—Duke's and Chicken

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mitments have been made, which he preferred not to comment on at this time.

"I have made a major investment with the restaurant which also created jobs and gave a boost to the black economic enterprise of the Park Heights area. This restaurant represents the only venture of this magnitude in the city of this kind," he says.

The restaurant business is characteristically risky as evidenced by the large numbers of failed ventures filed in federal bankruptcy court. Recently another showplace across town was approved a $127,000 loan as part of the city's concerted efforts to keep the only big-name supper club in Baltimore financially solvent.

$102,000 was earmarked to pay outstanding bills and to assist with operating costs, while the remaining balance of $25,000 was allocated as funding for a management consultant, experienced in the restaurant business because much of the club's problem was attributed to inexperience in management.

However the city has not stepped in to assist "Duke" yet and many believe it won't because of a tacit understanding that Gov.-elect Schaefer has decided to fund no money for restaurants except Ethel's because of the city's vested interest in its success.

City money lent prior to the development of the club included $425,000 of federal money used to acquire the property late in 1983 and $305,000 of city money for renovation two years ago.

In the case of Glenn Dowdy's Shake and Bake Family Fun Center, after not being able to meet its financial obligations to the city, even after receiving extensions, the troubled recreation center now operates totally under the auspices of the city budget.

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"Good-bye ho-hum chicken and goodbye Chicken George." One of the few black-owned chicken chains in the country has permanently closed its doors and now awaits the auction block.

Earlier this year on February 19, Theodore Holmes filed voluntary petition under Chapter 11, which allowed protection from its creditors in order to re-organize the business.

But Chapter 11 turned into Chapter 7 which means total liquidation of all assets. Howard T. Rubenstein has been appointed the trustee in charge of turning all assets into cash money.

"We hope to try and sell the business as an entity. There are seven stores and it would mean significantly more money," he said. "There are a number of people interested in buying the chain."

The AFRO tried to reach the owner and members of his staff for comment, but was unable to do so.

The fast-growing business opened its first store on Sept. 1, 1979 in the Mondawmin Mall. Because this store enjoyed such phenomenal success, the other locations followed in quick succession, including Waverly at 29th and Greenmount; Walbrook, at Clifton Ave. and Edgewood St.; Edgewood Village, Edmondson Ave. and Howard St.

—Steelworkers loss

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Though management has promised the majority of the workers jobs in other areas of the plant, they contend that their unit has been singled out because of its racial makeup.

Sources acknowledged that some of the workers were placed on a retirement plan that adds $400 a month to their benefits until they reach age 62.

"It's an almost 100 percent black unit and we don't believe if it were an almost 100 percent white unit that they would do this," said W. R. McMorris, one of the workers affected.

"Jobs are getting scarce and the more work they (management) can take from blacks the more work they have for whites," he continued.

Eddie Ragin, another worker affected, said, "We were promised by the company that we would get the same pay, but that was a big lie."

He acknowledged that his prior job in unit 6 paid more money per hour than the job he has been moved to. In addition according to Ragin, his former job provided incentive pay, which is not provided by his present job.

Several attempts by the AFRO to get a statement from management were unsuccessful.

According to the outline, the jobs in unit 6 will be moved to units 1 and 3, which are predominately white units.

This will mean that workers in these units, who boast some of the plant's highest salaries, will perform these additional functions with incentive pay.

The jobs in unit 6 consist of labor-oriented jobs such as janitoral work and crane operating.

"I've seen times when you couldn't get a white man to do this type of work, but because jobs are getting scarce, they are doing it," commented Morris.

In early September, management met with Jim Butterfield, Grievance Committee chairman of the United Steel Workers of America Local 2610, which represents the black workers, to discuss the plan.

Shortly after the meeting, a news brief which revealed the plan to the workers was dissemintated throughout the plant.

The brief, which was signed by Butterfield and a management official, sparked in fighting in the union regarding the sincerity of the chairman to the interests of the black workers.

Subsequently, the workers sent a letter to union officials protesting Butterfield's alleged "collaboration" with management in eliminating their jobs.

"I have not agreed to anything," said Butterfield. He contended that he is opposed to the plan and organized a demonstration by about 300 workers recently to protest the decision.

"If I had agreed to anything, it would be ridiculous for me to organize the demonstration," he said, adding "I don't know what else I can do!"

Butterfield said he has filed numerous complaints with the company regarding its decision to activate the plan without the union's approval's and the workers' rights.

Unit 6 was incorporated into the plant in 1943. Before court action in the 1960's, blacks could get jobs only in this unit.

—Textbooks

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curred over the past five years.

Dr. Samuel Banks, director of Social Studies for the city schools and member of the Textbook Committee, said, the textbook shortage is as old as Mayor Schaefer's incumbency.

"It's a long-smoldering situation that hasn't been addressed," said Dr. Banks. "The problem parallels the mayor since Schaefer took over public office in 1971."

"Students do not have textbooks not because they do not want them," Dr. Banks continued, and blamed the insufficiency of textbooks in city schools on "historic racism and classism in urban schools," as well as the passivity and docility of the predominantly black community in Baltimore he said is "economically and politically impotent."

Alluding to areas of the Eastern Shore, known to be predominantly white and indigent, Dr. Banks said government officials in those areas expend more money on education than in Baltimore City with a majority black population that makes up 80 percent of the city school population.

According to Dr. Banks, although the tax structure dictates the income spent on public schools, more money is spent on education in white areas because it is supported by the dominant white power structure.

"Whites do not believe in the educability of black folks," Dr. Banks said. "and will not expend as much on black education as they will their own."

Hartsfield disagrees that the lingering textbook shortage, said to have surfaced during the Sachs-Mitchell campaign, is racially motivated. Furthermore the public is quite enthused with the committee's plan "to solve the textbooks problem for the next five years," according to Hartsfield.

The plan, expected to be delivered to Mrs. Pinderhughes on Nov. 20 and the school board thereafter who will vote on the proposal, calls for a centralized purchasing of all Baltimore City School textbooks.

The proposal also calls for a committee to determine what textbooks should be used in schools. Hartsfield said his committee is looking at the adoption plan of 1979 "and revising it where necessary."

The 1979 Adoption Plan, that Dr. Banks said was never implemented, called for a curriculum guide to ensure each student receives the same quality of education no matter which city school he or she attended.

Part of the Adoption Plan also called for centralized purchasing of textbooks.

Hartsfield said if voted upon by the School Board, the committee's proposal would take approximately three years to be implemented and each five years thereafter would be revised to ensure textbooks remain updated.

—Combatting AIDS

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race public housing projects.

About the grounds beneath trees or in grim concrete corners drug paraphernalia can be found thrown carelessly about.

Hurd said, however, that since their field service began several months ago, IV drug users are being more careful about using clean needles and are looking forward to seeing HERO workers who issue information and condoms as part of their outreach program.

Hurd said, "If you're an IV drug user, you no longer just have to be concerned with getting robbed, getting arrested and over dosing, now you have to be worried about AIDS, too."

In addition, sexual partners of IV drug users are among the high risk AIDS victims, along with white, gay, and bisexual men and hemophiliacs, according to Racine Winborne, assistant director of field services for HERO.

She also said that although small in number, all of the pediatric AIDS cases in the Baltimore area are black children.

Experts early last month concluded "unless we take stock now, we're looking at an epidemic in the black community in another year."

Already within the 12 percent national black population, 25 percent of AIDS victims are black and in the state of Maryland, of the 399 cases there is an estimated 48.9 percent black victims, according to officials at HERO.

Louis 'Gizzi' Bowen, a seemingly pensive and well-mannered man of 40 admits he steals in order to support his $80 to $200 a day heroin habit. "It depends on the potency," he said.

Bowen, who was pending a prison sentence at the time of the AFRO's interview said he has been using heroin since 1962 and is thankful for the AIDS information.

His main concern, he said, however, is with the 'younger generation' who are controlling the drugs today, according to Bowen.

The young generation, Bowen said, has no regard for human life. "All these killings . . ." he said. "We didn't do anything like that."

There are an estimated 30,000 IV drug users in the Baltimore area, according to data generated by HERO. Officials believe they still have a long way to go in getting valuable information to this vulnerable group.

Longshoremen facing dock strike deadline

Local members of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) overwhelmingly rejected a contract offer by the Steamship Trade Association (STA), the bargaining group for Baltimore's port management, this week.

During a voting session Wednesday in the East Baltimore hiring hall, dockworkers voted 1,593 to 35 against the offer, which could precipitate another strike by early next week, according to reports.

Many of the longshoremen were particularly opposed to a plan by management to decrease the guaranteed annual income, a program supported by management that gives qualified workers a minimum salary regardless of whether there is work for them.

The proposed contract seeks to cut the annual income of the qualified workers in this program by about $5,100 annually.

Additionally, members of ILA Local 333, the largest local, rebuffed three pages of work-rule changes in the contract that only affect their local.

According to reports, among these changes is a plan to reduce work crew sizes. Edward Howell, president of the local, acknowledged that this plan would save management up to $30 million.

At AFRO presstime, union and management officials were involved in negotiations in an attempt to avert the pending strike, which, if occurs, would represent the second strike by local longshoremen in two months.

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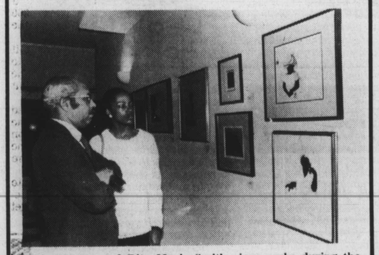
Scenes from Bearden Exhibit

Melanie Murray and Carolyn Murray view exhibit from last weekend's showing of works by Romare Bearden at Objets D'art, 602-A N. Eutaw St. on Saturday, Nov. 8 and Sunday, Nov. 9. Also featured was Washington, DC artist Joseph Holston.



John Carter and Rita Marie Smith view works during the Bearden exhibit on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 602-A N. Eutaw St.

Mrs. Beverly Carter and Mrs. Hazel Barrett, mother and daughter as well as owners of Objets D'art, stand next to one of the works displayed from last weekend's showing. People from across the city attended the event. The exhibit building is located at 602-A N. Eutaw St., down the street from the AFRO building.

Maryland Nat'l leaves S. Africa

UPI — Maryland National Corp. officials say they are 100 percent divested of business interests in South Africa but Johns Hopkins students against apartheid call that move only a partial victory.

In an announcement Monday, Maryland National said effective Nov. 7, it had terminated correspondent accounts with the three largest banks in South Africa, meaning it would no longer allow Americans living in the apartheid nation to use Maryland National accounts to pay creditors. Maryland National also said it would cease making direct wire transfers.

David Finney, a Maryland National spokesman, said, "We have been 99 percent not involved in all of the possible ways. This moves us to 100 percent not involved in South Africa."

Maryland National had made no loans, deposits or investments in firms doing business with South Africa, which practices the policy of racial separation known as apartheid, since 1974.

Finney said there had been "less than $100,000" in the three correspondent accounts, making it a tiny fraction of Maryland National's $8.9 billion in assets.

The Johns Hopkins Coalition for a Free South Africa, which disclosed the action in a new release, called Maryland National's decision a "partial victory."

Reginald Gibbs (right) performs an original rap song "Streets of War" which emphasized the need to stop the senseless killing of city teenagers. Gibbs was among several recipients of the Baltimore Community Relations Commission awards for youth contributions presented recently at War Memorial Plaza by Commission Chairperson Nancy Wright (left) and Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson (center).

Del. Mitchell says he'll head House

ANNAPOLIS (UPI) — Del. Clay Mitchell (D-Kent) says he has enough votes to become Maryland's next speaker of the House of Delegates.

Mitchell's campaign to replace Benjamin Cardin, who won election to the state's 3rd District congressional seat, received a boost when House majority leader Del. Donald Robertson, (D - Montgomery) threw in the towel.

Robertson announced he would support Mitchell, and would ask those who had pledged votes to him to also support Mitchell.

Mitchell said Robertson's support gave him the authorized endorsement of 75 votes needed to gain the seat.

The next speaker needs only 62 votes from House Democrats to win election as speaker. The House Democrats will caucus in Annapolis Dec. 8 to formally elect the new speaker.

Hughes appoints a judge

ANNAPOLIS (UPI) — Gov. Harry Hughes has appointed assistant attorney general Ellen Heller to a judgeship post in Baltimore Circuit Court.

Heller, 45, succeeds Judge Solomon Bayler who recently retired, Hughes announced today.

A Baltimore native, Heller received her law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1977. She served as deputy chief of the education division for the attorney general's office.

Heller was recommended by a judicial nominating commission. She must run for a full 15-year term as circuit judge in the general election of 1988.

DeSouza is elected to Kappa's Grand Board

Danilo J. DeSousa, who served as the student representative of the Morgan State University Board of Regents for 1985-86, has been elected to a two-(2) year term on the Grand Board of Directors of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Mr. DeSousa was elected in August during the fraternity's Diamond Jubilee Celebration, in Indianapolis.

Additionally, he is the undergraduate regional vice-president of the Eastern Region, which comprises 28 alumni chapters and 26 undergraduates chapters from Maryland to Virginia. During his academic career at Morgan, he has been cited in, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges; Outstanding Young Men of America; and **Distinguished Greeks of America.**

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Mr. DeSousa, who graduated from St. Johns Academy in New York, is the first member of the Morgan State University Chapter, Alpha Iota, to hold a national position. He is scheduled to receive his degree in sports administration in May, 1987.

Greenbaum Exhibit at Gallery

Painting, sculpture and photography by Joseph A. Greenbaum, and photography by Bob Young, will be displayed at Gallery 409 from Nov. 6 through Nov. 26. Titled "City Serenade", the exhibit at the Eubie Blake Cultural Center, 409 N. Charles St., portrays "the real and imaginary, the chaotic and absurd, the isolation of the city," according to Greenbaum. The exhibit is sponsored by the Urban Services Cultural Arts Program.

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