—They police

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Maj. Newman sends his report to the Deputy Communications Administration Bureau, which either supports or rejects the recommendation. In discourteous or excessive force cases, the Complaint Evaluation Board makes the final determination.

The standard of justice meted outweights the preponderance of evidence. After an officer is charged with an offense, he has a right to a hearing where members of the command staff, an attorney and one member equal to his standing are present.

But there are a number of unsubstantiated complaints, says Newman. "Just this morning, an officer used mace in a fight in East Baltimore, the consensus was that the officer was in jeopardy," he says

IIU officers all work in plainclothes and total about 30 in number, between two departments, the special investigations section and the general complaint section. Some of these officers are not known to the rank and file, but the officers in general complaint often deal directly with the public.

Once a complaint comes in that an officer has used excessive force or was discourteous, IIU conducts an investigation and lets the "chips fall where they may," says Newman. He believes the greatest misunderstandings about his department are borne out of not understanding the role this office plays.

"IIU does not become involved in the discipline of the officer, the most anyone can ask for is a thorough investigation," Newman says.

—Tenants charge

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These increases were announced to the tenants by the new owners, Hampton Court Partnership, last month. The new owner purchased the building from the former owner, John Morris, in June of this year.

"I think it's a ploy to empty the building by pricing the property out of the reach of the tenants," contended Ms. Mary Benns of Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., a local housing group.

"Based on the law, there is nothing that anyone can say about the increase. Morally, it's obvious that this is wrong."

However, according to David Epstein, manager and co-owner, there was no intention to displace the occupants.

"It is not intentional to move anybody out. It is not my area of concern that some people can't afford the new rent," Epstein argued, adding, "We feel to do justice to the entire community, we have to do some rehabilitating of this building."

According to Epstein, the new owners have to raise the rent to this extent in order to offset a $300,000 renovation plan it has for the building, which is located in close proximity to the downtown area.

The area also encompasses a new complex of condominiums that, according to reports, cost up to $1,500-a-month. Additionally, the Bolton House, an apartment complex just completed a few years ago, cost up to $718-a-month for a two-bedroom unit.

But, according to several tenants, who asked to remain anonymous, the rent increase indicates a growing lack of concern for lower and moderate income persons seeking housing in the downtown area.

"Pretty soon, any person considered as low or moderate income will be forced to live in areas not in close range to the business sector of this city.

"It's a very sad state of affairs here for us because we have lived here for many years as a family," asserted one tenant.

Another tenant, Mrs. Helen Benton, who stressed that she had no comment on the increases, acknowledged that she has lived in the building since 1952.

She said she will be moving to the Marlboro Apartments on N. Eutaw St. because she cannot afford to pay an extra $200 for rent.

Asked for a comment on the rent increases, Mrs. Benton, 75, said, "I have had major brain surgery in 1978 and 1979 and I must stay away from stress, so I think it would be best if I not comment on this."

Though several tenants seem to be upset over the increases, the president of the Hampton Court Tenants Association, Ms. Peggy Bush, refrained from criticizing the new owners.

"Legally, the new landlords have a right to do what is necessary to refurbish the property. It's just a situation in which a landlord has acquired property in a very trendy area, and he must go with that trend," she said.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PLANNERS — Hortense G. Canady (center) national president of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority congratulates Thelma Daley (left) of Baltimore and Margurite Mazique of the District co-chairs of the group's forthcoming Diamond Jubilee celebration slated for 1988. Both met recently in Washington to get an early jump on the planning.

New exhibit on black migration opens at Smithsonian Institute

Hundreds of thousands of Afro-Americans left the rural South between 1915 and 1940 in search of better lives in urban areas of the North. This movement, called the Great Migration, changed not only the lives of migrants but also the very structure of American society. It led to the emergence of large, predominantly black urban enclaves in the North.

This phenomenon, which set the scene for modern life in most American cities, is now the subject a major exhibition. "Field to Factory: Afro-American Migration, 1915-1940."

Opening Feb. 5, 1987, at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History, "Field to Factory" marks the first time an in-depth Smithsonian exhibition has focused on such an important part of America's overall social and demographic history from an Afro-American perspective. The exhibition will be on display through February 1988.

Three major sections of the exhibition treat life in the South, the journey north and the new Northern urban world.

For many blacks at the turn of the century, rural life was a deadening round of sharecropping and debt, made harsher still by segregation, a lack of economic opportunity and a poor educational system. "The decision to leave the South was prompted by many circumstances," Spencer Crew, curator of the exhibition, says. "Among the reasons were the systematic practice of discriminating against Afro-Americans, known as 'Jim Crow Laws,' and natural calamities caused by the boll weevil."

Displays and objects in the first part of the exhibition, such as a late 19th-century southern Maryland tenant farmhouse furnished as it might have looked in 1920, agricultural tools, a cotton gin, personal objects of migrants, outfits and booklets of the Ku Klux Klan and period photographs, tell the story of life in the South.

World War I ushered in a new era of industrial opportunity in the North for Afro-Americans. Just as production demands increased, the fighting deprived companies of their traditional sources of labor—immigrants and male workers. Northern industrialists turned to Southern blacks. The promise of jobs, the possibility of traveling to Europe with the armed forces, articles in Northern black newspapers and the encouragement of labor recruiters per thousands of blacks to head north, by train, bus, truck, automobile and even ship

—Six children

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paign a success.

"These children are heroes," Robinson said. "It's important that the black parents and children of South Africa and all the people that country who are interested in freedom know that America's children are behind them. It's great to have the kids' participation and it's important."

Randall said at least 400 children are now being detained in South African prisons and nearly 9,000 under the age of 18 have been arrested in the past five months.

"Many children are missing and the Botha government refuses to tell parents where their children are, or whether they are even alive," he said.

Marilyn Brown, Assisant Superintendent of Student Services for the D.C. public schools said school officials met last week with TransAfrica to coordinate the students' participation. TransAfrica arranged the children's arrest with the parents' consent.

"The public schools did not engate in the arrest aspect of it," Brown said. The school board agreed to allow "what we consider singing carols at the South African Embassy."

Brown said she received no complaints from parents about the idea.

"We received a lot of positive vibes," she said.

An estimated 300 children, teachers, principals and parents showed up for Tuesday's protest to show their support.

"I'm glad I'm here," said Nicole Ross, a ninth-grader at McFarlane Jr. High School in Northwest Washington. "Those children haven't done anything wrong and I think they should be home with their parents for Christmas like me."

—Membership

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from the main post office on Fayette St. by 12 noon Dec. 1 to be counted by the CMEA's five-member nominating committee, according to Kelly.

The new officers were to assume their positions during the second week of January, he said. Also during an earlier interview, Kelly said he was so confident of victory he already had made plans for his celebratin party.

At the union's Dec. 9, board of governors meeting at its headquarters at the Brokerage, Selden said the regular order of business was suspended.

Selden said he made a motion to have a recount of the election, and then have it certified by the board. Selden said his motion was defeated by a vote of 6 to 4.

He and Ms. Randall's next step was having the injunction filed in court.

Ms. Randall said he recently mailed the union membership post cards, polling them on whether they favored another election.

"Even if another election is held, I am confident the members will continue to support me," he said.

Ms. Randall told the AFRO the injunction papers had been filed Wednesday morning. A hearing has been scheduled in Circuit Court on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1986 to determine if the results of last month's elections will stand or if the procedure will have to be repeated.

—Suspect sought

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27, 1986.

2. Maryland National Bank, 1414 Reisterstown Rd., on Nov. 11, 1986

3. Union Trust Bank, 3608 Milford Mill Rd. on Nov. 18, 1986.

4. Key Federal Savings Bank, 8601 Liberty Rd. on Dec. 5, 1986

5. First National, Bank, 5201 Roland Ave. on Dec. 12, 1986.

6. First National Bank, 1821 Washington Blvd., on Dec. 18, 1986.

7. Maryland National Bank, 300 W. Lexington St. on Dec. 22, 1986.

If you have any information on this individual, you are asked to call the Metro Crime Stoppers 24 hour confidential hot line at 276-8888. Names are not taken and calls are not recorded. you could be eligible for a reward of up to $1,000.

—Christmas Eve

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Grissom, 4, were taken to the burn unit at the Francis Scott Key Medical Center.

Flynn said the injured people suffered severe burns over 75 to 90 percent of their bodies.

Investigators said the house did not have a smoke detector. The cause of the fire appears to be accidental, Flynn said. It began in the front room on the first floor.

Damage to the house and its contents was estimated at $40,000.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

MD. General appointee

Vanessa Ajayi has been appointed Clinical Manager for Maryland General Hospital's cardiac care unit.

In this position, Vanessa will be responsible for the overall management of the unit, including staffing, scheduling, budgeting and the ongoing education of the staff.

Vanessa's career at MGH first started in 1971 when she was a "pinkie." Later in 1975, she graduated from the Helene Fuld School of Nursing, on Liberty Heights Avenue, and in 1977 joined the staff of MGH in the Immediate Care Unit.

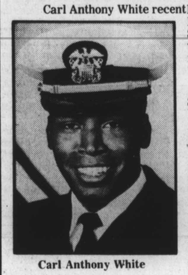
She then went to work in the Intensive Care Unit. Vanessa recently completed her BSN at the College of Notre Dame, and is now pursuing a Master's Degree in Health Administration from Towson State University.

While not working at MGH, Vanessa enjoys spending time with her husband, Phillip, and her two children, Phyllis (9) and Brian 9 mos.) at their Mt. Washington home.

Vanessa Ajayi

Commissioned at ceremony

Carl Anthony White recently completed training at the Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I., and was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy November 21, 1986.



Carl Anthony White

A graduate of Loyola High School and Towson State University, the Baltimore native will undergo extensive training at the Surface Warfare Officers School in San Diego, CA, and will then be stationed aboard the USS Harold E. Holt in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

At the commissioning exercises were his mother Mrs. Annie E. White; Mrs. Katherine Hepurn of Miami, FL and Miss Shelly Gross.

Members of the Maryland Association of Equal Opportunity Personnel presents the first installment towards their life membership to NAACP Life Membership Director, Dr. Emmett C. Burns, (1st row, left to right) Leonard Yorke, treasurer; Angela Hawkins, chairwoman; Carole Lee, member; and Ricardo Robinson, member. 2nd row left to right are: Eugene A. Austin, vice chairman; Yvonne Edwards, secretary; W. Franklin Bowles, member; and Charles Tarrant, member.

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN:

Making a gift to charity

More than 300,000 charitable organizations exist in America today. During the holiday season, it seems each one of them is asking for donations. The daily mail is filled with solicitations. The telephone rings with calls from fundraisers of all types.

The problem faced by the potential giver this time of year is coping with the rising tide of requests — distinguishing the responsible and accountable from the fraudulent and mismanaged.

United Way of America, the national service association for the 2,200 United Ways across the country, including the United Way of Central Maryland, developed the following list of questions people should investigate before making a contribution.

Some information can be gathered through telephone conversations, while other informational documents can be requested from the organization.

1. Does the organization publish an annual report and provide it upon request? Does the annual report contain a detailed annual budget certified by an independent public accounting firm?

2. Does the organization have an active and responsible volunteer governing board?

3. Is there a clear statement of purpose, and do the organization's programs and services address that stated purpose?

4. Does it have a responsible program, along with responsible management and fund-raising expenses?

5. Is the organization providing services in your community?

6. Who decides how your charitable donation is spent? For example, money given to United Way goes through a committee of volunteers that makes funding decisions based on an assessment of community needs.

7. Are the organization's publicity and promotional materials ethical and accurate? What does the charity claim; does it deliver?

Givers also can check with several organizations before making a contribution. Those organizations include:

•**United Way.** Organizations receiving funds from United Way have undergone a rigorous review of their budgets, programs, and services. This review is completed by local volunteers, based on assessments of community needs. To find out if the organization soliciting you is supported by United Way, contact the United Way of Central Maryland, 547-8000, extension 301.

•**Internal Revenue Service.** Check with the IRS to determine whether the organization you are considering giving to has 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. If it does not have 501(c)(3) status, then your gift is not tax deductible.

•**Better Business Bureau.** The BBB maintains an active monitoring program and aggressive philanthropic advisory service that declares standards for charitable groups. The BBB Philanthropic Advisory Council is headquartered in Arlington, VA, (703)-276-0133, and maintains files on thousands of national charitable organizations.

•**National Charities Information Bureau.** The NCIB evaluates national charitable groups against NCIB's own eight basic standards (i.e. whether the organzation uses ethical publicity, etc.). The NCIB advises contributors through its reports about individual agencies.

NCIB does not advise donors to give or not to give. But NCIB does encourage donors to request detailed reports about the national charitable organization in which they have an interest.

Anyone can obtain the list of organizations meeting NCIB's published standards by writing NCIB, 19 Union Square West, New York, NY 10003.

Typically, Americans give 2.01 percent of their pre-tax income to charitable organizations. Individual giving is responsible for more than 80 percent of the $79.84 billion raised by charities in 1985.

The main beneficiaries of this outpouring are religious causes ($37.73 billion); hospitals and health organizations ($11.25 billion); social service groups like United Way ($8.6 billion); and the arts and humanities ($5.09 billion).

A reminder. Effective January 1, Congress has eliminated the charitable deduction for taxpayers using the 1040 short form (non-itemizer). Charitable gifts made during 1986, however, are 100 percent deductible.

The IRS recommends keeping accurate records, receipts, cancelled checks, and other proof of your charitable gifts or activities.

For contributions other than money — used clothing or furniture — indicate the original cost, fair market value at the time of contribution, and the method of determining this value.

Mail delivery today and January 2 also

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Postal Service will deliver mail today — the day after Christmas — even though President Reagan has declared the day a federal holiday, the agency said Monday.

"This commitment to provide essential services is an historic tradition going back to other years when Christmas fell on a Thursday," the Postal Service said.

In a notice informing employees that Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 will be official business days, the agency added, "The Postal Service simply cannot afford to incur the enormous additional costs which would be involved in declaring these days as non-work days."

Managers are being encouraged to grant employees' requests for vacation or leave time on those two days if their absences will not interfere with postal operations, the agency said.

The Postal Service also will provide express mail and special deliveries on Christmas Day, the agency said.

Early estimates are that mail volume this holiday season is among the highest ever recorded, a spokeswoman said, adding that precise figures are not yet available.

By the way...

By Joe Black

I know that many of you have heard the expression "everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die." It depresses me to see that those words often reflect the attitude of too many Black Americans.

In the Black community, an individual is greeted with laudatory shouts of "right on" or "stay on the case" as long as he is elucidating about racism. But woe unto the Black person who dares to challenge or point out weaknesses that Black people can improve upon. Quickly the cheers change to jeers and "Tom," "Oreo," "Negro," or bourgeoisie, the vilifying names we now hear.

However, I remind those name-callers that we, as a race, are doomed to second-class status as long as we refuse to admit that we are not perfect. I am the first to admit that Black Americans have made great socioeconomic gains during the past 3 decades, but we cannot afford the luxury of living on our victories of yesteryear. The battle for equality of opportunity and justice is still being fought. We must strengthen our battle lines by making the family — father, mother, and children — strong and united. To achieve this goal, we must be willing to admit that many Black babies don't go to bed hungry because of racism. No, they lack food because a Black man has failed to fulfill his responsibilities as a father and a husband.

Think about it. Do we Blacks have the courage to reduce the number of single-parent homes in our community?

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

Lotto worth $4 mil

BALTIMORE (UPI) — No player won the top prize in the latest Maryland Lotto drawing, state lottery officials announced today.

Spokesman Carlton Dotson says the Dec. 27 drawing will have an estimated value of $4 million for a single winner.

In the Dec. 20 drawing, 272 people won $2,004 for matching five of the six numbers and 11,636 won $60 for matching four to six numbers.

The winning numbers selected were: 2, 21, 24, 25, 34, and 39.

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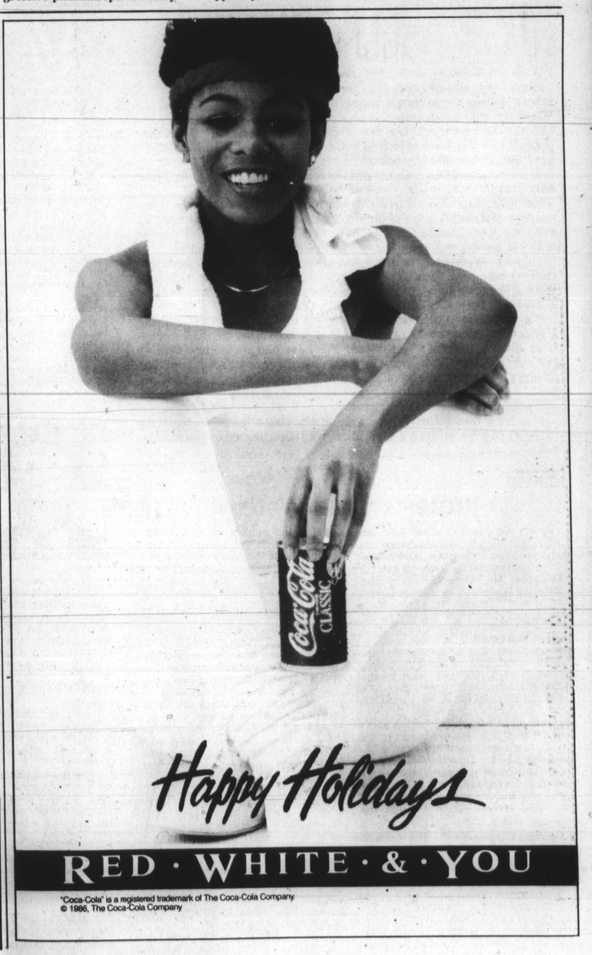

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