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Ron Kronsberg
Giant Discount Drug Pharmacist

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BUSINESS PULSE

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Flowers by Crip

A second chance to give

By Charles H. Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

After closing down his shop, Clarence "Crip" Smith climbed into his gray, '79 Lincoln and headed toward Randallstown to consult with a client about wedding arrangements.

Waiting for the light at the intersection of Liberty Heights and Northern Parkway a sudden pain gripped his chest. Telling himself it was only gas "Crip" drove on.

He turned in to the 7-Eleven west of Washington Street hoping the stretch would do him some good. Climbing back in his car he continued west on Liberty Road to Old Court Road where the sense of dread combined with the irregular pounding of his heart, could no longer be denied. "Crip" pulled into Baltimore County Hospital and checked himself in.

Two weeks later, his condition worsened, friends convinced "Crip" to get a second opinion from University Hospital cardiologist Elijah Saunders who hurriedly arranged for a police escorted transfer to the better equipped facility.

In his room at U.M. Smith was awakened by the presence of a group of ministers. A group so large that when they stood shoulder to shoulder and joined hands to pray they filled the room and extended out into the corridor.

"Crip" surveyed the gathering of ministers, most he had known for many years, all he had helped with funeral arrangements, carnations for mothers day, wedding bouquets and funeral arrangements. He lied there, senses numbed by medication, body shackled by tubes and was certain they were administering his last rites.

"I thought I was going to die that night," "Crip" said in the chairman's office at the Urban Services Agency, where he sits behind the desk not just alive, but living well.

Between his shop in the 700 block of Poplar Grove, his appointment five months ago as one of 11 Urban Services Commissioners, his nomination this year as an U.S.A awards honoree, and a salute from WJZ TV, the company of his wife Jeanette, his son Clarence, Jr., three daughters, Michelle Hays, Debra Blackwell and Kimberly Smith and his seven grandchildren, the man who can probably name more friends than anyone in Baltimore and probably knows more about hustling than a horse drawn vegetable cart full of A-rabs used a season spent laying on his back to wonder about life and come up with an answer:

"When money is not your god you can make it work for you," said "Crip". "When you're laying on your back for 2½ months it gives you plenty of time to think."

Time to think about selling boutonnieres in the bars along Pennsylvania Avenue and crepe' paper corsages to the entire neighborhood at a time when even a man who would have one upside your head would not dare go home on Mother's Day without a flower for "Ma".

"Everybody in the city used to have a flower for Mother's Day," "Crip" said. "If you didn't have one you were funny."

Time to think of the widows who longed for more flowers than they could afford and received them and the "millionaires who said 'give me $25 worth of flowers for my best friend who just died'."

Time to think of how as a youngster growing up in the Gilmour Projects, with neighbors like photographer Henry Phillips next door and vocalist Ethel Ennis across the street, he played sports on the Police Department Athletic teams (where he broke his leg and picked up the "tradename" "Crip") and learned how working together as a team caused people to look up to him and feel good about themselves.

"I get more of a kick out of making people feel good than helping myself," "Crip" said. "A lot of good...came out of those projects."

It is for the good of these projects and the rest of Baltimore that "Crip" has been living out his second chance. "God spared me so that I could help, "Crip" said. "That is why I believe in the Urban Services Agency, to help. "I'm trying to see that they get it right."

Through Urban Services "Crip" works to provide improved transportation to city residents, particularly senior citizens and the handicapped, to provide energy assistance, adult education programs and to see to the needs of those who know of no one else to call except the florist who refuses to be disturbed when he is with a grieving family.

All this good doing has come back to "Crip". His complete line of exotic as well as domestic flowers, in both his Poplar Grove and Harford Road locations, are a citywide favorite and his low mark-up policy and flowery donations to charitable causes has helped to spread the word from one side of town to the other:

"Don't buy any flowers unless you buy them from 'Crip'."

Clarence "Crip" Smith at his Poplar Grove shop

"Crip" at his Urban Services office

Mortgage discrimination charges draw fire

By Charles H. Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

A report of racially biased mortgage "redlining" has drawn opposing and supporting fire from lending institutions, borrowers and government officials over the past week.

Based on records from banks and savings and loans nationwide, the report shows a continuing banking trend has systematically shut blacks out of the housing market by limiting their access to home loans.

"Federal laws against discrimination ...date as far back as 1968 to the Fair Housing Act, yet fair housing and equal access to financing remains an illusion," said an outraged Kwiesi Mfume (Congressman D-7th).

"Some of the complaints alleged in this report are deplorably true," said Fletcher Hall, spokesman for the Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors. "Everybody whose money is green should be able to buy a home."

Regarding the color of money as black and white has become an accepted procedure at some banks, according to the report in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and is a factor in the higher than 3 to 1 rejection ratio of black to white mortgage seekers by area savings and loans.

"We were under the impression...that we were doing a very good job," said Charles Kressler, executive director of the Maryland League of Financial Institutions, an advocacy group for the state savings and loans industry.

"I would be quite surprised if these facts are true in the case of Baltimore," Kressler added. Not surprised are the owners of Baltimore's black owned savings and loans who trace the redlining process back to their beginnings.

"I don't buy that argument," said Gaines Lansey, president of Ideal Federal Savings and Loan. "Any time a black goes into one, two, three banks in a row and gets turned down they realize what is happening."

"We started this bank under the assumption there were problems in financing for the black community," said Dr. W. O. Bryson, Jr., president of Advance Federal Savings and Loan.

"I heard that it exists, but I have not run into it," Bryson added. "The last house I bought, I financed through Advance Federal."

Regulators of the 37 state chartered savings and loans say there has been no increase in complaints from the public and are therefore unaware of any problem.

"We've gotten little or no complaints on behalf of the residents regarding state chartered savings and loans," said Lewis Rheinhardt licensing director of the state savings and loan division.

"We have not seen any evidence of redlining in the associations that we regulate."

"Very few people actually complain," countered Gaines Lansey. "They run up against a brick wall."

According to Lansey any movement in that wall has been the result of blacks putting heat on the banks to loosen up the money supply.

"Anyone who thinks he got what he has because of who he is, is deluding himself," Lansey said. "He got what he has because blacks have fought for it."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

The National Beauty Culturists' League (NBCL) will be having its annual board- meeting in Baltimore, Maryland on February 11 through February 14, 1989 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

NBCL National President, Ms. Cleotis Richardson and the National Executive Board has selected Dr. Mary M. Stevens to be the keynote speaker at a banquet which will be held February 12.

Dr. Stevens who co-owns a beauty salon, Artistic Design Coiffures, in Baltimore, Maryland is well known as a pacesetter for culturists concerns.

She has served as the Assistant Dean at the National Institute of Cosmetology, a division of NBCL, and has been the Eastern Region Educational Coordinator for the Johnson Products Company, Inc.

Dr. Stevens has a long list of awards and recognitions that include: the Outstanding Service Award from the Master Beauticians Association, Inc. in 1969, 1971, and 1975.

Dr. Stevens has also recently received an Achievement Award in Recognition of Exceptional Accomplishment from the Maryland State Cosmotologist Association. Dr. Stevens is highly respected amongst her colleagues and has gained national recognition for her dedication to the beauty industry.

Dr. Stevens is active in many professional and community organizations. She is a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Baltimore, Maryland, as well as, sings with their gospel choir.

The theme for the Pioneer Awards Banquet is "Projection II—Looking From The Inside-out."

Dr. Stevens will be delivering her message before leaders in the beauty profession and members and officers who will be coming to Baltimore to hold their Annual Executive Board Planning Meeting.

The National Beauty Culturists' League was founded in 1919 in the city of Philadelphia. It's National headquarters is located in Washington, D.C. It has chapters located throughout the United States.

NBCL functions through its State Associations and local chapters and has a sustained program, year round, in helping its members stay abreast of the latest advances in their profession.

For additional information on the events that will be taking place in Baltimore, Maryland during this time, contact: Dr. Louise Johnson at (301) 783-0484.

7-Eleven To Give Away 60 GM Cars

DALLAS — During February and March, customers will have a chance to win one of 60 new 1989 GM cars when they purchase products at their neighborhood 7-Eleven stores.

Customers can win Corvettes, Camaros and GEOs, when they purchase products such as Coca-Cola, Hershey, M&M Mars, Dr. Pepper and Nabisco.

And, customers who buy fountain soft drinks, Slurpees, coffee, hot dogs and gasoline can also win a car. Complete contest details are posted in the stores.

"All a customer has to do to win is open a package of one of the products they've purchased that's included in the contest.

If a game piece is inside, the customer is an instant winner," said David Clapp, beverage group product manager.

The game pieces are being secretly planted in the products by third-party agents at the manufacturing facilities of the participating product suppliers.

"For example, at Frito-Lay, a production line could be stopped and the agent would put the game pieces in the product," Clapp said.

"The product will eventually be placed by the outside agent in the inventory of randomly-selected stores. The prize then becomes a true buried treasure and is out of the hands of the manufacturer.

For non-packaged products like fountain soft drinks and Slurpee, the convenience store will be using an outside agent who will be traveling incognito.

The agent will approach a number of randomly selected purchasers of the specified products at predetermined times and stores.

"The third-party agent will then award the game piece on site. No one else knows exactly when or where these giveaways will occur. It will be as big a surprise for the store operator as it will be for the winner," said Clapp.

The product manager believes no product promotion of this size has ever been conducted involving game pieces hidden in so many name-brand products.

"Some manufacturers have hidden prizes in their product packages, but never have so many national brands come together within a single retail system and reward their customers so generously," said Clapp.

Doing business with Anne Arundel County

Minority owned and women owned companies interested in doing business with Anne Arundel County government should attend one of a series of forums to be sponsored this spring by the Anne Arundel County's Purchasing Office.

"We want to review the steps for participating in the procurement process, offer help with marketing, and update the business community on the kinds of products and services the county is buying these days," Ms. Joanne Jackson said, who is the county's Minority Business Coordinator.

Advice for smaller contracting firms interested in subcontracting to major companies building county projects will also be available.