—Fuel available

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eliminate some of the problems.

"The mayor is supposed to see that the money is allocated," he said.

"If he's so concerned about Baltimore...why isn't he seeing to it that these funds are being distributed?"

Tildon, the DHR representative, scoffed at Culotta's remarks and maintained that Culotta did not understand the program.

"The money for the program...was not intended to be released before Dec. 15," he said. "but there is money available now for fuel and especially for emergency situations."

Tildon said that he was familiar with the cancer victim Culotta mentioned, and was "sure he has oil now."

When asked if the situation Culotta described could in fact have happened, Tildon simply said that "in a true emergency, money is available."

Tildon described an emergency as a situation where an applicant has no money at all to pay for his fuel bill, and there is an unusually cold winter, an unusually severe snowstorm, and the applicant can prove to the USA that life and or health is in danger.

"If a person has a true emergency, he will be served," Tildon said.

Tildon said that 3 percent of the $28 million has been set aside for such emergencies, but that the state is making sure that such emergency claims are valid before responding.

"The emergency must be justified and verified," he said.

The money available for fuel assistance is not given directly to applicants, but to oil vendors who have contracted with the state to participate in the program.

"We have no money to pay the entire fuel bill for anyone," Tildon said. "This program is just as it says...an assistance program."

He said the $28 million is expected to serve about 120,000 families, statewide. Benefit levels range from $127 to $418, depending on the section of the state in which the applicant resides, the amount of money the family has to work with without assistance, and the type of fuel being used.

Tildon admitted that USA centers might be making appointments to see applicants, but said that the process has been instituted to accommodate the large numbers of people applying.

He also said that there was no possibility a family could go through the entire winter without fuel because of the application process.

"It is true that the process takes some time. We expected that. But nobody who needs fuel this winter will go ignored."

—Strike

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agreement," said a union official who preferred not to be named. "Hopkins will pay no more than 9 percent into the fund for "B" benefits for its employees, whatever happens, over the next two - year period."

"But if the federal arbitrator finds, for example, that it is necessary for Sinai to pay, say, 13 percent into the Fund for the retention of "B" benefits, the hospital will be bound by this agreement to abide by that decision," the spokesperson said.

Leonard Marcus, the chief opponent of higher payment into the Fund based on what he called "overpayments," said that although a settlement had been reached, the hospital still planned to take the case to court in order to secure information pertaining to the Fund.

"The National Benefit Fund was the issue...before the strike, during the strike and now," Marcus said. "The decision of the National Labor Relations Board still stands...we still plan to take the case to court."

"If the conditions surrounding the Fund...have not changed by the time we negotiate again, then there will be more problems," he said.

Marcus said that Sinai received a contribution rate (into the Fund) that was more relative to the rate received back in benefits by employees.

Ronald Hollie, president of the Union, said that he understood that Marcus planned to take the case to court, and said that "if the hospital wins, it would virtually destroy the tenets of the Taft-Hartley Act."

But, Hollie said, he is not particularly worried, and said he was "pleased with the outcome of the negotiations."

"When we said the hospitals were trying to destroy the union, we were not crying wolf," he said. "If the hospitals had gotten what they were after, it would have destroyed the union."

Hollie said that there is a very "real possibility" that strikes would occur at the other four city hospitals which have employee members of Union Local 1199 E.

"The other hospitals have said they would do whatever Hopkins and Sinai did," Hollie said, "but we are prepared to deal with each hospital on an individual basis, according to the needs of each institution."

About 1500 workers stand to be affected at the other four hospitals which include Provident, Lutheran, Greater Baltimore Medical Center and Maryland General.

—Woman

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stated there may be some legal problems involved in releasing the body.

At AFRO presstime Thursday, authorities from the Anatomy Board, Medical Board and Attorney General's office could not give a definite answer about the body being released.

The AFRO was told unclaimed bodies are usually sent to the Anatomy Board and later used in medical schools.

Investigators said the girl was found on a fence along Route 70. She is described as a black female, four feet five inches and weighs 63 pounds. She has black hair, brown eyes and medium to dark complexion.

There was no identification found on the victim and she was wearing low cut blue tennis shoes with white stripes, blue jeans with yellow stitches, a terry cloth pink pull over blouse, multicolored check sweater and a red cloth, jacket with gold buttons.

Homicide detectives are still investigating the case and have checked juvenile and foster homes, schools and missing persons reports at police departments.

There were no injuries which indicated a violent death, stab wounds or broken bones.

Mrs. Smith told the AFRO, "It is hard to believe that no one seems to know anything about the girl or where she came from."

—'I'm sorry'

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"He also had a half pint of rum and did not recall the man leaving. He remembers waking up and said what had happened came to him like a camera flash.

"He said the girl came to his door and he pulled her in, raped her and beat her with an iron pipe. He left her in the basement and the police came that night. He was too frightened to go to the door and police knocked the door down, found the body and arrested him."

Doory asked the doctor if he had asked Horton why he killed the girl and Dr. Greenberg stated, "He said he killed her so she would not tell on him."

The prosecutor stated, "Did you believe him when he said a man came to the house with a television and pills?"

Dr. Greenberg answered, "Yes." The only thing the doctor said he did not believe was that Horton killed the girl because he did not want her to tell on him.

When Horton was examined by Dr. Greenberg, he told the doctor he had gotten in trouble before and each time he was in trouble he was "high."

Dr. Greenberg testified that Horton was "a passive type" individual." The trial will continue today (Friday) with Judge Peter Ward presiding.

—Mrs. Santa

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send us. Please help her and my children.

The above letter is among the hundreds of letters pouring into the AFRO's Mrs. Santa's Office at 628 N. Eutaw St., in downtown Baltimore.

The AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper Mrs. Santa program is an arm of AFRO Charities and is designed to provide Christmas baskets for needy families.

To date, Mrs. Santa has raised $18,227.11 and needs only $1,772.89 more to make her goal of $20,000.

Starting Friday morning, Dec. 19, the first 150 baskets worth $2,550. will be delivered by six trucks and 16 men of the Maryland National Guard under Sgt. Scott.

Starting Friday, morning also, $7,000 in $10. food coupons will be mailed to those persons who wrote Mrs. Santa in October and November.

Tuesday, another 150 baskets worth another $2,550 have been ordered and will be delivered by the Maryland National Guard.

To help a needy family send check or money order to AFRO Mrs. Santa, AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

—Booker T.

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Several revisions were made and by April 1978 the project was estimated at $3.5 million but the IAC would only provide $2.8 million.

By August of this year the project's cost had soared to nearly $6 million due to rising construction costs. The city has maintained that it does not have the additional funds to supplement the project.

Booker T. Washington High Principal John Daniels stated during the meeting this week that "the students have done a tremendous job adjusting to this building."

He read a list of the problems that the more than 800 students encountered including only one science lab with five teachers, "barely minimum library facilities, home economics classes using one hot plate to cook and three guidance counselors who must share the same office.

Ritter told the AFRO that even if a bid was awarded by Feb. 1, the project would not begin until April or May after paperwork was prepared and that the renovation would take from 18 months to two years to complete.

He also said, "If the project comes in as high as, the architect says, there are going to be problems. If it comes in at $6 million, there's going to be a shortage of $1.8 million."

While the parents were at least pleased that progress was beginning they also spoke before the board of school commissioners at its regular meeting Thursday night, to get its support to make the project a priority.

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Mama's best

Recipes sought for cookbook

One of the favorite pastimes of the celebration of Christmas in black - American life is the recollection of just how good Mama used to get down in the kitchen.

This reporter has heard countless tales of how Mama baked the best rolls, or the best poundcake. Somebody once declared that he would probably be in heaven before he tasted anybody's dressing that even came close to his mother's (and that included his wife's!) Cornbread, roast turkey, rice puddings...all of them have been claimed, by someone, as the absolute best this side of heaven.

Almost always there is a certain fondness attached to the memory of the holiday specials Mama used to whip up. One person recollected that his mother never started baking until Christmas Eve, when she would turn off the television, turn on the Christmas tree lights and Christmas carols, and hum spirituals while she got down.

"She always baked the rolls and the Christmas cookies on Christmas Eve, he said, "and after we got old enough, she started getting us all in the kitchen to help.

"By the time we were in our teens, we could all cook pretty well, and we all helped Mama on that night...just because it had become a tradition of our family. It was a warm time for us.

"But I swear, he said, "I haven't found anybody yet who can make rolls like my Mama did!"

The Reynolds Aluminum Company has apparently heard the rumors of all these "best" foods, too. They're putting together a cookbook called "The Way Mama Cooked It", and what they want to include are the recipes that have been verbally hailed as culinary greats for years.

A spokesperson for the company said that the winner of the contest will win a no-frost refrigerator, $1,000 . . . PLUS the recipe included in the cookbook, along with a picture and, of course, your mother's name so that everybody can see who really gets all the credit.

Only 25 recipes will be selected for inclusion in the book. Baked goods, casseroles, salads, dressing, cornbread, greens...whatever it is you've been telling folks about how good your mother cooked it...is eligible for submission.

An ad with the directions for entry in the contest appears in this issue of the AFRO. Get the directions, talk to your Mama...and let everybody taste all this food that you've been boasting about for so long.

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The "Just for a Minute" Syndrome. When you leave your car, even if it's "just for a minute," lock all of the doors and take your keys. In fact, about one of every five cars stolen was left unattended with keys in the ignition. Keep driver's license and vehicle registration cards in your wallet or purse. If a car thief finds these documents in the vehicle's glove box, he can impersonate you if stopped by the police.

The Isolated Location. It's safest to park in a locked garage, but if you can't, don't leave your car in a dark, out-of-the-way spot. Instead, try to park on a busy, well-lighted street. Thieves shy away from tampering with a car if there's a high risk of being spotted.

The Display Case. There's nothing more inviting to a thief than expensive items lying in your car, in plain sight. If you lock these items in the trunk or glove box, there's less incentive for a thief to break in. Also, when you park in a commercial lot or garage, be cautious. Lock your valuables in the trunk, and leave only the ignition key with the attendant.

The Space at the End of the Block. In recent years, professional car-theft operations have become an increasing problem. Unlike amateurs, the professionals are not easily deterred. Cars parked at the end of a block are easy targets for the professional thief with a tow truck. So, it's best to park in the middle of the block. Be sure to turn your steering wheel sharply to one side or the other. That will lock the steering column and prevent the car from being towed from the rear.

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Baltimore NAACP elects new slate of officers

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Change was in the air this week at the Baltimore NAACP headquarters, as that organization saw a contigent of young, men assume leadership roles in the wake of the biannual elections.

Baltimore president Enolia McMillan ran unopposed and retained her position, but the real excitment was in the race for the 1st and 2nd vice-presidency slots.

"This was the largest turnout we've ever had," said Mrs. McMillan. More than 200 members showed up at the Maryland Ave. headquarters of the NAACP, braving the freezing weather to give Paul Showell, Julian Morgan and Rev. Douglass Miles victory. The three clinched the 1st, 2nd and 3rd vice-presidencies; Josephine Eversley retained her position as secretary; and Reginald Robinson won election to the treasurer's post.

In an election which was fraught with personal attacks and questionable campaign tactics, the NAACP membership rejected the slate of candidates formulated by that organization and instead elected nominees who were not approved by the official nominating committee.

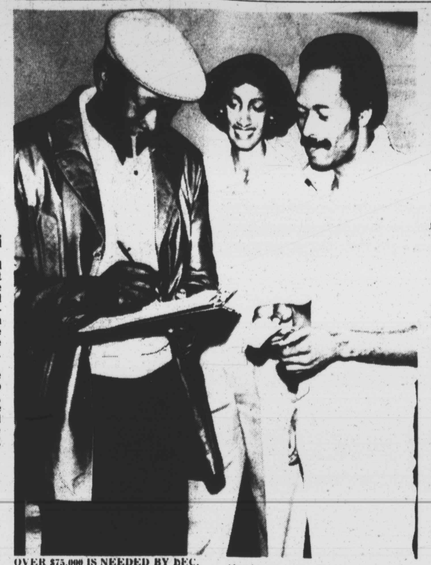
This pattern held true even in the results from the executive board elections, where two candidates who were not placed in nomination by the committee, George Buntin and Harlow Fullwood, managed to score victories.

Mary B. Ames, JoAnn Anderson, Rev. William Calhoun, Daisel Coffey, and William Devance were elected to the executive committee.

Also elected were Pattie Holloway, Frieda Jones, Edelle Marcus, Patricia Quann, Ida Russell, Benny Short, Elizabeth Williams and Wilbert Walker.

"With the increased involvement and interest in the NAACP from the community it should spell out an improvement in programming and the general outlook of the branch," said Mrs. McMillan.

She added that the NAACP's membership drive is still under way, and that two weeks are left for those interested in joining the organization or renewing their membership.



OVER $75,000 IS NEEDED BY DEC. 31 to save the historic Orchard Street Church. The Committee for the Preservation of Orchard Street Church recently sponsored a "sign-a-line" campaign at Mondawmin Shopping Center, and will host another fund-raising promotion at Mondawmin Dec. 29. Shown here are Pat Lynch (center), coordinator for the sign-a-line promo; Ray Bennett, Channel 11 news personality and Grady Taylor (left) a shopper who shows his support for the church by signing his name to a line.

MSU offers special Middle East tour

The Center for Continuing Education in cooperation with the international studies program of Morgan State University and the Middle East Institute are sponsoring a study tour to Egypt, Jordan, and Syria.

Participants in the 15 day trip will depart from New York, Jan. 5 for travel study stops in Cairo, Luxor, Edfu, Awsan, Amman and Damascus, and return to the United States on Jan. 19, 1981.

Group members will have the opportunity to see sights such as the ancient temples of Karnak and Luxor, tombs of Tutankhamen, famous cities, the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx. Study seminars will be arranged with government officials.

The price of $1,675 per person covers round trip jet transportation, accommodations in first class hotels, continental breakfast, all dinners excluding those in Cairo, and English speaking guide.....and escort throughout, and all transportation fees, plus a special three day cruise up the Nile.

Participants wishing only the land portion of the tour will be required to pay $1,000.

A general orientation session will be held several weeks before departure. Participants will be briefed on numerous considerations and custom restrictions.

For information contact Joseph Overton at 444-3254 or 3205.

Science Center sets holiday schedule

The Maryland Science Center and the offices of the Maryland Science Center will close on Dec. 22, 23, 24, and 25, and on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1981.

The Maryland Science Center and the Science Center offices will resume regular hours on Friday, Dec. 26.

Continuing exhibits through the end of the year include "The Great Computer Invasion" and Tournament, "The Tallgrass Prairie" featuring the natural landscape photography of Patricia Duncan and "Biological Photography" featuring the world of medicine as seen under a microscope.

The Davis Planetarium is now showing its special Christmas Show, "The Star of Bethlehem". The show explores what the Magi, might have seen in the sky that led them to Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.

For more information on Science Center's exhibits and show times call 685-3225.

Gasoline consumption up

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein announced that gasoline consumption during October 1980 increased by 6 percent over the amount used in the same month of 1979, marking the second consecutive month that gasoline use has posted an increase.

Consumption increased in September 1980 for only the second time since January 1979.

"These increases are very unusual. In fact, the 165,861,816 gallons of gasoline consumed during October 1980 is the largest amount consumed during a single month since August 1979 when 169,208,149 gallons were used," Goldstein said.

"The increased availability of gasoline, combined with lower prices apparently have been factors in the increased use of gasoline."

Goldstein noted that, according to the latest available national price surveys, the retail price of gasoline in the Baltimore area continues to be below the national average and below other east coast cities surveyed. The information appeared in the November 1980 Platts - Lundberg Report.

The average self - service prices for regular gasoline were reported to be $113.92 for leaded and $119.34 for unleaded. The national average was $115.75 for leaded and $121.81 for unleaded regular. Full service prices were also lower than the U.S. average.

"This is an abrupt change to the normal seasonal patterns of gasoline consumption," Goldstein said. "Normally, August is the month during which the greatest amount of gasoline is consumed.

The months of October and November generally reflect a falloff between peak summer driving and the increased holiday traveling associated with the December holidays.

The increased gasoline use fueled an increased in motor fuel tax revenue. For the first five months of fiscal year 1981, motor fuel tax revenue totals $79,653,983, up slightly over the $79,800,917 collected for the identical period of Fiscal Year 1980.

Landlord fined, jailed during rent strike

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

A Northwest Baltimore landlord was sent to jail Tuesday by Judge William H. Murphy, Sr. for shutting off the gas of a tenant during the Thanksgiving holiday season.

Lyon Miller, 68, was sentenced to two days in jail and a $100 fine by Judge Murphy after Margaret Svartz, a Jewish refugee from Russia, testified that Miller had cut off her gas in retaliation for her participation in an ongoing "rent strike" organized by tenants in the Glenview-Parkington apartments.

Twenty-six tenants have had their rent in escrow since early September, in response to what they claim is a lack of services and maintenance on the part of Miller.

Two weeks ago, three corporations owned by Miller were fined more than $1,000 in housing court for refusing to repair outstandin repair outstanding housing code violations.

Goldstein, a leader in the Baltimore Rent Control Campaign, was jailed for contempt of court by Judge Neil Janey Monday, after he was asked to leave the courtroom by the freshman judge.

Gatto and several other representatives from the two apartments were in court Monday when Miller and his attorney, Alan Katzen, asked Judge Janey to release some of the rent monies being held in escrow so that Miller would be able to pay some of his bills.

Gatto began laughing during the testimony of a tenant, and when asked to leave by Janey, reportedly slammed the courtroom door, thus drawing a $50 fine from Judge Janey. After refusing to pay the fine, he was sent to jail.

"We're overjoyed that Lyon Miller is finally getting what he deserved," said Ross Taber, head of the tenant's organization. "We're hopeful that he will learn from his mistakes."

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