Jammin' Ramsey Lewis

By Frederick I. Douglass

Rammin' and jammin' Ramsey Lewis has slammed some more heavy jams on the general public and is asking everybody the musical question "Don't it Feel Good?"

Indeed it does. It sounds good to "Don't it Feel Good" is Ramsey's latest LP on which he teams up with composed Charles Stephney who, along with Verdine and Maurice White, has written most of the songs recorded by Earth, Wind/Fire. Stephney was a co-composer of EWF smash hit "That' the Way of the World," which is laid down excellently on this album.

Stephney also had a hand in composing seventy-five per cent of the tunes on the album as well as playing Arp String Ensemble and Moog Synthesizer, aptly complementing Ramsey's keyboard wizardry on the Fender Rhodes Piano, Arp Odyssey and Arp Soloist. Space age futuristic instruments? Perhaps. But Ramsey Lewis has control of these keyboard instruments now, in 1975.

Slap this platter on your box! Listen to Ramsey make the keys of his axe laugh and scream for joy as he gets down on the title tune "Don't It Feel Good." SUPER SLICKAPHONICS! The orchestration of the voices and instruments fall beautifully on your eardrums, which in turn transmits gratifying messages to the brain's pleasure center. But dig it, things are starting to get good—there's more to come.

Lay back and let Ramsey put a ballad on you named, "Juaacklyn." Although the lady's name is spelled funny, the song's melody and lyrics conjure up images of a very foxy lady.

Next Ramsey picks up the pace with "Spider Man," a funky, danceable tune in the Earth, Wind and Fire bag. Ramsey really lays down some molten lava keyboard pyrotechnics on this jam. "Spider Man" has a Top-40 sound and probably would go ever big as a single.

Another tune on the LP that has a strong Top-40 sound is "Something About You," a sweet ballad featuring Ramsey hustling and rustling up and down the keyboards against a background of skillfully blended voices, the most perfect and versatile of all musical instruments. What a pity. We've come to the end of side of the LP already. No sweat, brothers and sisters.

Flip the LP over and you'll find yourself being serenaded as he eases into his interpretation of EWF's "That 's the Way of the World." Ramsey is really attuned to Earth, Wind and Fire's sound as is demonstrated on the "Sun Goddess" album which he recorded with the group. Nevertheless, Ramsey adds his own special blend of spices and herbs and plays the song his way.

When you here Ramsey lambasting "Fish Bite," you'll swear that your are listening to EWF. I'm not implying that Ramsey is copying the group, just indicating that Ramsey has not grown so old and set in his ways that he is unwilling to learn from younger musicians.

The EWF influence is also present on "Can't Function," a medium tempo jam that's ready for the people. "Don't it Feel Good" is heavy LP which amply demonstrates the keyboard wizardry of Ramsey Lewis as well as the composing skills of Charles Stephney. I strongly recommend that you add this jam to your collection. It definitely won't sit on the shelf collecting dust.

Fred Williamson took time out from his busy schedule to participate in the annual Circus Elephant Walk, a fund raising event for Project Hope, which traditionally opens Ringling Bros. Los Angeles debut. It was a rather auspicious, if not revealing, debut for actor/director/producer Williamson, as he found it was a tight squeeze in his form fitting pants - so much so that he split them front to back before the packed house. But in true showbiz style, the show did go on, with Fred riding around the three rings covered by his denim jacket tied at the waist.

Sal (John Cazale) and Sonny (Al Pacino) are the two inept robbers who hold up a Chase Manhattan Bank in Brooklyn on a 97 degree day in "Dog Day Afternoon".

... and all that jazz

By Bob Matthews

Anyone with any ambition to become a performer should make a beeline to any performance by Carmen McRae.

There was an opportunity last week when Carmen and her trio were the featured artists at the Left Bank Jazz Society's regular Sunday afternoon concert.

Though billed as a concert, in reality it was a super club performance. Despite the huge room, Carmen successfully created the intimacy of a club date.

Fron the very opening number, she grabbed the audience and proceeded to build, caressing, titillating, cajoling and blasting until the listeners rested comfortably in the palm of her hand.

The quintessence of a Carmen McRae performance is her facility of letting you know that she is thoroughly enjoying what she is doing—that it is being done especially for you.

On up tempo tunes, she can bop and scat with the best extant. On ballad standards, she provides just enough of a twist to make them sound new and different.

Her forte, of course, is completely understandable lyrics—something the current crop of rock and soull singers should learn.

By changing the emphasis of certain phrases, she changes the entire content of a lyric.

For example, the way Carmen did it on Sunday, she made "Just A Little Lovin'" sound positively lewd—or at least suggestive. The audience loved it.

At some point in every performance, Carmen makes it a point to dismiss the trio and accompany herself on the piano.

Haven't yet figured out whether she does this because the group hasn't had time to rehearse the tunes, or whether she just likes to play piano.

At any rate, it is effective and broadens the scope of the proceedings.

The trio backing up Ms. McRae had Tom Ranier, piano; Harvey Newmark, bass; and Donald Bailey, drums.

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Next week pianist Ahmad Jamal will be on hand at LBJS. It will mark the first visit to Baltimore by Jamal in many a moon. Most jazz fans will remember Ahmad from a recording of years back entitled "Ahmad Jamal at the Pershing," in which he played the memorable "But Not For Me."

His playing has, of course, moved into new dimensions in keeping with the modern trend in jazz.

Another pianist of note in our area this week is Monty Alexander, who is displaying his wares at Blues Alley over in D.C.

Free Movies

Library - Events For Children
(Week November 9-November 15)

Monday, November 10
Canton Center: Films — "A Story, A Story," "The Tinderbox," and "Peter and the Wolf," 4 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11
Central Library, Children's Room: Film — "Up the Creek," 4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 12
Waverly Branch: Films — "Beaver Dam" and "Millions of Cats," 10:30 a.m.
Patterson Park Branch: Filmstrip — Pennsylvania Avenue Branch: Preschool Story Hour, 1:30 p.m.
Morrell Park Center: Film — "The Cat in the Hat," 3 p.m.
Gardenville Branch: Arts and Crafts, 3:15 p.m.
Edmondson Avenue Branch: Films — "The Ski Wheelers," "One Wish Too Many," and "The World's Greatest Freak Show," 3:30 p.m.
Forest Park Branch: Films—"The Emperor's Oblong Pancake," "Dragon Stew," and "The Doughnuts," 3:30 p.m.
"My Red Umbrella," 1:30 p.m.
Govans Branch: Film — "Hunted in Holland," 3:30 p.m.
Canton Center: Story Hour, 1:30 p.m.
Northwood Branch: Preschool Story Hour, 7 p.m.
Pimlico Branch: Films — "A Good Deed in Time" and "Lonnie's Day," 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 13
Walbrook Branch: Films — "A Good Deed in Time" and "The Magician," 3:30 p.m.
Northwood Branch: Freaky Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

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Waverly Branch: Folk dancing, 3:30 p.m.

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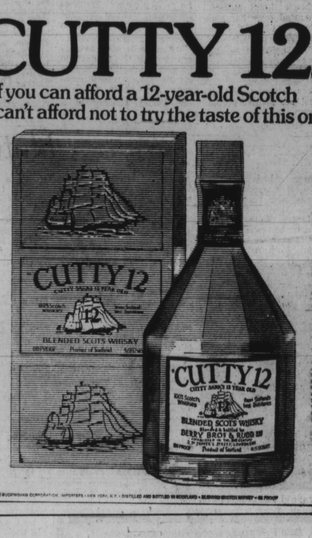

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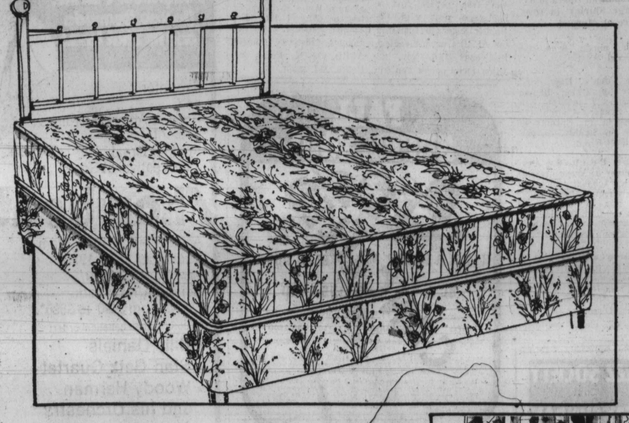

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Vote in 5th District Cheers, tears mark election night outcome

When the first three or four precincts reporting tallies were flashed over the television screen in the headquarters of Rep. candidate for President of the City Council, the Rev. Marlon C. Bascom, a sudden cloud of gloom fell over the small crowd of well wishers and campaigners gathered there.

The figures showed 1429, Orlinsky; 421, Bascom. The fiery pastor of Douglass Memorial Church would have an up-hill struggle with the odds going heavily against him all night.

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Out-numbering Republicans in the city seven to one, Democrats, despite the anemic turnout of only 20 to 30 per cent, clobbered opposition in every district.

The Rev. Mr. Bascom watched the returns in the company of several prominent men and women who had shared his campaign. They included the Reverends Vernon and Harold Dobson, Del. Lena K. Lee, Homer Favor, Dean of Morgan School of Urban Studies, and former high school principal James Hite.

As the distance between votes cast for Rev. Mr. Bascom and the incombent Council President grew, the candidate walked out of headquarters "to get some fresh air." He noted to a friend, "people just won't come out to vote. I guess black people are just so disgusted with the system now that they don't care."

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A cab driver stopping nearby was asked if he had voted yet. He answered: "I've been voting since six o'clock this morning" indicating the lever on the meter. "everytime I pull that down it's a vote."

Someone asked him if he were registered. "I never voted in my life," he answeded, "when I wanted to vote they wouldn't let me, now there ain't nothing to vote for. I've paid for my house and now I'm trying to pay for this cab."

Someone pressed him further. "Don't you realize that black people have to have a say in city government?" The cabby laughed. "look, I'm 41-years-old. Where I grew up in Alabama, white folks would kill you for going to the same bathroom with them, lest well voting. Ain't nothing changed, I'm just trying to make me some money."

The journey to Carl Adair's headquarters, was an apprehensive one. But it was still early and the atmosphere was lighter there. Reports had just come in that the Garrison Ave. branch of the Enoch Pratt Library had tallied more than 300 votes. "That's the first time I ever knew that many people to come out down there," the Republican candidate for the City Council exclaimed.

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It was encouraging news and many of his campaigners began scooping up bowls of "home made from the can beef stew."

It was only during the later hours that the distance between Mr. Adair and his chief opponents began to stretch out dramatically. Mr. Adair had over 5,000 votes by 10 p.m. but he was apparently several thousand votes behind the leaders.

Despite the impending loss Mr. Adair maintained a jubilant attitude. "I can stand the fire," he told his campaigners. But in the end it was clear that his total of 7,307 votes just wouldn't be enough to send him to the City Council.

Elsewhere the polls were only closed a half hour before supporters of Mayor William Schaefer proclaimed victory.

The Schaefer headquarters held an air of jubilation as a small throng of persons waited patiently for their leader to arrive and the party to begin.

Pretzels, potato chips, doughnuts, Coke, beer and something stronger if a person wanted it, were served free of charge. One hostess remarked jokingly that all drinks would cost 25 cents after 9 p.m.

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The Schefer victory party was supposed to have a band but by 9:10 it had not yet arrived.

At 8:45 with 21 of the precincts reporting, Mayor Schaefer was leading Mrs. Claudette Chandler 4,383 to 321. There were no cheers at the announcement; however, one of the Mayor's supporters turned and commented, "She was left at the gate from day one."

A cab driver who wandered in off the street was not surprised.

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He stated he knew when she announced her intentions to run, he would vote for Schaefer.

"Who knew her?" he asked, sipping a mug of beer. "What were her qualifications?

He declared that if she had something to say or knew something about politics he might have listened.

Harvey Williams of Northwest Baltimore remarked: "She never had a chance. He (Schaefer) could have run the campaign from his bed and still won," he concluded.

By 8:57, Schaefer had widened his lead to the point where the count was almost 5 to 1, with only 56 of the precincts reporting. Smiles lit up around the room and heads nodded as the count confirmed what they already knew.

When the Mayor arrived at about 9:30 he had his victory speech all ready.

But there were other bright moments. Across town, blazing the trail of tradition, Attorney Michael Mitchell was romping into the lead early in the 4th District Councilmanic race where he emerged with a convincing 11,003 votes for a first place victory. This was the 29-year-old University of Md.'s graduate's first try for political office.

It was a surprising victory to many but not his mother, Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, who described her son as a "chip off the old block."

"That does not surprise me," said Mrs. Mitchell, garbed in a red Flora dress. "He is merely doing what his grandmother, his father, uncle and brother have been doing."

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Mrs. Mitchell, herself a lawyer, is married to Clarence Mitchell, 1st, of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP and a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations.

The Councilman-elect's uncle, Parren J. Mitchell, is a U.S. Congressman and his brother, Clarence Mitchell 2nd, is a state senator. Michaell's grandmother, the late Dr. Lillie Jackson was one of the greatest civil rights fighters and political activists in the annals of U.S. history.

Mrs. Mitchell added: "They are all dedicated to serving the people."

As supporters and campaign workers laughed, clapped and congratulated each other, the unassuming winner himself did not allow victory to submerge his election pledges.

Asked by this reporter what he intends to do for the people he was quick to reply:

"The election restores my faith in the political process as being the most viable mechanism for the alleviation of the ills that affect the community.

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"I intend to devote all of my resources, talents and education to solving the problems of inadequate housing, education and poor health needs. I intend to conduct myself in a fashion that will be a beacon of honesty and integrity."

Perhaps the crowning victory in the 4th District was the sudden presence of Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams and her supporters at Mr. Mitchell's basement campaign headquarters on North Ave.

Beaming with smiles Mitchell intoned: "Her presence indicated our future co-operation to work together toward solving the problems of the community."

For a long time there was what is described as a split in the 4th District between the Metro-Democratic Organization led by Mrs. Adams' husband, Willie Adams, and the 4th District Democratic Organization led by State Senator Verda Welcome.

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Accompanying Mrs. Adams were Mr. Adams, Henry Parks, president of Parks Sausages; Frank Reddish, Raymond Heyseberts, Del. Loyal Randolph, Baron Jones and Edward Cooks and many others.

In reply to Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Adams urged co-operation and unity, Stating that they themselves cannot function without the community's help, Mrs. Adams called for understanding and support from the community.

Mr. Parks said there was an indication of unity in the district and called for the creation of an atmospher that would enhance closer understanding and development of the district.

Del. Randolph later told the AFRO: "We have no room for misunderstanding. We need greater co-operation now than ever."

Perhaps the happiest person that night was Mrs. Roberta Gaines, Mitchell's campaign manager, who told the AFRO: "I feel fantastic and relieved. I have worked very hard and I did what I did because I believed in Mike and I wanted to see him win."

Meanwhile, in the 5th District, spirits were high in Norman R. Reeves' headquarters as supporters gathered in his Coldspring Lane headquarters to watch the results.

Even though the results for Mr. Reeves, a write-in candidate were not immediately known, supporters were confident that he would win.

The over 100 supporters, both black and white and mostly college students, seemed to share the same sentiments expressed by Del. Walter Dean who told this reporter:

"We are optimistic and we expect him to be a winner."

Citywide vote AFRO precincts

WARD	PRECINCT	Schaefer	Chandler	Orlinsky	Bascom
1st COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT					
7	5	81	38	50	58
7	7	278	17	237	35
TOTAL 359		55	287	93	
2nd COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT					
8	6	81	32	47	29
8	9	113	49	77	30
8	10	106	59	71	93
8	12	33	22	24	19
8	15	92	26	68	41
8	17	84	69	53	98
8	18	102	48	68	71
8	21	124	51	74	101
8	22	220	108	175	149
8	23	345	188	236	284
9	14	46	3	31	27
9	15	63	34	42	56
9	16	48	23	30	19
9	19	128	58	85	94
10	1	141	47	95	85
10	7	62	19	52	30
10	5	46	14	27	38
12	10	50	28	37	37
Total	1889	878	1292	1355	
3rd COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT					
27	51	154	88	71	175
27	52	66	52	39	80
27	54	71	38	36	69
Total	291	178	146	324	
4th COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT					
13	6	140	60	80	117
13	7	120	63	70	111
13	9	84	45	50	93
13	11	94	42	43	96
14	4	62	44	29	82
14	5	111	51	69	93
14	6	82	49	33	100
15	10	220	169	78	312
15	16	83	65	33	111
15	17	141	138	56	233
15	18	237	151	117	274
15	19	110	51	67	134
15	20	170	92	96	167
15	22	131	78	62	155
15	23	116	70	60	128
15	24	147	69	70	136
15	25	162	68	76	158
15	26	85	41	45	91
15	31	84	58	41	100
15	28	66	36	25	49
15	34	109	88	64	135
15	36	64	39	45	80
15	32	145	65	82	118
15	33	150	75	70	161
15	45	314	232	126	438
16	2	62	36	38	63
16	4	87	36	54	66
16	5	137	77	81	121
16	13	150	65	78	120
16	7	135	106	67	170
16	8	119	76	72	123
16	9	124	60	69	96
16	10	124	78	64	136
16	11	186	127	86	206
16	16	136	74	72	125
16	17	88	44	47	80
16	18	165	117	71	212
16	19	125	83	52	152
16	21	108	54	55	94
16	25	63	45	33	65
17	3	57	39	31	61
17	5	43	16	18	42
18	1	105	87	61	86
Total	5246	3113	2636	5662	
5th COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT					
15	2	169	150	83	223
15	3	107	102	58	164
15	4	201	128	74	279
15	5	135	97	59	189
15	6	95	72	35	137
15	7	99	66	46	109
15	9	116	88	50	160
15	11	145	109	53	198
15	8	159	110	70	191
15	13	196	121	69	224
15	14	124	101	56	173
15	43	117	83	53	146
15	44	97	57	39	110
20	11	80	41	53	63
28	3	246	191	114	318
28	5	90	47	51	85
28	6	114	57	57	114
28	10	83	53	40	95
28	11	145	103	73	174
28	12	202	188	107	289
28	14	360	100	254	196
27	93	37	31	20	45
27	94	206	183	107	282
27	95	300	344	177	458
27	97	74	39	45	49
Total	3697	2861	1843	4453	
6th COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT					
19	2	66	37	35	64
20	2	60	41	39	61
20	3	118	72	65	123
20	4	55	25	28	31
20	5	79	25	46	58
20	10	218	78	104	176
20	25	85	49	43	91
25	12	186	158	102	254
25	13	139	100	91	137
Total	1006	585	553	903	
Grand Total	12486	7470	6787	12880	

—Clean sweep

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were expected, and the over-all turn out was predicted all along to be light, no one was quite prepared for the almost no-show performance of the city's black voting population.

In the fifth District where the turn-out was expected to be the heaviest it wasn't. Despite, the 11th hour coalition of State Sen. Clarence Blount and U.S. Senator Charles McC Mathias behind Republican Councilmanic candidate Carll M. Adair, the black Republican candidate ended up more than 3,000 votes out of contention.

The leading Fifth District winner, Thomas Waxter, Jr. garnered 15,012 votes more than twice Mr. Adair's 7,307.

Norman V.A. Reeves had predicted that if he got more than 15,000 votes he would win a Democratic seat in the City Council. Mr. Reeves took the long-shot position and ran as a write-in candidate after losing a close primary race; the outcome of his campaign won't be known until after the Board of Election Supervisors have counted the write-in-some time early next week.

Enthusiasm for Mr. Reeves is running high. His campaigners were strongly encouraged by the hundreds of people who came by his headquarters Election night to wish him luck. Unlike sections of the Fifth District where Mr. Adair had expected his strongest support, voter turn-out near Mr. Reeves' Coldspring Lane headquarters, while not high was consistent; a fact which lent itself to the speculation that Reeves may have been doing well.

In the Fourth District where blacks hold a solid majority, Michael B. Mitchell, a 29-year-old lawyer whose family is a political dynasty, led the field with 11,003 votes carrying him to the City Council on his first time out.

Mitchell will be one of the four new faces appearing in the City Council chamberff. Taking his place with Mrs. Victorine Adams and Dr. Emerson R. Julian, (Mr. Mitchell edged out Mrs. Mary Adams a long-time member of the Fourth District Delegation at the Primary level) Mike Mitchell will also be the newest black face in the Council.

Other new Council members are Pat Clarke, D-2nd; Thomas Waxter, Jr, D-5th; and Joseph Murphy, D-6th.

Democrats, as was expected, swept all 21 elected offices. And eventhough no one expected either Republican candidate Mrs. Claudette Chandler or the Rev. Marlon C. Bascom to win their respective races for Mayor and President of the City Council; it was felt a strong black turn-out would give Bascom a respectable chance.

However, the city-wide turn out of 20 per cent for black voters and about 30 per cent for white voters clinched the white candidate and made black hopes futile.

Mayor Schaefer bombed Mrs. Chandler 91,127 to 16,360; the polls had hardly closed before he appeared at his headquarters claiming victory. Walter Orlinsky did as well swamping Rev. Bascom 72,785 to 28,839.

The story was essentially the same for all Republican candidates. No Republican ever appeared to be even close to a Democratic encumbent.

On a more pleasant note, voters can applaud themselves for OK'ing bond issues amounting to some $64.1 million for urban renewal, residential rehabilitation, housing, street lighting, water supply, solid waste disposal, and the fire department.

Only one of the Mayor's loan requests was rejected and that was the $5.5 million off-street parking loan.

SCHAEFER HEADQUARTERS — Scenes at Hilton Hotel found Del. Hattie N. Harrison, (D-45) among those present to offer congratulations to William Donald Schaefer who won re-election for a second four year term.

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ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the final, unofficial results of Tuesday's General Election. Tallies appearing in the left column represent the outcome of races for public office; on the right you'll find the results of the questions regarding bonds.

CANDIDATES

Mayor

William Donald Schaefer(D)	91,127
Claudette M. Chandler(R)	16,360

Council President

Walter S. Orlinsky(D)	72,785
Marlin C. Bascom(R)	28,839

Comptroller

Hyman A. Pressman(D)	94,664
(No Republican candidate filed)	

Council
(Three elected in each district)

First District

Barbara A. Mikulski(D)	17,296
Dominic Mimi DiPietro(D)	17,149
John A. Schaefer(D)	15,813
Wolfgang H. Schmidt(R)	1,353
James H. Venker, Jr.(R)	1,976
E. Rudy Dawson	Write-in

Second District

Mary Pat Clarke(D)	19,052
Clarence De Burna(D)	8,860
Nathan C. Irby, Jr.(D)	4,776
Suzanne Sherwood(R)	2,312
Byron P. Roberts, Jr.(R)	2,500
Carmelina Jones(R)	1,849

Third District

J. Joseph Curran(D)	18,076
Frank X. Gallagher(D)	17,851
Carroll J. Fitzgerald(D)	17,466
Richard Andrews	2,602

Fourth District

Michael B. Mitchell(D)	11,003
Emerson R. Julian(D)	10,718
Victorine Q. Adams(D)	10,604
Archie M. Jones(R)	2,083

Fifth District

Thomas J.S. Waxter (D)	15,012
Allen R. Specter(D)	12,161
Reuben Cushin(D)	11,261
Carl M. Adair(R)	7,307
Alice M. Smallwood(R)	1,598
Adelaide D. Sutherland(R)	1,416
Norman V.A. Reeves	Write-in

Sixth District

Joseph P. Murphy(D)	18,033
William J. Myers(D)	8,633
Dominic M. Lanzo(D)	8,444
(No Republican filed)	

BONDS

QUESTION A: $12 million for urban renewal programs throughout the city, but primary emphasis on the Park Heights and Falls Point renewal areas and Carroll Immaural Park in South Baltimore.
FOR.....68,181
AGAINST.....37,373

QUESTION B: $1 million to continue the REAL program of low-interest long-term loans for residential rehabilitation.
FOR.....69,412
AGAINST.....35,186

QUESTION C: $24 million to provide financing for private development of middle-income housing in the Inner Harbor West project.
FOR.....61,783
AGAINST.....37,628

QUESTION D: $1 million to continue the replacement of mercury vapor street lights with brighter sodium vapor lights.
FOR.....67,813
AGAINST.....34,934

QUESTION D: $1 million to acquire additional city landfill sites.
FOR.....69,313
AGAINST.....34,147

QUESTION F: $5 million to upgrade the city's water supply through improvements to Loch Raven Reservoir Dam, replacement of deteriorated water mains in the North avenue bridge and other projects.
FOR.....64,549
AGAINST.....30,842

QUESTION G: $10 million to expand the city's two major sewerage treatment plants and extend service to unsewered city areas.
FOR.....67,653
AGAINST.....33,594

QUESTION H: $8.75 million to improve and expand urban street parking facilities.
AGAINST.....42,764
FOR.....58,080

QUESTION I: $600,000 to meet additional costs on two Fire Department "superstations" where the activities of several fire companies have been consolidated.
FOR.....68,798
AGAINST.....42,464

1st row—Dr. Fuss, Optometrist, Dr. Boskin, Optometrist, Marsha Tolson, Theresa Smith, Joanne Stewart, Devona Harris, June Horton, Cathy Hayes, Celestia Grays, Fred Champion, Willie Edwards, 2nd row — Norma Parker, Alice Oliver, Barbara Harris, Irene Butts.

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BY THE WAY...

by Joe Black

Name-callers have been around since this great nation of ours got its own name.

And, though time brings change, often the only things that change are the names.

So, for those of you who have chosen to change my name to "Tom," simply because I elect to level with Black people, rather than seek their approval on emotional levels, I dedicate this letter. A letter published in The Chicago Defender, July 8, 1975.

"Dear Alice:

I live in the ghetto, but I don't understand why our street has to be a pig pen.

I sweep and pick up around our house, but except for one other person, the rest of the tenants dump garbage, litter the streets with beer and soda pop cans, and break down fences and steps.

If you say anything, the little ones sass you, and the grownups look at you like you're crazy.

I try to be a good neighbor, I've even asked for help in forming a block club to clean up the area. But I can't get any support from our ward committeeman, or our alderman.

I am very discouraged.

I'd rather not give my name or the place where I live, because somebody might try to do me in.

I would like you to print this, however. I think it's high time that we Black folks stop trying to blame everything on the system. We should have some pride in ourselves, and not want to live in filth.

My niece was one of a group of children who went to China last year. She came back talking about how clean everything was, even though the people were poor.

She said there was no trash or garbage anywhere. I just wish some of these folks who sit around all day doing nothing could just get up and start cleaning up.

Wasn't it Reverend Jesse Jackson who said, 'I may be poor, but I'm proud. I am somebody.'"

In the name of something mighty important, shouldn't we all begin to think harder than some of us do?

In the name of pride.

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