstone, Dorothea Stepney, Jocelyn Taylor, Sonya Kevin Adams, Janet Sarbanes, and Wooten.

Kevin Askins, Corey Golden, Reginald Love, Nathan Thomas, Keith Williams.

Science - Steven Comfort, Darrell Shutt; ewoo Jr., Dong Kim, Andrew Oken, Robert Silverstone, James Stephens, Rimonia Stewart, Lilliam Wiley, Terry Tucker, John Duffin, Craig Gentile, Luara Herts, Tanya Hybil, Robert Myrick, Wendy Powers, Andrew Shoemaker, Arthur Beltow, Michelle Joyner, Susanne Lai, Wayne Lawson, Jean Nowakowski, Jane Screiber, and Arlena Shepperson.

SPORTS - Football-Devene Trent and Damon Williams; Soccer- Mike Hubbe; Cross Country - Tyrone McCormick; Basketball - Craig Tailey and Sharron Middleton; Wrestling - Kenneth Taylor.

Swimming - Jay Edwards and Loaring Walker; Gymnastics - Cathy Thomas; Volleyball - Gina Schelhouse; Tennie - Joycelynn Harris and Cedric Carter; Track - Natalie West, Ruth Cole, Adrian Ward and Charles Adams; Badminton - Toni Moore; Dance - Cindy Gross.

English and Language Artsc Arts

Rhymes Against Crime o$t - Tracey ?s, Clifton rrie, Andre Dorsey, Rhonda Elliott, Gabrielle Gilworth, Lisa Graves, Christina Hudson, Edward Trusty, Alicia Watson and Avon Wilkins.

Sickle Cell Anemia Essay - Damia Wilder.

Baltimore's Best Writing Contest - Jay Allen, Robin Christopher, and Preston Reed. Morris Trent Writing Contest - Julia Lupton.

DAR Good Citizen Contest - Komalyn Lee Dobbs and Edward J. Shipley. Scholastic Magazine Inc. National Writing Contest - Andre Brown.

Dramatic Reading Festival - Leanto E. Jones, Laurie Kovens, Derek Owens, Maxine Walker, Darryl Carter, and Andrew Streater.

Morgan State University Academy of Arts Best Dramatic Production - Walbrook Senior High Drama Club.

Bowie State College State Drama Competition Interpretative

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DRAMATIC READING WINNER—Derek Owens, West Baltimore Middle School who won third place in the Dramatic Reading Contest, recites winning selection by Dr. Suess.

(AFRO Photos By Roman Hankewycz)
100 STUDENTS HONORED—Curt Anderson, TV personality and City College graduate presented an award to Sharron Middleton, Western Senior who was among 100 students awarded during the First Academic Festival May 25 at Lake Clifton High School.

Also interviewed, but not shown

Sandie Mallory, radio personality, WXYV-FM: " 'How to Get Control of Your Time and Life'...YUCKKK! I won't wear them. Some slit skirts are nice, others are just too outrageous...Africa. I've wanted to go there for a long time. I want to see the land and the people. I'd like to get rid of all the myths...Apple juice...The '70s were good times but there were also a lot of unfulfilled dreams. People want to know what's really going down and how to get what they can get what's due them. Too many people are unhappy. Miami was a way of getting the point across that no justice is being done. The same thing could happen in Baltimore today or tomorrow."

Karen Bowie, marketing director for Technical Data Systems: " 'Shotgun'...Mini-skirts would be bad news for a lot of people. Slit skirts are nice but they are frequently too revealing and worn in bad taste a lot of times...China or Morocco, someplace exotic for a complete culture change . . . Grape Juice . . . Miami didn't surprise me. It's getting hot and a lot of people don't have jobs or any prospects of a job. This will probably be happening in cities more and more where there are minority populations suffering economic problems."

Charles Tasco, rehabilitation counselor, Veteran's Administration: " 'Change: Principles of Problem Formation, Problem Resolution'...I'm glad that the fashion designers have finally come up with something that is comfortable to the lady and pleasing to men. Mini's rank right up with the wheel as inventions go, however, the lady should be properly equiped to wear them...Hong Kong to buy clothes...Creme de cacao and half and half next to orange juice...Yes, primarily because I though that black people were so complacent with Jimmy Carter and company's lies especially in the South that it would take more than the death of one black to cause a riot."

Brenda Alford, singer, recording artist: "The last book I read was 'The Greatest Miracle in the World'...Mini-skirts are not for me. Slit skirts are not for me. Some people can wear them and some can't...I want to go to Brazil because I've never been there...Orange Juice...It didn't surprise me because it's been a social boiling pot and it's it's bound to boil over."

Arschel Morrell, assistant news director, WEAA-FM: " North Dallas 40 ...A sensual woman is a sensual woman. If mini-skirts come back, great. If slits stay, great...Amsterdam. There are a lot of things there that I didn't take advantage of when I was there...Grape juice...It didn't surprise me because even though I'm in news I was not aware of the incidents."

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'COCAINE' STORY 'FALSE'

Richard Pryor- 'he has a strong will to live'

Richard Pryor's attorney said Wednesday the comedian was seriously burned when a cigarette lighter or match ignited a glass of rum, not while experimenting with a mixture of cocaine and ether as earlier reported.

Doctors at the Sherman Oaks Community Hospital said Pryor, 39, seemed to have a strong will to live and was making good progress in his recovery from burns that scorched more than half his body in an explosion at his home late Monday night.

They said Pryor, who is already walking around, feeding himself hot cereal and talking, is alert and in good spirits and now has at least a 50-50 chance to survive.

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Sneak attacks continue

Snipers fire on Westport homes

AFRO Photo by Mark Gail

SHATTERED WINDOW — Tyrone Rice, a resident of Westport points to his children's second floor bedroom window that was hit by gunfire early Tuesday morning.

1 man wounded, cops seek 2 blonds in blue Chevy pickup

Racially motivated mobs have attacked blacks in Hampden, South Baltimore recently and now rifle toting snipers fired shots in the Westport-Cherry Hill community.

Police report they are seeking two young blond men in a blue Chevy pickup truck who drove through a Southwest Baltimore neighborhood on a shooting spree shortly after midnight Tuesday, June 9.

Around 12:45 a.m. on that date, police report that Melvin Purdy, 25, was walking alone in the 2500 block Maisel St., when he was shot in the leg by an unidentified male in a truck.

Purdy could not give investigators a complete description of the person or persons who shot him. He told police that he did see two men in the vehicle but the truck lights were off when he was fired on.

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Clarence Mitchell Jr. gets top national civilian award

by Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

WASHINGTON — Clarence Mitchell Jr., an AFRO reporter in the 1930's, received the nation's highest civi award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, in ceremonies June 9 at the White House.

Mitchell, for years termed the "101st U.S. Senator" retired recently after 30 years as chief of the Washington Bureau NAACP, is credited with being one of the most influential of all citizens in bringing about racial harmony.

The citation states "The Medal of Freedom is awarded on by the U.S. President to persons who have made exceptional meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace or to cultural and other significant public or private endeavors."

Mitchell still a Baltimore inner city resident, was an AFRO reporter on the famed Scottsboro Trials and the last lynching in Maryland, the Arwood lynching on the Eastern Shore in 1933.

He has been awarded a place on the AFRO Honor Roll and given an AFRO citation on three occasions.

President Carter presented the medal separately to Mitchell and 13 other recipients in ceremonies in the Rose Garden.

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Clarence Mitchell Jr.

Domestic dispute ends with cop slaying man

A man who had been arguing with his girlfriend, was killed by a city police officer when she returned to the victim's apartment to retrieve her personal belongings.

Police report Eddie Sheesley, 26, was killed by Officer James D. Lytton, 30.

The officer reports he had received a call to escort Ms. Bernadette Lewis, 28, to 4933 Todd Ave., because she was afraid Sheely, with whom she had shared the apartment, would hurt her.

When Officer Lytton and another officer met Ms. Lewis on the parking lot of the apartment complex, police report Sheeley came outside and grabbed Ms. Lewis by the arm.

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Congratulate your graduate!

There is still time for your message of congratulation to your favorite 1980 graduate to be published in the AFRO. For full details see special Congratulations order blank on page 8 of this edition.

Planning chairman's property

Tenant angry after floor falls in house owned by city bigshot

By Ann Sagi
AFRO Staff Writer

George Wardrick was talking on the telephone to his mother-in-law in the kitchen of his house at 717 E. Preston St. recently when the floor collapsed underneath him. Wardrick suffered injuries to his knee and ankle.

Wardrick's landlord is Charles Colson, acting chairman of the City Planning Commission and the house on Preston Street is one of more than 200 owned either by Colson or his wife Marilyn.

City housing activists claim that many of the houses are unsafe for habitation and support the contention with photographs and evidence collected during personal visits to a number of the properties.

Colson also earned the enmity of rent control supporters for his role as treasurer of the Keep Baltimore Best committee, a group of landlords, property owners and politicians opposed to the rent control referendum on the November 1979 ballot.

Wardrick's wife Sandra said she does not feel her family, including five children ranging in age from 5 to 13, are safe in the house.

"I feel we are living dangerously here," she said.

She said Colson came to her house the day after the floor fell and told her workmen would be out to make repairs.

"They came in the evening, took up the floor boards, then put them right back down. They weren't even here for a half hour," Mrs. Wardrick said.

But they did not patch the hole in the kitchen and, three weeks later, Mrs. Wardrick said she still has to keep a close eye on her 5-year-old to make sure she does not fall.

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DANGEROUS — Mrs. Sandra Wardrick points to a hole in the kitchen floor of the home she rents at 717 E. Preston St. Her husband George injured his leg when the floor caved in. The Wardrick's landlord is Charles Colson, acting director of the city Planning Commission.

AFRO Clean Block underway

The 46th annual AFRO Clean Block campaign is in full swing, with residents all over the city painting, planting, and beautifying their neighborhoods.

The campaign, which officially began June 6, will continue through the month of August. Inspections will take place Sunday, Aug. 17, and all awards will be given Aug. 24.

Participants may pick up paint and flower seeds at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St.

Neighborhoods which have specific problems should contact the appropriate city departments (see Clean Block Page) or call the AFRO office for assistance.

Any person or group wishing to make a financial contribution to the campaign should call the AFRO at 728 - 8200. All contributors will be listed in the paper, with their pictures

AFRO father of year awards party June 14

The 1980 Father of the Year contest will be held Saturday June 14 at the elegant Ritz supper club, located at Light and Lombard Sts.

Entertainment will be provided by the Free Spirit Theater, Travis Winkey's modelling troupe, and Dr. C's disco ensemble. of the presenters of the various awards.

Awards include gift certificates from Hamburgers, Webster's Men's Wear, and Brager Gutman's, as well as a haircut, shave and facial from the Park Heights Barber Shop.

A one-year subscription to the AFRO-AMERICAN, and tickets to the Arena Players' production of "God's Trombones", are also part of the package.

Be sure to bring your father of the year letters!

McAllister mystery

Prominent Baltimore attorney James W. McAllister, 54, left his Pennsylvania Avenue law office June 15, 1979 after saying goodnight to his law partner Tucker Dearing. He was never seen alive again.

Rumors regarding McAllister's whereabouts surfaced almost from the moment he disappeared. His body was found June 22 in the 8500 block of Winands Road in the Randallstown area of Baltimore County.

His remains were so badly decomposed that positive identification required three days further investigation.

It has been one of Baltimore's baffling mysteries and one year later, it is still defined as unsolved although law officers say they pretty much know what happened.

While county investigators will officially neither confirm nor deny, there are two possible theories on James McAllister's death.

Theory one holds that McAllister, was lured to his death by people he knew very well. There were conversations and drinks. An odorless, colorless and untraceable deadly poison was introduced into McAllister's beverage. This theory holds that his death was almost instantaneous.

His body was taken from the murder site to the property where it was eventually discovered on Winands Road.

This theory cannot be proved or disproved and medical examiner Dr. Hormes Guard, a friend of McAllister's from his days as a prosecutor, made no bones about his feeling that there was definitely foul play.

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