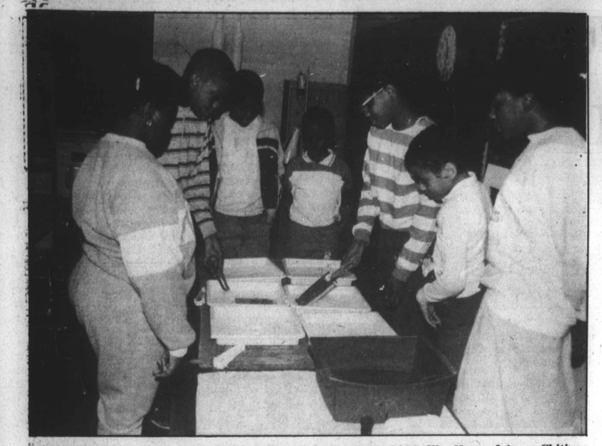

SHUTTERBUGS—Nicholen McGougan, Joseph Roberts, David Medlin, Howard Amy, Chitice Williams, Antonio Brown and Marquita Torrence develop pictures at Arlington Elementary School.

Young shutterbugs study

Future photographers are learning their craft at Arlington Elementary School, 234. This group of students, known as "The Shutterbugs," are participating in a project that was proposed by Carolyn Foster, teacher, to the Fund for Educational Excellence. The photography club, which meets every Tuesday and Thursday after school, is composed of students in grades Four and Five who are low achievers.

Two students in the Special Education curriculum are also members of the club.

The Shutterbug Club was developed to give the low achiever a feeling of self-worth and pride in himself and his ability to be creative.

At the same time, these students are utilizing reading, mathematics and communication skills.

Their object is to visually depict the learning that takes place at Arlington both in and out of the classroom.

Another objective is to show some aspect of the Arlington community environment.

Club members, are taught basic black and white photography which includes picture taking, film development, and the making of a photograph.

Home for "The Shutterbugs" is a classroom that Foster and her students converted into a darkroom.

The culminating activity of the photography club will be an exhibit of a selection of each child's photographs in June at Arlington.

The members of the "Shutterbug" Photography Club are Antonio Brown, Nicholen McGougan, Marquita Torrence, Howard Amy, Chitice Williams, Joseph Roberts, David Medlin, Christopher Holness and Jennifer Rhodes.

Free Slide Lecture on Jamaica

Dr. Bradley Ebersole, coordinator of international education at Catonsville Community College, will present a slide/discussion on Jamaica on Tues., June 21, 8 p.m., in the Barn Theatre, located at 800 South Rolling Road.

Dr. Ebersole spent four months as a visiting administrator and lecturer at Knox Community College in Jamaica and will discuss his experiences and impressions of Jamaica as a developing nation.

Call 455-4370 or -4400.

Crossing guards honored

By Ejike Obineme
AFRO Staff Writer

Everyone who spoke at the second annual luncheon Friday, in honor of the school crossing guards was full of praise.

Mary Pat Clarke, City Council President said they bring out the best in Baltimore. Councilwoman Agnes Welch of the Fourth District told them, "You are part of Education."

The new commissioner for the Department of Transportation, Herman Williams, Jr., who was also the speaker at the luncheon told them, "You have become trusted friends of many Baltimore families."

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke proclaimed June 17 as "School Crossing Guard Day" and urged all citizens to acknowledge the contributions School Crossing Guards have made to the city.

In a salute to the crossing guards of Baltimore City he read in congress June 9, Kweisi Mfume said, "The cliche that begins with the phrase, 'Neither rain, sleet, nor snow' is usually applied to the men and women of the U.S. Postal Service. I'm sure my colleagues and the citizens of Baltimore will agree that this adage is also appropriate for crossing guards."

The gathering of mostly women was happy that their contribution to the society was being recognized after 33 years of service. The idea of having a luncheon that can be attended by most guards from all the districts of Baltimore was conceived last year.

Prior to last year, the school crossing guards used to get together at the district level at the end of school sessions. It was while Sharon Randall was visiting the districts last year that the discussion to have one central get together began. Randall, the president of Classified Municipal Employees Association took the idea to Donald D. Davis, one of the organizers. The result was last year's luncheon, which was described as very successful.

One of the highlights of the luncheon was the introduction of the only male member of the school crossing guards, 77-year-old Daniel Mathew.

Working in a field that is dominated by women has not been very easy for Mathew, who said later "It is not easy but I have nothing but the best of cooperation. They treat me like one of the group."

The annual luncheon is getting to be a kind of fellowship for the school crossing guards. Many retired members who attended, used the opportunity to get re-acquainted with old friends and the active members get to know other people from other districts.

Betty Falcon, a retired worker and Lucille Falcon sat together and talked about the good old days. It was very clear that the retired and active members enjoyed being together and from the general atmosphere and discussions, they enjoyed their work. What gave them the most satisfaction, it appeared, was watching the children they used to escort across the street grow into responsible adults.

Playwright fights drugs

Argin Henry sees playwrighting as a weapon to be used against the social ills — crime, drugs, and violence — he finds permeating urban communities. Born in Silver Spring, Maryland, Argin moved to Baltimore at an early age and is now a senior at Forest Park Senior High School.

One of the plays, **Cabin's Patch**, has been selected for production as part of the NAACP's ACTSO Program — an academic competition involving black students in grades nine through twelve in the categories of science, humanities, visual arts, and performing arts.

Cabin's Patch is the story of three couples who spend an evening together, the humorous situations that develop between them, and the unexpected events which grow out of these relationships.

Currently Argin is writing a play about AIDS to be produced at his high school.

Argin is in no way a one-dimensional person. He is also a member of Forest Park's Track and Field Team where he excels in the high jump, the triple jump, hurdles, and the mile relay.

Future plans include enrollment at Hampton Institute in Virginia where he hopes to major in journalism. When

Argin Henry

asked if he wanted to be a professional playwright, Argin Henry responded, "If it happens, it happens."

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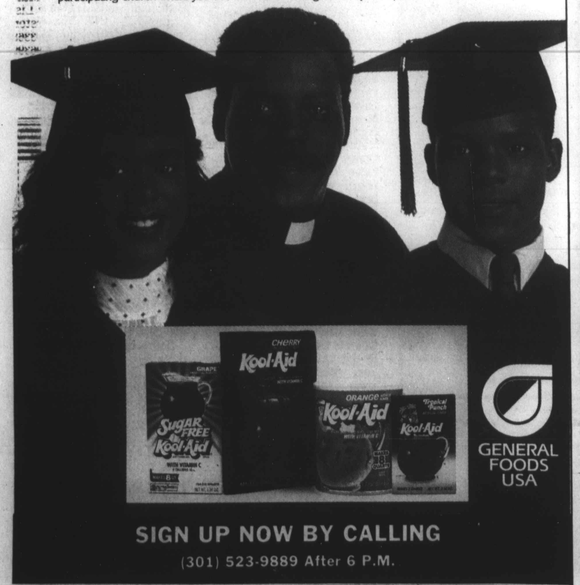

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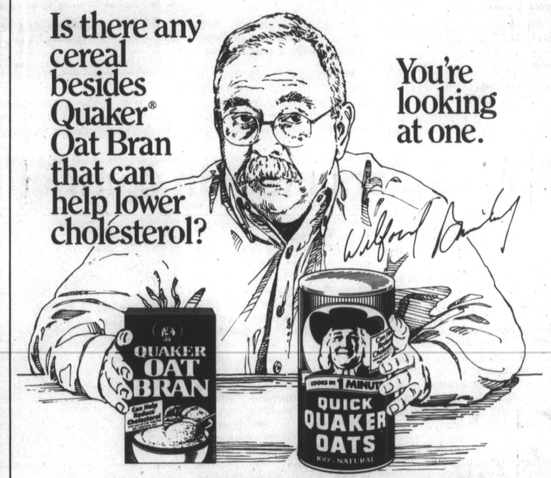

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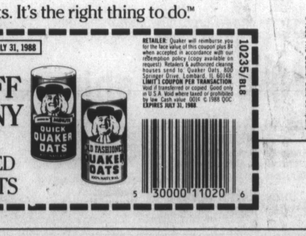

IN THE STARS / STRICTLY PERSONAL

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You had better have your sense of humor where you can bring it out quickly. You are going to need it. Dining out proves to be pleasurable. Wednesday through Friday in addition to next Monday, are days to take note of. Have confidence and dress your best.

LEO (July 23-August 22): There are extremely favorable aspects on the horizon for Friday and Saturday related to social matters and help from outside sources. Well earned recognition comes your way. Change your routine. You spend too much time scattering energy fruitlessly. Throw out old concepts.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Instead of expressing your ideas this week, listen to others. You can gain some great ideas by absorbing information volunteered by those close to you. Not only does this week start off favorably but increases with the coming days. Pay special attention from Wednesday to Friday followed by Monday and Tuesday of next week.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Focus your attention this week on your family and home. Take care of necessary home improvements. Plan a weekend with emphasis on food and fun. Uranus and Neptune in opposition to your sun suggests not to expect too much from anything or anybody between Wednesday and Friday.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 22): Develop your creative talents. Look in the areas of art, music or stitching. Be diplomatic and generous with others. Compared with the rest of this week's aspect, Friday is favorable in the way of important contacts, starting new ventures or forming alliances.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Adopt a simpler lifestyle. Tone down the hectic schedule you find yourself bound to. Take time to enjoy the abundant beauty of the earth. Mars expected in opposition in your chart during Monday and Tuesday suggests you should proceed with tact to avoid opposition.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): You have ridden out the storm, so you can now expect smoother sailing. Refuse to be intimidated by unkind remarks from others. Tone down your aggressive nature. The weekend should allow you some well-deserved rest. Next Monday and Tuesday are your only favorable days.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): Analyze the need you sometimes feel to cut someone else down with unkind words. Search out the basic cause of insecurity which causes you to react in this manner. Jupiter and Pluto squaring your chart over the weekend looks menancing. Other than that the rest of this week is pretty much what you make it.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): The fruits of your labor begin now to pay off in a lucrative way. You receive a message which gives you the green light on an important project. As a result, you may have to make some adjustments or delay them for now. Cosmically, next week will find you in much better shape.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Don't brood because you feel as though friends have neglected you. As you learn to give more than you take, you will find some unexpected pleasant surprises await you. Exception to the rule rears its head Monday and Tuesday. These days are marked stressful in the extreme and unfavorable for anything worthwhile.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20): Don't let criticism bother you. Those who are criticizing don't have much to offer and others are well aware of it. Be kind to everyone. Pay special attention to Wednesday into Thursday and Friday followed by next week as well. Saturday and Sunday are the least favorable days for anything worthwhile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A weekend trip could bring much pleasure. You are in a good position to get what you want, if you will be yourself and stop trying to impress people. Saturday and Sunday offer an opportunity for creative expression and getting back on track.

Lonesome Hearts

Lonely, handicapped black lady seeks friendship with interested gentlemen, black or white through correspondence. Respond to CC 49.

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Christian female, 38, would like to meet relatively handsome, black male, who is sincere, honest and family oriented. CC 50.

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Handsome, 33-year-old, 6', slim, light complexioned, bearded, English teacher, SBM, seeks attractive, affectionate, clean, down-to-earth female. Non-drinking, smoking or drugs. Phone and photo appreciated. Will reciprocate. Washington, DC area. CC 51.

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Good looking, lean, professional black male, 34, 5'11", desires attractive, intelligent, warm-hearted, Islamically-oriented female. Photo and phone requested. All serious replies will be answered. For more, write to CC 52.

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63-year-old lady, 5'2", 120 pounds, sincere, would like to correspond with interested, sincere gentleman, 55-65 for meaningful relationship. No drug users. For more, write to CC 53.

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DBF, outgoing, affectionate lady, 48, seeks a tall, BM who is intelligent, employed, outgoing, affectionate, sincere, with great sense of humor who is looking for a commitment, possible marriage. If possible, send telephone number with first letter. Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area. CC 44.

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Sensitive, intelligent black lady, 32, with good qualities, willing to meet respectable, verbal, honest, hardworking black and white males, 30-45 with same qualities. For more, write to CC 45.

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Handsome black male, 40, 5'10", 200 pounds, likes church, sports, would like to meet someone pretty much the same. Send photo and phone number, if possible. For more, write to CC 46.

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Sincere, honest black male, 21, would like to meet sincere, considerate lady, 17-25, for long-term relationship. No "yo" girls. CC 47.

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SBM, 40, 5'10", 177 pounds, body-builder-health enthusiast, seeking same qualities in a vivacious, business-woman desiring a mate. Write to find out more. CC 48.

STRICTLY PERSONAL
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Pen Pals
Searching

To have a notice published in the Strictly Personal section, write the message you want printed clearly in the space below. Enclose five dollars ($5.00), check or money order for 25-word notice. Additional words will cost 20 cents each.

I would like my Strictly Personal notice to read:

To answer a Lonesome Hearts notice, enclose a check or money order for $1.00 for each letter you wish to have forwarded. Be sure to include the box number of the person you wish to contact. All letters, queries and notices should be sent to:

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If you have a problem you feel our counselor Jan might be able to help you with, why not write to her. All letters will be answered in this column.

Write: Tell it to Jan, AFRO-AMERICAN,
P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Tell it to Jan

Dear Jan:

I'm in my 30's, single, don't drink or smoke. I'm not a party goer and that's my problem.

Every time I take women out they always want to go to a party, get high, etc. and that is just not my style.

I try to treat the women I take out like ladies — take them to dinner, to a nice movie or a concert. I like giving flowers, but the ones I get always want to get high and party.

Jan, I don't have many friends because I don't do the things they do. What I'm looking for is an old fashioned girl who is single with no children.

H.P.N.C.

Dear H.P.N.C.:

I think you need to find yourself new friends. The young lady you are looking for is out there. Being in the right place at the right time involves timing and a whole lot of luck!

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Dear Jan:

I'm 23 and have been living with this man, 33 for two years.

I had one little girl before I met this man. He is very nice to me and the child. However, I'm not getting any younger.

He said he was going to marry me about a year ago, but when the day came he did not say anything about it. Now he never mentions it anymore.

I'm going to have a baby next month and he says that it is not his. How can a man say he loves you and wants you to believe him when he says things like that?

Now he is going around with a 17-year-old girl. I saw them go right past our house. The bad part about it — he tries to be jealous of me and doesn't want me to go anywhere or even to visit my relatives.

Should I try to forget this man and get me a job? I know I can't stop loving him.

Susie

Dear Susie:

So now you know the number one danger in this common-law marriage. In 90 cases out of 100, they always end up in heartbreak for the woman.

Of course, it's too late to cry over spilled milk, but you are young enough to make a fresh start. Best get your mind organized and get out and support yourself.

So you can't stop loving this man — maybe not — but it is a sure bet that you are wasting your time.

Get a job and try to make yourself sufficient. Nobody can make a fool of you then.

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Dear Jan:

I am now going with this guy, 16. We have been dating for six months.

He told his friend to tell me that he doesn't want me anymore. I am very unhappy. I am embarrassed to let my friends know that we have broken up. I am very upset about it.

Please tell me what to do.

R. H.

Dear R. H.:

There is nothing to be embarrassed about. It happens everyday to the best of us.

The fact that your boyfriend told his friend and not you should let you know that he isn't the guy for you.

Count your blessings, honey!

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Dear Jan:

My children don't want me to divorce their father. When I married him I thought it was for life, but I don't know what to do.

He has been having an affair with a girl half his age and it turns out she is pregnant. He has moved out of our home so many times I lost count.

I have been married to this man for 17 years and with all the pain his affair has brought me, I am still in love with him.

I have spoken with a lawyer about a separation, but I can't go through with it. What would another woman do in my shoes?

Annie

Dear Annie:

Another woman might take her shoes off and throw them at him, but I commend you for your patience and above all, your concern for your children.

Your husband is taking advantage of an extremely understanding wife. Tell him no more philandering. Explain that you have spoken with a lawyer and that he has the choice to stay or to go.

Pen Pals

Need a friend? Single male, 40, 5'11", 185 pounds, presently incarcerated, but will be free in near future. College education, vast interests. Immediate goal, pursuing career in journalism, seeks correspondence from career oriented females. Willing to write regularly for possible future friendship. Can send photo upon request. Write soon. Darius Marcus, 167-831, MCI-H, Rt. 3, Box 2000, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

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Incarcerated male seeks friendship through correspondence. Frank Appleberry, 185-275, Correctional Reception Center, Box 300, Orient, OH 43146.

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Incarcerated male, lonely, searching for "my" other half to join me in affection and reach out and touch me. Some will win others will lose. I'm very lonely for correspondence from someone special. Interested in developing friendship, meaningful relationship. If possible, send photo with first letter. Write to: Brian W. Johnson, 159-104, Rt. 3, Box 3333, H.E.D. Building, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

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Confined female, 30, who enjoys horseback riding, would like to establish friendship with settle-minded male. For more, write to: Elizabeth Hunt, 16013, 1479 Collins Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040.

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Lonely, black male, incarcerated seeks friendship through correspondence. Tyrone R. James, 170-202, Post Office Box 5200, CB-5, Lorton, VA 22079.

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37-year-old incarcerated female would like to establish friendship through correspondence with sincere, understanding, trusting male. Paula Smith, 18588, 1479 Collins Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040.

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26-year-old male, confined, seeks friendship through correspondence. Curtis Brown, 200-959, Post Office Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

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Incarcerated male, 31, seeks friendship through correspondence. Frank Fletcher, Y-7313, Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612-0286.

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31-year-old male, confined, would like to establish friendship through correspondence. Washington Swan, K-8424, Post Office Box 200, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

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40-year-old male, incarcerated, would like to correspond with interested females. James Surgeon, 188-137, P. O. Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

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Lonely male, 32, seeks friendship through correspondence. William E. Shelton, Jr., 211732, P. O. Box 150, Delmont, NJ 08134.

Searching

Anyone knowing whereabouts of Susie White, Mary White, Patricia Gale or Lisa White, contact P. J. Hairston, SSgt, USAF, PCS Box 3368, APO San Francisco 96399-0006.

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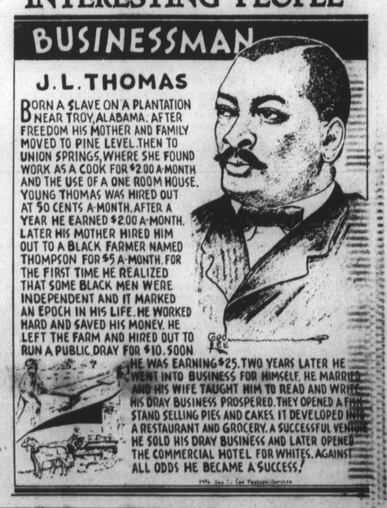

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