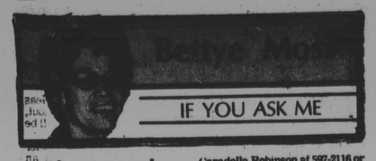

About people

New baby notes - It's a girl and a first for the Lindsay Hawkinses (Catherine Russell), of Vickers Rd. Infant weighed in at 9¼ pounds on Sunday morning, Oct. 27 at Sinai Hospital. Mom's the postal worker, dad's with Amtrak.

Maternal grandma is Mrs. Thelma Russell of Bare Hill. Great grandma is Mrs. Catherine Long of West Baltimore. Paternal grands are Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Hawkins, (Lorraine of Sykesville.

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And, it's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Jacob DeWitt Howard 3rd, Michele), Brittany tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 13 oz., also on Sunday at Sinai Hospital.

Dad is the West Baltimore housing manager. Proud grands are Elaine and DeWitt Howard and Anna Jackson. Also happy about the event is older brother, 3-year-old Christopher DeWitt Howard.

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Birthday hellos this week (Oct. 30) for Mrs. Gertrude Steele, 1811 Lou St. Many know her as the dedicated Sunday School Teacher and choir member at Wayland Baptist Church, and as an executive Secretary at this newspaper.

Baltimore's Capt. Rodger Murphy Matthews was promoted to major. He's with a U.S. Army Helicopter unit in Holland. His dad, AFRO editor Bob Matthews, was there to see him get his new wings this weekend.

More people

Baltimore NAACP is inviting supporters to contribute to the building fund for the new national headquarters due to open soon on a 3-acre site in Northwest Baltimore's Seton Industrial Park.

A $500 pledge entitles giver to a brick plaque, photo of the 5-story building. For $1,000 a framed photo. A $10,000 pledge merits giver's photo on the plaque.

For more information, call the Baltimore NAACP office at 366-3300.

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Something else new: Innovative Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion Church has something else new going — The Zion Echoes Dinner Theatre

They present, "I Object Your Hobor - This Must Be The Wrong Place," on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. Buffet and show are $15. Sounds like a real treat.

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More coming events: — Retirement celebration honoring Social Security employee, Marjorie (Marge) Green, whom many know as editor of this newspaper's Woodlawn Highlights column. It's Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. at Grey Rock Mansion.

For ticket information, call Caradella Robinson at 597-2116 or Doris Street at 594-1174.

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Forest Park Branch of Enoch Pratt Library marks its 75th anniversary, also on Nov. 10, at 3 p.m., at the branch, 3023 Garrison Blvd.

Baltimore's own author, Freddie Olivia Durant, (she wrote "Donaldson Mansion" - the story of the struggles of a pioneer black woman), will be the guest speaker.

John E. Saunders is president of the Friends of Enoch Pratt Library planning this interesting event. Admission is free.

O' Nose

Members of that Baltimore city men's club did it again on Friday evening. Their annual autumn festival at Blue Crest was as elegant as ever.

Members were gracious as they greeted guests at the door, pinned lady guests with orchids and made everyone feel special. It was like old home week.

Cocktails and chatter in the Warren Room, with dinner and dancing in the ballroom. The Dennis Fisher combo was at its best.

Members continued their tradition of honoring charter member, Earl Bundara; presented $500 scholarship this year to local vocational school student.

And they paused to say get well for absent member, Dr. Roland Williams. Others members are: Norman Branch, Clarence Dyson, Otis D. Froe, William E. Griggs, Clarence H. Hiller, Edward McDaniels, William Mumby Robert L. Quaries, Melvin Smith, Ralph L. Williams;

Malcolm Chamberlain, Lorenzo Felder, Harrison A. Fuller, Raymond Haysbert, Argin Hutchins, Marcellus Moore, Talley Portee, J. C. Reaves, Joseph R. R. Walker and member emeritus Samuel B. Newton,

Cuff Note: Granville Hillen, a guest at party, entered Good Samaritan Hospital this week.

Cyril Atkins

Dr. Cyril F. Atkins and his wife, Dorothy Eaton Atkins have been known by many as two of our town's kindest persons. Dr. Atkins, a beloved chemistry professor at Morgan State University, died Saturday. He was 86.

Funeral services were Thursday at Grace Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder.

Dr. Atkins taught at Morgan from 1947 to 1975, was noted as a specialist in organic chemistry. He was born in Barbados, received his bachelor's from Tufts College, and his master's and doctorate from the U. of Iowa.

Fellow members of King David Lodge, Prince Hall Masons, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity conducted fraternal rites.

Thinking - of - you cards to Mrs. Atkins at their Memorial Gardens Home. She is the retired Baltimore County teacher.

Other survivors: Son, Marshall F. Atkins, with the U.S. Embassy in Yaounde, Cameroon, who flew home with his wife Freida; daughter, Sylvia A. Wilson, the Douglass High teacher and wife of William L. Wilson, Sr., the Able Lab head in Columbia.

Also surviving, grandchildren, Navy Lt. Marshall W. Atkins, San Diego; Hope A. Smythe, Orange, Calif chemist and wife of Mark Smythe, also a chemist; Melanie A. Wilson, a sophomore at Hampton Institute, and William L. Wilson, Jr., a Baltimore County high school senior.

Blair Lee

"In his 16 months as governor, he accomplished what no other governor had done in 350 years. He appointed the first black judge (Harry A. Cole), to the state's highest court, Md. Court of Appeals, and the first woman (the late Rita Davidson) ..."

Larry S. Gibson, the U. of Md. Law professor, made the observation on Tuesday afternoon. He was among the 700 persons present for memorial services for Blair Lee, III, 69, at Grace Episcopal Church in Silver Spring.

Governor Lee, as he was fondly called even after he left office, was the kind Montgomery County member of a FFOM (First Family of Md.) In 1971, he was elected the first lieutenant governor in modern times, and led the state government in 1977 when Marvin Mandel was indicted for corruption. Harry Hughes defeated him in 1978.

A number of black elected officials and leaders were in the crowd which filled the historic Lee family church for the simple hour-long rites.

Highlight was the eulogy by son, Blair Lee 4th. He gave intimate glimpses of his dad's influence on the family and the role played by their forebearers. There was frequent laughter as he recounted stories about his dad — the most when he told the pajama story.

His dad could not get use to the service in the mission and he objected to having his pajamas laundered each night. One morning, he hid them in the medicine closet. Lo and behold, he found them there pressed and folded.

Thoughtful

The son said his dad was the same thoughtful person in public life, as he was in private life.

We found this true too-back in 1977, when we hosted the first reception in our community.

Echoing this sentiment was U of Md. Board of Regents member A. Paul Moss, who said, "Blair was thoughtful and fair; a gentle man eager to help in solving problems. His knowledge of higher education financing in the state was a great help to the regents when he served as chair of the finance committees."

Also attesting to Blair Lee's kindness and concern for others was Doug DeLeaver, an early arrival at the services. he observed, "I was one of his bodyguards for four years, the first black bodyguard hired in Annapolis. He was a super guy."

Today, DeLeaver is a sergeant with the Md. State Police Special Service Division. With him were Cpl. Floyd C. Jones, II with the Md. State Police Automotive Division, and Lonnie R. Robbins, administrator with the Department of General Services real estate division.

More there

Faces in the crowd gathered to greet the Lee family who received them on the steps of the church: - Baltimore State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke. Montgomery County NAACP president Charles Hubusch, the county's minority advisor, Dr. Vance Walker, and Roscoe Means.

And UM regent Dr. Joel Carrington and Mrs. Carrington, (Vera), and former regent, Edward Hurley.

UM professor and former Morgan U president, Dr. Andrew Billingsley was there, to.

So was Army Sgt. Gordon Pinkney of Roslyn Ave., Baltimore, Diver for Md. National Guard Generals.

Cuff note: Those Baltimore city residents who are annoyed by leaves which keep the streets filled this time of the year can learn here that everybody has the same problem. The leaves are a nuisance in Montgomery County, too!

Mailbag

Attorney Martin P. Welch writes about our Oct. 19th article, entitled "Thoughtful"

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you for your thoughtful article subtitled "Thoughtful."

You brought to the public's attention an annual memorial fund in my mother's honor that would benefit the American Heart Association, Maryland Affiliate, Incorporated.

This Fund was established by a group of dedicated active and retired Baltimore City Public School teachers who worked with my late mother.

I am certain that your column will make others aware of this memorial fund and will better enable the American Heart Association to aid others.

I would, however, bring to your attention that an apparent misprint appeared. My late mother's name was Palestine L. Welch and not Pauline E. Welch and she taught for many years at Edgecombe Circle Elementary School No. 62 and not Edgecomb Elementary School.

Certain potential givers to this memorial fund may not have the opportunity to give if they are unable to identify my late mother or the public school she was associated with.

Again I wish to thank you for your coverage of this project that will benefit our entire community. —MARTIN P. WELCH

Editor's Note: Thanks for the correction

Kelly Hill

SINGLE PARENTING

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND THE SINGLE PARENT

I keep hearing more and more about new businesses cropping up here in Baltimore City. It seems as if the race for starting your own business has finally sprung! However, the majority of these new entrepreneurs seem to be women. women starting their own businesses from stenographic and thesis typing services right down to human resource corporations.

For the single parent trying to break into the "OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS" world, it would certainly pay off to attend at least one session of the First Friday Networking Group. The exchange of laughter through a social atmosphere, not to mention a new place to meet other folks each month, will enhance any business minded person's curiosity.

Upon my arrival, I was greeted very cheerfully by a young woman who instructed me to promptly fill out an application. I was asked if I was a first time guest, and with my answer being yes, I was quickly given a name tag with my name on it and a small piece of ribbon at attached to the tag.

The event was held at Morgan's McKeldin Center which provided FF guests and members with the option of dancing, socializing or playing pool . . . played by both men and women.

Somehow or another this group gave me a totally picturesque look on the business world. Not only did it give me the opportunity to meet people who either had their own businesses or worked for big companies such as Black & Decker and perhaps some Fortune 500 companies, but this also gave me the opportunity to find out the advantages of networking with other entrepreneurs.

As the evening continued more and more business professionals began to fill the place. First Friday members also celebrated their first anniversary. Reginald Williams, president, and other officers certainly deserve a handshake.

As I left, feeling quite satisfied with their concept of networking for new entrepreneurs, I could not help but feel a sense of satisfaction.

So, single parents if you are thinking about starting your own business, or if you already have your own business, it would certainly pay off to network with First Friday members.

The November business meeting for Black Single Parents, Inc. will take place on Saturday, November 2, at the 32nd Street Plazha from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

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Improve your life a step at a time, by degrees. The first step is to visit The Maxwell House Black College Fair.

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By the way...

By Joe Black

If our Black communities have realistic plans to improve living conditions, one thing is perhaps more important than anything else.

Our Black communities need to grow.

By growing, I don't mean in population. Or in area. Or in new building starts. Our communities must begin to grow economically.

The reason for economic growth is simple. We must establish and attract business to our communities.

But, to attract new business, we are faced with some nasty, old business we have to take care of first.

The business of curbing crime in our communities.

We must all begin to give greater respect to law and order, and stop remaining silent when we see it being broken. We must stop excusing Black crime, and turning our eyes away from it when we see it happening.

Black robbing, and extorting from Black business is not beautiful. We need to weed out that insidious element from our neighborhoods, soon. We have to stand together and stamp out the parasites who call us brother to our faces, then rob us blind when our backs are turned.

I simply can't believe that Black crime is the result of years of deprivation and oppression. If so, why aren't we all stealing and killing?

Let us stand strong against crime. All of us. When we do, we will make our neighborhoods far more attractive to business. Which, in turn, will create more jobs. And reduce insurance rates. And add millions of dollars to our spendable income.

Consider for a moment: Can crime do as much for all of us?

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

—Football hero

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Williams was a junior at Lansdowne Senior High School, as well as, the starting quarterback for the school's varsity football team. He lived only a few blocks from the school, and he died in the 200 block Third Ave., also nearby.

"No one believed it at first. Why him? He played with so much determination last game. You could see it; he was bound to come up with a win sooner or later," said Barry Atwaters a sophomore at Lansdowne who is white.

The school's football team lost badly to Catonsville High last Saturday, bringing their season's record to a winless 0 and 8. However, students who attended the game said that Williams played with rugged determination.

"From the way he played, you could never tell that the team was losing. He never gave up, no matter far behind he was. He always thought he could win," said a Lansdowne senior, Perry Lucas.

According to Cpl. Uppercue, county police received the call at about 3:28 p.m. and arrived at the scene minutes later to find young Williams sprawled out on the floor of the second floor bedroom near the edge of a bed at the home.

County police said that Williams was apparently visiting one of two young white girls. The two girls were 13 and 14 years of age. A friend of Williams, who asked not to be identified, said that Williams visited the young white girl, but planned to leave and go to football practice afterwards.

"Fooball practice starts at around 4:30 and Ernie was always there. When practice started and I didn't see him, I said: "What's up?" said Lionel Powell, who lives across the street from the football field.

County police said that the bullet struck Williams in the crown of his head and suggested that the single action .22 caliber Ruger model revolver discharged while the 13-year old girl was checking the ammunition chamber to see if the weapon was loaded.

"From the story the 14-year old girl told us, it was an accident. She said that Ernest was sitting on the edge of the bed in a second floor bedroom when she (the 13-year old) removed the revolver from a closet," Uppercue told the AFRO.

In a Wednesday meeting with an AFRO reporter, Uppercue explained that unlike conventional revolvers, the Ruger model's ammunition chamber does not swing out to load, and each cylinder must be checked and loaded individually through a "port" opening located on the left side of the gun.

"The hammer must be fully cocked in order for the chamber to turn and only one cylinder can be seen at a time. What may have happened is that the trigger was touched accidentally and the girl was unaware that there was a bullet in the chamber ready for fire. When the hammer is fully cocked, it doesn't take very much pressure to release it," Uppercue explained and demonstrated with his own revolver.

The county police spokesman also stated that the gun which killed Williams was registered in the 13-year old mother's name and was being held by police for evidence.

Uppercue reported that Lansdowne High Security Chief Ken Lambert told him that on several occasions, other students have said the girl has played with the gun in her home while they visited.

According to county police, the 13-year old girl's mother said that she never had seen or heard of Ernest Williams, but the 14-year old girl said that he (Williams) was the 13-year old girl's boyfriend. When asked if such was true, the 13-year old denied it, police said.

"We don't know what the relationship was. We have reason to believe it was friendly," Uppercue said.

According to AFRO sources, the incident happened as a result of an argument which developed as Williams was breaking off a relationship with one of the young white girls and starting anew with the other.

Uppercue told the AFRO, "The 13-year old girl's mother has informed us that her daughter could not be questioned without a lawyer present."

However, the girl was taken into custody Monday morning and released to her mother Tuesday after a detention hearing held at Juvenile Circuit Court in Towson.

Uppercue explained that the girl hasn't been charged because police have not yet determined what actually occurred.

"The other girl (the 14-year old) needs no lawyer, but Public Defender Mark Scully is advising the other girl. Although we tend to believe the other girl's story, we list the case as suspicious," Uppercue told the AFRO.

—Affirmative action

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and regulations are not being enforced, why bother with the positions," she said.

In 1972, Title 7 of the Civil Rights Act was included in the law, an amendment that allowed for the creation of affirmative action professionals in the academic, private and public sectors who would monitor policies, advocate for women and minorities and try to maintain the government executive order.

Lawyer, who's employed at Montgomery College, has seen growth and the impression the program has had on her institution.

"When I got here I made the fourth woman in an administrative position. There were two glorified secretaries, myself and another. Today, 85 percent of the administrators are women and 15 percent minorities," she said.

Steve Carter, an MAAAO spokesperson, employed at the state level, sees Maryland as a progressive state.

"We've been progressive in developing programs and in contracting minority firms for service delivery."

Although he admitted, "the attitudes ain't what they ought to be. It's eroding at least."

Delegate Larry Young of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus thinks that Maryland's Affirmative Action policies are in dire need of inspection and charged those who are supposed to guarantee the enforcement.

"The biggest contributors to the lack of the enforcement are the cabinet secretaries of the Hughes Administration.

"The administration appointed 5 white deputies. Of the 7 assistant secretaries, 5 white and 2 black, two were reduced from full-timers to part-timers, the two were black. The Governor himself has one black executive assistant out of 15. He has had a Fair Practices Executive Order on his desk for two years. He hasn't signed it yet.

"I would say that we're not ready for the panic button, but we'd better elect a governor who will be responsive to equal opportunity and affirmative action," he said.

Young and a task force are working on a report for the governor, the legislature and the public, he said.

Earlier this week, representatives of 48 branch and regional offices of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) were in Baltimore for their annual meeting, Monday, at the Tremont Hotel.

EEOC is the federal agency that enforces federal laws against discrimination. Born out of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Commission of 5 Presidential appointees was enacted July 1, 1965, during the Johnson Administration.

According to Fred W. Alvarez, 36, the youngest of 5 Presidential appointees and local executive director Heywood Perry, called the affair a meeting of district directors and chief lawyers to talk about enforcement.

The commission's job is to sift through charges of discrimination and determine who is to be sued (prosecuted) by the federal agency.

Alvarez said that people are amazed to learn that under this administration a record number of cases have been filed. He did admit that a record number of charges have been leveled also.

The four different blood types were distinguisher by an Austrian pathologist, Karl Landersteiner.

—Westside toxic

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cars will be put.

At the meeting, Del. Cummings asked EPA officials for a second security guard. One was posted as soon as state environmental officials learned of the problem.

After some discussion, EPA officials relented and said another guard would be posted.

Cummings said he is asking Police Commissioner Bishop Robinson to ask him to provide increased surveillance of the building. "We'd like them to do a check every half-hour around the clock and to check to make sure the building is well-secured and see that no one enters the building when the people from EPA aren't working."

Cummings said he's asking Robinson to see that his men "assist the EPA, city and state during the clean-up in anyway they deem appropriate."

"We hope the officers will pay special attention to the children in the area in hope that they don't go into the danger zone," he added.

Cummings and the other delegates present are sending a letter to the mayor, inquiring about his part in the incident. "It's our belief that somebody in the city administration dropped the ball and we're asking him to look into it."

Del. Young said he was pleased with the meeting's turnout, and that another meeting will be called soon.

Young said that he and other legislators will be keeping an "eye" on the clean-up.

The first Presidential news conference to be televised was held by President Eisenhower on January 19, 1955.

STOP Squad has made 5,000 plus drug busts

During 1970, the Baltimore Police Department foresaw a need for a flexible unit whose personnel possessed a wide range of expertise.

That unit would be required to perform several diversified law enforcement functions, such as, crime prevention, investigation, surveillance, criminal intelligence, crowd control, undercover operations and narcotics enforcement. Lt. James H. Watkins was chosen to head that unit which consisted of fifty officers and supervisors.

During the formulation stage, Lt. Watkins named that unit "Special Tactical Operations Patrol" (S.T.O.P. Squad).

During the S.T.O.P. Squad's first year, its primary function was re-directed towards the enforcement of the narcotic laws at the street level.

In carrying out that mandate, Lt. Watkins solicited and received the cooperation of several key members of the community.

That cooperation lead to the arrest and conviction of over three hundred drug dealers and the removal of significant amounts of dangerous drugs from the streets of Baltimore City.

To date, the S.T.O.P. Squad has made in excess of 5,000 drug-related arrests and has seized drugs with a street value of over one million dollars. The street value of one seizure alone exceeded $250,000.

Several of the original and subsequent members of the S.T.O.P. Squad are still with the Baltimore Police Department and they attribute their climb through the ranks to that unit. Some of those members are Major Marcellus Boles, Major Regis Raffensberger, Major John Barnes, Captain Bernard Harper, Lt. William Smith, Lt. Kenneth Anderson, Lt. Joseph Johnson, Sgt. Norman Parker, Sgt. Roger Nolan and Sgt. Alvin Winkler.

On Aug. 23, the present and former members of the S.T.O.P. Squad held a fifteen year reunion.

During that function, several citizens of Baltimore were recognized for their continued loyalty and support of the S.T.O.P. Squad and the Baltimore Police Department.

Those honored were Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Oliver, Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, George Collins and Mrs. Estelle Stanley, Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson and Lt. Col. James H. Watkins, retired, were also honored.

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