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The Seventh has a voting age population of approximately 377,566. However, in each of the last three off year elections only 41 percent of the eligible voters have actually voted in the primary and general elections.

With an ethnic population that is 71 percent blacks, one percent Hispanic, one percent Asian and 27 percent white, a white candidate could pull off a victory in a crowded primary

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Frank Conaway is trying yet another political comeback.

The former member of the House of Delegates for the 40th Legislative District in northwest Baltimore has decided to run for his old seat

You may recall that Conaway was a state delegate for the years 1971-1975 and 1979-1983 before losing a re-election bid.

Conaway said that any past "business reversals" will not be repeated and feels that his former constituents will give him "a renewed" opportunity to serve in Annapolis.

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Mayor William Donald Schaefer will once again show why he has been the head honcho in this town years and years when he and his friends throw 35 parties around the state on Wednesday, April 9.

On such PARTY will feature a "SCHAEFER PARTY TRAIN" organized by Tommy Saunders, a Schaefer booster, who says several shuttle buses will chauffeur partygoers back and forth to six different nightclub locations.

Participating in the evening of parties designed to convince Schaefer that everybody wants him to run for governor are: Five Mile House, Godrey's Famous Ballroom, Thirty Second Street Plahza, Castro's, Roots Unlimited, and the Steeplechase Lounge.

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BEST BETS from the political rumor mill: Steve Sachs will throw a 353 Parties affair to convince himself to run for governor soon.

Former State Senator Verda F. Welcome, (d.-40th), will dust off her campaign shoes and stump for her old seat in the coming months.

Someone is ripping Wendell Phillips campaign signs down and Councilman Kweisi Mfume has organized an impressive array of former Miss Black America winners and contestants to help form a "Five Thousand Women for Mfume" voter support group.

—Political campaign

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and tends to "create favorable political conditions" for candidates who can afford to use billboard displays.

They argue that the term "political signs" is vaguely defined and not at all explicit. The contentions by city officials that the bill was designed for "alleged cosmetic reasons" is "insufficient" to override a persons First Amendement Rights, and that the ordinance inteferes with an individual's right to free political espression.

The Pettits also allege that the time periods allowed for erecting the signs (10 days after the official candidate filing deadline) and their removal (30 days following the primary and general elections) as outlined in the bill are "arbitrary and capricious."

They are asking the court to rule in their favor to protect the rights of all private citizens and political candidates in their exercising of their individual rights to freedom of speech and political expression, the court paper said.

Council Bill 867 was originally introduced by First District Councilman Donald G. Hammen on June 3, 1985. The bill was passed by the council in February and it became law on March 3.

Persons convicted of illegally posting the signs could be charged with a misdemeanor and assessed a $25 fine for each offense.

—Decatur Trotter

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ministration will initiate this prime effort:

"We will make sure the Department of Juvenile Services absolutely cuts out this practice they have whereby the court judges send white offenders to Foster Camps and black offenders to institutions (jails)."

Sen. Trotter added firmly, "We will put an end to that altogether."

HIS BILLS

Speaking of his 1986 role in the present General Assembly, Sen. Trotter accents:

My bill on AIDS disease calls for all information and dissemination of information to the community. In Gov. Harry R. Hughes' Budget are the sums of $350,000 and $400,000 for this measure.

My Amnesty Bill provides $85 million in the General Fund to deal with the programs suffering from the Federal cutbacks.

He states that along with Sen. Blount, the Budget and Taxation Committee has protection for the Maryland Black Colleges, Bowie, Coppin, Morgan and University of Maryland Eastern Shore and "every penny each asked for, $450,000,000 kept intact."

Commenting, Sen. Trotter states, "Maryland is a rich state. Maryland is not a poor state. It ranks fifth of all the United States."

WED 30 YEARS

Sen. Trotter and his wife LaGreta have been married 30 years.

Their daughters are Mrs. Denise Glynn and Mrs. Kathie Reeves, both Morgan State University graduates.

OTHER OFFICERS ELECTED

In addition to Sen. Trotter, chairman, other Black Caucus officers are Del. Larry Young, vice chairman; Del. Christine Jones, Prince Georges County, treasurer; Del. Jerry Perry, Prince Georges County, secretary and Del. Kurt Anderson, Parliamentarian.

—Arthur Evans, Jr.

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ruled out robbery.

When police were summoned to the scene of a shooting Monday evening in the 600 block of E. 22nd St., they arrived to find 29-year-old Arthur Evans staggering in a rear alley after being shot in the back and his cousin Henry several houses away suffering from a gunshot wound to the stomach and right arm.

"I've been shot! I've been shot!", Evans moaned as the officers approached.

"Get him: He went that way," were Evans' last words to officers before collapsing on the alley pavement, where he would lay until an ambulance arrived.

But while he laid there awaiting the arrival of an ambulance, Evans, of the 2400 block of Westwood Ave. and the son of AFRO Newspaper deliveryman, Arthur Evans, described his assailant for police and recounted the shooting.

Evans was walking through the alley with his cousin Henry Evans, 30, of the 3600 block of Park Heights Ave., at about 4:45 p.m. Monday when two unidentified men who police believe knew the victims approached and began questioning them about monies they supposedly owed to someone named Sam, police said.

However, before either could respond, one of the men allegedly opened fire on the two and quickly left the scene, the victim's cousin told police.

The shooting left Arthur Evans with an eventually fatal gunshot wound to the back and Henry Evans with wounds to the stomach and right arm. Cousin Henry was spotted by officers bleeding profusely near an alley in the 2100 block of Homewood Ave.

According to family members, he is under treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital where he is listed in fair condition.

Arthur Evans collapsed on the alley floor and gave police a description of his and his cousin's assailants while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. But when the ambulance failed to arrive after ample waiting time, officers at the scene transported the victim to Johns Hopkins Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 6:05 p.m., police said.

Evans' cousin, Courtland Wilson, in town from Columbia for the funeral, told the AFRO Thursday, "We're all very shocked over Arthur being killed . . . . There's not too much you can say when something like this happens . . . . Arthur was a great guy . . . . we're hurt . . . we're gonna miss him.

Arthur Evans was born and educated in Baltimore Public Schools. He graduated from City College in 1974 and attended U.M.B.C. in 1975-76. He was a faithful member of Providence Baptist Church, who loved sports and was known for being helpful to the elderly members of his community.

For the last four years, Arthur assisted his father, an AFRO distributor, with delivery and collections. He was respected for his efficiency.

Funeral services will be held at Providence Baptist Church on Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m.

Hope for closed Eastern HS

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

Opponents of the closing of Eastern High School may get another round in court.

According to Attorney A. Dwight Pettit, the court may have erred in its judgment to close the East Baltimore high school.

Pettit, legal counsel for Eastern's supporters said he filed an appeal March 27 in the Court of Appeals for another court appearance.

He said after careful deliberation, he decided to file because the judge in the case "concluded that all of the criteria had been adhered to, when in fact, it had not."

Pettit said he found no testimony had been taken from the receiving high school, Lake Clifton.

In reviewing the legal statute, Pettit said it clearly said, "the school board shall give consideration to the following criteria ..."

"The word 'shall' as a matter of fact, is mandatory, not discretionary," he explained.

"If that's the case," he continued, then Judge Martin Greenfeld made an error and he had a duty to remand it back to the school board and to take testimony from the receiving school."

"The school board erred by not remanding it back and the Circuit Court erred in the judge concluding that all the criteria had been met."

"As a matter of law, there was no recourse but to send it back to the school board," he added.

Pettit said he'll ask for an expedited hearing before the court and will file a motion to the Court of Appeals for a Writ of Certiorari.

The latter requests the records of the lower court to aid in this next round. "I'm asking them to hear it on an emergency basis because the school is slated to close in June," he said.

Oscar Jobe, principal of Lake Clifton Senior High said his school was not asked by the court to present any information.

"Any information they may have needed could have been supplied by the Office of Planning, Office of Public Relations, Office of the Superintendent — whomever the attorneys might have needed. The information didn't have to come from the administrator of Lake Clifton," he said.

Jobe said he is "responding to the school board decision" and is making preparations for the 1986 school year.

He said he expects a school pounpopulation of about 2,000, an increase of about 340 students, and was uncertain how many of those students would come from Eastern.

Minister awaits verdict in sex harassment appeal

(Special to the AFRO)

PHILADELPHIA — The Rev. John P. Carter, a United Methodist minister of Washington, D.C., who was suspended by the Church last September will have to wait another three to four weeks before he will know the outcome of his appeal of the sentence

The Rev. Carter was found guilty by a church court of charges related to sex harassment and given a three-year suspension from the ministry. He denied the charges during a six-day trial and notified the Church of an appeal immediately after the conviction.

The appeal was heard here at the Tindley Temple United Methodist Church, Tuesday, but Church officials said the decision on the appeal would not be announced until three to four weeks.

The appeal was heard by the Church's Northeast Jurisdiction, which included one member from each of the Jurisdiction's conferences. The appeals jury included nine white men.

Each side—the Church and the minister's—were given 30 minutes to present their case, and 10 minutes each for rebuttal. The board also read the transcript and the minister's appeal petition and asked questions of each of the attorneys representing each side. No witnesses were presented during the three hour hearing.

In addition to the denial by the Rev. Carter of the charges, the appeal charged that the Church Court jury's verdict resulted from "racism" in the Church and included "allegations of prejudicial treatment" in the handling of the charges by the Church administration.

The case, which was tried last September at a Silver Spring Church in Maryland just outside of the District of Columbia, stemmed from charges by five women, two white and three black, who had worked for or sought employment at a community development agency which the Rev. Carter directed.

The women charged that Carter had made improper sexual advances at various periods during their association with the project designated as Mountain Top. The Rev. Carter vehemently denied the charges and took the stand to explain "what had happened."

The Church jury acquitted the Rev. Carter of sex harassment charges but found him guilty of violation of the Church discipline, and suspended him for three years—the verdict which was the reason for the appeal.

A large contingent of Carter's supporters from Washington was on hand in Philadelphia to hear the appeal.

NABOB establishes Music Industry Comm.

The National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters, Inc. announced today that it has formed a Music Industry Committee to investigate the activities of record companies and their relationships with black owned radio stations.

NABOB asserted that establishments of such a committee is necessary because black artists account for a significant portion of the acts now being represented by most of the major record companies, and the black listening public accounts for a disproportionately large segment of the purchasers of records, albums and tapes.

The committee will be headed by Mr. Thomas Lewis, President of Inter Urban Broadcasting, Inc. Inter Urban is the owner of radio stations WYLD-AM and FM in New Orleans and WJYL-FM in Louisville, Kentucky.

Concerning the need for the committee, Mr. Lewis stated, "Black artists have traditionally gotten their start by being played on black owned radio stations. However, when those artists are handled by major record companies, we have found that those companies do not promote their artists on black owned stations."

"We are concerned that there is a neglect on the part of he record companies to appreciate the importance of black owned radio stations."

Mr. Lewis stated, "The Music Industry Committee will soon be contacting the major record companies to arrange individual meetings with the chief executives of those companies to discuss NABOB's concern."

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People in the News

Mrs. Robinson cited for AFRO service

Mrs. Dorris Robinson

Mrs. Dorris Robinson, who has completed 26 years of continuous service at the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, was presented an engraved gold watch attesting to her years of service Monday at Bon Secours Hospital by John H. Murphy, III, president.

During the brief ceremony, in the presence of Mrs. Robinson's mother, Mrs. Delphine Townes of Harrisburg, Murphy placed the watch on her arm. He told Mrs. Robinson that she had the distinction of being the first person to receive her watch under his administration. Mrs. Gertrude Steele, administrative assistant to Murphy, offered prayer.

Mrs. Robinson began her career in the Business Department of the company in the office of the late Mahlon Oswell. In 1950, she was assigned to the Dispatch Department, in which Mrs. Mae E. Dyson, secretary of the company, was supervisor. Here Mrs. Robinson served with dedication and distinction as clerk and later as administrative aide for the next 25 years.

In this department, which is a liaison between the advertising and production departments, Mrs. Robinson seemed to find her niche and served with outstanding devotion. Her interest in carrying out her duties was noteworthy and she was made supervisor in 1985.

Mrs. Dyson, former Dispatch Department supervisor, said, "Mrs. Robinson has been a pleasant and most cooperative person to work with in carrying out the duties of our department. I have enjoyed working with her over the years, and I commend her for the interest she has shown in handling the problems we have met and solved."

Minority economic workshop at Morgan

Attorney Anthony W. Robinson, president of the Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., will be the keynote speaker of a symposium on "Minorities Achieving Economic Empowerment" sponsored by B. J. Park and Associates, a local business consultant firm, and the School of Continuing Studies at Morgan State University.

The symposium will be held on Saturday, April 19 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Jenkins 104 on the campus at Morgan State University.

Scheduled workshops include: Black Self - Help Network; Government Resources for Minority Business Enterprise Development; and the Black Political Minority Business Enterprise Agenda.

Anthony W. Robinson

Registration fee is $15.00 (students $5.00 with valid I. D.). Contact Ms. Marsha Logan at 301/444-3155 for registration and for further information.

Controversial writing exam postponed

Along with such things as class fees and SAT tests, the class of 1988 can expect to face a mandatory state writing test.

The decision to postpone the test for one year comes on the heels of an outside study that urged changes in the way the test was designed and administered.

The decision beat back the General Assembly which has been trying to dictate a timetable for the test. The Senate Economic & Environmental Affairs committee this week killed the bill which would have postponed mandatory statewide testing until 1989.

David W. Hornbeck, the state superintendent of schools, said the postponement would give his department time to make some recommended changes in the test. Hornbeck is also hoping to woo back public confidence.

Hornbeck, a staunch supporter of the test despite criticism of its relatively low emphasis on the "convention" of writing, such things as grammar, punctuation, and spelling, said he planned to make at least four changes in the test recommended in the study.

The study was prepared by the Educational Testing Service of New Jersey.

Hornbeck said he'll appoint a panel of teachers who will help "clarify" the definition of functional writing, suggest changes in the test scores exam readers should be looking for in good writing, and participate in scoring.

Hornbeck said an appeals process will be developed for those students, or at least those seniors who fail.

Hornbeck negated the idea of an appeals process last summer. "because an appeals process costs a lot of money. On Wednesday, in Annapolis, Hornbeck said he changed his mind regarding an appeals process because of the need for public confidence in the test.

Hornbeck said the state would re-examine test papers that barely fail on the first scoring, bending over backwards to make sure the test is "totally fair."

Probably the most important thing his department will do is to re-examine the "scoring guide" which emphasizes a "holistic" attempt to understand a student's meaning at the expense of the conventions of writing.

Admitting the public didn't understand what the test was designed to measure, Hornbeck said, "We must identify ways to strengthen the attention to conventions in the test. We need to make changes."

In a 10 to 1 vote, the Senate committee killed a bill to postpone the test for two years which had already passed in the House. State school officials argued it was an inappropriate legislative intrusion into educational policy.

However, after the committee vote, Hornbeck said he was pleased that the committee had the confidence in his ability to resolve the issues with this test.

LINKS hold workshop on drugs, alcohol

The Baltimore chapter of LINKS, Inc., a non-profit national woman's organization, presents its second workshop, "LEADS," (Links Eradicate Alcohol and Drugs) on Saturday, April 5.

This program coordinates with the Mayor's coordinating Council on Criminal Justice, and the honorary chairperson for this event is Mrs. Patricia Hughes.

The workshop will be held on the campus of Morgan State University at the Jenkins Behavorial Science building, Room 104.

Service providers from all over the city—counsellors, prevention specialists, community service organizers—will come together to share their expertise with the estimated 130 high school students and their parents expected to attend.

Girl Scouts named Ford woman of year

Hilda E. Ford, personnel director of the Baltimore City Civil Service Commission, was selected as the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland 1986 Distinguished Woman. She will receive the award at a reception in her honor on Wednesday, April 16 at The Belvedere.

The Civil Service Commission is responsible for management of the city's classified Civil Service System. Ms. Ford administers personnel programs which include strategic recruitment, examination development, position classification and employee benefits for 22,000 employees.

Prior to accepting this position in 1977, Ms. Ford was employed by New York State as a Chief Contract Negotiator in the Governor's Office of Employee Relations, as a Deputy Director in the Department of Civil Service and as a senior manager in the New York State Employment Service.

Ms. Ford attended Brooklyn College and the College of St. Rose, trained in Governmental Operations at the State University of New York and in Community Relations at Cornell University.

As an active member of the Baltimore Metropolitan Community, Ms. Ford serves as a director on the Boards of The Baltimore Museum of Industry, YWCA, Goucher College, People Encouraging People, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross-Baltimore Regional Chapter, Coldspring Family Center, United Way of Central Maryland and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators.

The diversity of her involvement both at present, and in the past indicates her concern for people, quality education, health care, and the cultural richness of the broad community.

In seeking nominations for this award Girl Scouts of Central Maryland was looking for a woman who would serve as an exemplary role model for girls. Emphasis on executive leadership ability highlights the message that today's young women can and should strive to be anything they want in the adult life that awaits them.

And foremost in the goals and ideals of Girl Scouting are the commitment of service to the community and respect for and promotion of the diversity of the people within it. Ms. Ford is a perfect match to those criteria.

She was selected by a panel of respected, Central Maryland citizens chaired by A. Ruth Adams, Senior Vice President, Richardson, Myers and Donofrio. Serving with Ms. Adams were Rosalie S. Abrams, director of the Maryland State Office on Aging; Susan Katzenberg, General Partner, 707 Associates; Dr. Beryl W. Williams, retired dean, Morgan State University; Allan Cooper, executive director, United Way of Central Maryland; and Sister Mary Thomas, president, Mercy Hospital.

Reading conference slated at Morgan

Responding to the interests and needs of teacher educators for new instructional concepts and methodology for upgrading the reading abilities of children and adults in the Baltimore community, Morgan State University is sponsoring its first Reading Conference on April 4.

The famous Morton Botel, a national authority in reading at the University of Pennsylvania, will be the keynote speaker. The conference will focus upon the theme: "Forming and Reforming Developmental Reading Instruction."

Additional attractions of the conference include exemplary sessions on developmental reading instructions at the various learning levels at which time Dr. Lynne Putnam of George Washington University and Dr. Gregory Morris of the Pittsburgh Public School System will serve as speakers.

Dr. Vergial Webb, chairperson of Elementary Education and Reading at Morgan, views the reading conference as a major benchmark in "Morgan's efforts to reach out and lend service to city schools and the community while advancing and promoting the importance of reading in the State of Maryland."

The Reading Conference will be attended by more than 250 participants.

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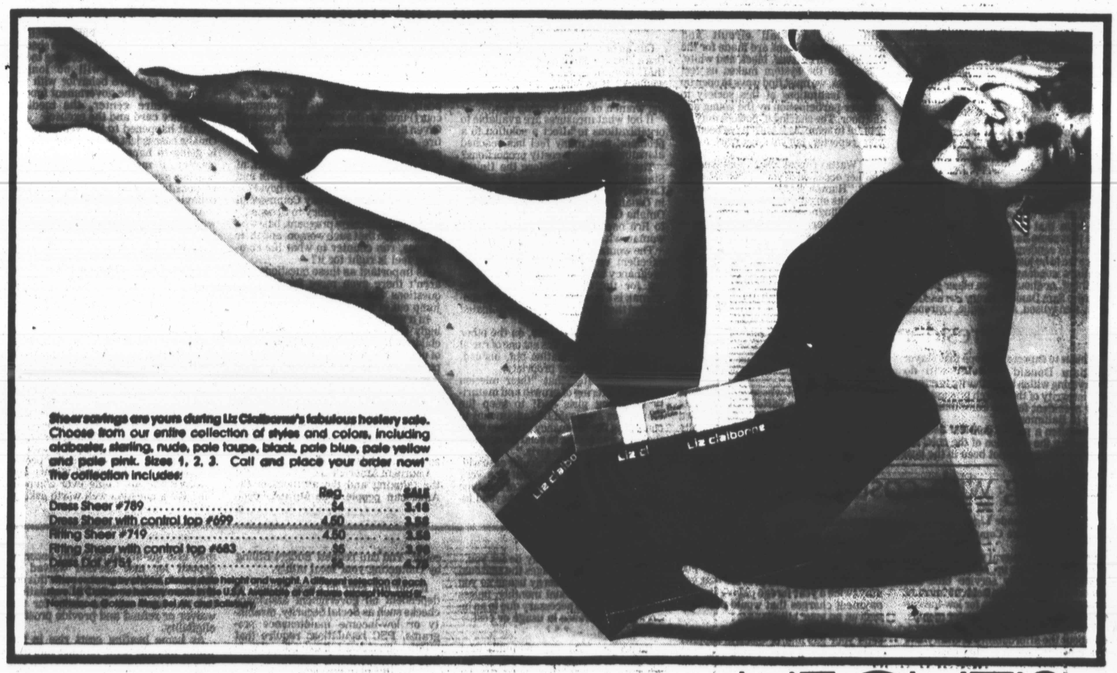

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