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Columbia Capers

... by Pinnie L. Ross

The Harpers, Bob and Delores, invited guests in last weekend to meet the former Md. Senator, Joseph D. Tydings, candidate for U.S. Senate. Mr. Harper will head the 1976 Campaign in Howard County.

Many politically minded people came out to rue and hear what Mr. Tydings had to say about some proposals he would implement in the election. His major concerns be said, were the unemployment percentages throughout the nation and providing a full and viable economy.

Robert Harper Jr., a student at Hampton Institute, was on his spring break and assisted his sisters, Robin, Jessica and Cristy, in helping to make the guests feel comfortable.

(Note: Now who wouldn't feel comfortable in the home of the Harpers? Their hospitality is so warm, you want to stay.

Speaking of the Harpers, their daughter, Cristy, was named Player of the Year. She is a junior at Wilde Lake High School and plays guard on the girls basketball team.

The Wilde Lake team was undefeated in the county this year. She had 94 recoveries of loose balls and steals; she scored second among the Wildcat players, averaging 11 shots per game.

Cristy, 5'3, calls the plays and is a temp controller.

This writer and husband, Bill are extremely proud of our son, Dion, 16 years old, 5'11, a student also at Wilde Lake High.

Dion was chosen one of the all-star players on the basketball team. He is the only sophomore in the county to make the All-Star team.

According to the Columbia Flier, a Howard County newspaper, sportswriter Stan Ber, says Ross possesses the finest jump shot in the county and likes to wing them from 20 feet out. "He is a good ball handler and will get even better with more experience."

The Howard County News sportswriter, Tenny Mason: "The only sophomore to make the top ten in this year's voting, Ross scoring average 16.9 points per game left him only one tenth of a percentage point for capturing the county scoring title.

"Extremely quick and with two more years to play, the sky is the limit for this young, extremely talented ballplayer." Dion has scored as high as 29 points in a given game.

Note: Like most parents we are extremely proud of our son Dion.

Congratulations came from many friends. Among them was this one:

"This certainly is an occasion when congratulations are due . . . and it certainly is a pleasure to be sending them to you! With best wishes, congratulations, on your outstanding basketball playing. We are proud of you — it was signed Roberta, Thomas and Carolyn Briscoe.

MRS. CARROLL SELECTED

Josephite Society announces new lay advisory board

BALTIMORE — The Very Rev. Matthew J. O'Rourke, SSJ, superior general of the only community of religious men in the American Catholic Church devoted to work totally in the black community, called into session March 26 the first lay advisory board for the Josephite Society of Priests and Brothers.

The board, believed to be the first of its kind for a religious community in the U.S., is composed of six outstanding black Catholic laypersons. Members were selected for their knowledge and of acceptance in the black community, their understanding of the mission of the Catholic Church and the mission of the Josephites.

Serving as members of the first such board are Dr. Rebecca Carroll of Saint Pius V Parish in Baltimore and an assistant superintendent of Baltimore City Public Schools and a social activist. Mrs. Florence W. Lee of Saint Peter Claver Parish in New Orleans and the Supreme Lady of the largest black Catholic fraternal organization in the U.S., The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver. Also, Dr. Norman O. Francis, president of the only predominantly black Catholic university in the Western Hemisphere, Xavier University in New Orleans;

John H. Clouser, a convert and a member of Holy Rosary Parish in Galveston, Texas and a retired public school teacher and state secretary of the NAACP and a man active in civic and religious affairs all his life; Dr. Sandra N. Smith of Immaculate Conception Parish in Washington, D.C. and an associate professor of Education at Howard University;

Elbert LaLande of Prince of Peace Parish in Mobile, Ala., a veteran educator in programs designed to reach the black disadvantaged and an activist in civic and religious affairs on a local and diocesan level in Mobile.

The board during its first session advised the Josephite Society there is still a crucial need for a community such as the Josephites to minister to the needs of the black community in the U.S. The board also advised that black parishes must maintain their black identity while extending an invitation to the wider community for membership and that black Catholic schools must be maintained and that new and innovative ways of maintaining them should be found.

In addition, the board further urged the Josephites to sensitize other white clergymen for work in the black community and to continue total programs of education for its members which will include economic development training.

NEW BOARD MEMBER—Dr. Rebecca Carroll of Saint Pius V Church and assistant superintendent of Baltimore City Public Schools, is shown conferring with The Very Rev. Matthew J. O'Rourke, SSJ, superior General of The Josephite Society of Priests and Brothers at the first lay advisory board for the society.

Arts and Music

By Vashti McKenzie

PEABODY

The Peabody Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Leonard Fearlman, will present a concert on Tuesday, April 6 at 8:00 p.m. The performance will be held in the Peabody Concert Hall, 1 East Mount Vernon Place.

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MILFORD MILL

The Milford Mill High School Class of '76 is presenting Cole Porter's musical Anything Goes on April 2 and 3, 1976, at the Milford Mill High School auditorium, located at 3800 Washington Avenue. The show starts at 8:00 p.m.

Starring in the musical are Marty Goldman, Marcia Lee, David Fitts, Kim Gross and Steven Kashkett. Anything Goes concerns the various antics and love affairs taking place on an ocean liner crossing the Atlantic in the 1930's.

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UMBC

"The Films of Pat O'Neill" will be presented by the University of Maryland Baltimore County's regional media center for the visual arts on Fri., April 9 in Room 306 of the fine arts building at UMBC and in cooperation with the Baltimore Museum of Art on Sat., April 10, in the museum's auditorium.

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On April 6, the Baltimore Symphony will present a youth concert at the Lyric Theatre at which the winner of the Baltimore City Schools' Oratorical Competition will perform "A Lincoln Portrait," with music by Aaron Copland and text by Carl Sandburg. This Bicentennial program, which will be conducted by Darrold Hunt, also contains music by American composers Charles Ives and George Gershwin.

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BALLET

The Maryland Ballet will perform at Kraushaar Auditorium, Goucher College, April 2 and 3 and April 4, presenting a varied program of contemporary and classical ballets.

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WALTERS

The Walters Art Gallery has placed a special display of Dutch illuminated manuscripts and early printed books on view in the manuscript galleries on the third level of the Centre Street building to coincide with its current series of Monday evening lectures on Dutch and Flemish art.

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"PURLIE"

Clarence B. Mollock and Clarench B. Mollock and his cast of twenty-five are in their second week of the "Purlie" run at the Susquehanna Festival Theater. "Purlie" performances are scheduled through April 4 with a matinee on April 4.

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MORGAN

Phase II The Individual Experience, an exhibition of works by students presented by The Student Artist Association, will open Sunday, April 4 in Gallery I, The Carl Murphy Fine Arts Center. It continues through April 23.

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April 4

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Baltimore Afro American

10,000 social workers from 50 states, Africa here next week

Baltimore will be host to 10,000 social workers who begin arriving here April 12 for the eighth annual conference of the National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc.

Delegates will be coming from the 50 states and Africa for the four-day conference, April 14-17 at the Civic Center. They will be staying in hotels, motels and private homes in the city.

The theme for the conference is, "Black America Reawakening for the Future."

Among the 28 workshops scheduled, Ms. Rosetta Jolley, president of the Baltimore chapter predicts the four events that will attract the largest crowd are Criminal Justice System, Education, Black Child in Welfare System and Early Childhood.

Each workshop will deal in its opening session with an historical analysis of black persons and relationship past and present.

The strategies and skill development component will be handled in the closing session of workshops.

"This will be the first time Baltimore has hosted the annual conference. There are 180 chapters in the United States, three in Africa and four in the Caribbean," said Ms. Jolley.

In January 1974, the Baltimore chapter made the official bid to host the annual conference. Ms. Jolley stated, "We felt Baltimore is rich in black

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John Tynes charged with murder

JOHN C. TYNES *confined to City Jail*

MRS. JOYCE NICHOLSON *Tynes' slain girlfriend*

MRS. SHARON T. TYNES *wife murdered at bus stop*

Police have arrested and charged John Clarence Tynes, 25, with the March 24 homicide of a friend, Mrs. Joyce Nicholson.

Mrs. Nicholson, 20, was a Calverton Junior High School part-time computer programing student.

She was found shot to death only a block away from Tynes home in the 4000 block Penhurst Ave., in Northwest Baltimore.

Police state they arrested Tynes March 26 as a suspect but had to release him because they did not have enough evidence to charge him.

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However, 11 days later, police stopped a 15-year-old boy in the 4000 block Penhurst Ave., who was carrying a sawed off shotgun.

After questioning the youth, police discovered the gun had been in the hands of five different people and crime lab reports show it was the same shotgun used to kill Mrs. Nicholson.

Several neighborhood residents reported they heard what sounded like a single gunshot several minutes before Mrs. Nicholson, 3300 block Caton Ave., was found lying face up on the sidewalk.

Homicide detectives did not have any motive nor clues on the homicide until the teenager carrying the gun was arrested April 5.

Relatives told police Mrs. Nicholson was separated from her husband. Police had ruled out robbery attempt in the case because Mrs. Nicholson's purse was found intact and her clothing was not disarranged.

BUS STOP MURDER

Tynes is the husband of Mrs. Sharon Taylor Tynes, the 23-year-old woman who was found dead at a bus stop in the 4400 block Garrison Blvd., in June 1975.

At the time Mrs. Tynes was killed, the news media reported her husband was in the Army and stationed outside of Baltimore.

Police have now learned Tynes was AWOL (away without leave). Police state Mrs. Tynes was shot to death around 4:55 a.m. June 28, 1975 while waiting for No. 19 bus.

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Mrs. Tynes was eight months pregnant and was looking forward to attending a baby shower in her honor on June 29.

A graduate of Western High School and Community College of Baltimore, Mrs. Tynes was employed at the Maryland Training School for Boys as a youth supervisor.

Relatives described her as a "very lovely person but she had many friends." Police state her girlfriend had just walked her to the bus stop only minutes before she was found dead. Her pocketbook and shoes were found near her body.

250,000 due at church Palm Sunday

Some 250,000 Baltimore Christian believers are expected to attend church Palm Sunday to recall the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem 1,949 years ago.

Most services will be crowded this year due to a widespread return to prayer for help in this long and unprecedented economic crunch.

The joyful occasion described in the New Testament is however at sundown, plunged into sorrow as Passion Week opens to recall the suffering of Jesus.

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From Monday through Good Friday, the darkest hours, Christians will lament His trials and crucifixion. At death on the cross, Jesus was 33 years of age.

The following Saturday commences preparation for the highest holy holiday, Easter Sunday, which marks the Resurrection.

The return to life and His coming from the tomb has signified down through these long years, a renewal of spirit and revival of the hope that life is eternal.

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Baltimore churches traditionally distribute palms

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AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz

HOPE—The dawning of the highest Christian holy holiday comes Palm Sunday.

Manna House poor need urgent help

By Kweku Egyir

Joblessness and the long-time economic crunch have caused thousands of persons to fall prey to poverty. The need for help for the silent, helpless group of both white and black poor citizens is urgent at Manna House located at 2022 St. Paul St.

Best described as an inn of God where no man paid, the doors of the three-story rowhouse are open to everybody. It is one of the few places in the city where the nagging hunger of the poor can be satisfied this Easter when dinner tables of many families will become over-clustered with food and other delicacies.

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There, in Manna House, a sidewalk soup kitchen, in just one day nearly a hundred of some of Baltimore's poor and needy are fed, clothed, counseled and above all given warmth and companionship.

These needy men and women are the social misfits, the unemployed, the alcoholics, the sick, the disabled as well as those

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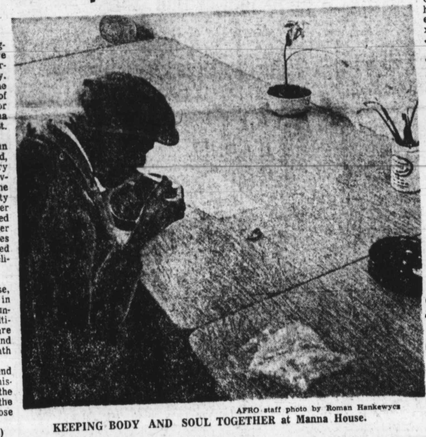

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KEEPING BODY AND SOUL TOGETHER at Manna House.

Postal clerk, policeman in bank heist

A postal clerk, policeman and bank teller have lost their jobs after pleading guilty in Criminal Court to a bank holdup.

Placed on probation for five years by Judge Solomon Liss were David E. Butler, 27-year-old former Washington police officer who lived in Prince George's County; Ms. Yvonne Z. Worrell, 28, 1100 block Saratoga St., and former teller at the Fraternity Federal Savings and Loan Association; Donald W. Smith, 2100 block Ashburton St., 34-year-old boyfriend of Ms. Worrell and former postal clerk.

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Judge Liss placed the three on five years probation and restitution of $250 each. Assistant State's Attorney H. Gary Bass told the court Smith suggested the bank robbery and Ms. Worrell told them about the marked money.

Court records state the following day, Butler approached Ms. Worrell in the bank with a note and told her he had a gun and ordered her to put the money in a bag.

After placing $995 in a

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Holiday notes

Spring vacation for the city's 187,000 school pupils extends from today, Friday, through Monday, April 19, with return to

PAYNE TESTIMONIAL

Some 1,000 guests are expected to attend the testimonial tribute to the Rev. William W. Payne at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Friday, at the Hilton Hotel.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

A prayer breakfast will be held at the Hilton Hotel tomorrow, Saturday, at 8 a.m. sponsored by the women of New Shiloh Baptist Church.

ORCHARD STREET

The Preservation Committee of Orchard Street hurch will hold a Spring est Palm Sunday from 2 4 p.m. There will be picre taking for the Memory all at 3 p.m. sharp; a ini tour and the Flower fart.

There will also be Souvir Bricks on sale; dignaries planting trees and flowers and a chance to join the "Museum Boosers" as a Bicentennial Charter member. The president of the preservation committee is Mrs. W.A.C. Hughes.

RIDE-A-BIKE

The Maryland Association for Retarded Citizens

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FLOWER MART and Spring Fest for Orchard St. Church is April 11.

Both houses fight over the subway

By Ben Phillips
AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — "It means that if we let the Senate get away with this, there will always be a threat to stall the legislative machinery any time they want.

"To me, this is more than just whether or not the subway passes. The vote yesterday shows an objection to the Senate about the manner in which it handled legislative procedure."

Del. Arthur G. Murphy, D-41st, vice-chairman of the Black Caucus was commenting on the House's overwhelming refusal to suspend the rules, Wednesday, and allow the compromise bills from the Senate to be introduced.

In the last three days,

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Bicen Bits

Paul Robeson, noted actor, singer, athlete, scholar and civil rights advocate, was born on this day Friday, April 9, 1898 in Princeton, N.J. Robeson, noted for his role in the "Emperor Jones died Jan. 2[illegible]

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• GOOD NEWS abounds in stories and photos by Benny Phillips, Roman Hankewycz and J. D. Hoyard—inside today

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• BEAUTICIANS here for the Maryland State Convention select the Woman of the year and "The Chosen 25" —all in photos

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• CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH has the only woman minister, the Rev. Mrs. Mary Peters who will be a conference delegate from Baltimore

Inside

• GOOD CITIZENS REGISTER TO VOTE and there's a blank you can fill out and mail in to make it easy. Do it today before you forget.

Inside

• GOVERNOR MARVIN MANDEL goes to trial along with his friends on May 3 since efforts to remove the hearing from Baltimore have failed

World's largest gospel singer dies

She weighed over 600 lbs.

Mrs. Gloria C. Spencer Gray, a well-known East Coast gospel singer, died of heart attack last Saturday morning in Charlotte, N.C. She was 39.

Weighing more than 600 lbs., Mrs. Gray, wife of a Steelton, Pa., minister, had in recent times been victim of constant bouts of heart attacks, according to relatives.

Mrs. Gray, described as the "World's Largest Gospel Singer" thrilled guests at her own wedding in 1973 by singing her favorite album "Once in My Life." Her husband, David L. Gray, is the pastor of Ambassador Cathedral of Deliverance, Raleigh, N.C. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Spencer of Steelton,, Pa.

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Gospel services for Mrs. Gray are at 8 p.m. tonight (Friday) at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Sixth and Seneca Sts., Steelton, Pa., where she and her husband David were joined in holy matrimony four years ago. Her funeral is in the same church at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Born March 18, 1937, Mrs. Gray weighed 12 lbs. at birth and soon became the idol of her parents and neighbors.

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Affectionately called "Tootsie" and extremely talented, Mrs. Gray could play simple tunes on the piano at the age of three. She sang her first solo at a church affair entitled "When I've done the best I can, I want my crown."

According to relatives as a result of glandular disorders the future gospel singer was destined to be abnormally overweight. She weighed 100 lbs. at six but not overly sesitive about her size. She was quoted as telling those who stared at her: "It's understandable for one to gaze upon a person that is as large as I am."

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However, Mrs. Gray did not allow her size to prevent her from doing what she desired to do. She helped with household chores and she reluctantly entered hospital when her doctor once thought dieting would relieve her condition.

Relatives stated Mrs. Gray stayed in hospital for 101 days and lost 115 pounds but this left her in a weakened condition. She then decided it was not worth the effort to continue to endure the strenuous ordeal.

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She weighed 311 lbs. when she was graduated from Steelton High School

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BALTIMORE GOSPEL SINGER, Mrs. Gloria C. Spencer Gray, was once billed as "600 Pounds of Heart and Soul Gospel" when she was noted as a recording star nationwide.