—Allen to announce

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[illegible] meeting on Jan. 18.

That meeting will take place at The Manor Club, at 1800 Eutaw Pl. at 5 p.m.

Allen, who serves as a Reagan Administration medical affairs adviser to the Health Care Finance Administration, informed the AFRO on Thursday that he will make some kind of statement at that time.

"Time is running out. I think in order to run an effective campaign it's going to require a considerable amount of time. I think its about time that I make a decision as to what I'm going to do."

He said "It's very possible" that he "will make an announcement at that time" and described his current feelings on whether or not to run for governor by declaring that "the wind is neutral."

The former state party chairman who ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 1978 has been under considerable pressure from within his own party not to run.

Several state party leaders including chairman, Dr. Allan Levey, have expressed support for Howard County Executive J. Hugh Nichols, their candidate choice for governor of Maryland. Nichols is a recent convert to the Republican Party. Dr. Allen has been a respected party member for many years.

Levey was widely quoted last year as saying that "95 percent of the (GOP) leadership in the state party "had decided to back Nichols' if he ran.

Presumably that would mean that most if not all of the party wealth will go to the Howard County Executive. He will still have to overcome a severe name recognition problem, particularly among Baltimore City voters and the black community.

A September opinion poll showed that Allen enjoyed a 55-37 percent name recognition edge over Nichols.

This same sampling of over 200 statewide Republicans gave Nichols a 29-20 percent voter advantage for governor.

Still, there are many who discount the latter figures as too slight and inconsequential when given the fact that the state primary election is more than nine months away.

They also point up that should Dr. Allen announce next week or later that he is a candidate for governor of Maryland, support will come not only from a few ranking GOP leaders from around the state, but from a rainbow of grass roots Democrats and Republicans drawn to his less conservative political philosophy and his character.

—Shotgun blast

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returned to the club twice. First with a small caliber handgun and attempted to shoot at Green and Scales. That weapon discharged mistakenly but struck no one police said.

The man then left a second time and returned with a shotgun and shot through the club's door killing Green. Green's family has been concerned over the conflicting stories, but are hopeful that the truth will come out.

It was confirmed that Slim Butler, who reportedly owns the shopping center where the club is situated, then leaped into his vehicle and attempted to pursue the unidentified gunman's vehicle.

However, it was reported that because the riders in the gunman's car fired repeated gunshots at Butler's car, he was unable to record the car's license tag number.

The gunman's car then turned suddenly down a side Street near the site of the 5 Mile House and disappeared into the darkness, witnesses told the AFRO.

Tuesday police arrested Michael William Garrett, Jr., 19, of the 3900 block of Mortimer Ave, in connection with the incident. He is charged as an accessory after the fact and is being held without bail according to police spokeswoman Arlene Jenkins.

Ms. Jenkins was unable to provide details of Garrett's involvement with the incident.

Thursday, family members met at the Green residence in West Baltimore to talk and reminice about the happy times spent with their son, cousin, nephew and friend.

"Danny was a beautiful person who would do almost anything for his friends. It's a shame that he was killed as an innocent bystander. The club had just opened on Christmas Eve.

"Danny worked for the owner of that club for a long time. He was the D.J. at Pascal's from its opening to its closing. He worked for Ed Butler at another club, the Riveria and he worked at Moreco's," the victim's sister Michelle Scott told the AFRO.

"And although it was an unusual situation, my parents hold no animosity," Mrs. Scott added.

Daniel Green, Jr. was born on May 5th 1956 in Baltimore and was the son of Daniel and Paula. He was educated at St. Ambrose Parochial School, Northwestern High School, and Mt. St. Joseph Catholic School.

"Danny" as he was affectionately called by his family and friends, served two years in the Marines as an Honor Guard and was stationed in Washington, D.C.

A service friend of Danny's was also present with the family Thursday, Dellon Robinson, a marine told the AFRO, "Danny was like a brother to me. I remember the first time he brought me home to meet his family in 1975. They accepted me immediately as a member. You could say that I'm his adopted brother because that's the way the family has always treated me."

Present at the family meeting Thursday, Danny's uncle Carlton Dotson said that he will work to see that his nephew's concerns and efforts continue even after his death.

"Danny always told me that something had to be done about guns and violence in the streets. We're planning to get together with some of the local churches and arrange to have a day where city youths who have guns can turn them in without any fear of reprimand. If Danny were here he would really like to see that happen," Dotson told the AFRO.

The victim's sister Gretchen Dawson Thursday recalled happy times spent with her dear brother.

"No matter how bad the situation was, Danny would try to find a way to cheer you up. I remember once I was really depressed about some personal problems and Danny came and took me out and showed me a wonderful time, but that was just one example," Mrs. Dawson said.

The victim's father Daniel Green, Sr., devastated by the loss of his son, told the AFRO that Danny was a person who rarely got into arguments or had differences with others.

"Danny was a very loving person who didn't have a problem getting along with anyone. He was very popular, everyone liked him. Even if you argued with him, the next minute he would be right there making up with you. He was a joyful person who brought happiness wherever he went," said Green Thursday.

At presstime the AFRO learned that the D and D partnership, which consists of Dr. Robert Damon and Ed Butler, paid the entire cost of the young disc jockey's funeral arrangements.

He is survived by his son Daniel Rodney Green; devoted parents, Daniel and Paula Green, two brothers, Carl and Blaine; three sisters, Michelle, Donna and Gretchen; three uncles, seven aunts, two nieces, two brother-in-laws, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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accused.

However, Ronald Fitz told the AFRO that Ms. Black only decided to charge rape because her son became aware that she was having sexual relations with several neighborhood black men. According to Fitz, Mrs. Black feared that if the Department of Social Services learned of these activities, her children might be taken away and placed in foster homes.

Scarborough's Tuesday press statement said, "It is felt that further prosecution would be nonproductive in light of the recent jury verdict."

He referred to the not guilty verdict that Fitz received as he faced 26 different charges ranging from rape to burglary. Fitz's trial began on Dec. 20 and ended on Dec. 23.

During Fitz's trial, witnesses testified that on the night of the alleged rape several black men visited Mrs. Black and she cheerfully greeted them.

Contradicting Mrs. Black's initial statement to police, those witnesses told the court that the woman allowed the young men into her home.

Immediately after the five's arrests, Mrs. Black told Elkton police that one of the young men gained entry by telling her that he had knowledge of an earlier burglary at her home.

After being allowed to enter, Mrs. Black told police the young man opened the door for the others who then raped her.

On Friday, Aug. 9, Judge Harold Wilcox reduced the bails to Oscar Lee Gude and Sheraton Gude from $100,000 to $75,000. The bails of Sherdonald Gede and Richard Purdie remained at $75,000. Unable to post either amount, all of the accused but Ronald Fitz remained behind bars until Christmas Eve.

Days after his arrest, with the assistance of two trustees of Reed's United Methodist Protestant Church, Fitz was able to post a $100,000 bond.

When the AFRO met with Fitz on Aug. 10, he stated that Mrs. Black invited him and the others into her home and that he didn't force sexual relations with the woman, but only complied with her wishes.

Fitz told the AFRO that the acts were by no means forced and that Mrs. Black had requested that he return the following night.

Ronnie Bryant, who stood nearby on the night of the incident, told the AFRO that he was aware that several young men were in Mrs. Black's home, but at no time was given the impression that a rape was taking place.

"They went in and out, and she (Mrs. Black) gave no resistance whatsoever," Bryant said.

Fitz's and Bryant's stories were corroborated by the testimony of Charles Graywood, Sheffield Park maintenance superintendent, who told the court that he slept with Mrs. Black continually for a year while peforming his duties.

According to Fitz, Mrs. Black's husband had left for Tennessee and since that time she had been offering sex to the young black men from the Sheffield Park section.

Baltimore Attorney David Sloan, who represented Sherdonald Gude and Richard Purdie, said that the tables turned in Fitz's favor when the jury became convinced that Mrs. Black consented to the acts.

"She (Mrs. Black) lost credibility when her stories began to conflict each other. That combined with the testimony of doctors who examined Mrs. Black shortly after the incident, who said she showed no signs of rape, took a lot out of her case," Sloan told the AFRO.

The not guilty verdict received in Fitz's trial caused a sigh of relief in the courtroom which contained nearly 100 area blacks who had watched and waited for the duration of the trial.

Two days earlier a rally, led by NAACP Regional Director Emmett C. Burns, protested the treatment of the five young men. Nearly 200 blacks from Cecil County and Baltimore marched, chanted, and carried signs outside of Elkton Circuit Court before proceedings began.

At the end of Fitz's trial Sloan, Burns, and the attorney's for the other four young men met with Baltimore County Police Chief Dennis Cain and County Attorney Scarborough to [illegible] the case. Afterwards Scarborough promised that he would render a decision in a week's time. That meeting led to the remaining four's Christmas Eve release, Sloan said.

He attributed Fitz's acquittal to the fact that the judicial system there was allowed to work without bias and regard to history.

"Also the system was made accountable by the show of exceptional community interest and participation by the NAACP," Sloan said.

After the rally held prior to Fitz's trial, Rev. Burns told the AFRO that the NAACP would monitor the trial and that of the other four accused.

However Scarborough's press statement said that psychotherapists and counselors felt that it would be detrimental to Mrs. Black's health to continue prosecution.

But Sloan said that one of his major concerns was the trauma that Mrs. Black's 15-year old son Kenny would experience if the trial were to continue.

"Mrs. Black's effort to shelter her son from trauma was the basis for this entire ordeal. To continue these proceeding would only prove more detrimental to his emotional well-being," Sloan told the AFRO.

Attorney Sloan said that the combined participation of Attorneys Harry Goodrick, Doug Cain and himself led to Fitz's acquittal and the eventual dropping of charges against the remaining four.

Rev. Burns said that the outcome of the case showed progress in the social fabric of the "small and conservative town."

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Tutu was not.

Tutu, standing on a milk crate to reach the near—100 microphones on the podium at the late-afternoon rally, called apartheid "a vicious, immoral, unChristian and totally evil system."

He called the gathering of the signatures "a tremendous gesture of solidarity and sympathy — a wonderful boost for the victims of apartheid. They know they have friends. You are saying no to injustice, evil and immorality.

"You say yes to goodness, yes to compassion and yes to joy and laughter."

Washington Mayor Marion Barry told the crowd that he has asked the City Council to rename the two-block stretch of busy Massachusetts Avenue where the South African Embassy sits in honor of South Africa's jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela and his wife, Winnie.

"Everytime (the South African Embassy personnel) makes a call, they'll do it from Nelson and Winnie Mandela Avenue," Barry said.

Randall Robinson, leader of the Free South Africa Movement, said he will soon announce plans to have several corporate groups pull their money out of South Africa. He said he will also ask Congress for stiffer economic sanctions against the white-ruled nation.

"We need Ronald Reagan and the government of this country on the right side of this issue," he said.

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Jubilee Day celebrated on Sunday

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell will be the keynote speaker at the annual Jubilee Day Celebration sponsored by the Maryland State Conference of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The Jubilee Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, Jan. 12 at Brown's Memorial Baptist Church (located at Belvedere and Park Heights) at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Mitchell, who represents Maryland's Seventh Congressional District, will address the Jubilee Day theme, "Maryland Branches Uniting Around Black Families."

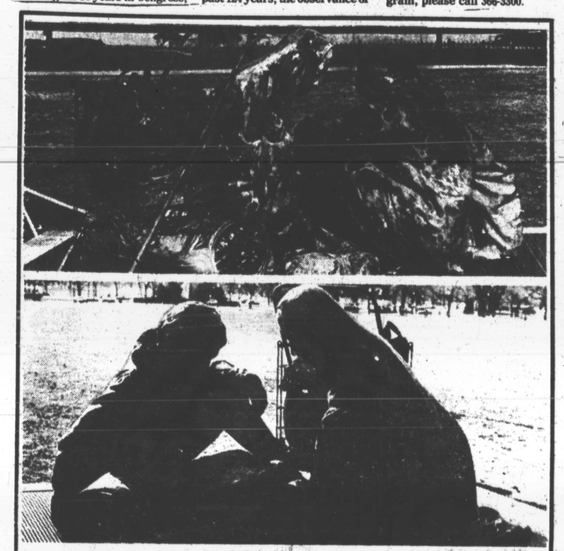
After a period of varied and distinguished public service, Mitchell was elected Maryland's first black congressman in 1970. During his 14 years in Congress, he has served as a member of the House Budget Committee, Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Defense Production and Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Among his many accomplishments in the U.S. Congress, Mitchell is noted for introducing the 10 per cent set-aside amendment to the 1976 Public Works Bill. The amendment compelled state, county and municipal governments seeking federal grants to set-aside 10 per cent of each grant to retain minority firms as contractors, subcontractors or suppliers. Mitchell's single amendment resulted in more than $625 million (15 percent) going to minority firms.

Part of a nationwide celebration which has taken place for the past 124 years, the observance of Jubilee Day began in 1863, the year in which Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Thus, Jubilee Day is a celebration which recognizes the freeing of slaves.

In addition to celebrating the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, the Jubilee Day program is also a fundraising effort of the NAACP's Maryland Branches. Donations from individuals, churches, businesses, organizations, etc. will be accepted during the Jubilee Day program for disbursement to NAACP Branches located in Maryland. The donations assist the NAACP with fulfilling its mission of gaining freedom, equality of opportunity, and social justice for all.

For more information regarding the NAACP Jubilee Day program, please call 366-3300.



Shown above are two photographs of the Homeless Statue of The Ellipse in Washington, D.C. The work was sculptured by Baltimore artist James Reed. It depicted the plight of the homeless people in the capital city as well as throughout the nation. An inscription reads, 'and still there is no room at the inn.'

—Area Obituaries—

Mrs. Hattie Gross

Mrs. Hattie Gross has died following a brief illness at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Mrs. Gross died on the morning of Dec. 23. She was 75.

She was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. John (Angeline) Williams on March 21, 1910.

Mrs. Gross grew up in the Towson area where she received her elementary and secondary education.

She married Louis D. Gross, Sr. on July 19, 1927 and the couple reared nine children.

An early member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, she later transferred to St. James A.U.M.P. Church. Mrs. Gross was a member of the Basil A.M.E. Church in Cockeysville at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband, Louis Gross, Sr.; three sons, Louis, Jr., Nathaniel and John Gross; four daughters, Mrs. Rae Thompson; Mrs. Minnie White, Edna Glascoe and Ms. Dorothy Gross; sisters, Mrs. Isabelle Anderson and Mrs. Louise Sembly; a brother, Charles Williams, and several other devoted relatives and friends.

Thomas J. Epps

Services for Thomas Joseph Epps were held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Liberty Heights Avenue and Edgewood Road, on Saturday, Dec. 28.

He is buried at Maryland National Memorial Park.

Born the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John (Mary C.) Epps, he was born on Dec. 12, 1922 and died on Dec. 23. He was raised and educated in Baltimore.

He was employed at the National Gypsum Company in Canton, MD for over two decades. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Mr. Epps is survived by three sisters, Mary, Etta and Dorothy; two brothers, John and George, and a host of loving and devoted relatives and friends.

Mrs. Annie Nicholas

Services for Mrs. Annie Nicholas were held on Monday, Dec. 30 at the Christian Unity Temple, 3900 Groveland Ave.

She was born in Richmond, VA on Aug. 15, 1888 and died at her home on Dec. 23. She was 97.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Billy (Laura) Johnson.

Mrs. Nicholas was educated in the Richmond school system. It was while in Virginia that she met and married her future husband, Garfield Nicholas.

Arriving to Baltimore in 1937, she soon became a member of Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church. She remained a member up until the time of the death of her former pastor, Bishop Rev. K. Capar.

Mrs. Nicholas is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Martha Dabney and Mrs. Hattie Gibbs, and a host of devoted and loving family members and friends. She is buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Catherine C. Hurley

Wake and funeral services for Mrs. Catherine Combs Hurley were held at Shiloh A.M.E. Church, Lynhurst and Mondawmin Avenues, on Friday, Dec. 27.

Mrs. Hurley, who was born in Baltimore on Aug. 5, 1912, died suddenly following a brief illness on Dec. 23.

A product of the local city school system, she was married to Richard E. Hurley, Sr. and was the mother of four children. She was also a day care parent and was responsible for helping to rear over 20 other children.

Her recreational activities included her life-long membership with the Les Cliques Club which she co-founded in 1944.

Mrs. Hurley attended Shiloh A.M.E. Church were she served on the Trustee Board, the Inspirational Choir and with the Missionary Society.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Richard Hurley, Sr.; daughters, Mrs. Ann Bey and Miss Jane Hurley; sons, Richard E. Hurley, Jr. and Conrad M. Hurley; three brothers, Reginald Combs, Isaac Combs and Howard Combs and many loving relatives and friends.

William A. Harris

Services for William A. Harris were held on Sunday, Dec. 29 at Milton Avenue United Methodist Church, Milton Avenue and Oliver Street.

He was born in Westernport, MD. He died after a brief illness on Dec. 24.

Mr. Harris attended school in Piedmont, WV. Following his service in the United States Army during World War II where he was a highly decorated soldier, he moved to Baltimore in 1945.

He married the former Miss Aeolia Stewart in 1946 and worked at American Standard from 1947 until his retirement in 1967.

Among his surviving relatives are his wife, Mrs. Aeolia Harris; a daughter, Mrs. Janice H. Brooks, a brother, James Harris, and many living family members and friends.

Selby A. Stepter

Services for Selby A. Stepter Carter were recently held at the Charity Community Church of God, 3208 Frederick Ave., on Thursday, Jan. 2. He died on Dec. 26 after a long illness.

He was the son of the late Selby Stepter and Mrs. Delores Carter, born on Sept. 27, 1954.

Educated in the city schools he joined the United States Navy. He was a former employee of Sampson's Restaurant.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Delores Carter; four sisters, Mrs. Karen McNeill, Mrs. Gail Thomas, Mrs. Yvette Greene and Miss Yvonne Carter; two brothers, Gregory and Barry Carter, grandmother, Mrs. Ardie Sebree, and many devoted relatives and friends.

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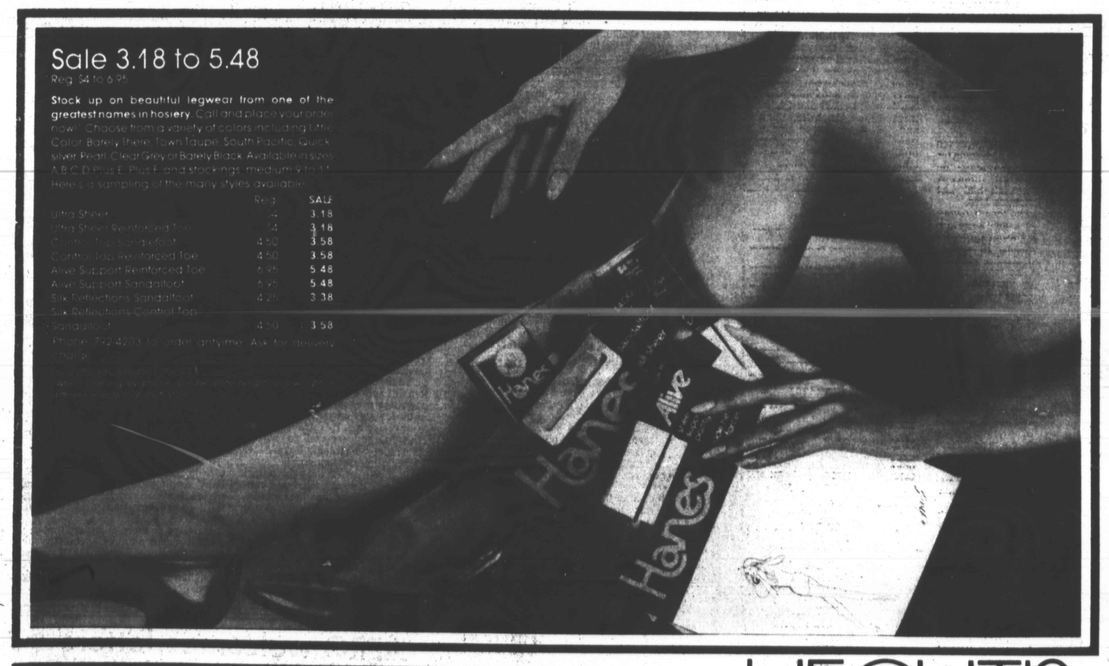

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