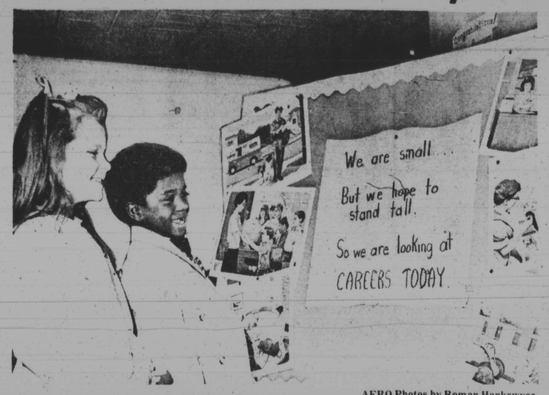
It's never too early to plan ahead

Bentalou Elementary School holds Career Day



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FUTURE MINDED — Nichole Poteat, 7, and Derrick Lloyd, 6, both students in Miss Wilkinson's first grade class, get career ideas from a poster announcing Career Day at their school, Bentalou Elementary held Tuesday, April 15.

MEDIA MAN — Stu Kerr, announcer at WMAR-TV Channel 2, talks about careers in television.

CAREER CONSCIOUS—Students at Bentalou Elementary School hear about future jobs at a Career Day held at the school.

City sites

It's spring—time to get out in the sunshine!

MAN'S BEST FRIEND — David Maxwell, 30, of the 1400 block of Myrtle Ave., shows off his pet horse "Mr. Boa." Maxwell rides Mr. Boa in the summer but since the horse doesn't get much exercise in the winter, Maxwell and his hoofed companion take advantage of the warm weather and "jog" together down Schroeder Street south of Saratoga Street.

ONLY THE BEST — Huckster William Brown, 25, carefully picks the best for his customers as he stops to sell his wares in West Baltimore.

Tenant wins court fight against landlord

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

It was a long, hard battle but Lillie Murphy endured and finally she saw victory.

Mrs. Murphy's fight was a battle between tenant and landlord. This time the tenant won.

Judge Richard Motsay ruled April 11 in Housing Court that Mrs. Murphy would not have to pay Update Realty Company over $400 in back rent that had been placed in escrow.

Following the proceedings, Mrs. Murphy who was represented by Gregory Countess of Legal Aid stated, "I prayed real hard last night and asked the Lord to help me.

"I felt like something was going to happen today in my favor but I never expected all this."

The judge further ruled that the landlord must board up the three-story rowhouse, once Mrs. Murphy moves, until he corrects over 50 housing code violations.

Mrs. Murphy along with her daughter, Karen and granddaughter, Liquana moved to the 700 block E. Preston St. Dec. 14. After the first day she realized they had no heat and contacted the landlord.

It took one month before the landlord put in a new furnace and Mrs. Murphy went three months without heat. And most of that time she wore a coat inside while the frigid temperatures outside brought the winter's chilly reality inside her home.

In January Mrs. Murphy sought help through the AFRO-AMERICAN and Legal Aid who in turn sent a letter to Update citing nearly 20 housing code violations. By the end of February a city housing inspector visited the home and found 18 violations.

The landlord was issued a housing violations notice March 3 and given 30 days to correct them. By April 3 nine of the 18 violations had been corrected and a Housing Court inspector, Jeannie Kennedy was sent to the property April 8.

In court April 11 Ms. Kennedy reported that she found 43 additional violations, none of which were health violations.

However, Judge Motsay ruled in Mrs. Murphy's favor and stated, "There are just too many violations in this house for anyone to live comfortably."

James David, director of the Mayor's Eviction Prevention Unit has been assigned by the judge to help relocate Mrs. Murphy who must move from the house by April 30.

But Mrs. Murphy has not been able to find adequate housing that she can afford on her fixed income. There's a long waiting list for housing with the Housing and Community Development program.

While Mrs. Murphy has won her battle with the landlord her fight to find adequate housing continues. If she does not find a home by April 30 she must return to Housing Court and the judge will make further recommendations.

Charge bias in county parole dept.

It seems that the entire system for criminal justice in the state of Maryland is being questioned. First on the issue of prison over population, court backlog, wrongful imprisonment (Cornell Estes), and now possible employment discrimination within the division.

The AFRO and State Division of Probation and Parole by five blacks from Prince George County. They are alleging discrimination by the division based on sex and race. Their names are being withheld pending an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC fact finding report.

The first indication of any problems within the Prince George County department was when a black male filed a discrimination suit in March of 1979.

Carlos Phears, chief union steward of the American Federal State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) council 92 told the AFRO, "when they first came to me with grievances I reviewed then, and found them not to be just administrative but a matter for EEOC".

In addition to the five who are filing the suit, there are six other blacks who have transferred from the department in Prince George County because of what they term extreme racism. These blacks are now in the Baltimore City probation office although some actually live in Prince George County.

To further compound the racial problems in the department, there are no blacks in the presentence investigation division of parole and probation. This particular division is of the utmost importance to the black community since it determines if someone is to obtain either parole or probation for an offense.

The fact finding conference of EEOC is expected to issue its findings in May, in addition, a meeting with the elected blacks in the County is fourth coming.

Dr. Fairis to speak at NAACP ball

The Maryland State Conference of branches of the NAACP will hold it's annual Celebrity Ball on Saturday April 19, at the Hunt-Valley Inn. The annual affair will begin at 7 p.m. and last through 1 a.m. with dinner and dance.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Christine King Farris sister of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Farris is presently vice president and treasurer of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Social Change. She is also on the staff of Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia.

Music for the affair will be by Frankie and the Spindles, a local talent. Tickets are on sale at any NAACP branch office.

Woman pleads guilty in slaying

A 32-year-old woman has pleaded guilty to stabbing to death a friend who refused to let her leave his home.

Miss Shirley A. Jordan pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the Jan. 1 death of James Ray, 56. Criminal Court Judge Paul A. Dorf ordered a presentence report on the woman.

Ms. Jordan told police she wanted to leave Ray's home after a New Year's Eve party, but he hit her and refused to let her leave. She then grabbed a knife and stabbed him in the neck, according to court records.

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PUBLIC HEARING
URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT PROGRAM

A public hearing has been scheduled to discuss Baltimore City's proposed submission of six applications for Urban Development Action Grant funds to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition, a revision of the City's earlier application for Action Grant funds for Mount Winans will be explained. The general Urban Development Action Grant Program will also be outlined. The hearing will be held in the

WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING
FIRST FLOOR
LEXINGTON AND GAY STREETS
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, 1980

The following applications will be discussed:

on Street will be rehabilitated for use as 38 market rate rental apartments. An Action Grant of $400,000 will leverage a private investment of $1,317,675 for a private to public investment ratio of 3.3:1.

2. Hollins Market Area Action Grant: Nine vacant brick row structures located at 13-21 Carrollton Avenue and at 1106, 1108, 1114 and 1116 Hollins Street will be rehabilitated. The five buildings on Carrollton Avenue will be converted to a mixture of commercial uses of the first floors and market rate rental apartments on the upper floors. The four buildings on Hollins Street will be converted to commercial uses or galleries on the first floors and artist studios and living quarters on the upper floors. An Action Grant of $190,000 will leverage a private investment of $495,500 for a private to public investment ratio of 2.6:1.

3. Highlandtown Action Grant: A vacant 17,000 square foot retail building at 3428 Eastern Avenue will be rehabilitated for rent to Tyler's Country Clothes, a retail clothing store, which will occupy all five floors of the building. An Action Grant of $200,000 will leverage a private investment of $505,840 for a private to public investment ratio of 2.5:1.

4. McCormick's Garage Action Grant: A parking garage containing 725 spaces will be constructed on Area 10 in Inner Harbor West to provide convenient parking for visitors to the Adjacent Convention Center and for more than 600 employees of the nearby McCormick & Company spice processing plant. An Action Grant of $500,000 will leverage a private investment of $6,000,000 for a private investment ratio of 12:1.

5. Hilton Hotel Expansion Action Grant: One hundred and fifty rooms in the Hilton Hotel, which were not finished when the structure was built, will be completed. This expansion will increase the total number of rooms in the Hilton Hotel to 700. The City will then have more than 1500 of the necessary 2000 committable first class hotel rooms in the downtown area that are needed to support the Baltimore Convention Center. An Action Grant of $200,000 will leverage a private investment of $2,300,000 for a private to public investment ratio of 11.5:1.

6. Hopkins Place Action Grant: A new 340 - space parking garage and approximately 30,000 square feet of retail and office space will be constructed at 100 Hopkins Place between Pratt and Lombard Streets. An Action Grant of $750,000 will leverage a private investment of $3,700,000 for a private to public investment ratio of 5:1.

7. Mount Winans Action Grant: The developer of 164 townhouses in the Mount Winans Urban Renewal Area will be Chesapeake Homes. S. Gilman and Associates, the original developer, will remain with the project as construction manager. All other aspects of the project will remain the same.

Draft copies of all seven applications, along with federal rules and regulations concerning the Urban Development Action Grant Program, will be available for citizen review and comment in Room 310 of the Department of Housing and Community Development, 222 East Saratoga Street, as of Tuesday, April 22, 1980.

The public is invited to attend and express their views on the City's needs and the proposed applications.

M. J. BRODIE
Commissioner

Schaefer trying rip-off of CCB downtown campus

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Morgan State faculty asks Dr. Billingsley to resign

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The powerless City Council

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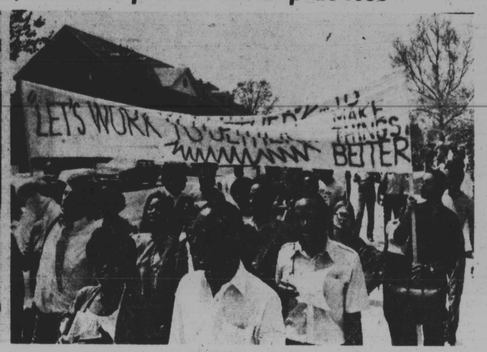
Release of 451 inmates stalled

Steelworkers, students protest racial practices



A predominantly black group of students at the College Park campus of the University of Maryland staged a protest march on Wednesday demanding that the university be more responsive to minority issues. See story page 3.

Hughes backtracks on early discharges to end crowding

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Harry Hughes, concerned about remarks from the state parole commission chairman, Wednesday ordered a re-examination of the procedures used to select prison inmates for an early release program.

Although Hughes said he has a responsibility to insure that every reasonable step is taken to meet a June 1 federal court order deadline to end overcrowding in Maryland prisons, he said public safety is his first concern.

Hughes' statement came after a Baltimore newspaper quoted Parole Commissioner Chairman Henry P. Turner as saying the proposed release of 451 prisoners could present a substantial risk of increased crime.

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Teen dead after fight that began on MTA bus

A fight that started on an MTA bus ended April 22 with Victor Gilliam, 19, dead.

Police report Gilliam was on the bus in the 1500 block East 33rd St. with friends around 5:15 p.m. when an unidentified youth got on the bus, walked to the rear and stated, "I got $70 and I dare anyone to take it."

Police report Gilliam stated, "Man nobody wants your money" and the unidentified teenager and Gilliam started fighting after exchanging words.

The bus driver, who was not identified, was able to stop the teenagers from fighting. When the suspect got off the bus at 33rd and the Alameda, he started calling Gilliam names. Police report Gilliam ran after him and was stabbed in the chest.

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Mayor wants CCB's Lockwood building turned over to developers

An impact study is now being conducted by Community College of Baltimore Harbor Campus staff to determine if the Lockwood building will be sold to the city.

The mayor wants the school to sell part of its Inner Harbor Campus. However, a spokesman for the mayor's office told the AFRO, "It has only come up for a discussion and there is no definite decision either way."

The college spokesman stated the study will determine the use of the building and will not be completed until May 30.

When asked how much it cost to build the less - than - four - year - old building that was named after Dr. William Lockwood, a Louisiana native, who is now retired from the college, the spokesman said, "There really isn't much I can tell you."

Disposition of the Lockwood building will be discussed at the June meeting.

ANGERED Workers at Bethlehem Steele's Key Highway Dock protested on Wednesday the firing of Micheal Evans, a black co - worker, who was fired after an argument with a white supervisor. The protestors charged that the steel plant's handling of the argument had racial overtones and demanded the re - instatement of Evans.

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Your mom can be the winner
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At the City Council meeting Monday night, City Councilman Norman V. A. Reeves stated, "Selling the building on CCB Harbor campus needs a public debate. I question the mentality to develop everything that walks and talks in the Inner Harbor.

Despite denials from City Hall, the AFRO has learned that the mayor and his 'shadow government' agents, Charles Benton and Laurence B. Daley are putting intense pressure on CCB officials and the college trustee board as well to approve the Lockwood building deal.

Sources close to City Hall report further that Schaefer "in his most unceremoniously obnoxious style" has "commanded" that the CCB land and building be sold for commercial development.

Schaefer has attempted to intensify his position by claiming that the Lockwood building is underutilized.

County hate incidents increase

By Ann Sagi
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Beware May 1, 1980.

In the Dundalk area of Baltimore County, spray-painted "hate" signs call May 1, "Revolutionary May Day" and "Kill a Coon Week."

County police say the leftist and racist slogans have be en on the side of an abandoned gas station on Merritt Boulevard and the side of a supermarket in Merritt Park Shopping Center for several months. And they do not seem too worried about the threats in the messages.

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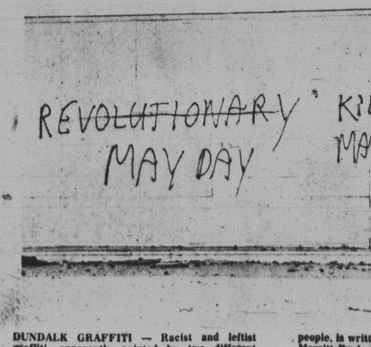

DUNDALK GRAFFITI — Racist and leftist graffiti, apparently painted by two different people, is written on an abandoned gas station on Merritt Boulevard in Dundalk.

AFRO salutes secretaries!
INSIDE:
Billy Dee Williams' new TV flick

IS THIS THE END?

MSU faculty asks president to resign

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

The Faculty-Senate of Morgan State University has called for the immediate resignation of President Andrew Billingsley.

This action followed a unanimous vote on Tuesday by those members attending the regular meeting of the Faculty-Senate and comes four months after the group took a vote of no-confidence in the president.

Jesse McDade, philosophy instructor and member of the school's salary and tenure review board made the motion for the resignation and stated, "In light of the lackluster performance of Dr. Billingsley, we feel it necessary to inform the Board of Regents that the Faculty-Senate is asking for the resignation of the president."

However, McDade stated that while Billingsley is aware of the feelings among the faculty, he does not expect him to resign.

Billingsley told the AFRO Thursday he does not plan to resign and that he felt the Faculty - Senate was acting inappropriately. He declined further comment stating that he had only heard about the vote ad had not been officially notified.

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City Hall has $84,500 lost in space

By Ebonie Alexander
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When State Delegate John Douglass released a survey last week revealing racial hiring practices in city government jobs that pay $25,000 or more yearly, many interesting details came to light. First, and most importantly, few blacks hold high-paying positions; secondly, there is $84,500 in city pay checks going to somebody but the AFRO cannot find out where his money is going.

According to the Douglass survey, there is a city government operation Constellation Management Company, that receives $84,500 in city funds for salaries for three people. The job classifications are: vice-president of finance, $32,000 per annum; account executive, $25,000 and operations director, $27,500 per annum.

The AFRO has been unable to determine precisely who or what is the Constellation Management Company.

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