—How to survive the winter

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(USA) The Urban Services Agency (USA) will be offering aid through its Energy Crisis Assistance Program. If the agency receives the $13 million it requested, Baltimoreans can received between $250 and $400 per household for the winter to help utility bills or buy coal.

The amount of money available is still undetermined according to Edward Dupree, USA energy coordinator, because the funds have not been allocated by the state.

"We know we'll get the money," we just don't know when. The target date was originally Nov. 1, but realistically, it will probably be the middle of November," he said.

To qualify, residents will not need to receive turn - off notices or prove dire need. Eligibility will be determined by income.

An individual must earn less than $4,250. A family of four must have an income no higher than $8,375. To roughly determine qualification, the amount of income rises approximately $1,375 for each family member.

If residents have neither heating fuel nor the money to pay for it, they may have fuel delivered and USA will pay the bill.

USA also offers free or low - cost weatherization to low - income residents, including weather stripping around windows and doors, storm windows, caulking and insulation where possible.

Although a special energy crisis telephone number has not been set up at USA, residents may call 396 - 1722 or the weatherization office at 396 - 6262.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) has an on - going emergency service to families with children, according to Dave Tabler, chief of emergency services.

Families may receive $120 to prevent utility cut-offs or to purchase fuel. This is handled through neighborhood DSS centers throughout the city.

DSS is also waiting for funding for another heating assistance program due to begin Dec. 1. Qualifying residents, meeting income requirements similar to those used by USA, may receive 100 gallons of fuel oil or one ton of coal for the winter.

Tabler said DSS has $130,000 at the present to provide aid to residents with heating problems. Ideally, he said, DSS should have an additional $160,000.

"But we have enough money to get started, "Tabler said.

People may apply for heating fuel relief from both Urban Services and DSS.

Emergency food is available through DSS on a continual basis, Talber said. Clients should go to neighborhood centers where they will be referred to DSS headquarters.

The phone number for DSS information and referral is 234 - 2222.

The Salvation Army will have fuel delivered and will pay for it for residents who can prove a need for it.

Other services provided by the Salvation Army include short term emergency money and food, as funds permit, meal tickets or clothing vouchers at the Salvation Army Thrift Store, basic furniture needs (beds, refrigerators, stoves), prescription purchases for elderly and transportation to newly - employed persons.

Major Norma T. Roberts, director of social services for the Salvation Army, said the organization also operates an emergency residence for the homeless at 1114 N. Calvert St. People can stay there for up to three days and receive three meals each day.

The phone number for the Salvation Army is 889 - 4025.

The Baltimore Fuel Fund matches donations from private groups and charities with monies from the Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. to pay outstanding utility bills for those who do not have the money.

City Councilwoman Victorina Q. Adams an organizer of the fund, said since May 1979, $64,334 have been matched to pay overdue bills.

The fund can provide up to $190,000 in financial aid. Approximately $126,000 remains.

Of the 172 cases handled in September 1979, the average bill paid was $99.

But the Fuel Fund is in an iffy situation: they can help those in need if they received monetary donations.

"How many people we help depends on how much money comes in," Mrs. Adams said. Contributions may be sent to the Baltimore Fuel Fund, Box 1896, Baltimore 21233.

City officials are hopeful that no matter how harsh the winter, money willbe forthcoming from several sources to keep Baltimoreans alive.

Several energy assistance programs are currently being considered in Congress.

Some of the pending legislation would provide for blankets and heaters, fuel stamps similar to food stamps and a heating fuel allocation of $100 for individuals and $200 for families included in public assistance checks.

Tabler said he believes DSS will have enough money this winter.

"I don't expect problems. There are a lot of pending bills in the hopper.

"If there is a crisis, I hope the city and state will come to our rescue."

—Airport exclusion

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"There were no blacks doing anything. I saw no one on the platform. I felt that (U.S. Representative) Parren Mitchell should have been on the platform," she said.

Two other state legislators said they saw blacks serving but they both said they saw few.

Sen. Joseph C. Bonvegna, D-46th District, told the AFRO one black female waited on him at the bar.

"Out of the whole regiment working out there, I saw two black girls serving. And there were no blacks on the platform," said Delegate Joseph A. Chester Sr., D-46th.

In Sattler's Oct. 16 reply to Bradley, he said the two organizations supplying personnel for the affair, Host International Inc. and the International Hotel, are "equal opportunity employers of both record and fact."

The letter said representatives from both firms said "normal work forces at their respective facilities were not disrupted for the occasion and that off - duty employees were called in for this affair.

"This may have contributed to your not seeing any blacks working in the reception area," the letter said.

Sattler said Michael Skinner, equal opportunity officer "assures me that recent work force reports from both Host International and the International Hotel indicate satisfactory distribution of blacks within the workforces."

Skinner told the AFRO that although hiring practices at BWI are a matter of public record, he could not give the information over the phone.

Reports on minority hiring are submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, said Skinner.

We have received no adverse feedback from them," Skinner said.

Tenant concessions which lease space in the airport must agree to arrange for an affirmative action plan, Skinner said.

He called the AFRO back and asked if the information he had given would be used for publication. He also asked that the original questions and his answers be read back to him over the telephone.

A spokesman for Host International would not reveal any information when the AFRO contacted the office.

An employee of International Hotel, who would not give her name, said of that company's 175 employees, 125 are black.

She said she personally knows black employees who worked at the dedication ceremony. She suggested Brailey, "needs glasses because there were blacks there."

Brailey, who does wear glasses, said, "That's the laugh of the century.

"They already admitted there were no blacks there in the letter by saying they called in extra employees.

"They must not have any blacks on their off - duty list. This was a national affair and there is something wrong if there were no blacks present," he said.

—Murphy proposes

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Sounding at times like a modern-day Jeremiah, the biblical prophet who decried the excesses of his community while showing them the road to salvation, Murphy hit the divisiveness of the current black political scene. He called for a city-wide organization to wrest control of Baltimore from the traditional white power brokers.

"Today whites say they have been accused of blacks for the past eight years, but we haven't done anything," Murphy said, "now the white man has his shoes off, and is sneaking back into the city, while we move to the suburbs."

He picked up a copy of the recent University of Maryland study which predicted a decrease in the city's Black population.

"They have their plan," he said. "They're getting ready for the return of the white man. They want the good things in life that they ran away from. But we don't have a defensive plan to meet this threat.

They have state-wide and city-wide organizations, but we have neither. They have white power!"

Murphy slammed the traditional city black political structure, stressing the divisiveness caused by regional political clubs.

Murphy then began citing recent black political history, starting with the 1968 city-wide elections. He stressed the fact that Joseph Howard, who sought a judgeship in the race, Milton B. Allen, who ran for State's Attorney, and Paul Chester, a candidate for the Court of Appeals, all won during that year, despite the fact that they had no affiliation with any of the established local political clubs.

Murphy closed his presentation by stating firmly, "Today's problems call for today's plans, not yesterday's plans. Something has got to be done differently from the way things are being done now."

—Unemployment

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for workers in Baltimore and the surrounding five counties dropped drom 7.6 percent to 6.7 percent.

Spokesman Alvin Margulis said the local black unemployment rate was the fifth highest among 30 areas studied by the bureau.

Twelve percent of black men and 13 percent of black women were without jobs in 1978, compared to 2.3 percent and 4 percent for white men and women.

Blacks in Baltimore city registered an unemployment high of 13.3 percent in 1976, up from 15 percent the year before. Only Philadelphia had more blacks out of work.

The bureau said the number of blacks working in the Baltimore area rose from about 56 out of 100 in 1977 to nearly 61 out of 100 in 1978. Margulis said the increase measured about 20,000 workers and people seeking employment.

The decrease in unemployment rate rose from 16.6 percent in 1977 to 22.5 percent.

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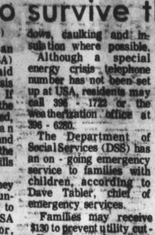

By Joe Black

Those of you who, through the years, have followed my "By The Way..." commentaries have probably experienced times when you thought that I sounded like a broken record.

My remarks today will echo some previous thoughts that I have expounded on each year since 1974. Some of my words have provoked some of you into writing me angry letters and describing me as a "tool for the white man because I help 'cop off' the brother rather than dealing with the sociological ramifications of Black-on-Black crime." That is your prerogative, but I still choose to leave the Black-on-Black crime from the "bottom line" — that it is having a very negative effect upon the socioeconomic status of Black communities.

The sweat, tears, and lives that were lost during the social revolution of the 50's and 60's were not sacrificed so that we can kill one another or to keep the Black side of town in a depressed financial state. It is time for Black Americans to stand up and loudly denounce those criminals who are destroying our neighborhoods; because in too many towns, Black women and children are afraid to walk the streets once the sun goes down. Senior citizens are victimized because the attackers take advantage of their weakened bodies and slow reactions. Our community is deprived of convenience and economic growth because businesses hesitate to locate in inner-city because of the higher insurance rates and the risk of robbery or extortion.

And when we do speak out, we must make the courts understand that we want the same penalties applied for crimes against Blacks as the court applies when a white citizen is the victim; no longer will we tolerate a lecture and a $50 fine when a Black man rapes a Black woman.

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

Little important people meet

Little Important People — Concerned Citizens will meet Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. at Lexington - Poe Home auditorium, 206 Fremont Ave. The subject will be cultural arts. The 10 year old organization was founded by Mrs. Mary Sollers and was named in honor of the late Dr. Carl Murphy.

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First center to help gamblers open in Md.

MARYLAND — A state where gamblers have more places to lay their bets than most — has taken the lead in helping betting addicts kick a habit that is fast becoming a major public health hazard.

The nation's dirst compulsive gambling counseling center opened Wednesday in a state where a lottery and seven race tracks have helped about 40,000 residents become hooked on the thrill of taking a chance.

Dr. Robert Politzer, the center's director, said the pilot project will try to convince compulsive gamblers there are better ways to spend the five to six hours a day they spend betting.

He said the center will also work with families, friends and employers who suffer the effects of the compulsive gambler's addiction.

"Compulsive gambling is a public health problem," Politzer told the crowd outside the Thomas Wilson Center, which houses the program. "We have a sizable subsection of our population that is affected by compulsive gambling."

A federal study estimates there are between 1.1 million and 3 million gambling addicts in the country. Eighteen percent of them have attempted suicide and 56 percent of their spouses have borrowed money to repay their debts.

The center, funded by a $98,900 grant from the drug abuse administration of the State Health Department, will use individual and group counseling, family therapy and recreational counseling to treat up to 45 patients.

The program, which is operated by the Johns Hopkins University School of Health and Mental Hygiene, should begin treatment next week. Politzer said about 20 compulsive gamblers have already asked to be enrolled.

Currently, the Veterans' Administration and Gambling Anonymous provide the only gambling counseling services, officials said.

Dr. Robert Custer, chief of treatment services at the VA characterized the compulsive gambler as an "energetic, competitive, hard - driving, bright" individual who "seems destined to success (in society), but due to his loss of control winds up a complete failure."

He said some people begin to gamble as young as 8 or 9, but it takes between "two and 15 years to develop into a full blown compulsive gambler."

Custer said games involving skill are the most addictive and said horseracing, sports betting, card games and dice games are the big drawers.

"A compulsive gambler is not interested in winning or losing," Custer said. "He's interested in gambling."

But Custer said compulsive gamblers are easily treated and return to a successful life" if they are taught to have confidence in themselves.

The Maryland program was ordered by the 1978 General Assembly. Officials said Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey have expressed an interest in similar programs.

Police catch three of six inmates

Three of the six prisoners who escaped Monday from the Baltimore County Jail were back in jail Thursday, officials said.

Police continued their search for Eddie James, 27, who with the five others sawed through a barred window and scaled a barbed wire fence Monday night.

Two inmates were recaptured within hours of the escape.

Inmate Clinine Mills Jr., 28, was arrested Wednesday night after an armed robbery at a supermarket in Eldersburg. Police said Mills, who is awaiting trial for bank robbery, and Edwin Harris were charged with armed robbery, auto theft and illegal use of a handgun.

Escapees Randell McKnight and Douglas Wiley, 18, surrendered to police shortly before midnight Wednesday.

McKnight turned himself in to Baltimore police and Wiley agreed to meet county police at a motel in Woodlawn after calling his parents and his attorney.

Lincoln degrees

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa. — On Oct. 29, Lincoln University will confer honorary degrees upon Dr. Siaka Stevens, president of Sierra Leone, West Africa; K. Leroy Irvis, minority leader, House of Representatives, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Dr. Luis E. Ramos-Yordan, speaker, House of Representatives, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

—Morgan tightens security

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Two female dormitory residents said security should be tightened.

A junior resident of Harriet Tubman Hall who would not give her name told the AFRO non - students are on campus "all the time."

She said more patrolmen should be added, especially at night when female students travel to and from the library.

"Students could help solve the problem if they would get together and decide to do something. That's the problem — getting them together," she said.

Freshman Lisa Molock said she never travels on campus alone.

"If it's not safe for a guy, it certainly isn't safe for a girl. They should have tightened security before the stabbing happened.

"Most people wait for something to happen before they do anything to correct a situation."

Ms. Molock said security has been intensified in female residence halls.

MSU security officials have not requested any assistance from the city police department, except homicide investigators, since the stabbing occurred.

Lt. John Fuller of Northeastern District said the MSU security force handles its own problems. He said the district has a good rapport with campus police and city police only come on school grounds if they are called in by MSU security.

Pratt library needs adult reading tutors

The Pratt library urgently needs volunteers to tutor adults in basic reading.

With long waiting lists of pupils in many branches, the library is anxious to expand immediately the volunteer corps which has been supplementing CETA help in its free one - to - one adult reading tutorial program.

No teaching experience is necessary.

Training will be provided through a six - session workshop to be held in the Poe Room of the central library, 400 Cathedral St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning Oct. 29.

Each volunteer who completes the workshop will be asked to tutor one pupil approximately three hours per week at a time convenient to tutor and pupil.

Anyone interested should call Ms. Jane Heiser, literacy resource librarian, 396-5401, or Pratt's adult services office, 396-5470, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

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Seventh district gets one more seat

The Seventh Congressional District gained one more delegate to the 1980 Democratic National Convention thanks to different mathematical approach by a Morgan State University political science professor.

Before the Oct. 20 meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee, the 7th District was sending five representatives to the convention.

Dr. C. Vernon Gray, MSU professor of political science, devised a different mathematical approach to determining the number of delegates for the 7th. As a result, six delegates will attend the convention from the 7th Congressional District.

Gray used the same formula devised by state party officials: total population, based on 1970 census, plus the average voters for President Jimmy Carter and 1972 Democratic nominee George McGovern.

Using that formula but a different mathematical method indicated to state party officials that the 7th District was entitled to five delegates, one less than in 1976.

But Gray's arithmetic indicated the 7th was entitled to the extra delegate.

Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-7th, said he is pleased. He congratulated Gray and Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings, D-40th.

"They took the leadership role. I commend them," Mitchell said.

The First District, located on the Eastern Shore, drops from five to four delegates.

The new representation is expected to be acceptable to the National Democratic Committee, according to Barbara Hoffman, director of the Maryland Democratic party.

"The new figures are perfectly valid. I don't see any basis for a challenge by the DNC. Our new plan is in compliance," she said.

She said one reason the First District lost one delegate was because so few of their state Central Committee members attended the meeting.

"You have to expect people to lookout for themselves. God helps them that help themselves.

"Members have to be there and maybe if the 1st had appeared in numbers, it would have turned out differently," Ms. Hoffman said.

Army investigating Ft. Meade recruiters

The Army's Baltimore - Washington Recruitment Center is being investigated on charges it violated federal recruitment standards by supplying applicants with test answers, the Army said last week.

Maj. Jeff Cook said the command at Fort Meade is one of 19 across the country being investigated for signs of recruitment violations. The investigation was ordered five months ago by Maj. Gen. William Mundie, Army recruiting commander.

"Some recruiters in the Baltimore-Washington area may be recommended for relief of duty," possibly as early as next week, Cook said.

"A computer analysis of test scores indicated that some recruits were provided with unauthorized assistance on eligibility tests," Cook said. "In some cases, they were given answers to tests or copies of the tests themselves."

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