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Parren & Pindernugnes appailed!

UNCF telethon over \$10 million



THROUGH · HALFWAY **TELETHON for the United Negro College** Fund last weekend, Gregory Hines (left)

star of the movie "Cotton Club" watches the toteboard figure with singer Lou Rawls, host of the telethon.

By Tea Montier

AFRO Staff Writer The purchasing of food products from South Africa for use in Baltimore's public schools has come under sharp criticism by Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

In a letter to Alice Pinderhughes, superintendent of the city schools, Mitchell requested that the situation be immediately corrected.

On a recent visit to one of our bblic schools I was appalled to learn that food products from South Africa are being stocked in some of the cafeterias," the conressman wrote.

"It is simply incredible," he stated, ".. that at a time when the racist government of South Africa is becoming even more repressive, showing even more contempt for the blacks of South Africa that we would utilize South African products in our public schools.

The school system of Baltimore is not directly responsible for buying items used in its cafe-

According to Howard Hartsfield, assistant superintendent of business management for the city's school system, all items and foods needed are brought through the city's Bureau of Purchases.

The schools submit a list of food

items needed, and the Bureau in turn puts the contract out for

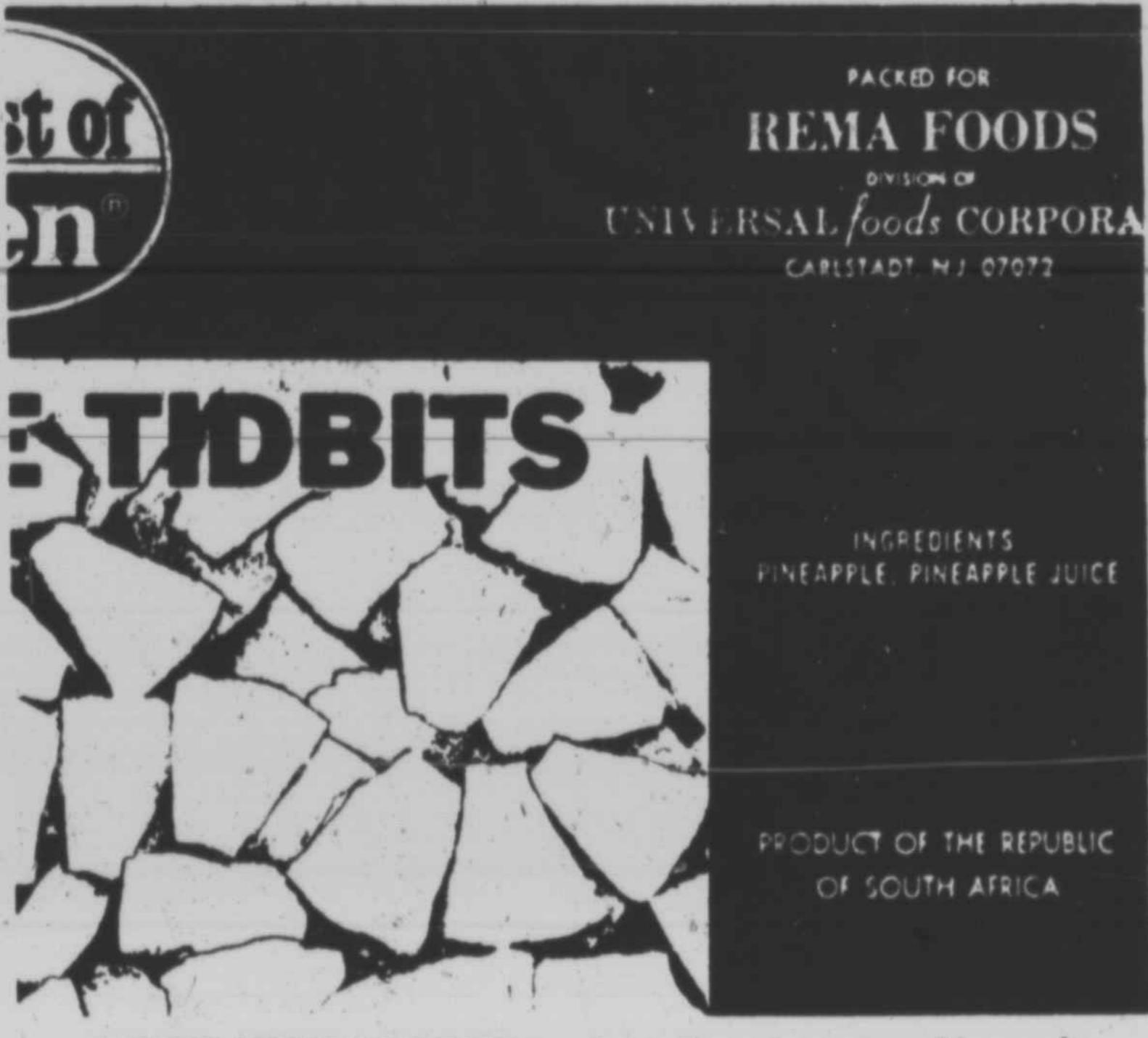
Whomever is the lowest bidder is then awarded the contract. The Bureau of Purchases also buys items for the city jail and other city departments and facilities. "It's not our intention to sub-

sidize any products from South

Africa." declared Hartsfield. "We did not know Mrs. Pinderhughes and I am very glad the congressman brought this to our attention.

In our specifications in the future we will request that we receive no goods from South Africa. We can do that.

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SOUTH AFRICAN FOOD products have been found in use in the city schools at a time when much of the world is repudiating the country and its racial practices.

IN OPEN COURT NEXT WEDNESDAY

Lil Melvin, Hawkins hire 4 lawyers win new bail hearing on Jan. 9

By Elizabeth M. Oliver A battery of four lawyers, two of them recently hired, is set to prove that Little Melvin Williams and Glenn Hawkins are being il-

legally held in jail without bail. In the unprecedented move, they have won a new hearing by a panel of three robed Federal judges next Wednesday, Jan. 9 at the U.S. Courthouse, 101 W. Lombard St. in Baltimore.

The persistent attorneys who say they will take the case which has denied the two men bail "to the Supreme Court if necessary" are Nelson R. Kandel, Howard Cardin, John Zweling and Michael S. Lieberman.

The government has contended that Williams and Hawkins are a danger to society, might flee if released on bail and probably would continue engaging in illegal narcotics traffic.

The four attorneys contend that the prosecution's presumption that Williams and Hawkins are "dangerous", may flee if turned loose or may return to narcotics distribution, are only presumptions made before the two men have had a fair trial.

"Such assumptions strike at the basic precepts of the U.S. Constitution that all men are in-

nocent until proven guilty."

Kandel states. The lawyers also contend that a recent law signed three months ago permitting Federal jurists to deny bail in a criminal case is unconstitutional and "operates on mere prediction" and allows

punishment on past conduct and before the defendant has a trial.

The fight the Melvin and Hawkins attorneys are waging is unprecedented in Maryland in that the new law signed by President Reagan on Oct. 12, 1984 has not been challenged in presenta-

1985 ushered in with a hail of gunfire

By Elizabeth M. Oliver Gunfire was heard inside the Club Afrika, formerly the Club Astoria about an hour before the New Year was ushered in by the pow-pow of fireworks elsewhere around town.

The popular night spot in the 1300 block Edmondson Avenue was the scene of a near fatal shooting about 10:45 p.m. New Years Eve.

Injured was David Cox, 35, 3000 block Oak Hill Rd., who received gunshot wounds of the chest and right leg by an unidentified customer carrying what police Police state that Cox, a cashier

at Club Afrika, had attempted to get the assailant to leave the establishment earlier in the evening. Evidently angered at being

asked to leave, the suspect

brought out his gun and fired. Police are searching for the man supposed to be named "Lonnie" who is about 30 years of age. of brown complexion, five foot, eight inches tall, 160 pounds and wearing a black jacket, black trousers and brown hat.

NEW YEARS EVE MURDER A gun murder occurring New Years Eve found the victim shot in the heart and lying in the gut-

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Court as "unconstitutional." The battle in open court Jan. 9

is before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Should Williams and Hawkins lose this round, the case could go to the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Francis D. Murnaghan

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and two additional judges are sitting in the Baltimore court as they are permitted to do since Maryland is in the Fourth Federal Circuit.

Williams and Hawkins at this time are appearing before the court on a Bail hearing only. The trial on the charges that they have violated narcotics laws will come later in Federal Court in Alexandria, VA.

The two have been indicted by the Federal grand jury as having attempted in the summer of 1984 to purchase and subsequently distribut over \$100,000 in cocaine and if found guilty could face 35 years in prison.

Federal prosecutors allege that a U.S. undercover agent was offered \$100,000 in \$100 bills for the illegal narcotics, "four kilos of

Specifically, the bail hearing Continued on page 2

General assembly will get funeral aid bill

By Valerie Smith-Madden AFRO Staff Writer

When family members frequently cannot express love and concern while a person is living. they attempt to convey their feelings with a lavish funeral.

Thus, for many people, the elaborateness of a funeral is often viewed as an indicator of a fami ly's love for the deceased.

At a time when the family is most vulnerable, wise use of funds for burial costs is mandatory. More importantly, the family wants to make sure that the deceased is "put away

It should be remembered. however, that a family's love is not measured by how much money is spent on the funeral and

funeral is often an excessive/ burden. Many poor are barely making ends meet; some aren't able to do that. Often, those families must look to some type of assistance to help them bury their dead.

Delegates Howard "Pete" Rawlings and Clarence "Tiger" Davis, (D-45th) will co-sponsor a bill that will raise the amount of the Emergency Assistance Grant from \$400 to \$900. This grant is

available for those who need help with burial expenses.

This bill has been introduced into each legislative session for the past five years.

According to Terry Bolger, Deputy Director of the city's Income Maintenance Bureau, the deceased must be receiving one of the following in order for the next of kin to apply for the grant: Public Assistance to Adults, Aid to Dependent Children, Supplemental Security Income. General Public Assistance or, Maryland State Supplement.

Persons who die in a nursing home and were receiving medical assistance at the home. but formerly received assistance from four other programs, are also eligible.

In addition, children getting For the poor, the cost of a Foster Care Funds under the Social Services administration (MD) are eligible, as are newborns. "If a newborn dies before the mother gets a chance to add them to her grant, we allow that the infant be covered for up to 60 days.

The second requirement is that the people applying must not be able to contribute for the funeral. If the person handling the funeral arrangements have access to the

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Draw poker machines payoff still illega!

By Eddie King AFRO Staff Writer In case you didn't know it, payoffs on draw poker machines

are illegal. Police have begun to crackdown on owners and renters of draw poker machines who participate in what has been termed as "illegal activity." This means a payoff to players who ac-

Many have been arrested ithin the last two weeks due to Board of Liquor License Comssioners' rule declaring "no icense shall allow his premises to be used for the purpose of gambling in any form."

The recent crackdown on vending machine owners, especially who carry draw poker achines, has come about as a esult of a nationwide report suggesting that owners of these games can be suspected of some illicit activity, according to Liquor Board spokesman Aaron

Stansbury said the department found that gambling was prevalent on these machines. Gambling on the draw poker machines comes about when players are paid an amount of money based on the accumula-

tion of a certain number of To confirm such details, policemen go into a vending machine establishment undercover, observe, and once convinced of illegal gambling activity return with a search and seizure

warrant. Stansbury acknowledged that since the first group of cases are coming before the board this week, no one knows exactly what

the penalties will be. "Each case will be decided individually. In one case, the money seized by police was forfeited to the state.

Rev. Meade eulogized at Thurs. services



EULOGIZING REV. EDMOND MEADE is Rev. William Brown one of the many

clergymen who came to pay tribute to the longtime Baptist Minister.

Rev. Edmond D. Meade. church leader, pastor and civic leader was funeralized Thursday morning at Israel Baptist Church, where he pastored for 38

Ministerial colleagues, political figures, civic leaders and ordinary people paid tribute to the prominent churchman who touched many people's lives in his 45 years of pastoring in Baltimore.

During his long career in the ministry Rev. Meade held many religious and civic positions. He was president of the Maryland Baptist Convention, president of the Baptist Ministers Conference.

Rev. Meade also served on the Johns Hopkins Hospital Visiting Clergy Staff and with the Citizens Housing Planning and Association.

A native of King and Queen County Virginia, Rev. Meade was born in 1903. He received his primary and secondary educa-

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