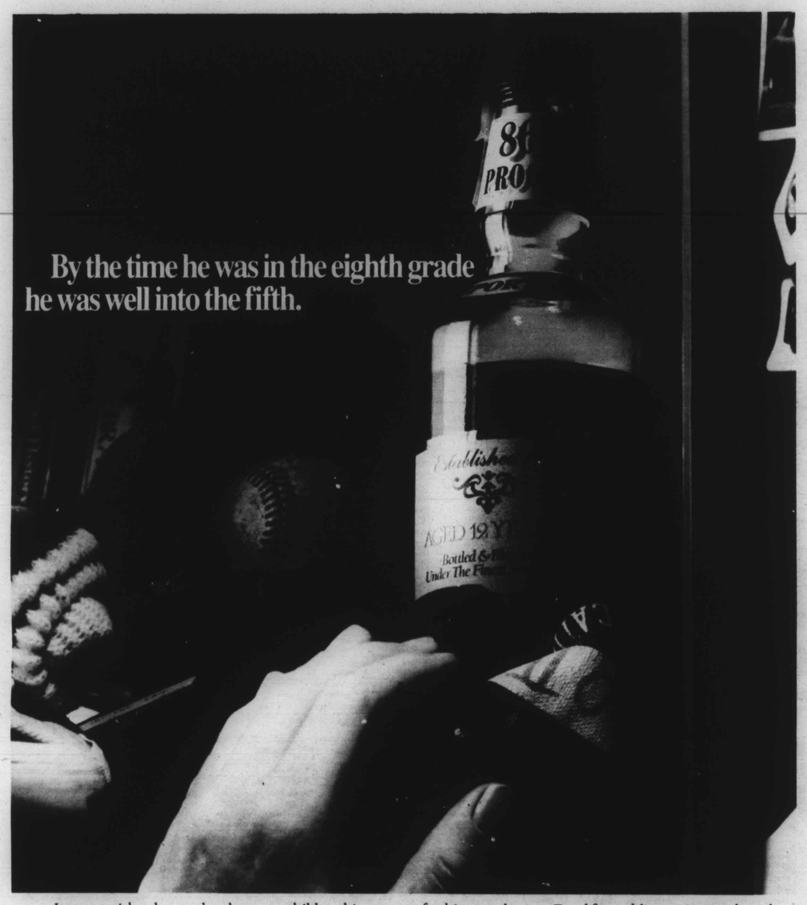

It starts with a dare and ends up in an alcohol detox unit. Last year, by the time he was fourteen, Johnny was a chronic alcoholic. His parents placed him in a treatment center that specialized in alcohol rehabilitation.

The saddest part of all was the fact that Johnny was far from the youngest, and there were plenty of children his own age for him to relate to. Some from the inner city, some from middle-class suburbia and others from extremely wealthy families.

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Liberians are in fear after D.C. slaying

By Manotti L. Jenkins

Could the stabbing death of a Liberian-native Howard University dormitory counselor last Tuesday morning be directly linked to his known political opposition to the repressive regime of the Liberian president? According to several Liberians living in the Baltimore area, this very well may be the case.

The brutal murder of Dr. Robert Stewart, counselor at the Carver Hall dormitory at the University of Washington, has Liberian natives living in this country fearing for their lives because many of them, like Stewart, have been publicly criticizing the policies of President Samuel Doe.

According to D.C. police reports, Stewart was found dead in his first-floor apartment at the Elm St. dormitory in northwest Washington early Tuesday morning, apparently having died of "multiple stab wounds."

At 10:42 a.m. the same day, D.C. police arrested Stewart's 29-year-old wife, Mrs. Gloria Stewart, and charged her with first-degree murder. The police report described the murder as "domestic in nature."

Subsequently, 25-year-old Joseph Henry Harrison of 1229 Shannon Place in southeast Washington surrendered to D.C. homicide police after a warrant had been issued for his arrest Wednesday morning in connection with the murder, the report continued.

"However, according to a Liberian source living in Baltimore, who asked to remain anonymous, several Liberians in this country, many of them political dissidents that fled the country for their lives, feel that the death came at the order of President Doe because Stewart had been vocal in his denunciation of Doe's brutal policies in the West African nation.

"He (Stewart) had been the number one target of Doe," the source told the AFRO in a voice apparently shaking from fear. "Most Liberians in this country are afraid now. This man (Doe) has practically killed all educated Liberians who oppose him. The guy is determined to wipe out everybody who is against him," continued the source.

Much of this speculation is also generated by the fact that Stewart's murder comes less than 24 hours before [illegible] appear on the talk show [illegible] Exchange" [illegible] Washington. [illegible] Stewart was [illegible] Liberian-American [illegible]

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City woman confronts housing dept.

'Black English' is not banned

By Paula J. Wagner

A recent report by the Schools' Committee to Assess the Appropriate Inclusion of Grammar, Usage and Mechanics in the English Curriculum in Baltimore indicated that many city teachers were not proficient in grammar and students were not being given good examples to imitate.

Citing that children learn language by imitation, a spokeswoman said the Board of Education and Superintendent Alice G. Pinderhughes have a keen awareness that kids' language is "substandard."

Substandard language in public schools is not just a problem in Baltimore city, according to Mrs. Ellen O'Berfelder. "It is a nationwide problem," she said.

Also, according to Mrs. O'Berfelder, the committee made no recommendations to "Ban Black English" as was reported in a local daily. The term "Black English" was never mentioned in the committee's report, said Mrs. O'Berfelder, "whomever wrote about it never read the report."

According to the committee's report, in grades one through 12 there is good material for teaching the discipline of English. However, "there is considerable difference between what is outlined in the guides and what is actually being done in classrooms."

The report states: "Many teachers are laboring under certain myths regarding the desirability and/or the permissibility of teaching grammar, usage, and mechanics.

"Many teachers do not feel confident regarding methods of teaching grammar, usage, and mechanics; often they teach analysis of structures in grammar, but do not or cannot relate this to students writing or oral practices.

"Some English teachers are, themselves, not proficient in the

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Mayoral Candidate Kurt Schmoke is off and running after raising $9,000 at a recent fundraiser at the home of Edward and Jean Hitchcock. At the far right are Bizz and Trina Smith, who were co-hosts of the Monday evening event.

'I have won battle, I haven't won war'

She has won the battle, but not the war. She has several influential persons and organizations in her corner, but her personal circumstances aren't her only concern.

Miss Morning Sunday is displaying the courage and stamina of a true warrior — a female David — taking on the might of the city Housing Authority — Goliath — in her quest to make the Franklin Square-area brownstone at 1317 W. Fayette St. her permanent home.

But make no mistake about it, Miss Sunday's cause, already praised as valiant by several people locally, is not all she is fighting for. Working with her neighborhood organization, the 34-year-old trendsetter advocates that the entire Franklin Square area be rejuvenated and become a nesting ground for the display of African culture in Baltimore.

Culminating several months of

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Criminals don't take holidays

By Roz Hamlett

So, you have socked away every penny, nickel and dime you could get your hands on all year long and now, independently wealthy, you are ready to blow your entire roll and you think nobody knows you are rich, right????? WRONG!!!!

Criminals do not take holidays and if you are smart, you'll realize that if you have money or not, there will always be someone around who will try to take it from you.

Lt. Robert Wilson of the Crime Resistance Unit of the city police department urges all holiday shoppers to exercise a degree of caution and some common sense.

The ideal shopper should plan ahead to use only the well-traveled routes in the daylight hours if possible, with a friend. It is best to stay away from alleys and other potentially dangerous places and if travelling by car, keep windows rolled up and doors locked, said Wilson.

Women and senior citizens are extremely visible targets and are advised to conceal their money in several places, instead of carrying it all in one place. If possible, avoid using cash and use credit cards and checks.

City police had a case recently

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Douglass' treasurer's job stymied

By P. A. Tatum

Now that the present state treasurer apparently has decided to continue in office for another four-year term, East Baltimore Del. John Douglass may as well kiss his dreams of the job goodbye.

His supporters say Douglass is undoubtedly one of the most qualified men in the state for the job. They also say it is unlikely William James, the present treasurer, will be voted out of office if he decides to stay on the

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John W. Douglass

Home violence high during holidays

By Roz Hamlett
AFRO Staff Writer

Roast turkey, egg nog and gift-giving are synonymous with this time of the year, but for some familiies the holiday season is a pressure cooker of tension that often erupts into domestic violence.

Elaborate meals and expensive presents all add up to high expectations and empty pockets. It is quite difficult for the average person to rise to the economic challenge of the holidays, said Sharon Grosfeld, a legal advocate for the House of Ruth, who observes first-hand the victims of abuse.

As a result, tensions run high and domestic violence is more apt to occur, she said. Last Saturday night, Wiley and Joyce Ganey, 33, became involved in an argument, which resulted in Mr. Ganey's arrest after he stabbed his wife repeatedly.

That same night, Mrs. Sue Nell Mooring, 35, was also fighting with her husband when he fatally shot her in the head and then turned the gun to his own head and committed suicide.

But police spokesperson Arlene Jenkins said statistics show that homicides are not related to time, season or any particular month of the year. The number of homicides are about the same as other months and there does not appear to be a clear-cut reason for homicide, she said.

Not confined to husband and wife, the problem can affect

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Maryland Nat'l offers housing aid for needy

Maryland National Bank and the Maryland Alliance for Responsible Investment (MARI) recently announced agreement on plans for a citywide $50 million lending program to benefit low- and moderate-income families in Baltimore City.

According to officials, the plan will also include financial assistance for non-profit housing development and small businesses and is to be implemented over the next five years.

"We think this program confirms the bank's commitment to the preservation of our urban communities which might otherwise suffer for lack of capital for mortgages and home improvements," said Michael C.

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No timetable set for naming school head

At AFRO presstime various city and school officials were unclear about the timetable for appointing a new School Board president.

Anthony Armstrong a spokesman for City Council President and Mayor-Designate Clarence Du Burns, said the decision is technically Governor-elect-Mayor William Schaefer's to make.

However, Armstrong said Burns probably will make the appointment and predicted it will come in late January after Burns has been sworn in as the city's mayor.

Embry resigned from the post he has occupied on Nov. 21 in what many believe as the opening salvo of his expected mayoral bid in next year's city elections.

Other candidates for mayor are expected to be Burns and City State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke.

Mayoral spokeswoman Pat Bernstein, Embry, and Dr. Anne Emery, of the city school system, either were not available for comment at AFRO presstime or were unable to answer a reporter's questions about the selection process.

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Health confab focused on black care crisis

A group of professionals gathered at Liberty Medical Center's Ashburton campus on Saturday for a minority health conference entitled "Black Care Providers and Consumers: Bridging the Gap."

The conference sponsored by the Maryland Black Congress for Health Law and Economics, Inc., an umbrella organization for black state health associations, and the Black Mental Health Alliance for Education, was developed to assist doctors on better caring for black mental patients, focused more on the providers of health care, the chairperson, Shirley Pulliam said.

Some 40 or so people, most of whom were health care professionals, attended the conference that was opened to the public. Mrs. Pulliam, also founder and president of MBCHLE, that emphasizes black self-help and the decrease on government dependency, said she was disappointed that so few consumers showed up. There were approximately 10, according to Mrs. Pulliam.

Thirteen professionals addressed various aspects of minority health concerns including the rising cost of health insurance and the impact on consumers, the high rate of deaths among minorities due to poor health care, legislative strategies for effective health care,

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By P. A. Tatum

Kweisi's Successor

Tongues immediately began to wag at Monday night's City Council meeting with the "separate" appearances of Congressman-elect Kweisi Mfume and his former campaign volunteer coordinator, Mrs. Sheila Dixon-Smith.

Said to be a Mfume protege, Mrs. Smith is believed to be "incredibly bright" and Mfume's choice as his successor.

In past years, Mrs. Smith has been active in the Bethel AME Church Food Cooperative and recently was elected to the Democratic State Central Committee for the 40th Legislative

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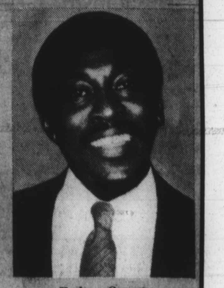

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