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the selling of drugs within 1,000 feet of school property. Further, it would increase the minimum sentence required for a person convicted of distributing the illicit drugs.

The drug-free school zone has been implemented in California and New Jersey. It has received support from local citizens and it has achieved a high level of success.

Brailey put on Finance committee

Senator Troy Brailey has been appointed to the Senate Finance Committee. He is expected to make significant contributions to the deliberations of the committee.

Senator American Joe Miedusiewski has been reassigned to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee. Hew has replaced Senator Joseph Bonvegna, who died.

New food items to be distributed

The Maryland Department of Human Resources Community Services Administration announced that two-pound cans of peanut butter will be distributed to low-income households starting the middle of February, as the first of a variety of nutritious foods to become available under the recently enacted Hunger Relief Act of 1988.

The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program will be distributing additional foods as they become available. Butter, cornmeal and all-purpose flour will continue to be distributed to low-income.

The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program has currently exhausted its supply of cheese for low-income households due to depletion of government stockpiles.

Also, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has depleted its supply of nonfat dry milk, and the remaining nonfat dry milk will be distributed during the months of November and December until the supply is exhausted.

Leaf pickup schedule

Baltimore City residents can start raking their leaves now and putting them out for pickup by the Bureau of Solid Waste.

Up to twelve bagsful of leaves will be picked up from every household each week on the second trash collection day of the week. Solid Waste collection crews will start collecting bagged leaves now and will continue until the last bag of leaves has been picked up.

Residents should rake and bag leaves as they fall to avoid slippery leaves on sidewalks and gutters and leaf-clogged storm drains that could flood basements.

—Bush appointments

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"Bush's administration will be a continuation of the insensitivities of the Reagan White House," said Mary E. Cox, former chair of the Virginia State Committee for one-time presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson in published reports.

"We should expect that a lot will be taken away."

Yet, staffers for the Bush transition team said the new administration will seek "minorities of excellence to serve as full scale partners" in all levels of government — despite a sparse show of support for the GOP by black voters.

"The field is wide open said Melvin Bradley," one of the few blacks to serve in the White House under President Reagan for the past eight years. "And even if that person were not a Republican the Bush people would give them a fair shake."

Bradley — who will leave the Reagan team to return to private life in his native California — added "the Bush people are looking for competent people who can best carry out his mission."

Those blacks being considered for key spots in the Bush White House, according to Bradley, include Connecticut lawyer Ben Andrews; Robert Woodson of the conservative Heritage Foundation; economist Thad Garrett and Constance Newman — who served as the deputy campaign manager for the Bush campaign.

White House insiders also told the AFRO that Newman has been added to the Bush transition team and will be working in the personnel section under Chase Untermeyner.

Other sources, however, said the President-elect may have to look beyond the present roster of black Republicans because of different philosophies within the ranks.

"They definitely appear to be broken down into two distinct groups," said the source.

—Council tackles

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chair of the housing committee.

"This is landmark legislation that can really make a difference in the inner city," said Bell, Fourth District.

The bill was introduced earlier this year and will be reviewed Nov. 29 during its second reading. The sponsors said they will issue a favorable report on the bill.

The piece of legislation will be reviewed for a final time and voted upon within the next few weeks.

Hall and Bell said they believe the Council will support the bill, although some councilmembers may try and amend the bill, so the bill states violators will receive a notice before every citation.

"We think that weakens the legislation to give notice for the same violation," Hall said.

"We prefer not to see it watered down," added Bell.

Bell said Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance support the bill that attempts to rid the city of dilapidated housing and blight.

Under Bill 305, violators will not be jailed.

"We want people to clean up. We don't want to incarcerate people and add to the tax roles," Hall said.

Hall said the housing committee is also trying to pass Bill 304, which would consolidate all of the housing codes for tenants and landlords to maintain and repair property. This bill would also "spell out" the exact fines for housing officers to use when writing citations.

Bill 328 that was passed in Annapolis during the last session enabled the Council to write the legislation and set its parameters Hall said.

Hall said the Property Owners Association are opposed to the bill. The group would like to see a notice given before each citation, because many times they may be unaware of violations.

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke has tried to improve housing code enforcements by creating 10 new positions for code enforcement.

—Dirt bike

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then attemped to stop Maurice for a traffic violation.

Maurice Saunders applied his brakes and began to skid and lose control, at the same time the police officer applied his brakes and also began to lose control.

The police vehicle struck the dirt bike and the bike hit an unoccupied parked car. Maurice was thrown from the bike and seriously injured.

Officer Mark John McGhee had been on the force exactly nine months when the accident happened.

Around 8 o'clock in the evening, Ambulance Unit #8 was summoned to the intersection of Rosedale and Bloomingdale Sts. and promptly brought Maurice to Liberty Medical Center.

Later Maurice was rushed to Shock Trauma where doctors worked to raise his dangerously low blood pressure and repair an assortment of injuries including several broken ribcage bones.

Maurice's parents had left their home on Windsor Avenue for a short ride to the shopping mall to pick up a pizza for the family. This was one of the family's favorite Saturday treats, the kids loved it and Gloria Saunders loved the idea of not having to cook.

As the Saunders pulled up to their front door their son Herman, Jr. was frantically shouting and crying that his brother had been in an accident with his motorbike and was now in the hospital at Liberty Medical Center.

When they reached the hospital they were told they could not see Maurice, so they sat in silence waiting for some word on his health status.

After waiting an hour they were informed that their son was to be transported immediately to the Shock Trauma Department of University Hospital.

Arriving at Shock Trauma the parents were still kept pretty much in the dark about the condition of their son. Once again they waited for over an hour, which they spent praying and conforting each other.

Maurice Anthony Saunders was pronounced dead at 11 o'clock that night.

The 16-year-old Walbrook High School junior was active in basketball, football and karate, but most of the time all he wanted to do was ride his dirt bike. Stacks of motorcycle books overflowed the bookshelves in his room and his walls were lined with bike pictures. His scholarship was good and he had lots of friends.

These are the facts of the accident as noted in the official police report. Several witnesses at the scene of the accident insist that this version leaves out some very crucial facts concerning the alleged abusive behavior shown by Officer Mark McGhee toward Maurice Saunders.

A composite synopsis of the events of October 29, as related by neighborhood residents, and several students, who wish to remain anonymous due to fear of recriminations by the police department disagree with the account written in the official police report.

All of these eyewitnesses agree that Officer McGhee knocked Maurice off his bike by running his cruiser over Maurice, then backed the auto up and then for the second time ran over Maurice's legs. At this point witnesses allege that McGhee got out of the cruiser to kick, beat and stomp Maurice viciously, with special attention concentrated on Maurice's chest.

Charles Dugger, a teacher at Edmondson High School and a radio commentator whose program airs Saturday mornings from 7-9 on WEBB radio, has spearheaded a crusade to bring to public attention alleged injustices committed by several government agencies including the Baltimore Police D rtment.

According to Dugger, "Several events in which police officers have abused the authority entrusted to them has been the impetus for the establishment of Dugger's Civilian Review Board, a group of concerned citizens who want to send out a message, saying they will no longer tolerate these kinds of treatment."

Saturday, November 13, Dugger asked witnesses of this incident to come forth on behalf of the grieved parents of Maurice Saunders.

The police department has restricted Mark McGhee to a desk job until this case is resolved. This is standard procedure in any case where a death had occurred. Meanwhile the State's Attorney office has the case folder on the accident. What plans they have for its use are unknown.

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—Stadium proposal

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Martin's if it neglected to reach its 15 percent minority participation goal in the construction of say, for example , the delis, specialty shops and the stadium's public cafeteria?

The black legislators would have no legal course Rawlings said.

"There is nothing in any agreement in the city, state or federal governments that says if you don't do this (hire minorities), you will go to jail," said Rawlings.

"It will be the decision of the black legislators and their constituency to take action," Rawlings said. He did not define "action".

Rawlings said he was confident ARA-Martin's and the Orioles would keep the agreement and "honor and promote goodwill in the black community."

The legislator said ARA-Martin's has agreed to foster goodwill in the black community by offering scholarships to black colleges — Morgan State University and Coppin State College and donating food to the poor.

The agreement also includes ARA-Martin's seeking a 15 percent minimum minority participation in the service and operational aspects of the concession service, such as food purchasing and bookkeeping.

ARA president Charles Gillespie said he will "easily exceed that" said Rawlings.

That means, "a number of black businesses in the area can get subcontracts ranging from construction to food service," Frisby said.

Minority contractors will not be "botched" in to certain contracts the attorney said.

In 1987, the Black Caucus agreed to the stadium project when it went before the General Assembly, because the black legislators believed minorities should receive some of the stadium's business.

"Our concern was we did not think it was appropriate to have blacks only serving food," said Rawlings. "We can also supervise."

During the initial negotiations, the Orioles and the caterers agreed upon 10 percent minority participation in the construction of concession sites.

"We were very uncomfortable with that," said Frisby. "We thought the goals should have been much higher."

The state requires a 10 percent minority participation in state contracts.

The groups finally agreed to raising the minority involvement from 10 percent to 15 percent. The Black Caucus wanted ARA-Martin's to agree to the city's 20 percent minority-hiring goal.

Some black business leaders are concerned that like in the past, they will not receive important and prestigious contracts.

But Rawlings said minorities can compete in the bidding process on various contracts "across-the-board" like the majority contractors.

"There is nothing exclusionary about this goal," said Rawlings.

B. Tyrous "Terry" Addison, founder of the Atlas Insurance Agency, a black-owned business, said he and other black businessmen are concerned about what the agreement "really means".

Addison said he wanted to know if the agreement meant blacks could get 15 percent of the contracts "across the board" or 15 percent of contracts in one "concentrated" area.

"If it's 15 percent across the board, we will be happy. If not, and we get botched in to 15 percent of one area that will not be good," said Addison.

Addison, chairman of Forum Caterers on Primrose Avenue, said it would be progressive if a minority-owned bank was chosen to provide banking services for the complex.

"We want ownership and not just jobs," the insurance broker said.

Anderson, the black caucus chair, said ARA-Martin's president said he would also develop a minority hiring plan to employ blacks at every level, including supervisory and upper management positions.

In April 1987, the state approved the stadium legislation and established the Maryland Stadium Authority to supervise planning and construction of the stadium.

Chris T. Delaporte, former city parks and recreations director, was hired in June as the body's executive director to oversee the stadium's planning and construction.

The stadium authority also agreed to set aside certain contracts for minorities, although it is not a part of the law.

A black auditing firm and a minority-owned financial advisory firm are among the minority businesses that have already received contracts from the stadium authority.

"I think its the right thing to do... and there is an enormous amount of interest," said Delaporte.

The Camden Yards stadium is expected to be completed in 1991 or 1992.

—Coalition battles

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payer, saving the state money.

The chairmanless coalition has put together a proposal asking Gov. William D. Schaefer to give $59.9 million of the state's $500 million budget for the social programs in the state's fiscal year 90 budget.

MAP representatives said normally the state would have to fund $400 to $500 million to support these programs individually.

"We're asking for little more than 10 percent of the state's priority," said Meade.

On Nov. 22, MAP members met with the Republican leaders in the state's House to discuss the proposal. A copy of the proposal was given to the spending affordability committee in the General Assembly also said Del.Howard Pete Rawlings-Baltimore. He serves on the budget and appropriations committee.

"For us the governor is the key," Rawlings said referring to MAP's recommendations becoming realities.

Schaefer is now planning his budget and the MAP recommendations are on his agenda said Rawlings, a MAP ally.

Funds for higher education and state salary increases are two of the major issues competing for state dollars during budget meetings in the beginning of next year.

In case the state does not approve MAP's budgetary recommendations, there is a supplemental budget that sounds "like an afterthought" that will fund the individual programs said Susan P. Tippett, of the Energy Advocates, another MAP member.

"We cut off our noses to spite our faces," said Tippett.

Earlier, the proposal failed in the Senate, after it received support from Gov. Schaefer and the House Rawlings said.

The problem was many bills like it "came rushing out of the House" Rawlings said.

MAP has also suggested the state give $3.5 million of the coalition's requested amount to the homeless, $25 million for housing and $15 million for income maintenance.

"The nice thing about our agenda is... all of the programs are provable and workable," said Meade.

"We are not asking for a pie in the sky," she said.

Rawlings and the MAP members are encouraging legislators to write the governor to encourage him to support and pass the recommendations.

Rawlings said he expects 99 percent support from Baltimore City. The only drawback is many of the state legislators believe all of the money will be allocated to Baltimore City, which Rawlings denied.

MAP hopes it will receive the governor's approval so its objective can come true.

"Following the MAP direction will put hundreds of thousands of Marylanders on the road to a better life," states a MAP brochure.

NAACP LEADERS — Enolia P. McMillan, president, is pictured with George N. Buntin, Jr. executive secretary.

Freedom Breakfast

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

The message was for the black middle class. It was about wearing colored contact lenses, Rolex watches, and driving Mercedez Benzes. The images were clear. But the picture was not pretty.

When Rev. Frank Madison Reid , pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, spoke to an audience of 600 at the 1988 NAACP Freedom Breakfast, Sunday, he neither wasted time, nor minced words.

His speech lasted less than ten minutes, but it covered more than ten decades of oppression. Not only historic oppression of blacks by whites, but the contemporary oppression of blacks by other blacks.

"The black upper class has chosen the ways of their oppressors," Reid said. "Some of us are so busy being Kappas, Alphas, Deltas, and Omegas, that we don't take time out to remember who we are," he said.

"When we live off the suffering of the underclass, it is the same as putting a foot on their necks to hold them down.

As Reid wrapped up his speech, hundreds of NAACP members and supporters leaped from their Palladium seats to applaud his message.

Reid told people not to worry about President Elect, George Bush's continuance of Reaganomics because God holds the highest office of all.

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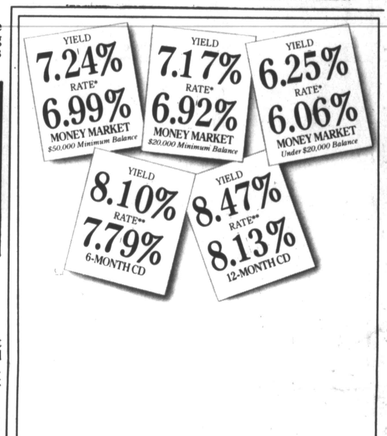

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