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You've just experienced a part of Tiesa's life. Tiesa's blind. She can't read newspapers, watch television or go to the movies. But with the training and education she receives from The Maryland School for the Blind, she leads a meaningful and productive life. The Maryland School for the Blind is just one of the educational institutions to receive financial assistance from the State Department of Education. In 1984, the General Fund will contribute over 811 million dollars in aid to the State Department of Education. The State General Fund continues to provide over 85% of the operating costs of The Maryland School for the Blind.

In 1984, the public education agencies will spend more than 35 cents of every General Fund dollar and almost 30 cents of every dollar appropriated. Sixty nine percent of these funds is budgeted to the State Department of Education to be used primarily for the support of elementary and secondary education.

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We hope this opened your eyes to a part of what the General Fund contributes to public education in the State of Maryland.

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MRS. SANTA SMILES as she accepts a check for $2,000 from Clyde Rucker, treasurer of the General Electric Community Fund of Columbia Maryland. The group helps many charities in the Baltimore area.

STATE POLITICOS SAY:

'DuBurns sold us out!'

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

He wanted to make his name in history.

Judging from remarks made by critics of City Council President Clarence Du Burns' choices for committee chairmanships, he has. Not covered in heroes glory, however, but mired in quisling infamy.

His first major act as an elected council president has drawn stinging and often bitter criticism from political and civic leaders in every corner of Baltimore.

Fallout from Burns' decision to name no blacks to chair major council committees and only one black among the council's seven chairpersons apparently has even created cracks within the Eastside Democratic Organization, his own political club.

Some organization members, who spoke on the condition they not be identified, angrily denounced Burns' decision.

"Ain't that some sh—," one said.

"It's enough to make you sick at your stomach," said another.

Others claimed to be unaware of Burns' action by late Wednesday, two days after the announcement, and refused to comment altogether.

Individuals from other parts of Baltimore were more candid in their criticism.

Del. Lary Young, D-39th, a Burns supporter during the fall campaign who spoke as a member of the Citizens Democratic Action Organization, said Burns had promised organization members on three occasions he would name more than one black council chairperson.

"On all three occasions and others Mr. Burns left no doubt he would include more blacks in key chairmanships. When asked specifically how many he said at least two," Young said. "This is one of the reasons we (CDAO) backed Du."

Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings D-40th, another Burns supporter during the campaign accused Burns of backroom politics, a charge echoed by others.

"It is very clear those appointments result from deals he made with whites, and don't reflect the support he got in the black community," Rawlings said.

Burns is suspected of having used promises of chairmanships as

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AFRO's Mrs. Santa needs $11,237 now

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa already knows about the hungry families in the Baltimore area. They are black and white and are people who for some reason have fallen on hard times.

Our culture is such that at the Christmas season many feel that if they could just have a hot dinner on the table with their family gathered around them... they can make it next year.

To date, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa has raised $18,763.00 and needs only $11,237.00 to make her goal of $30,000. Last year the program raised $34,000.

More than 1,187 have appealed to Mrs. Santa including 100 families from Pimlico Multi-Purpose Center and 100 from the Mayor's Adopt-A-Family.

We urge AFRO readers to share and care, so that we may help every family on our list...Whether with a food basket or coupons.

It is preferred that readers make a cash donation so that food may be purchased wholesale. All contributions are tax deductible. Write: AFRO Charities, 628 N. Eutaw St.; Baltimore, MD 21201.

To adopt a family, Call 728-[illegible] Monday to Friday.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES — No holiday season would be complete without a picture of Santa with some of his young believers. Here, Santa at Mondawmin Mall holds Bryan Blackwel and Jackie Thomas

2 down, 2 to go:

Escapee captured without struggle

By Tyrone Vines
AFRO Staff Writer

After being on the run for 13 days, Kevin M. Johnson was captured by two undercover officers, who observed him in conversation with a woman standing outside the Parkside Garden Apartments in northeastern Baltimore.

Responding to a phone tip similar to the one credited in the capture of John C. Booth, police officers were able to be in the right place at the right time. Johnson escaped from City Jail with three other inmates, causing the most intensive man-hunt in recent years.

According to Det. Paul Wingate of the Escapee and Apprehension Squad, their unit received a tip that Johnson was in the area of the 5100 block of Conant Way. We then dispatched a squad of two undercover officers to the scene, where they observed Johnson in casual conversation with a woman outside the Parkside Garden apartments.

Not chancing a possible hostage situation if they decided to speed up in the unmarked police car and arrest Johnson. Instead we sent a man and woman team posing as a couple taking a evening stroll. Slowly they wondered up to Johnson and his companion. Once the uncover officers were close enough to be heard they identified themselves and told Johnson that he was under arrest, police reports.

Det. Wingate stated that Johnson offered no resistance. He was handcuffed and transported to the Eastern

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Urban League head lashes out at black community problems

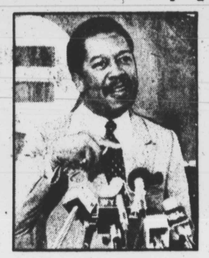
By Racine S. Winborne

Being a black woman and female, the single head of a household is met with two contributing factors, racism and sexism, that have aided the demise of the black family structure, according to John E. Jacobs, president of the National Urban League.

In Baltimore on Thursday for a day of interviews and an evening speaking engagement, he addressed a series of community related problems, each playing an intrinisic role in the general decline of the black community.

While admitting that the lack of a male presence, as both a father figure and mate, adds further complications, to a one parented environment, Jacobs submitted that, taken by itself, their absence does not create the balk of the problem.

He feels that America is much more willing to confront the crises that afflict America and is less willing to deal with the problems affecting blacks.



John E. Jacobs

Highlighting this point, Jacobs used the recent series of articles published by the Sun paper as example. Asked his opinion of the pieces, he stated, "It tended to be sensational without proposing solutions." He did acknowledge, however, that taken as a method of prodding people to action, the stories might be instrumental in inciting blacks to take a more active leadership stance in order to resolve the epidemic dilemmas confronting them.

He further contended that, the phenomena of single parented households is the direct result of poverty and not its cause. Isolating the crisis of teenage pregnancies, Jacobs depicted it to be yet another problem area.

By concentrating on the black male, a heretofore overlooked individual, NUL has involved such black fraternal organizations as Kappa Alpha Phi and Alpha Phi Alpha in the effort to create a more responsible black male parent.

A similar problem of male accountability lies in the alarming numbers of black on black crimes. Said Jacobs, "Crime is not a part of our black heritage. Prior to the 1950's we did not have the majority of the black male population in prison."

He painted a frightening scenerio of the average victim and the average assailant. The profile of each is almost identical. Both are black, poor, and male, with the lattern now totaling some 400,000 encarcerated inmates.

While there is cause for concern,

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Understanding the new phone company splitup

By Eddie King
AFRO Staff Writer

For nearly 100 years, Baltimore residents have depended on C&P to bring telephone services to them.

C&P was where they went to rent equipment, have it installed and maintained, and to be connected to the local and long distance telephone network.

All of these services will still be available, but no longer will a customer be dealing with just C&P. Instead he will deal with three companies in all.

On January 1, AT&T will not be C&P's boss. They will be two separate companies with C&P acting as its own boss, and as can be expected a great many changes will take place.

AT&T, however, is not leaving the city. It will provide two major services to customers while C&P keeps just one.

For example, one AT&T company will supply customers with telephone equipment. Where once equipment could be picked up from C&P, that will change on January 1. Even phone centers will belong to AT&T.

Another AT&T company will offer long distance service. It will be along the same lines as Sprent or MCI, private long distance companies; however one major difference between AT&T and other long-distance companies is that a customer would still receive his long distance bill with his regular C&P bills. Other long distance companies will bill separately.

While AT&T will be supplying these services, C&P will continue to provide local telephone service. That's all it will do.

C&P will not, after January 1, own the telephone equipment customers presently have. Since the equipment will not be owned by the company, then it will not be responsible for that.

"We want everyone to realize that they will be dealing with three different companies in the future, but will still receive only one monthly bill and make payment to only one com-

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LOTTERY

The lotto jackpot prize for the drawing to be conducted Dec.17 will have a single annuity value of approximately $2,400,000.

Martin Puncke, director of the Maryland State Lottery said this is the largest single lottery prize that has ever been available in the Maryland Lottery. The drawing will be 7:35 p.m. Saturday on WJZ-TV.

The lottery numbers for December were:

PICK 3

12/8/83	882
12/9/83	048
12/10/83	052
12/12/83	262
12/13/83	208
12/14/83	550

PICK 4

12/8/83	4236
12/9/83	0870
12/12/83	9870
12/13/83	5101
12/14/83	4446

LOTTO

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SUBSCRIPTION GAME

12/14/83

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5-digit:	47500
4-digit:	2113

NAACP meets on Sunpapers series

By R.B. Jones

An angry vocal community attended the NAACP meeting Tuesday at John Wesley Methodist Church and voted unanimously to endorse recommendations contained in a position paper delivered by Dr. Samuel Banks. The paper was in response to a Sun series on black single mothers. The reading of the paper evoked spirited debate on the best way for the community to answer what many of the people in the meeting believed to

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NOTES IN THE NEWS

His release from prison on bail after 14 months and a court order for a new trial have left Lewell Geter of Dallas with mixed emotions.

The 26-year old black engineer had been convicted in October, 1982 for the robbery of a suburban Dallas restaurant. Defense attorneys claimed he was working at a nearby Greenville, Tex. electronics company.

Widespread media attention focused on the trial have played a contributing factor in an appellate court's decision to return the case for a lower court, it has been speculated.

NAACP officials said racism was the principal reason for the original conviction and turned the case into a national cause celebre.

This week Geter said, "I just want to relax. I've gone through a lot of adversity in the past 14 months. I'm overjoyed right now, I can't really express my emotions."

Lewell Jeter

A new trial date has not been set.

The name of Circuit Court Judge R. Hargrove has been resubmitted to the Senate by President Reagan this week after the nomination last month ran into a tricky parliamentary maneuver championed by a southern senator that was designed to block another appointment. Hargrove had been named to a vacany on Maryland's U.S. District Court.

Soon after the nomination failed to receive action by the Senate's Judiciary Committee, a group of Maryland Republicans asked the president to make Judge Hargrove a recess appointment until confirmation could be secured when the Senate returned in January.

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TATTLETALES

Well, my deah, we never expected such a reaction to the reappearance of ye olde tattletales, but the response was really overwhelming--we are flattered. And for those of you who objected--fie! We're going to do it anyway.

WE ONLY HEARD that one of our leading lights in the business world was nearly named one of the managers of the Billy Murphy for Mayor campaign, and was being counted in the Murphy camp as a positive.

But, sweets, when the list was published of the maximum campaign contributors to the election of William Donald Schaefer, mayor, listed was Robert Clay, Inc., Fort McHenry Tunnel, $1,000; and Robert Clay Inc., Trucking, $1,000.

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WE ONLY HEARD that while the politicking was going on over city council chairmanships, the battle over the selection of the vice president hinged on a so-called "deal between Rikki Spector and Tom Gallagher.

The way we heard it, Rikki agreed to bow out of the race, since Gallaher would be retiring before the end of his term. At that point, he would be succeeded by Rikki. It's all supposed to happen next year. But then--we only heard..

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