—School cuts

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In the event of a lay-off, the person could be recalled for up to two years.

In a prepared statement, Dr. Richard C. Hunter, superintendent of public instruction for the Baltimore City Public Schools said, "I regret deeply the negative impact of actions which are necessary in this situations, but changes must be made which reflect fiscal cutbacks in our budget."

According to Dr. Hunter, the administrative reorganization establishes a structure that is more effective in delivering services to schools and fostering parent and student involvement.

"The superintendent has a right to reorganize the system," Brown said.

Among those receiving letters this week announcing the elimination of their positions were Associate Superintendents Edward Friedlander, Charlene Griffin and Craig Spilman;

Executive Directors Margaret Carter, Clifton Ball, Charlene Cooper Boston, Jessie Douglas, Earl Jones, Kathleen Luchs and Leonard Wheeler;

Assistant Superintendents Curtis Lantz, Larnell Johnson, Howard Hartsfield and Wesley Baynes. Dr. Lewis Richardson, assistant superintendent for the division of planning, research and evaluation has announced that he will retire at the end of this year.

Letters also went to supervisors in the Division of Curriculum Management: James Sarnecki, Office of Character Education; Kenneth Smith, Office of Computer Education; Carla Ford, Early Childhood Education; Ellen Oberfelder, English/Language Arts;

Dr. Thomas DeLaine, Office of Fine Arts; Sylvia Brooks-Brown, Foreign Language; Mary Umphrey, Gifted and Talented Education; Lucretia Billups, M.S.D.E. Liaison; Alice Morgan-Brown, Mathematics;

Nancy Gimbel, Reading Office; Andrea Bowden, Science/Health; Dr. Samuel L. Banks, Social Studies.

The new plan calls for five associate superintendents, seven assistant superintendents and 28 directors.

It is expected that the names of the candidates for the associate superintendent positions will be presented at the May 25 school board meeting.

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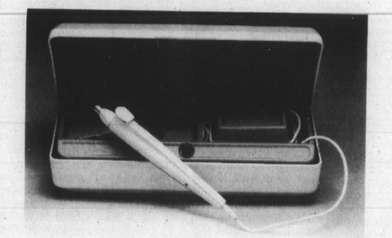

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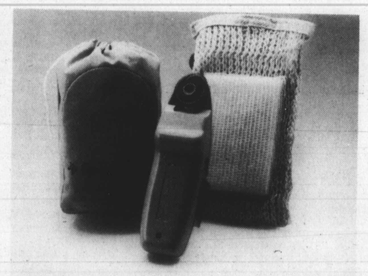

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The winners of the AFRO Mother of the Year contest

The Best of the best

The miracle of Miss Helena

FIRST PLACE WINNER — Mrs. Helena Hull receives balloons and a song from singing bear Roland Hinds, owner of balloon Orchard. She also received a dozen long-stemmed red roses, compliments of Crip Florist and a weekend for two courtesy of the Tremont Plaza Hotel. Daughter Tonja Frazier shares in the presentation.

By Charles H. Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

She is a miracle by any definition.

Helena Hull has raised four children, retired from one career, sustained one marriage for 46 years, overcome two strokes and mystified crowds of doctors, relatives, friends, neighbors and this reporter, with her spunk, her endurance and her grace.

These qualities alone would be enough to qualify her for a hands down induction into the Motherhood Hall of Fame, but there is more.

"Anyone could come into our house and it would be home," said Staff Sgt. Tonja Fraser, Hull's niece and adopted daughter. "If you want something to eat it's there. Everyone knows her as Miss Helena."

"I guess I should tell you this," Miss Helena added, "Tonja is our daughter, but we adopted her when she was young and her parents passed away. She is our youngest daughter."

Born in Northwest Baltimore, April 23, 1926, Helena Cornish attended Douglass High School ... "Old Douglass High School," Miss Helena added. "Those teachers made sure you had the 3 R's."

Miss Helena married her childhood sweetheart, James Hull, right after graduation. The couple went on to have three other children: Vedette, 38, a registrar at UMBC; James, Jr., 35, a long distance trucker; and Gail, 29, an IRS employee.

"I didn't listen to my mother," Miss Helena, laughed,. "But I have had a wonderful life."

Miss Helena has shared that wonderful life with others including, the congregation at Bethel A.M.E. Church, and also in her position as a past matron of the Electra Chapter of the Eastern Stars, Prince Hall Affiliate. "Yes, please be sure to say it's the Prince Hall affiliate."

But home was always that special place where Miss Helena earned her due and gave her best.

"The family. It all begins in the home," explained Miss Helena. "Love and unity were stressed. We had plenty of that. We did things together.

"Nowadays it's harder. Both parents usually have to work and some of them don't even have time to eat together. If you weren't in our house in time for dinner you just didn't eat."

For all of those meals and all of that being together, Miss Helena's family has made it possible for her to get away from it all. As the first place winner in the AFRO's Mother of the Year Contest, Helena Hull has won a weekend for two at the Tremont Plaza Hotel where they have an entire staff to do the cooking and take care of all of her other needs.

She also received a dozen roses from Crip's Florist and a balloon bouquet delivered by a singing bear from the Balloon Orchard. The 29 year old crooner in the bear outfit was obviously her favorite.

"I get to hug a young man again," Miss Helena said.

As she was leaving, all smiles and goodbyes for her newest friends, Miss Helena had one request: "Could you please take the things I said and make them a little prettier?"

Miss Helena, nobody could make them any prettier than you.

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And God blessed Goldie

By Delfield S. Yoes, III
AFRO Staff Writer

Goldie Morris says she has been blessed. "I am very proud of my four children and I've never had any problem out of any of them. No arrests, no pregnancies, (outside of marriage) I've been lucky."

Ms. Morris's four children, Dottie, Robin, April and James are obviously proud of their mother as well.

They entered her name in the AFRO's Mother's Day contest without her knowing and she finally found out that she was a winner last week.

Goldie Morris, who is a cook for the local race tracks, says she raised her children strictly with a strong emphasis on education and in her words, "It paid off."

All four of her children have done well in various areas ranging from the military to administrative capacities.

"I was determined that we would do well, we've always stuck together," says Morris. There have been times when that cohesiveness has been especially necessary.

A few years back, Goldie's daughter Robin was struck down by a car leaving her in a coma for two weeks. She had lost 21 pints of blood and virtually broke every bone in her body.

Remarkably, Robin has essentially recovered fully. She still receives treatment, but she functions quite normally.

How did the family make it through? "I never cried once, I just kept faith," says Ms. Morris.

Faith has pulled Goldie Morris and her family through thick and thin. Their faith in and love for each other has kept them together.

"I am one proud momma," says Goldie Morris.

A HUG FOR MOM — Daughter Robin Pinder congratulates Mom Goldie Morris on her selection as the second prize winner in the AFRO's Mother of the Year Contest. In addition to a beautiful planter courtesy of Clarence Smith, owner of Crip Florist, Mrs. Morris won dinner for two at the Forum's Encore Dinner Theater, courtesy of Autumn Productions.

Faith leads to Thanksgiving

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

Faye Adams is thankful for having the kind of friends and who are not ashamed to exhibit their love and appreciation for her. They are the people to whom she credits with making a winner of her." Not just a contest winner but a winner in the game of life, although sometimes I don't feel like a winner."

Adams said "Winning third prize in the AFRO's Mother of the Year contest is just one of several contests which my children, girlfriends or "friend" have entered me in within the past several years.

Mrs. Adams said "It's nice to look up and hear your name announced as a contest winner. It's especially nice to me because on the day I won the AFRO contest I thought that I was on my last leg and about to give up all hope of ever having any of my life's problems solved.

"Really, I should have known better and had more faith in GOD. Each time that I am down I win a contest. I think that is the way which GOD communicates his approval of me.

"I am sure it's the way my loved ones communicate their appreciation for me. They often come around to boost my morale and offer their support."

Faye Adams said "I know and believe in what faith can offer. The most outstanding example occurred to me about three years ago when I was searching for my daughter, Mildred. I had given birth to her when I was young and was unable to provide a good nurturing home for her so I applied for a family to adopt her.

"I was told by the Foster Care Division of Social Services that I was one of the lucky ones because my child had made it to the age of 21 and was not dead because of drugs or excessive violence and was not in jail. Mildred had also completed high school. All these were things that the social worker told me were common among children who had no one to care for them.

"Naturally, we had a tearful reunion that made all of us quite happy. It was as if something inside could at long last rest.

"I had been searching for my child for years but it was only until her 21st birthday that the authorities could tell me where she was. Even at that point they needed her consent, which once again, I was lucky to get."

Adams said "I was also lucky because Mildred also was looking for me, which meant that she did not harbor any negative feelings toward me about the adoption. She is and always will be a confirmation of my faith."

Adams said," Now I have three grandchildren, Shanise 3, Tarshia, 22 months and Tiffany 2. I take care of Shanise and Tarshia who both live with me. Each morning I walk them to school and then I return home to put the finishing touches on my clothes for work.

"I don't have to get to work until early afternoon, so once again I have been lucky in a way that can be of advantage to the ones I love most.

"Although I have not been regularly attending my church (Providence Inspirational Baptist Church), my Pastor, Rev. Clifton Freeman, calls me each week to see how I am getting along.

AN ORCHID from Crip Florist was one of the prizes presented to third place winner, Mrs. Faye Adams by AFRO Promotions Coordinator Lynda Sharp. Mrs. Adams also received balloons compliments of Balloon Orchard and dinner for two courtesy of the Prime Rib Restaurant.

"In January my mother, Mildred Lee Adams, passed away and I have been going through an adjustment period. If it is possible to dedicate this award to someone, then I do so in the name of my mother who was the person responsible for me being someone who my kids and friends can be proud of."

"I am proud that my daughters, Mildred, 25 and Tamla, 20 have supported my nomination for AFRO Mother of the Year. It was not easy for me to bring up my daughters without the help of a father.

"My friend, Solomon Rose, has also proven himself as someone on whom I can depend. He has been right there with me each step of the way throughout this difficult time in my life, so I'll reward him in my small way by taking him and my daughters to the Prime Rib," said Mrs. Adams. Dinner for two at the Prime Rib Restaurant was one of Mrs. Adams' prizes.

"I will enjoy knowing the fact that my efforts to be the best mother and grandmother that I can be did not go unnoticed by those folks who mean the most to me."