—Fire victims

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check from public assistance, but it seems like they're giving me the runaround. Red Cross has given me clothes and several vouchers. My children are staying with my mother," Mrs. Thomas told the AFRO.

Since the fire, Mrs. Thomas' children have moved in with their grandmother, but they expect their family to be almost back to normal after a few weeks.

"Everyone is helping each other since the fire. The Red Cross donated some clothes for my children, but they still need a lot more. My daughter's boyfriend is a real nice guy; I think he will try to help," Mrs. Thomas said.

"Ida has been my best friend since I was about 14. We've always been close. I've never been through anything like this before and I never want to go through it again, but when it happened I knew that I could depend on Ida. I didn't even know it, but when the house first burned, she was the one who contacted my parents. She has been a great help," Mrs. Thomas added.

Thursday morning some of the fire victims were lodged at the North Ave. Motel on North Ave. near Howard St. Two of those victims who found temporary comfort at the North Ave. Motel had gotten over the shock of learning that they would have to make other living arrangements.

According to reports, owners of the apartments plan to refurbish the buildings, although no date to begin work has been set.

On his way moving some of his belongings to a friend's house from the North Ave. Motel Thursday, Marvin Long told the AFRO, "I'm here because the manager of the apartments said that we couldn't stay because the power was cut off. The Red Cross has paid for my hotel room since Monday, but I'll be glad when I get back into a place of my own."

Long told how he learned that his apartment had burned, "I was really shocked. I was coming back from the laundromat with some clean clothes and I saw all of these fire engines.

"I have no real complaints other than some of my stuff was burned. I think the owners of the apartment complex treated me real decent and the Red Cross was really a big help.

"I'm very thankful that no one was injured. Knowing no one was hurt is enough to make me not worry about anything that I lost," Long said.

Enjoying the color television in room 209, displaced Cecilia Williams told the AFRO," It doesn't really bother me that much that we won't have a real big Christmas this year...It's just one of those things.

"I think that I'll be alright. I was able to save a lot of my things, but my sister got burned out. I want to try to make things a little better for her if I can."

Wednesday night a couple of friends dropped by the North Ave. Motel to keep Ms. Williams company. Tondelsya Satchell who lives just around the corner from the fire site came and she brought her two daughters, Sandy and Shelly.

"We just wanted to come by and cheer up Cecilia; we've been friends for a long time and I can imagine what she's going through. If we can, we'll make this a Merry Christmas," Ms. Satchell told the AFRO.

"I'm really thankful for my friends. Sometimes they're all you've got. Today I want to get gifts for my sister and her kids so I have to get going," said Ms. Williams as she left the motel room and headed for the Red Cross where she receives assistance in finding a new place to live.

—Parents 'Hot'

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would aid in:

— Evaluating programs that the school system might design

— Help the school system design more effective programs

— Aid in general policy as it related to young people, and;

— Add to a "general understanding" about behavior problems based on the theory that there are "clusters of behavior problems."

"We're in a climate where we must prove that any intervention is financially worth it," said Dr. Zabins.

Of the survey's questions, she said, "There's nothing in this survey that is not talked about in city schools." She said the information is contained in the school's health curriculum.

"We're anxious to provide programs which meet the needs of our students and which address some of the serious problems that confront our teens today. In order to do that, we have to define what the problem is and what the greatest needs are," explained Ms. Hardy.

Superintendent Alice G. Pinderhughes said on Wednesday that she had received "many" phone calls regarding the survey. But perhaps the response of a male school official when questioned more about the survey was a more telling one.

Asked about the origin of the survey, he asked with surprise, "How did you get a copy of that?"

Some parents upon learning the nature of some of the questions thought the school system was trying to pull a fast one.

Many parents wondered where questions regarding "wet dreams" and "masturbation" figured in the scheme of providing health services to teens.

Dr. Zabins responded that those questions would help researchers in their understanding of male teen sexual development, a subject she indicated that has been seldom studied.

Educators, some parents, and historians have pointed to another survey, the infamous Moynihan Report in the 1960's, which colored an entire generation's view of black families and cast them in an unflattering light.

While school officials and the researchers involved indicate that the use of the survey is for purely clinical purposes, many parents and other school officials shake their heads.

Ms. Hardy indicated that the survey may be administered at a later date, and perhaps in a different form.

"We certainly will be meeting with parents, teachers, and Johns Hopkins staff to determine if we should proceed with the same test, or another version."

"We realized that the questions were of a personal nature, that's why it was voluntary and anonymous," she added.

LA church sued for barring 2 black girls

KENNER, La. (UPI) — Two young black girls who were barred from a Baptist church last year by a deacon who told them "we don't want your kind of people here" suffered psychological damage and are asking $555,000 in a lawsuit.

James and Ella Brumfield, the girls' parents, filed suit in federal court Monday against Glendale Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Nelson Cheney and Joseph "Brother Joe" Kennedy, the deacon accused of sending the girls away.

—New foot policemen

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slight rise of those crimes over last year's Yule holiday shopping season.

City Jail authorities report the number of inmates coming in since November has crowded the already capacity population.

Juvenile Court authorities report an unusual number of cases "far above the regular case load."

Most juveniles are sent to the Maryland Training Schools for girls and boys of teen age. A number are placed on probation in care of their parents.

Mayor Schaefer's office reports that the effort to employ as many young people in the temporary holiday rush jobs has been more successful than last year and "more teens are working than ever before."

The surge to get merchants to hire teens from Thanksgiving through Christmas was made in view of the fact that unemployment among both white and black young and adults is extremely high.

The increase in minor and major crimes is accounted for in most large urban centers by surveys which reveal presence of vast joblessness and widespread narcotics traffic.

The Baltimore Police Department's "Blow the Whistle on Drugs" is termed highly effective by Police Commissioner Bishop Robinson who states that his force is prepared for the increase in narcotics traffic during the holidays.

Director Hill told the AFRO the "better" bullet-proof vests, 2,000 of them, will arrive early this spring.

—Larry Dean dies

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the lost of Larry Dean. He was a great individual, professional and friend to everyone who knew him," said station program director, Kweisi Mfume.

On-air personality Phyllis Hyman described him as a giver who started each work day in the pages of the Bible.

"He was like my grandfather. He could feel my problems. He always had time for people. He was a giver," she repeated.

Another staffer, Shelly Denzy, said that Mr. Dean made working more than just a job.

"He added hope and forecast to life for us. He would read answers to our problems out of the Bible. He was always ready to give that personal attention," she said. Mfume agreed.

"He was a Guru around here. We used to wait for his word and opinion on issues because he was so well-balanced," he said.

Everyone weaved the legend of a man who was totally unselfish and committed to his work.

A year ago today, Dean was in the hospital suffering with cancer.

"He worked up until the end. He's been sick awhile and for the last three weeks he's been carting around a portable oxygen unit. He could've stayed home but he didn't," said Mfume, who added in final details: "He said that he wasn't feeling well Friday and that he was taking a few days off to rest. He was admitted into the hospital late Sunday."

Before coming to WEAA, Dean worked for the Mutual Black Network as anchorman and news director. Through the years, Mr. Dean has been heard locally on WLIP as a newscaster, WEBB and WWIN as program director and was a disc jockey at WITH. He also served over radio air waves in Cincinnati, San Francisco and Detroit. He served as president of the National Association of Television and Radio Artist (NATRA).

Dean is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a graduate of Fisk University, Nashville, TN.

Mr. Dean is survived by his wife, Mrs. Greer Faulkner.

At press time funeral arrangements had not been finalized.

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convicted.

Commenting on the plight of the trade unionists and others who have been prosecuted for their non-violent efforts to dismantle the apartheid system, Kweisi Mfume, (D. 4th), sponsor of the resolution, accused the South African government of attempting to "keep them from mobilizing".

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MLK holiday date set

The council also ruled that local observances of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday would occur on the third Monday in January next year.

The slain Nobel Peace Prize laureate was born in Atlanta, GA on Jan. 15, 1929. He would have been 57.

The action was undertaken to create a uniformity between the local and federal observance of the national holiday to avoid the problem of two separate days being designated for city and for federal employees.

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Hearing on peddlers' licenses

A public hearing has been scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 17, for a controversial bill (Bill 1015) that would require all newspaper vendors operating inside the Lexington Mall to obtain a peddler's license.

That hearing is set for 4:45 p.m. in the Council's 4th Floor Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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Planned Parenthood leader calls forteen baby halt

By Valerie Smith-Padden
AFRO Staff writer

Faye Wattleton has found great satisfaction in her job as president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Admitting that her tenure has been "more public" than that of her predecessors, Wattleton, the organization's first black president, said she's turned the "challenges" presented by prolifer foes and other opponents of fertility management into opportunities.

"The issues have been so intense and emotional, We've made progress, but there's much more work."

Wattleton and others, those within the confines of Planned Parenthood and those who support a woman's right to manage her body, want to emphasize that the organization does more than just abortions.

In fact, abortions account for only 4,000 of the 20,000 patients that Planned Parenthood of Maryland sees each year.

While abortion is the most widely publicized of Planned Parenthood's services, there are others.

Faye Wattleton

According to Linda Thorton, Planned Parenthood relations officer, patients make 33,000 visits to Planned Parenthood for family planning and gynecological services.

The organization, in light of the teen pregnancy epidemic. finds itself pushing harder than ever on the issue of teen pregnancy, seeking ways to prevent the conception of the first child, father than addressing teen parenthood.

"Teens are woefully uneducated and uninformed about sex. There are millions of teens who don't know about family planning," said Wattleton.

We're not a country that deals openly and honestly about sex. This country tries to control teens by withholding information and services."

She recalled a survey conducted by the Alan Guttmacher Institute which revealed that the United States leads nearly all other developed nations of the world in rates of teen pregnancy, abortion and childbearing.

Said the report, "The rates for the white U.S. teenagers alone are much higher than those in most industrialized nations with simular rates of teenage sexual activity."

An April, 1985 Harris poll indicated that the country was more receptive than ever to Planned Parenthood. Buoyed by the country's apparent support, Wattleton, in addressing her organization's part in combating teen pregnancy said, "We now have the hope of moving to the next step—not helping teen parents, but preventing teen pregnancy."

"Our work is predicated on a philosophy that people must have access to these services and information," she said.

Calling Planned Parenthood the "most significant movement in the 20th century," Wattleton said the organization's most important contribution was its stance in preserving a woman's right to manage her fertility.

"Many of the social and economic gains that women have made would not have been possible with control of their fertility. Without Margaret Sanger there would be no network of clinics or any advancement in birth control."

Added Wattleton, "It would be hard for me to think of anything more detrimental to women than the lack of fertility management."

Ms. Wattleton came to Baltimore this week as part of Planned Parenthood of Maryland's Capital Campaign Finale.

Photo by Arthur Snowden

PROVIDENT FUNDRAISER — Shown at the gala fundraiser for Provident Hospital are Trustee George L. Russell, Jr., Dr. Ernest O. Brown, Dr. Margaret Fountain, and Gov. Hughes. Both Dr. Brown and Dr. Fountain were honored during the fundraiser which took place Monday night at Martin's West.

See Tuesday's AFRO for more Provident photos

Shown are Tabia Megginson-Kennon, center manager, City Council President Clarence Burns, and Dr. Charles Simmons, president of Sojourner-Douglass College.

Training computer skills offered at Sojourner-Douglass

City Council President Clarence "Du" Burns presdented a $20,000 grant at the opening of the Karl C. Helms Community Computer Learning Center at Sojourner-Douglas College on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The Community Computer Learning Center will provide opportunities for training in computer applications through college courses, mini-courses, and computer clubs to public school students and community organizations in the area and also offer data entry services to businesses, churches, and other non-profit groups.

The center is a joint venture between Sojourner-Douglas College, the Sperry Corporation and Jerrold's (a subsidiary of General Instruments), the Mayor and City of Baltimore and Bill Lamb, a local Hardee's licensee. Their generous donations include over $250,000 worth of microcomputer equipment and softward.

Those in attendance with Mr. Burns included City Council members Jacqueline McLean, Nathaniel McFadden, Anthony Ambridge, and Del. Hattie Harrison. Representatives for School Superintendent Alice Pinderhughes and Morgan State College President, Dr. Earl Richardson, were also present.

Black military exhibit

ANNAPOLIS -- To honor over two centuries of black war veterans, the Banneker-Douglass museum of Afro-American Life and History has assembled a collection of rare woodcuts, engravings, very early photographs and drawings, and memorabilia depicting the bravery and sacrifice of black soldiers from the first days of the American Revolution through the Civil War.

The exhibition, "Blacks in the U.S. Military, 1776-1865," opened Nov. 22 at the museum, 84 Franklin St. in Annapolis. The show will run until January 4, 1986.

Recruiting posters, early enlistment and discharge papers, antique weapons and flags enhance the exhibit. Pages of Leslie's, an illustrated weekly and predecessor of Life Magazine, vividly depict the battles, encampments and daily life of black soldiers.

The exhibit was assembled by the museum staff with the aid of private collectors and the U.S. Naval Academy Museum.

The first woman governor was Nellie Rosse, elected governor of Wyoming in 1924.

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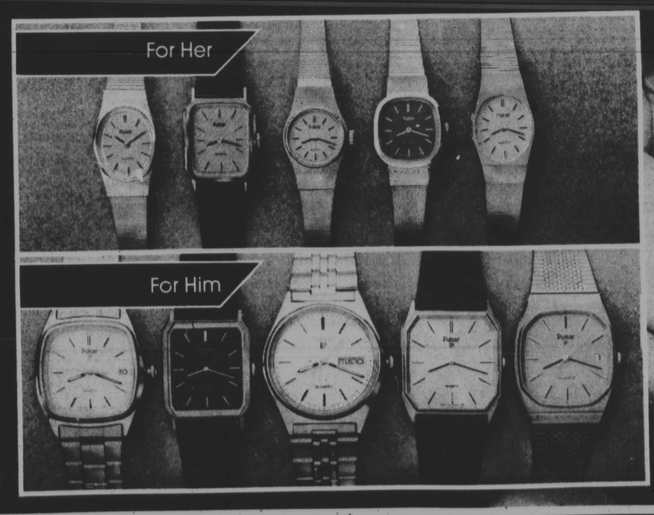

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