Admiral-to-be is father of three

President Nixon has approved and forwarded to the Senate for confirmation the selection of a second black officer in U.S. Navy history to hold the rank of Rear Admiral.

Gerald Eustis Thomas, 44, native of Natick, Mass., is one of 31 officers named for the two-star flag rank Jan. 30.

Rear Admiral selectee Thomas is currently assigned as Commander, Destroyer Squadron Nine, a major fleet command off the Pacific coast of the United States.

He is a father of three and holds a Ph.D. degree in History.

The first black officer to achieve star rank in the U.S. Navy was Samuel L. Gravely Jr., who was promoted to Rear Admiral July 1, 1972.

Following his selection to flag rank, Admiral Gravely served two years as Commander of the Naval Communications Command and in July, 1973 began his present tour as Commander of Cruiser Destroyer Group Two in the Atlantic.

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Rear Admiral Selectee Thomas has held a variety of jobs in his more than 22 years of Naval service. He has served as Commanding Officer of the destroyer USS BAUSELL (DD-845); Executive Officer and later Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, Prairie View A and M College, Prairie View, Texas; and Assistant Head, College Training Programs Section, Officer Programs Branch, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C.

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He was a student at the Naval War College and at Yale University where he received a Ph.D. degree in history in 1973.

He also holds a master of science degree in International Affairs from George Washington University (1966) and a bachelor's degree in Biochemical Science from Harvard University in 1951.

Thomas received his commission as an ensign on June 1, 1951, advanced to the rank of commander on Sept. 1, 1965 and served as a captain since July 1, 1971.

He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", Navy Occupation Service Medal and Europe Clasp, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vetnam), Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars, and various other campaign awards.

He and Mrs. Thomas, the former Miss Rhoda Henderson of Boston, Mass., have three children, Kenneth Austin Thomas, Steven Eric Thomas and Liza Diane Thomas.

GERALD EUSTIS THOMAS

Good Citizens Vote

Primary registration deadline, Aug. 12

Primary Elections, Sept. 10

General Elections, registration deadline, Oct. 7

Maurice Mason gets 30 years for murder

Maurice L. Mason, 17, also known as Marty Mouse of 1300 block Division St. was sentenced to 30 years in prison on Wednesday. Criminal Court Judge James Perrott imposed the sentence.

Mason was found guilty by a Criminal Court jury of second degree murder. According to Francis Sauer the prosecutor, Mason was 15 years old at the time of the murder.

The defendant and his friend William Haskins attempted to take a coat from Dennis L. Brown, 22, 1900 block Etting St. on March 22, 1972. Court records state Haskins refused to give the defendant and Haskins his coat and was shot in the chest.

Some 44,000 black employees constitute almost 26 per cent of the Veterans Administration's total work force.

Man, 67, accused of strangling matron, 36

A senior citizen has been arrested and charged with the Feb. 1 murder of Mrs. Harriet Watkins, 36, 1830 block Eagle St.

Police report Robert Newborn, 67, 1830 block W. Franklin St. was charged with the homicide on Feb. 1 when he went to Western District Police station to inquire about Mrs. Watkins. Newborn is now confined to City Jail.

According to police, the matron was found last Friday by Sanitation Department employees who were collecting trash in a rear alley in the back of 1800 block W. Franklin St.

Police report Mrs. Watkins was fully dressed and had been manually strangled, stabbed in the neck and apparently beaten.

Mrs. Alverta Watkins, mother of the deceased, told the AFRO, "I saw her Thursday night and she was doing fine." Funeral services were held Monday at Charles Rice Funeral Home. Mrs. Watkins was employed as a factory worker.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Glenda Black; sister, Mrs. Hilda Finch; two brothers, James and Albert Watkins and a grand daughter.

Life Saving

The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation will conduct a Red Cross Senior Life Saving Course at the Chick Webb Recreation Center, located at 623 N. Eden St. beginning Thursday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. and each Thursday after until the course is completed. There is no fee. Contact E. Holmes or D. Lewis at Chick Webb Rec. Center. Phone: 276-3790.

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3 housing firms sued for discrimination

A Northwest Baltimore couple has filed a house discrimination suit in a Federal District Court claiming $240,000 punitive damages from three city real estate firms for discrimination.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Felicia Foster, 1000 block Cameron Rd., contend they were refused purchase of houses on account of their race and that the action is in violation of their constitutional and statutory rights.

Court records list the defendants as Terry and Meade Inc., 724 York Rd.; Russell T. Baker and Co. Inc., 6229 N. Charles St. and Donald E. Grempler Realty, Inc., 400 E. Joppa Rd.

According to the suit on information supplied by others and on its own beliefs Terry and Mead agents refured to sell a house at 1806 Burnwood Rd. to the couple.

On Jan. 19 the couple contacted agents of Russell T. Baker and Co. but after the couple inspected a house and executed a contract their offer was turned down.

Court dockets state on Jan. 24 agents of Donald E. Grempler Realty also told the couple a house was not for sale when, according to court records, it was.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster state as a result of the "wrongful acts" of the firms they have suffered actual damages in the sum of $20,000 and will continue to suffer humiliation and embarrassment.

They are also claiming $10,000 punitive and exemplary damages from the firms and asking for a reasonable amount in attorney's fees.

The suit further seeks to enjoin the firms, their agents and employees from maintaining a policy of discrimination against persons seeking to purchase or lease housing and from maintaining and continuing a custom, policy and practice of discriminating against buyers on grounds of race or color.

Don Miller of Baltimore Neighborhood, Inc., states any persons experiencing housing difficulties may call him at 243-6007.

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Karate demonstration Feb. 10

The Avenger's Karate Club will host the 2nd Annual Avenger's Karate demonstration at the Y.M.C.A. Druid Hill Ave. branch Sunday.

The self-defense demonstration, one of the best in the state, is a unique sporting event.

Some of the top state and city Black Belts who will perform include such personalities as Riley Hawkins, Willie Ben and Bernard Banks and also feature women's and children competition, demonstrations of board and brick smashing demonstrations of self-defense for women. There will also be a specially arranged competition between two martial art teams.

Some of the proceeds for this demonstration will be donated to the Druid Y Branch.

The demonstration is 5 to 8 p.m. Interested persons may call 523-4461 or Miss Marsha Johnson at O. J. Boutique 466-9762.

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Register-by-mail forms available

The Board of Supervisors of Elections has kicked off its voter registration-by-mail program and applications may be picked up at the following places, according to Frank J. McQuade, chief clerk.

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Stewards, downtown and Reisterstown Plaza.

And Hutzler's, downtown.

The last day to register prior to the primary gubernatorial election is Monday, August 12.

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The office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections will also be open for people to register in person on Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The office is located in the Peoples Court Building, Fayette and Gay Streets.

If there are any questions call 396-5580 or 5581.

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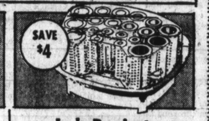

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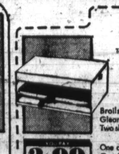

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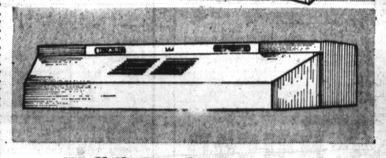

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