SELF-HELP> SURVIVAL

Information to help you through troubled times

The impact of the energy crisis on minorities

By Del. Larry Young Chairman, Environmental Affairs Maryland House of Delegates

The condition of minorities and the low-income in relationship to the country's energy dilema is one of complete dependency.

As our nation is dependent upon foreign oil, which cost the United States from $90 to $120 billion in 1980, minorities and the poor are dependent upon government and energy assistance, to provide adequate energy supplies to their communities and equitible credit arrangements.

Not surprisingly, the same groups that are dependent upon help have little or no voice in energy policy decisions.

Again and again, we see that minorities and the low-income are the first and the worst casualties in the "energy war." By the way, first and worst is a close relative to last hired and first fired.

Our communities are being punished. We are the first:

To feel the pinch of rising prices; to feel the impact of supply shortages, to experience economic dislocation.

Economic dislocations occur by the scenario created by increasing prices and short supplies. The national gas shortage of 1977 and 1980 caused severe cutbacks in employment.

When jobs are lost, who do you think suffered? And it is not just the poor who suffer individually.

The institutions which serve then are suffering also. Day care, senior citizen, municipal, educational and health institutions the poor depend upon for survival are being crippled by the high cost of energy.

The result is the institutions available for aiding minorities and the poor are suffering as much as the individuals needing the help.

When we look at the issues of price, supply and economic dislocation together, the thought is troubling:

What we see are families that are paying as much as 40 to 50 percent of their income for energy compared to 10 percent for the middle and upper income households.

We see families that are told to conserve their way out of their energy problems when at the same time these families consume less energy per capita than other households.

Finally, we see families that do not receive enough energy assistance subsidy because a federal aid program uses a new eligibility criteria.

In the words of Dick Saul, formerly with the defunct Community Services Administration, "nobody has really come to grips with the problem."

Larry Young

Minorities and the low-income need help and they need it now. Get help in the winter of 1983.

Request a booklet, "If Bills are Getting You Down There May Be Help from the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company."

Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) - Apply November through April at the Urban Services Agency or local energy offices.

How much assistance you get depends upon the heating fuel you use and how much income you have.

Find your household size on the chart below. If your income is less than the amount listed at the right, you probably are eligible for Maryland energy Assistance.

MEAP grants are available only once in the heating season except in an emergency. If you receive a turn-off notice after getting the first grant, apply again for an emergency grant.

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EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Name	Eligible Populations	Length of Stay	No. of Beds
Baltimore Rescue Mission 4 N. Central Ave. Baltimore, Md. 21202 342-2533	Men only	Not applicable	150
Helping Up Mission 1029 E. Baltimore St. Baltimore, Md. 21202 675-5003	Men only	Not applicable	78
Volunteers of America 2235 Boston St. Baltimore, Md. 522-0800	Men only	Not applicable	5
Corner House (YWCA), 5th floor 128 W. Franklin Baltimore, Md. 21201 685-1460	Women	56 days	20
Corner House, 6th floor Same as the above	Women and children	56 days	20
Salvation Army (DSS) 1114 N. Calvert St. Baltimore, Md. 21202 889-8878	Families	3 days	14
Salvation Army Same as above	Women and Children	3 days	10
House of Ruth 2417 N. Calvert St. Baltimore, Md. 21202 889-7884	Women and children	14 days	20
Viva House 26 S. Mount St. Baltimore, Md. 21223 233-2049	Women and children	14 days	9
Trancare of Maryland 222 N. Monument St. Baltimore, Md. 21201 383-1180	Youth under 18	Not applicable	17
Fellowship of Lights 1500 N. Calvert St. Baltimore, Md. 21202 837-8955	Youth under 18	Not applicable	9
Project Place (DSS) 2022 St. Paul St Baltimore, Md. 21218 685-0525	Adults at risk	5 days	12

WHERE TO GET HELP

If you have problems getting help from these agencies give us a call.

Call MARYLAND WELFARE RIGHTS, 1817 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Street, Baltimore, MD 21231. 342-3827 or 342-1878.

"Pray for the dead, fight like hell for the living". Child Abuse 234-2235

Family Helpline (personal and family stress emergencies) 685-0525

Poison Control Center 528-7701

Rape Crisis Center 366-RAPE

Rum or Control Center 396-1188

Social Service Emergency 234-2172(day), 235-2235 (evening)

Benefits

Food Stamps 234-2222

Medical Assistance (Medicaid) 234-2031

Public Assistance 234-2222

Social Security and Medicare 792-7100

Unemployment Claims Information 383-6452

Veterans 396-0932

Legal Services

Housing Court 659-4655

People's Court 659-4664

Rent Court 659-4660

Traffic Court 837-4656

Better Business Bureau 685-6986

Consumer Protection Division 659-4300

Crime Prevention Information 396-3526

Eviction Prevention 539-2275

Lawyer Referral 539-3112

Legal Aid 539-5340

Parole and Probation 321-3666

Public Defender's Office 659-4900

Rent Escrow 659-4660

State's Attorney's Office 396-4726

Victim-Witness Assistance 396-1897

Employment

City Civil Service Application 396-3860

City Civil Service Employment Verification 396-3872

Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources

Over 60 Employment Service 752-7876

State Employment Services and Federal Employment Application 962-3822

Food

Bad Food Complaints (Stores Restaurants) 396-4424

Food Poisoning 396-4424

Food Sales Permit 396-3767

Weight and Measure Complaints 396-3506

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Groups For Concerns of Addiction

Al-Anon
6903 Mornington Road
Baltimore, MD. 21222
(301)823-1222
Mary V., 285-1674, Ellen D., 477-2550
Provides group counseling for spouses, siblings and friends of alcoholics, to help them cope.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
114 W. 25th Street
Baltimore, MD., 21218
(301)823-1222 (24 hours)
Thomas F. (301)467-4667
A group of men and women who share their experiences, strengths and hopes that they may solve their common problems and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement is the desire to stop drinking. Mode of functioning: group meetings.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
9100 Franklin Square Drive, Room 255
Baltimore, MD., 21237
Susan L. (301)760-9610
Offers fellowship for people for whom drugs had become a major problem. There are regular meetings to give support and help to "stay clean."

Overeaters Anonymous (OA)
(301)539-242 (24-hour answering service)
Marcia (301)825-1610; Enid (301)744-8871;
Lucille (301)761-1625; Jane (301)426-3994
Provides a fellowship for people to meet and share their experience, strength and hope with one another in order that they may solve their common problem, and help those who still suffer to recover from compulsive overeating.

Self-Pride
1229 W. Mount Royal Avenue
Baltimore, MD., 21217
(301)837-3977, (301)367-0262
(301)542-9318, (301)366-1717
Provides self-help resources to those individuals who, by virtue of their social or economic position, have fallen, or are susceptible to fall under the control and jurisdiction of criminal justice and substance abuse program.

Groups For Concerns Of Adoption

Black Adoptive Parents of Greater Baltimore
1516 N. Montford Avenue
Baltimore, MD., 21213
Jackie Garner, (301)563-0793
Parent support group seeking permanent homes for children with no homes. Referrals, search and advocacy for families and children. Meetings and activities.

This information is provided by the Episcopal Social Ministries of the Diocese of Maryland, Inc, and the Mental Health Association of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc. in their latest Directory of Self-Help and Mutual Support.

COLD WEATHER PROBLEMS?

The Fuel Fund

Apply at Department of Social Services.

The Fuel Fund helps people pay their fuel bills after they have received help from all other government programs.

A household cannot receive help from the fund any more than once a year.

Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. give $1 in bill credits for every $2 the Fuel Fund raises. Oil purchased from the fund is at a reduced price.

Households with higher incomes and financial problems such as unemployment or high medical bills, may still be eligible for help from the Fuel Fund.

Emergency Assistance for Families with children

Apply at Department of Social Services.

This program helps families with children, in emergencies, including fuel emergencies.

Help is available through this program only once in any year.

To receive help from this program, your children must be under the age of 16.

To get help for your gas and electric bill, you will need a turn-off notice from BG&E. Grants of up to $130 are available.

Telephone numbers to call for more energy information:

Associated Catholic Charities - 685-0123,

Weatherization and Energy Assistance - 396-5555.

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HCD has some medicine

Department of Housing and Community Development has some medicine.

For a tenant with no heat or not enough heat-Call Housing Inspection services.-396-4176

For a tenant displaced by fire-Call Relocation Services-396-4262. Nights, call City Operator-396-3100

For a senior citizen home-owner, over 60 and low-income. Emergency Repairs may be possible. Call Housing Inspection.-396-4170

For a low-income home-owner. Weatherization help (storm windows, attic insulation, weather-stripping of doors, and caulking.) Call Shelter Conservation.-396-6147

For most home-owners. Low-interest energy conservation loans. Call Energy Education.-396-9303

For any home-owner. Information about energy conservation, including specific suggestions about your home. Call Energy Education- 396-9303

Two specials for tenants who pay their own utility bills. Grants up to $5,000 for your landlord to weatherize your home if you live in Barclay or Greenmount West. Call Renter Energy.-396-4153

Weatherization and furnance cleaning for low-income tenants. Call Renter Energy.-396-6339

Greetings of the Season

Season's Greetings from the AFRO City Staff

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

These groups believe in neighbor's helping neighbors.

P.G. County
James Bardwell
1123 Eutaw St.
Baltimore, MD 21201

Mary Barnes
Hollander Ridge
2219 O'Dell Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21237

NAACP
Barbara Cooper
26 W. 25th St.
Baltimore, MD 21218
366-3300

All Peoples Congress
Annie Chambers
235-7040

Multi Purpose Center
Balto.Cherryhill
Mary Moss
2490 Giles Road
Baltimore, MD 21225
528-2286

O'Donnell Heights
Frannie Hemphill
633-2068

School No.8
Loretta Brown
10 S. Caroline St.
Baltimore, MD 21231

Murphy Homes Improvement Assn.
Carol Jordan
725 George St.
Baltimore, MD 21201
752-6644

Baltimore Welfare Rights
Paulette Harris
1817 E. Baltimore St.
Baltimore, MD 21231
342-3827 or 342-1878

Aletha Harriston
Anne Arundel County
551-6026

Jack Pierce
Prisoners Aid
310 N. Gay St.
Baltimore, MD 21202
727-8130

Reservoir Hill Community Assn
Bernice Payne
917 Whitelock St.
Baltimore, MD 21217
669-0077

Baltimore County
Shirley Pollard
7903 Brookford Circle
Baltimore, MD 21208
655-8517

Baltimore Tenants Assn.
Bill Scrivens
2451 N. Calvert St.
Baltimore, MD 21218

Carolyn Tooles
213 Admiral Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401
263-6289

Doris Johnson
1529 Gorsuch Ave.
Baltimore, MD
235-6721

Ralph Moore
St. Ambrose Housing Aide
321 E. 25th St.
Baltimore, MD 21218
235-5770

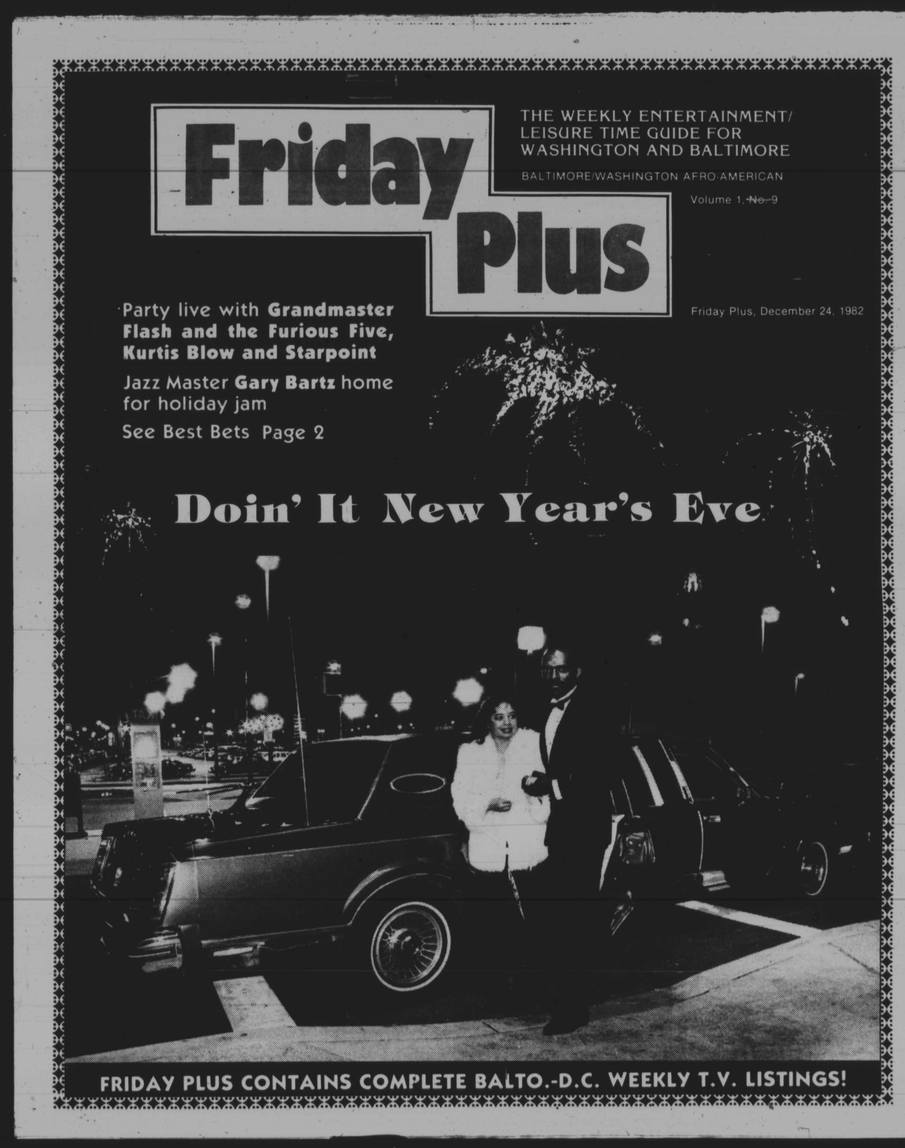
Wendy Hinton
Anne Arundel County
C.A.A.

Dr. Charles Simmons
SoJourner Douglass College
523-2414

Shirley Wise
Resident Advisory Board
222 Saratoga St.
396-3100

Dottie Moore
Howard County C.A.A.
3450 Court Dr.
Carroll Building
Ellicott City 21043

Carl Snowden
Anne Arundel County
C.A.A.



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