—Pennies against

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trolled dangerous substance on or within 1,000 feet of any public or private elementary or secondary school property."

"The provisions of the bill also apply to persons who hire or use a minor for the above stated purposes," according to a press release distributed by Young's Annapolis office.

The cost to erect signs indicating drug free school zones is estimated at $40,000, which is not available in Baltimore City's budget.

To raise the money, Sen. Young has initiated a campaign called "Pennies Against Drugs."

The Pennies Against Drugs Foundation will establish areas in selected schools where students and faculty can make their financial contributions. However, the Foundation's efforts do not end in the schools.

"We're developing corporate partnerships with Rite Aid, Giant, 7-Eleven and Crown Petroleum to establish designated facilities as collection points for the campaign," says Young.

According to Young, the Pennies For Drugs Foundation is also working with the Pier Six Harborlights Concert Series to set up collection barrels near exits at the concert pavilion, where concert patrons can make their contributions.

June 23, Sen. Young will officially announce the names of the 39 members of his Pennies Against Drugs Foundation.

Young will also announce plans for a luncheon to raise funds for his campaign against drugs.

The Senator plans to solicit the aid of Drug Czar, William Bennett and New York Congressman, Charles Rangel, both instrumental figures in the Nation's efforts against the drug industry.

Senator Young says that the foundation is in need of volunteers and money.

If you would like to make a contribution, send it to: Pennies Against Drugs Foundation, P.O. Box 13003, Baltimore, MD. 21203.

(Photo by Ricardo Gray)

THE BODY of Frank Gillis is removed from Leakin Park by Baltimore City Police Officers and a representative of the Medical Examiner's office.

—Man found hanging

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what they have labeled a suicide.

Police Department spokesperson Arlene Jenkins said, "The officers at the scene reported that there was no evidence of foul play. The Medical Examiner and the Police have determined the death to be a suicide.

"Gillis' feet were on the ground and his knees were slightly bent."

The Medical examiner's report noted that Gillis appeared to have been dead for some time. His body and clothes were not disturbed and there appears to have been no foul play involved in the death.

The body was both identified and claimed by Gillis' son, who is the next of kin.

—NAACP calls

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report when he recommends a replacement," Buntin said.

Also present at the Thursday meeting were members of the Rainbow Coalition, the Maryland Ecumenical Council and the *AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers*.

One of the topics discussed was how these groups can effectively address and even help to prevent fatal confrontations between law enforcement officials and suspected criminals.

Guest speaker, Rev. David Rodgers, pastor of Columbia United Christian Church of Cincinnati, addressed the audience on ways to initiate a program started in his community which has been successful in providing the community with an alternative to both community and police violence.

The Cincinnati model initiated by Rev. Rodgers' Parrish consists of three components including a police/clergy crisis teamwhich would respond to emergencies such as domestic violence cases or neighborhood racial conflicts along with police.

Rev. Rodgers said, "If a police/clergy crisis team had been riding with police when they found Booker T. Jones a tragedy might have been prevented."

Baltimore police shot and killed Jones in front of his sister's house on Stricker Street, after he reportedly charged at officers with a butcher knife.

Jones, a recent parolee, was the only suspect in the tragic May 13 murder of two Glen Burnie youths.

The second component of the Cincinatti model is a needs/job training assistance program — providing addiction rehabilitation and job training.

Rev. Rodgers said, "This component is needed to break the revolving door cycle of prison recidivism. In one year over 80 percent of prisoners return to jail, leaving by the front door and returning in a cruiser through the back door."

The final component of the Cincinnati model calls for an after crisis care team offering follow-up assistance days or weeks after initial contact.

The Alliance closed their meeting adopting a resolution to meet within one week with Mayor Kurt Schmoke to express:

1. The Alliance's concern over the circumstances surrounding the death of Booker T. Jones and requesting that an independent review board composed of civilians, not politicians, be appointed to a board investigating the death of Jones;

2. A clearly stated affirmative action policy regarding the hiring and promotion practices of the police department be adopted by the city.

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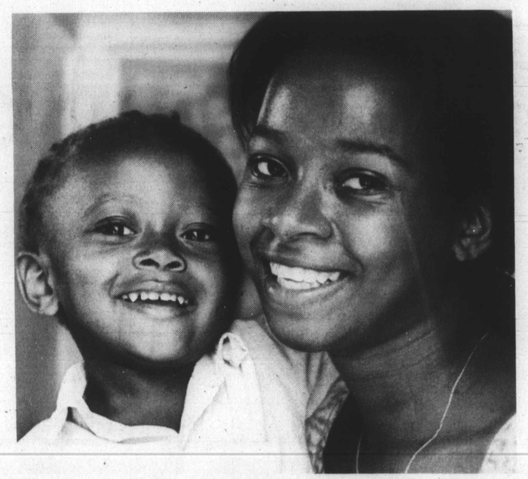

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President names 14 blacks to key positions in administration

By Chester A. Higgins, Sr.

If political pundits and Washington insiders in general had reason to be in a snit recently over how little President George Bush had accomplished in his first 100 days, African-Americans of a wide range of political and civil rights persuasion and/or involvement had good reason for rejoicing.

For in Bush's first 100 days, he nominated 14 Blacks to senior policy making positions and more are surely on the way, NNPA has learned.

This is a far cry over the Reagan years when Black nominations to policy making positions in his administration were few and far between.

Signing that he truly is intent on making this "a kinder and gentler" America, at least as far as more equitable distribution of appointments is concerned, Bush has named the following:

*Jacqueline Knox Brown, assistant secretary of Energy (Congressional and Inter-Governmental Affairs)

*Retired Army Maj. Gen. Jerry Ralph Curry, Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

*Maj. Gen. (National Guard) Calvin G. Franklin, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

*Jewel S. Lafontant, United States Coordinator for Refugee Affairs and Ambassador-at-Large while serving in this position

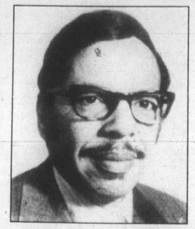
*Frederick D. McClure, Assistant to the President of Legislative Affairs

*(Rev.) Jerry A Moore, Jr., Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho

*Kay Coles James, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services (Public Affairs)

*William Lucas, Assistant U.S. Attorney General (Civil Rights)

*Constance Barry Newman, Director of the Office of Personnel Management



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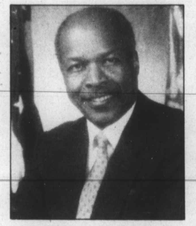

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*Terence Todman, Ambassador to Argentina

*Dr. Leonard Spearman, Continues as Ambassador to Rawanda

*Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services

*D.C. Superior Judge Reginald Walton, Associate Director for State and Local Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy

Gen. Franklin replaces another African-American at FEMA, retired Army Lt. Gen. Julius Becton, Jr. Retiring Howard University President James Cheek was slated for nomination to the post of Ambassador to the Cameroons, but declined citing poor health. Additionally, Bush is reportedly ready to nominate Clarence Thomas, chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. This post has been vacant since Robert H. Bork resigned in late March, 1988.

During his eight-year tenure, President Reagan made 410 judicial—Supreme, Circuit and District Federal courts—nominations. Of these 379 were confirmed.

(AFRO photo by Ricardo Gray)

Ibra Deguene Ka, center, ambassador of the Republic of Senegal was in Baltimore recently, and was the guest of honor at a reception held in City Hall. Also shown are Ibrahima Gaye (right), cultural counselor of the Embassy of Senegal, Washington, D.C. and Mrs. Ka, wife of the ambassador.

—4 day furlough

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was in attendance representing the fourth generation Mitchell family.

Among the politicos expressing their solidarity with Clarence Mitchell were members of the Maryland State 39th District Delegation including, Delegate Elijah Cummings, Delegate Ruth Kirk and Delegate John Jeffries.

Other community leaders who came to lend their support were Yvonne-Holt Stone Clarence "Eggy" Hawkins, and wife, Pat, Ed Smith, Talmadge Branch, Jack and Polly Leeds, Benjamin King, Sr., Joyce Bean, Jimmie Gittings, Charles and Margaret Wells, Donna Watts, Randy and Emily Tilghman. Andre Lucas joined the celebration accompanied by his new bride.

Impromptu entertainment was provided by song stylist, Damita-Jo who was coaxed into giving a performance by her husband, Biddy Wood. Damita-Jo was later joined by Cuban Salsa singer Juanita, who was in town as the guest of Dwight Ellis.

In April, 1988 Mitchell began serving a 54 month sentence for obstructing a federal grand jury investigation of Baltimore drug dealer Melvin D. "Little Melvin" Williams and accepting a $50,000 payment to block a Congressional investigation, a charge which Clarence was convicted of along with his brother, Michael Mitchell.

Clarence Mitchell's sentence will be completed on October 17th. Michael Mitchell is due to be released one month later.

Gray says possible FBI probe a conspiracy to halt career

By Hamil Harris
Afro Staff Writer

Charging that it may be a deliberate attempt to keep him from moving up in the House leadership, Rep Bill Gray (D-Pa.) has angrily lashed out against the Justice Department and the FBI for circulating allegations about criminal wrong doing in his office

Gray said that FBI agents, this week came to his home seeking his cooperation in an investigation that focused on whether certain people were on Gray's payroll, without doing work in his office.

Although the agents told Gray that he was not the target of the investigation, the Pennsylvania Congressman still questioned the motives of the agents.

"I am in the midst of a race for the house leadership and I am the front-runner," said Gray who presently is the chairman of the House Democratic Caucus and former chairman of the House Budget Committee.

REP. WILLIAM GRAY

This is not the first time a member of Congress and some members of the Congressional Black Caucus have been questioned about having people on their payrolls, who never were physically present for work.

Unlike House Speaker Jim Wright (D-Tex) and House Majority Whip Tony Coelho, who both appear to have succumbed to the pressures of numerous ethics questions, Gray has taken an offensive posture in his fight.

This week Gray fired a volley of questions at U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh in an effort to find out what is going on and why he was asked to participate in an ethics probe within his own office.

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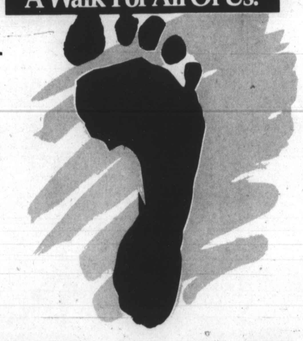

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