Council to vote on housing bills

By James M. Abraham
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Supports of rent control can at least look toward several pieces of City Council legislation which may help to ease the city's housing problems.

Monday, the council will probably vote on four or five increases and the condition of rental property in Baltimore.

According to Fifth District representative Norman Reeves, the bills may be a strong first step towards meeting the need for decent, affordable city housing.

"They will improve some of the problems we have been having," said Reeves. "My bill, (no. 253), will require all rental properties to be registered, and would raise about $600,000 for enforcement, (of the housing code), by the city." (property owners would pay a $10 fee per total unit).

Reeves also endorsed a bill introduced by First District Councilman Donald Hammen, (no. 282), which would require landlords to meet the city's housing code before they would be able to increase their rents.

Reeves said that one of the foremost housing problems he plans on attacking is "the 8,000 vacant houses in the city. Most are city-owned...and the number is increasing every day."

He said that he plans on introducing legislation to remedy the situation during the next session of Council.

"Most of the pieces of legislation that did go through do address themselves to the rent control bill," angered Kweisi Mfume,D- D-4. Although Mfume's bill no. 283, the most powerful rent control bill, was defeated two weeks ago, the councilman said that the bill and its supporters helped to create "a climate that made the rest of the bills easier to pass."

A black caucus of sorts was evidenced in the voting on the ill-fated measure, as all eight black council persons voted for the bill. Mfume said that if blacks were in the majority on the eighteen-member council, his bill would have passed.

"The problem is that we don't have a majority on the council," he pointed out. "The real fear is whether we will assert ourselves to share in the political process."

Mfume praised the efforts of the Welfare Rights Organization and the Baltimore City Tenants' Association for keeping the rent control issue alive.

His bill went through a series of revisions designed to gross a larger total of affirmative votes, and although the eight votes garnered were not enough, his efforts were successful in persuading at least one councilman to change his mind.

In terms of the bill itself," said Reeves, "there had been some modifications to it. That was my basic reason, (for deciding to vote for the bill)."

Reeves has recently returned to Council after a six-week absence due to a ruptured appendix.

"I'm working at fifty percent, maybe a little better," he said. "I'm trying to keep it down, but as I look around, I see a lot of things I should be doing."

The affable legislator thanked those who had sent him speedy recovery wishes during his stay at Provident Hospital.

Are Atlanta slayings conspiracy?

By James M. Abraham
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A wave of fear is sweeping the land, a fear made worse because terror stalks not adults, but the children of the black community.

Already 22 children have been slain in Atlanta, three are missing, and according to Ahmed Imran, a local Biblical scholar, the slayings may be part of a larger conspiracy.

"The investigation did not touch on what organizations could be responsible for the crimes which touch on the lives of black children in our community," he said.

Imran feels that either the American Nazi Party or the Ku Klux Klan may be responsible for the crimes, "especially the America Nazi Party because of their philosophy of racial genocide as a means of curtailing race progress."

Imran also feels that the slayings may be apart of a centuries-old blueprint of the end of the world, and that organizations such as the Klan and the Nazis may be helping to carry out biblical and Islamic scriptural predictions which hint at times of terror which will accompany the world's end.

Genesis 13:15, he says, tells of a race of people enslaved for 400 years in a foreign land, and Imran says that both the Klan and the Nazi's "believe it is their spiritual duty to enslave black people. They are implementing their part of the prophecies."

He pointed out that most of the slain children were male, and stated that the loss of these males will also mean the loss of countless black families in the future.

"What if all 21 of those youths married and had three children," he hypothesized. "Then what if their children each had three children. At the end of two generations, that's almost 189 people..."

Imran said that he and a group of citizens, the Concerned Citizens for Atlanta, are currently collecting petitions along the east coast to urge a quick solution to the puzzling murders. He said that the petitions will be delivered to Rep. Parren J. Mitchell on April 25th at an anti-Klan meeting the congressman will be holding.

For further information, call 547-2715.

Andy Young announces candidacy

Andrew Young

Former U.N. ambassador Andrew Young has thrown his hat in the ring in an affect to snare Atlanta's top job. The popular Georgian will be vying for the position left vacant by Mayor Maynard Jackson, who is forbidden by city ordinance from seeking a third term.

Young formerly served as a representative to Georgia's state legislature.

Jackson was the southern city's first black mayor, and was elected almost immediately after the population of that city gained numerical superiority.

Budget cuts will affect handicapped

Proposed budget cuts by the Reagan administration would eliminate services for about 6,000 mentally and physically disabled children in Maryland, the director of the John F. Kennedy Institute said this week.

"We don't want to sound alarmist, but I'm afraid we must," said Dr. Hugo Moser.

Moser said the Institute stands to lose between $300,000 and $700,000 in funds July 1, and $2.9 million the following year.

"Somehow, we could adjust to the initial reduction in funds," Moser said, "but after July, 1982, we would not be able to serve severely handicapped children. We would virtually be closed down.

Many of the children treated at the center have multiple physical and mental problems, Moser said.

Across the United States, there are 46 similar institutions for such children, but the 14-year old Kennedy Institute, affiliated with the Johns Hopkins University, is the only one in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Catonsville offers real estate courses

During the month of April, Catonsville Community College will offer a series of four credit-free courses for people working in the field of real estate.

"Real Estate License Preparatory" will assist those who are planning to take the state's real estate licensing examination upon completion of their credit courses. The one-day course will meet Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The cost is $8.

For more information or to register, call the CCC office of Continuing Education at 455-4318.

Officers acquitted in shooting case

A Harford County judge this week acquitted two men of handgun violations in the July 1980 shooting of a rural county man.

James Klock and Gary Dresser, off-duty Baltimore police officers at the time, were changing a flat tire near Molder's house when Molder fired a shotgun blast at them. Klock and Dresser fired at least 33 shots, 10 of which hit Molder.

The officers were charged with carrying, wearing and transporting handguns in the shooting.

Judge Albert Close said the weapons used by the men violated Baltimore police policy, but were not illegal under state law.

Molder was unconscious for six months after the shooting. Investigators wanted to interview him, but his doctors at the Shock Trauma Unit would not permit it.

Sgt. Norman Pepersack, a state police firearms expert, and assistant Baltimore state's attorney John Denholm told Close that citizens are required to register their handguns with the state, but police are not.

Off-duty Baltimore police are permitted to carry handguns while out of the city, but the 9mm pistols Klock and Dresser used were unauthorized, a department spokesman said.

Prosecutor Frank Carven said the state law is confusing and should be modified.

"I was a little surprised by the verdict, but based on testimony, it is obvious there is some ambiguity in the state statute. What we have to do now is go before the legislature and work up some type of bill that would remove the ambiguity of the law," he said.

Dr. Carl Soderstrom said Molder, who was blinded and paralyzed by the shooting, understands what his physical condition is and is "upset and angry" about it. Soderstrom said Molder may be interviewed in the next few weeks.

Dresser resigned in February. Klock was put on administrative duty pending a verdict.

Police said they did not know if Klock would be returned to active duty.

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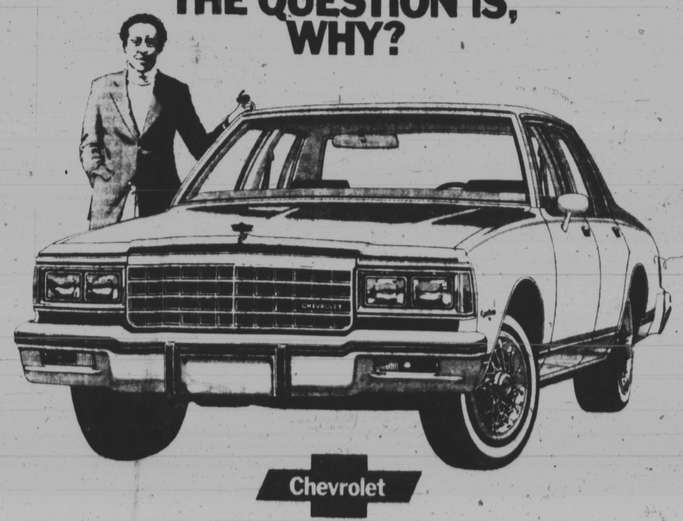

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Charles Modeling Studio presents 'Odyssey II'

DESIGNER CREATIONS pictured above are modeled by Ms. Endra McPherson, Robert Hines Jr., Ms. Kira Dorkins, Miss Roxanna Sykes and Ms. Charlene Davis.

By Pattie Hodges,
AFRO Staff Writer

The Francis Scott Key Ballroom of the downtown Hilton Hotel was all aglo on Sunday, March 29 as 275 guests, models and designers and entertainers gathered for the Charles Modeling Studio's Second Anniversary — Odyssey II.

As guests entered for the opening reception, all ladies were pinned with orchids and all men with red carnation boutonnieres by the Rev. Marvin C. Moore, head of the Studio, the Hon. Irvin J. Conway and Ms. Gertrude Green.

Mr. Conway and Ms. Green served as chair and co-chair respectively for the affair and also as master and mistress of ceremonies.

Guests enjoyed a delicious hot buffet and sippables, along with entertainment by singer Billy Harris, who did four selections and by Mrs. Ericka Williams mezzo soprano from Philadelphia, Pa., who did two. Mrs. Williams is the niece of Father Donald O. Wilson, rector of St. James Episcopal Church.

Pioneer Awards for 1981 were presented by Tom Golden, executive director, and Ms. Ruth Tolman, president, World Modeling Association.

Receiving awards for, their years of service in the fashion field were Willa Bland, founder-director, Flair Studio; Mrs. Finnie Ross, director, Finnie Ross Academy; Mrs. Nell Sheridan, milliner, and NAFAD president; Travis Winkey, Travis Winkey Modeling Studio and Magazine and Mrs. Pauline Brooks, who was unable to attend), Pauline Brooks Boutique and posthumously to designer Walburton Pulley Jr.

Mr. Pulley's father, Walburton Pulley Sr., mother of Mrs. Thelma Pulley and Mrs. Anna Rorie, his sister, were on hand to accept his award.

Following the awards a colorful and creatively done fashion show was presented in seven segments — 'About Face', (featuring vacation, and evening lounge wear); 'Stepping Out', (afternoon ature); 'On the Move' (business-career wear); 'Personality Plus' (leisure, casual wear); 'Easy Attitude' (home loungewear); 'And the Invitation Results' (After Five and Evening Wear and 'Last Call' (formal wear).

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AIRING FASHIONS for formal, cocktail, afternoon and casual wear during the Charles Modeling Studio's Second Anniversary "Odyssey II" presentation held at the downtown Hilton Hotel are (L to R) Adrian Purvis, Miss Edie Roundtree, Ms. Adrienne 'Ace' Williams and Ronald Robinson. The affair was held on Sunday, March 29.

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AWARD RECIPIENTS AND PRESENTERS at the Charles Modeling Studio's 'Odyssey II' presentation are (L to R): Ms. Ruth Tolman, president, World Modeling Association; Ms. Willa Bland, director, Flair Studios; Andrea Bland, co-director, Flair Studios; Walburton Pulley, Mrs. Thelma Pulley and Mrs. Anna Rorie, who received the late Walburton Pulley Jr.'s award; Mrs. Nell Sheridan, millinery designer and Tom Golden, executive director, World Modeling Association.

DESIGNERS AND OFFICIALS picured at 'Odyssey II' are (L to R): Marvin Charles Moore, president, Charles Modeling Studio; Mrs. Frances Quarterman, model-designer; Tony Dorsey, vice president, Charles Modeling Studio; Miss Martha Poge, designer of New York; Damon Gibson, designer, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Alma Wiggins, president, National Association Fashion and Accessory Designers (NAFAD); Mrs. Catherine Wooten, treasurer, NAFAD and Cejus, owner, Cejus Productions.

Towson U. Alphas hold annual Coronation Ball

PLAQUE OF DEDICATION — Jeannie Thompson (left) and Sharon Hunt, (R) present 'Plaque of Dedication' to Towson U's Mu Rho Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity received by Eric Thompson, treasurer, Mu Rho, during the chapter's Third Annual Coronation Ball held Saturday, March 28 in the Student Union Building at Towson U.

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ALPHA BROTHER Brian Ridgeley proudly escorts Alpha Sweetheart Alicia Butler during the processional of the Mu Rho Chapter's Coronation Ball. Sixteen Alpha sweethearts were made Alpha Angels during the ball.

On March 28 the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Mu Rho Chapter, held their 3rd Annual Coronation Ball at Towson State University in the University's Union Building.

Featured were a jazz band, 'Moon August', a rock band, (Textures), disco music (supplied by Warren Jones), a game room (with backgammon and video games) and a movie room.

The ball had something for everyone, including a cash bar where the 600 who attended could get light wine, beer and munchies.

The coronation of the Alpha Sweethearts as Alpha Angels began at midnight.

Alpha Sweethearts are affiliated with the fraternity in a helping role. The Alphas make them angels as a crowning point, based on the help and support they have given the brothers.

Sweethearts who became angels during the coronation were Marcia Whitby, Debbie Elder, Marissa McKinley Melva Polk, Serva Gross;

Also Cheryl Henderson, Kim Bennett, Robin Walker, Alicia Butler, Rhonda Glomax, Karen Jackson, Tamara Parker, Charisse Bazin and Pamela Williams.

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Urban Services Deputy Director retires

By Pattie Hodges,
AFRO Staff Writer

After 38 years of service with the city government, Mrs. Jennie Murphy Jenkins, who retired last month as deputy director of management of evaluation division for Urban Services, Mrs. Jenkins says she plans to travel and enjoy her retirement.

Friends, relatives and co-workers honored Mrs. Jenkins recently at a retirement banquet at the Regency Terrace.

Mrs. Jenkins, who was described as a great "humanitarian" has a long history in public service employment and is affiliated with many civic and professional groups.

A graduate of Morgan State College, she received her master's degree in social work from Howard University. She also received graduate work certificates from the University of Maryland, Pennsylvania School of Social Work, Howard University, Yale School of Alcoholic Studies and, Northwestern University of Boston.

In speaking of her retirement celebration, "It was like a reunion. I saw friends I had not seen in years," said the honoree.

Mrs. Jenkins also taught at Booker T. Washington Junior High and later became a supervisor at the Department of Social Services for 24 years.

She joined the staff of the Community Action Agency as a director of the Volunteer Service Corps. in 1967. The program was designed and organized by Mrs. Jenkins and was the first of its

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URBAN SERVICES employee Mrs. Jennie Jenkins retired last month after 38 years of service with the city government. Shown from left are Mrs. Elva Edwards, associate executive director of Urban Services; Lloyd Mitchner, chief administrator of Urban Services; Mrs. Jenkins, honoree, and Lenwood Ivey, executive director of Urban Services.

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