NEWS BRIEFS

MLK Steering group meets

The second meeting of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast Steering Committee will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

The meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Penthouse of Station WBAL-TV, 3800 Hooper Ave.

Blacks in Manifest Destiny

The Black Student Union of St. Mary's College of Maryland announces the opening of the exhibition "Blacks in the Westward Movement".

The exhibition is being circulated throughout the United States by the traveling service of the Smithsonian Institution (SITES) and will be on view in the Library Black Cultural Center until Nov. 16. It is open to the public.

The exhibition is divided into 10 sections: early explorations; fur traders and mountain men, Trail of Tears; black exodus; Texas; California; the last frontier; the buffalo soldiers; cattlemen - law and lawlessness; and enterprising blacks.

NOW slates Nov. 19 meet

On Nov. 19, at the Woodhome Recreation Center on Moyer Ave. the Baltimore Chapter of the National Organization for Women will discuss reactions to the Philadelphia Convention held on Oct. 24-27.

A panel of local NOW officers and newspaper reporters Tracey Rozhan and Enid Sefovic will analyze the events of the Convention and the future of NOW. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

City sergeant finishes coures

Staff Sgt. David G. Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Stephens of 208 N. Port St., has graduated from the Tactical Air Command Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School at MacDill AFB, Fla.

Sgt. Stephens, a 1967 graduate of Patterson High School, attended Tampa (Fla.) Technical Institute and East Carolina University, Goldsboro, N.C.

His wife, Carolyn, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Brothers of 17 North Port St.

Marathon dance at Hopkins

The Maryland Association for Retarded Citizens is sponsoring a statewide college dance marathon. The Finals will be held at Johns Hopkins University's Glass Pavillion, Levering Hall, Nov. 14-16.

The "Dance Around The Clock" is a competition in which couples try to dance for the duration of the event. The winners will be determined by the couples who complete the Marathon and have raised the most money. The winning couple will receive a grand prize and other prizes will be given to the 2nd and 3rd place winning couples.

The Finals are going to be a "happening". There will be live bands; dancing for spectators; performances by the cast of "Godspell" and the Towson State College Jazz Ensemble directed by Hank Levy; appearances by the Baltimore Orioles, local personalities and dignitaries (with people having the opportunities to dance with them); prizes and fun for everyone.

Loyola features Judge Colgan

The Hon. C. Warren Colgan, chief judge of the Baltimore City Orphans' Court, will deliver the second presentation in the continuing Loyola College "Law for the Layman" series which runs through Dec. 9 on the school's Charles St. campus.

Judge Colgan's talk, "Why Make a Will," will start at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening, Nov. 11, in Loyola's Jenkins Hall. The public is invited to attend.

The Loyola law series, coordinated by Dr. Mary Johnson, is open to the public for a fee of $7.50 per program. For more information or a schedule of upcoming programs, interested persons should call the Loyola evening division, 323-1010, EX-252-6.

Vision screening date set

Vision screening will be offered by the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Blindness in conjunction with the Diabetic Detection Program on Monday, Nov. 17 at the Pikesville Armory, 610 Reisterstown Road, from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Richard D. Richards, M.D., President of the Society, notes that diabetes can cause changes in different parts of the eye and some of these changes may require treatment to prevent loss of vision.

The vision test results will be discussed with participants and guidance in the solution of eye care problems offered by staff members of the Society, a United Fund Agency.

Private schools to get hearing

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether racially exclusive private schools created to sidestep school integration are constitutional, and whether cities can modify court-ordered desegregation plans because of "white flight" to the suburbs.

The "white flight" case from Pasadena, Calif. and the private school segregation appeal from northern Virginia raise critical questions about how far the Constitution and the courts can go in attempting to remedy school segregation.

In the Virginia case, lower courts awarded money damages to parents of black children refused admission to admittedly segregated private schools. The courts also enjoined further segregation.

Initially, private segregated schools were founded in the South to avoid the impact of court-ordered integration of public schools. Such schools recently have flowered in the North as the courts concentrate their attention on ending segregation there.

The Southern Independent School Association, representing more than 300 private schools, also was a party to the case. This means a Supreme Court decision would have an immediate impact far beyond Virginia.

In the Pasadena case, the city asked a district court to dissolve its 1970 school desegregation plan on the grounds whites were fleeing the city, making compliance impossible.

The city blamed the desegregation plan in part for encouraging "white flight."

The district court and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals turned down Pasadena's request.

The Supreme Court's decision will be an indication of how it will deal with white flight since its 1974 Detroit decision severely limiting a court's power to order school desegregation across school district lines.

In other action, the court:

Agreed to decide whether a New York legislative redistricting plan which requires a minimum number of minority voters in a district is an unconstitutional quota system.

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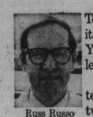

Russ Russo

Tear this checklist out and keep it. Use it to go over your car. You might catch a serious problem before it catches you.

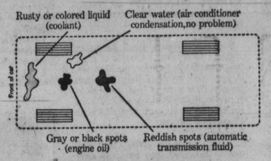
When we got 150 volunteers to check their own cars, two-thirds of them found something that could have led to a dangerous or expensive problem. And almost all of them found something that needed attention.

Of course your car might have problems that won't show up. But this inspection does cover some common and easy-to-find things that can cost you money if they're not taken care of.

How to decode driveway drips.

1. **Leaks.** A little puddle under the car might be innocent, or it might be the beginning of a big problem. Stay on the lookout with this little "drip map."

A piece of newspaper left under the car overnight will show which drips are new.



"That's so obvious! And I never saw it."

A lot of our volunteers had been overlooking problems that could be seen right from the driver's seat. Like these.

2. **Instrument panel warning lights.** These should light with the engine cranking, parking brake on. Common warning lights are for alternator, oil pressure, brakes, and temperature. Check your owner's manual if you're not sure which you should have.
3. **Beep the horn.** Don't laugh. Three of our people encountered silence.
4. **Windshield washers and wipers.** Do they spray right? Do they wipe clean?
5. **Brakes.** Push the pedal down. If it goes more than halfway to the floor, that's too far. And it should feel like it's hitting something hard. If it feels spongy, you might have air bubbles in the brake lines.

Now push the pedal down hard for the count of ten. If it continues to sink, you may have master cylinder troubles.

For power brakes, the engine must be running during this check.

Naturally, if you find anything suspicious about the brakes, have it taken care of pronto.

6. **Parking brake.** With the parking brake firmly set, put the car in "drive", or put it in first gear and let the clutch out a little. If the car moves easily, your parking brake flunks.
7. **Lights.** Get a helper to check as you turn them on. For headlights, check both high and low beams, and dashboard high-beam indicator. Then check emergency flashers, side markers, parking lights, license plate lights, tail lights, brake lights, backup lights and turn signals. (Key on for the last two.)

Self-serve gas buyers, be double careful here.

With no attendant to make these under-the-hood checks, they sometimes just aren't made.

Warning: Engine must be off for these under-the-hood checks.

Shell technicians helped the do-it-yourself inspectors locate certain parts. (And gave a hand now and then.) If you have trouble finding something while you're checking, see your owner's manual or ask your Shell dealer.

8. **Motor oil.** Pull the dipstick out, wipe it clean, put it all the way back in, then pull it out again and check the oil level. It should be above the "add" mark. Never overfill.
9. **Windshield washer fluid.** Check the level in the plastic tank.
10. **Power steering fluid.** If the people in our test group were typical, the location of the power steering pump is one of life's great mysteries. It's usually found on the driver's side, connected to the engine by a belt.

First, wipe off the pump's fluid reservoir cap and filler neck to keep dirt out of the fluid. Then take the cap off and check the fluid level with the built-in dipstick. It shows different levels for cold and hot.

Checking belt tension.

11. **Belts.** Check for proper tension by pressing down hard on the middle of each belt with your thumb. The belt shouldn't give more than about half an inch. Inspect the belts for fraying and cracks, too. Twist them around to inspect underneath.
12. **Battery fluid.** *Warning: Don't smoke during this part. Batteries can give off explosive hydrogen.*

Take the caps off and make sure that the acid solution inside the battery comes up to the bottom of the filler neck. If it's too low, add water.

13. **Battery cables.** Make sure they're tightly connected to the battery and aren't frayed. Light-colored powdery stuff on the terminals is corrosion and should be cleaned off.

"I once lost $300 by not checking that."

That's what one woman told me after she did these cooling system checks. Her car had overheated once and cracked the block.

14. **Radiator coolant level.** *Warning: Never remove the radiator cap unless the engine is cold. Hot, pressurized coolant can scald.*

With overflow tanks, coolant level can be checked without opening radiator.

You can check your coolant level just by looking at the coolant overflow tank if your car has one. Notice that there are different levels for hot and cold engines.

If your car has no overflow tank, remove the radiator cap to check. A level about an inch below the bottom of the filler neck is okay.

15. **Radiator and heater hoses.** Check the top and bottom radiator hose connections for leaks. Check the hoses for cracks and bulges.

Do the same for heater hoses since they carry your engine coolant, too.

One man was shocked when he found a bulge that looked like it might break any second. He said he had never noticed it, even though he checked his coolant regularly.

The most neglected item was one of the most important.

Our volunteers found more problems with tires than with anything else.

16. **Tire pressure.** A couple of bucks for a pressure gauge can help you save a lot of tire rubber. Fifty-seven people in our check found at least one low tire.
17. **Tire wear.** Check wear by looking for the tread wear indicators that show up when your tread gets down to the last 1/16th inch. If they show across two or more grooves, get a new tire. Also check for uneven tire wear.

Tread wear indicator shows all the way across this tire.

18. **Shocks.** Bounce the car up and down hard at each wheel. Once it's going good, let go and see how many times it bounces. Good healthy shocks will stop it after one bounce. Weak shocks that bounce twice or more cause unnecessary tire wear and maybe even handling problems.

If you make all these checks on your car, odds are you'll find something that needs attention. Do it every now and then — especially before a trip — and you'll cut down the risk of unpleasant surprises.

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U.S. said ineffective in ending bias

WASHINGTON (UPI — The U. S. Commission on Civil Rights says the federal government has been largely ineffective in its efforts to bar racial and sexual discrimination in $50 billion worth of federally-assisted programs.

In an 814-page report on enforcement of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act by seven federal agencies, the commission said offices set up in those agencies to enforce the act are understaffed, lack sufficient authority to execute their responsibilities, fail to require necessary data for measuring compliance and fail to conduct enough reviews.

Title VI prohibits racial or ethnic discrimination in all federally assisted programs. It covers some 400 programs administered by 25 agencies. Discrimination by sex is banned by other laws and regulations.

The report said all these non-discrimination efforts have held out "false promises" to minority groups and women. Even where violations are uncovered, it said "they are often not fully remedied."

The commission, an independent, bipartisan, fact-finding agency with no enforcement power, is headed by Arthur S. Flemming, former secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, now HEW's commissioner on aging.

It recommended that President Ford issue an executive order transferring responsibility for coordinating and directing Title VI programs from the attorney general's office to the office of management and budget.

It said the attorney general had been ordered to develop standards for Title VI compliance, but this has not been done, "leaving all other federal agencies with inadequate direction."

The report also recommended that the President issue an executive order prohibiting sex discrimination under any program which receives federal financial assistance.

Agencies included in the commission's report were the Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture; the Health and Social Services Division of the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the Department of the Interior; the Environmental Protection Agency; the Federal Highway Administration and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the Department of Transportation; the Manpower Administration of the Department of Labor, and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and the federal programs section of the Civil Rights division of the Department of Justice.

King's Landing Women aiding Y's King memorial breakfast

Members of the King's Landing Women's Service Club, along with the YMCA Jeffery Fund, are lending financial sponsorship to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast.

In last week's AFRO story, announcement of the KLW support was inadvertently omitted.

Mrs. Gwen Clark heads KLW group. The memorial breakfast is set for Thursday, Jan. 16, 1976, from 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., at the downtown Hilton Hotel.

The non-profit memorial breakfast is being arranged by the YMCA of the Greater Baltimore Area. Speaker will be the Hon. Benjamin L. Hooks, Federal Communications Commissioner.

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Supreme Bench Judge Robert B. Watts is general chairman. Honorary co-chairmen include Baltimore city Mayor William D. Schaefer and executives of surrounding counties.

They include: Ted Venetoulis, Baltimore County; Robert A. Pascal, Anne Arundel; Charles B. Anders, Jr., Harford; J. Norman Graham, Carroll; and Edward L. Cochran, Howard.

Richard M. Kelly is general executive of the Baltimore Area Y A.P. Moss, associated general executive, is coordinator.

Mr. Moss announced this week that reservations for tables of ten at $7 per person are being accepted now at his office, 24 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, Md., 21201. Deadline for reservations is Jan. 3, 1976. Table assignments, he said will be on a first come, first serve basis.

For The Latest News Buy The AFRO Tuesday & Friday

NURSE OF THE YEAR—Ms. Joyce Griffin (first from left) was voted Licensed Practical Nurse of th Year by a poll of nurses at Sinai Hospital. Dr. Spencer Foreman, executive vice-president, and Elizabeth Dougherty, acting director of nursing, presented her with a certificate.

Busing fight seen hurfing movement

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights today charged that opposition to school busing may weaken the civil rights movement.

The commission made the charge in announcing a new 10-month school desegregation project which will culminate next August in a "Report to the Nation."

The commission project will include a Dec. 8 public discussion with sociologist James Coleman on "white flight" and its relationship to desegregation; release of a report early next year on desegregation in Prince George's County, Md.; development of a national school desegregation standard; a nationwide survey of desegregation progress; a national desegregation conference, and hearings in two or three cities yet to be named.

"In announncing the new school desegregation program, the commission expressed concern that recent opposition to busing may be used to weaken the entire civil rights movement," the commission said in a statement without elaboration.

The commission is an independent government agency concerned with the rights of minorities and women. It has no enforcement powers.

District graduates called 'functionally illiterate'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Graduates of the public high schools in the nation's capital are "functionally illiterate" in basic skills such as reading, writing, adding and substracting, according to a study by a metropolitan Washington complex of post-secondary vocational-technical schools.

The survey, released by LaCaze-Gardner schools on the basis of testing it has done during the last two years, said city graduates read on a sixth-grade level and rank in the bottom two per cent in basic arthmetic among high school graduates in the United States.

"The District of Columbia public schools have failed to produce an effective education for their students, and these test scores are a substantial indication of that failure," said Merrill Corkum, director of education of LaCaze-Gardner schools.

The school complex, which teaches drafting, radio-TV servicing business accounting and secretarial job training, gives the tests to all entering students to help design an effective teaching strategy.

According to the test scores, the median student profile shows that District high school graduates scored on the second percentile of a basic skills arithmetic test using 11th and 12th grade norms.

The results also showed test results from the Iowa Silent Reading Test showed graduates read on the 6.8 level, which represents the reading ability of the average U.S. student in the eighth month of sixth grade.

Corkum said both tests are nationally accepted objective tools for evaluating an educational program's effectiveness and are used by public school systems around the nation.

He credited the failure to substandard design of educational curricula and automatic rehiring of teachers with no account of their previous performance.

He said the reasons for the low test scores do not rest with the students, because most of them learned a more rapid pace at LaCaze-Gardner than they achieved in the D.C. schools.

"These test score results are an indictment against the D.C. public schools, and they are statistics for which everyone involved in the public schools should be greatly ashamed," Corkum said.

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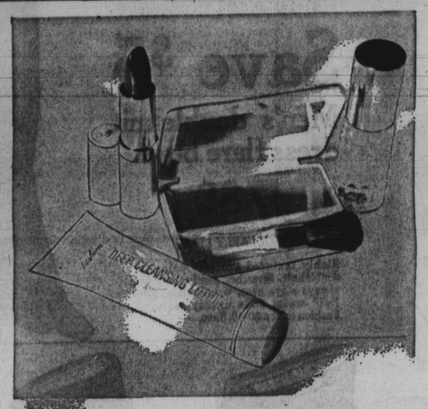

We're particularly pleased with Fashion Fair's special traveler. It's chock full of four of their very newest and nicest products— a "life-size" compact of Beauty Blush in Bronze Blush, a real-size lipstick in a brand new color, Brown Sugar, a 2 oz. tube of Deep Cleansing Lotion, and ah, what bliss! A beautiful 5/8 oz. spray bottle of Noir Cologne, an intriguing fragrance. Fashion Fair is fast becoming "the" cosmetic house for the demanding Black woman and here are just a few of the preparations their fussiest clients seem to love most.

Moisture Lotion: an amazingly effective preparation that really helps perk up tired complexions and helps keep skin radiant looking. 4 oz. 6.00.
Perfect Finish: a non-greasy creme foundation that promises to give a long lasting matte finish that won't streak or turn ashy. 7 oz. 8.00.
Eye Shadow Duo: a packable compact holding two color coordinated eye shadows. In five different color combinations. 5.00.
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