—Jesse Jackson

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He suggested that black leaders were failing their constituencies by not alloting their political support to the respective parties, either Democratic or Republican, on the basis of that party's position on a given issue.

"The Whigs, the Republicans, the Democrats all agreed at one time on slavery and segregation," Jackson said. "The time is gone when we should march to one drummer."

Throughout his speech, Jackson was insistent blacks break the sense of dependence on help from outside the black community in solving its problems, pointing out there are resources within the community for it to tap. Bank deposits, pension funds, taxes and consumer spending represent economic power blacks could control if they bothered to learn how it is channeled away from them and invested.

Black bank deposits might be invested by the bank in a suburban mall, for instance. The mall could then take business and jobs from the inner city and weaken the black community.

"A bank is the heart of a community," he said. "If you don't have a bank what you have is a pacemaker. You can live and breath but you can't engage in strenuous activity."

The conference was organized both as a fundraiser for the NBC NBCSL and as a workshop where participants could exchange infomation and ideas on the new economic and political climate ushered in by the Reagan Administration, Del. Frank Conaway, chairman of the BCSL of Maryland, said.

Conaway noted the Reagan shift of power from the federal government to the states and said the legislators "have to gear up to make sure that blacks get their fare share."

Asked if local government can cope with all the responsibilities now shouldered by the federal level, he said, "It appears that the die has been cast and that we are going to have to deal with it."

Tall, handsome, and with the ability to mesmerize audiences with images which roll from his tongue, Jackson was in vintage form. A dynamic, passionate speaker, he engaged the crowd which responded with applause and cries of "Yes sir, yes sir," "speak the truth" and "make it plain, sir" in the interactive style of a Baptist meeting.

(AFRO photo by Martin Evans)

GOLIATH CHALLENGED — The Rev. Jesse Jackson urges blacks to shed a dependent mentality and to believe in self-reliance as he addresses the NBCSL conference. Maryland State Senator Clarence Mitchell and Texas State Senator Wilhelmina Delco listen closely.

State to buy $23.3 million worth of computers for lottery game

Annapolis (UPI) — Maryland officials agreed Wednesday to spend $23.3 million to purchase computer hardware and related components, including about 1,100 ticket terminals, used to run Maryland's successful lottery game.

Award of the contract by the Board of Public Works to the Control Data Corp. of New York, however, was contested by Judson Garrett, formerly Gov. Harry Hughes' top legislative assistant, who now is a private attorney representing the American Totalisator Co., of Hunt Valley, Md.

Garrett contended American Totalisator was not privy to all the information necessary to make an accurate bid for the contract and asked a new round of bids be taken.

"I'm here to tell you we honestly feel we've been treated unfairly," Garrett said.

Garrett told the three members of the board they need only to look at the bids from the two companies — nearly $5 million apart — to realize they were not using the same information.

"They don't come that far apart when they start with the same information," he said.

Hughes, however, said he had not seen enough evidence to convince him of any impropriety by the lottery agency and joined the other two board members in approving the contract unamimously.

In a separate, unrelated move, the board agreed to put Maryland in the railroad business by purchasing for slightly more than $9 million approximately 195 miles of railroad track and right-of-way.

Most of the rail lines are on the Eastern Shore, with about 30 miles near Frederick.

State Railroad Administration officials said the purchase from the Penn Central Corp. would be less expensive for the state over the long run than leasing the freight lines.

Asteroids versus Metorites

Md. firm wins court fight with Atari

Baltimore (UPI) A federal judge has ruled against a California video game manufacturer that claimed a Maryland firm violated its copyright protection.

"Copyright protection is available only for expression of ideas, not for ideas themselves," said U.S. District Judge Joseph H. Young in a ruling against Atari Inc., one of the largest makers of electronic video games.

The suit, filed against Amusement World, of Elderburg, Md. and the company's president, claimed Atari had originated the audio-video material for an electronic video game called asteroids, obtaining a copyright for the material in June 1980.

Amusement World's meteors game began appearing in arcades and the new game, "bears remarkable similarities" to Asteroids, the Sunnyvale, Calif. firm argued.

Judge Young pointed out Dec. 1 there "are a number of similarities in the design features of the two games." But he added most of the similarities are inevitable because in both games, players try to destroy space rocks by firing bursts of light from a spaceship.

Listing the resemblance between the two games, Young wrote "there are certain forms of expression in which a player fights his way through space rocks and enemy sap spaceships."

"It seems clear that (Amusement World) based their game on Atari's copyrighted game, but copyright laws do not prohibit this," he wrote.

DR. JEANNE CRAIG SINKFORD graduated from Howard University Dental School and is presently the first black woman dean of a Dental School.

(AFRO photo by Martin Evans)

HUNDREDS BRAVE COLD — At the recent Thanksgiving parade down Charles Street, hundreds of hardy residents brave cold temperatures and blowing winds. Despite the weather, the people appear to be enjoying themselves, especially two young children who are bundled warmly. They chat with a free-lance woman clown who paused to spread a little holiday cheer.

Community Notes

The Cherry Hill Improvement Association is presenting an appreciation reception and a get acquainted rally, Dec. 14, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The affair will be at the Cherry Hill Multi-Purpose Center, 2492 Giles Road. Refreshments will be served.

For more invor information, call 396-4683.

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The League of Women voters of Baltimore City has issued the pamphlet, "Maryland's Challenge: Educating our Children."

The pamplhet is a project of Marylanders for Fair School Financing. Included in this pamphlet is an explanation of Maryland's education financing system, recent court action (Somerset v. Hornbeck case), as well as recommendations for citizens to improve the system.

Copies are available free of charge at the League Office, 2318 N. Charles St., or by calling 889-5353.

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The National Council of Negro Women, Greater Baltimore Section met recently to formulate plans for their 46th Founder's Day observance.

The group will present Morgan State University Choir in concert, Saturday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m., at Providence Baptist Church, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave.

The group also is inviting all NCNW members, former members and friends to join them in worship, Dec. 13, at 11 a.m., at Providence.

Doris Tieggle is the co-chairperson of these activities.

Committee members are Elizabeth Demby, Emma Dudley, Marion Jackson, Alice Hall, Mildred Nelson and Martha Blackstone, president of the chapter.

For more information, call 728-2884 after 7 p.m. evenings.

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The Baltimore City NAACP invites interested parties to attend its General Membership meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m.

The topic for discussion will be "Role of the NAACP." The meeting will be at St. John A.M.E. Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave.

For more information, call Barbara Cooper at 366-3300.

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Mutt, Jeff and Bill presents "Old Soul Gold Nite" Sunday, Dec. 13, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., at the Spirit of Chesapeake Lodge, "Elks Home," 2009 Frederick Ave.

Bob Dockins, the king of "old soul gold" will provide the music. Door prizes include a Christmas turkey. Food will be served.

The donation fee is $6. For more information, call 624-4794 or 448-2538.

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The Rosemont High Blood Pressure Task Froce now is offering free blood pressure tests at two community sites:

The Rosemont Multi-purpose Center, 2700 Rayner Ave., Mondays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon; and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The Walbrook Library, corner of North Ave. and Bloomingdale, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

The High Blood Pressure Measurement Sites are staffed by volunteer community Health workers, who are trained by the Baltimore City Health Department High Blood Pressure Program to accurately measure blood pressure, refer, follow up, monitor - take blood pressures between doctor's visits with the doctor's permission - and to educate the public.

WILMA RUDOLPH set the world record of 22.9 seconds in the 200 meter dash in the 1960 Olympics. She was the only American woman runner to win three gold medals in the Olympic games.

The services are free to adults over 18 years of age. For more information, call 396-4610.

Ministers meet black legislators

The National Black Caucus of State Legislators' fifth annual conference has attracted many state officials from across the country to Baltimore, but it also has drawn together a number of local ministers, giving them the opportunity to inspire and uplift the conference's out of state and local, distinguished visitors.

Delivering the invocational messages at the conferences breakfasts and luncheons were the following ministers:

Vernon Dobson, Mary A. Phillips, Emmett Burns, Marion Bascom, Walter Thomas, Arthur Jones and Naomi Durant.

The conference's benedictions were delivered by the Reverends W.W. Payne, Ronald Braxton, Douglas Miles, A.C.D. Vaughn, and John Coleman.

Morgan, NAACP promote positive black TV images

Efforts to promote positive images of blacks in the television media are being organized by members of the Department of Communication and Theater Arts at Morgan State University.

Dr. Samuel Hay, chairman, said negative images of blacks exist in the media to the virtual exclusion of positive ones.

The negative images television fosters has a subtle impact on the perception of blacks by blacks and by other groups, and "feed into decision making processes affecting the economic and political health of blacks in Baltimore and around the country," he said.

Four task forces have been assembled from students and faculty in the department, each with specific duties. They include:

—television monitoring; screening televised programming for racially objectionable material,

—station and advertisers alert; informing the broadcaster and the sponsor of the objection, and soliciting a response,

—community and national organizations alert; alerting city and national organizations of unresponsive broadcasters and advertisers, and

—direct action; organizing direct responses to unresponsive students and advertisers.

Enolia McMillan, president of the Baltimore NAACP, said the Morgan effort has the capability of "sensitizing the viewing public to the effect of (television)" in conveying negative images. She also said often people are not aware of the negativity of the images presented in the media.

Recently, Dr. Hay cited "Good Times" and "The Jeffersons" as programs which, although perhaps funny in one sense, cast an image of blacks "as clowns" with no substantial presentation of blacks as positive, meaningful characters.

Similar efforts have been waged in the past. Three decades ago, the NAACP asked the public to monitor shows such as "Amos and Andy," a television serial alarmingly similar to "Sanford and Son," and to register its protest. Enough pressure was applied and the program was canceled.

The NAACP has indicated cooperation with the Morgan effort is a distinct possibility, and that it will be discussed at a membership meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7P.M.

The meeting will be at St. Johns A.M.E. Church, 810 N. Carrolton Ave. The public has been invited to participate.

HUB launches drive for the needy

The HUB, Inc., under the direction of Raymond Haysbert is sponsoring a drive for the needy to run until Dec. 20, 1981. The organization is asking the community to help those who are not as fortunate by donating can goods, toys, cash or used clothing.

The items collected will be distributed by the Welfare Rights Organization. The following is a list of drop off sites:

Welfare Rights Organization, 8 S. Eutaw St.

Cherry Hill Multi-Purpose Center, 2492 Giles Rd.

Maryland Properties, 2224 Madision Ave.

Caroline Street Chruch, 11 S. Caroline St.

Time Printers, 415 N. Warwick Ave.

St. Marks Church, Garrison Blvd. and Liberty Heights Ave.

7-Eleven, 3612 Gwynn Falls Pkwy - 1120 E. Coldspring Lane

McDonalds: 6005 Liberty Road, 3401 Reistertown Rd., 1200 E. Fayette St., North Ave. and Charles St., North Ave. and Broadway, Pennsylvania Ave. and Franklin St.

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Thugs kill teen for his $200 radio

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

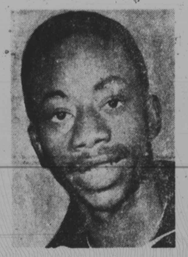
Mrs. Elizabeth Mundell always told her son to carry his large portable radio in his duffle bag. She said, "There is no need to invite trouble."

Monday evening, Herbert William Durham, 19, left home to visit his girlfriend. He was carrying his $200 radio on his shoulder and was walking towards the bus stop on Greenmount Avenue around 8:20 p.m.

As he passed an alley, police report a man in his early twenties came out of the alley and attempted to snatch Durham's radio. Police said a witness told them Durham refused to give the man his radio and the two began fighting. According to police, another man emerged from the alley, did not say anything and shot Durham in the head.

The two men took Durham's radio and ran, police said. Durham, a Southwestern High School student, was unconscious and was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

He died at 10:20 a.m., Dec. 8, at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Durham's sister told the AFRO, "He just bought his radio last month and would always carry it with him. Most of the time he would carry it in his duffle bag."



Herbert William Durham

Relatives described Durham as "a typical teenager." His sister said he enjoyed playing basketball, lifting weights and loved his music.

He was a member of Morning Star Baptist Church, on West Fayette Street. Funeral services will be Saturday, 10 a.m. at Carter Memorial Church of God in Christ, 745 West Fayette St.

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Jacob succeeds Jordan

John Jacob

The newly appointed president of the National Urban League said 1,000 staff positions will be cut as the 71-year-old civil rights organization copes with Reaganomics.

In Baltimore, local League officials' reactions to John Jacob's appointment were favorable and they characterized him as being a "bright administrator" and "articulate."

Jacob, 47, presently is the League's executive vice president and has been with the group 17 years. The announcement that he will succeed Vernon Jordan as of Jan. 1, came at a Tuesday New York City press conference.

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NAACP's 'single voice' crime plan overdue

A "single voice" representing black Baltimore's stand against criminal activity in the community could be weeks, even months away from fruition.

Julian Morgan, a NAACP official - the group who coined the phrase and is working to achieve cooperation among the city's many factions working on the black crime problem, told the AFRO the implementation of strategies to be developed by the group is a ways off.

In late October, the NAACP, the Reverands St. George Crosse and Willie Ray and other groups and individuals launched largely separate crusades against criminal activity plaguing the black community.

At that time, NAACP officials said they wished to sit down with Ray, Crosse, the police and others "to formulate a plan for that single voice."

A tentative date of Nov. 17 was mentioned by the NAACP when such a plan would be announced. The 17th has long since passed and Morgan said the NAACP is "still working on it."

He cited three meetings at Dunbar High School, a series of task force meetings and sessions with local high school students as part of the planning process. One of the group's focuses will be on juvenile crime.

Morgan said the basic approach the NAACP is taking is "we can no longer depend upon governmental sources to provide support to solve our criminal problems."

"Solutions to the problems are solutions the community will have to develop," he said.

High police visibility in the black community is not the answer, Morgan said, calling it a "short term solution." Once the police leave, criminals and dope pushers will conduct business as usual.

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Citizens oppose new school budget

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Parents, educators and community leaders turned thumbs down on the school superintendent's proposed budget for fiscal year 1982-83.

Most of those speaking during the public hearing held Wednesday night by the school board, opposed the $321.7 million request because it is $6.5 million less than last year's budget.

Parents and school administrators charged that the system could not operate on a reduced budget and still provide quality service to the city's nearly 120,000 pupils.

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Most dangerous toys

Beware of archery sets, guns!

By Michael J. Conlon

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A collection of projectile guns, slingshots, archery sets and toy guns are the most dangerous toys on the store shelves this Christmas season, a consumer group said this week.

The group, also listing the best toys it found, gave top rating to the Asteroids video game and the Pyraminx, a three-dimensional pyramid puzzle along the lines of Rubik's Cube, last year's hot-selling brain teaser.

In addition, the Consumer Affairs Committee of Americans For Democratic Action said its survey indicates that Toys-R-Us charges the lowest toy prices among national chain stores.

It said a sampling of toys at Sears was 9 percent cheaper than the same sample at J. C. Penney's.

Ann Brown, head of the group, said the toy weapons the group collected "look like they were donated to us by (Libyan leader Moammar) Khadafy."

"The burden is on the parent," she told a news conference. "These toys require supervision."

The group said its operatives, conducting their 10th annual survey, were "easily able to purchase in toy stores a wide range of realistic looking and potentially dangerous toys and arrows, darts, slingshots, cap bombs, dart guns and cork guns of all types."

Because the Consumer Product Safety Commission decided earlier this year not to impose regulations on toys that shoot projectiles, the matter has been left to voluntary industry efforts, Mrs. Brown said.

But she said because the industry has not fully geared up its program, projectile and gun products on the market this year are not as safe as they will be in later years.

The commission said last week it has not found any single toy this year that is dangerous in terms of Federal law, and it emphasized the need for parental supervision. The ADA consumer group did not claim the guns and other toys violate federal law, but said that as a category, they could be hazardous.

In its "most dangerous toy" category, the group singled out the Palommatics cap gun, the Ghost Cap gun with removable

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GE extends 2200 worker lay-offs

General Electric Co. Tuesday blamed slow appliance sales for a decision to delay by one week the recall of more than 2,000 workers at its local plant.

The 2,200 laid-off workers were scheduled to return Jan. 4, 1982, but now will be recalled Jan. 11, the company said.

GE spokesman Thomas Neal said that despite the Christmas rush for appliances, the recession has slowed sales so drastically that the workers won't be needed until large inventories are reduced.

The Columbia plant formerly had 2,350 workers, but shut the plant last month and furloughed 2,200 employees. The remaining 150 lost their jobs permanently.

Nationally, GE has laid off 15,000 workers in recent months because of the slump in appliance sales, the company said.

Orioles' Sonny Til dies

Sonny Til, the Crown Prince of Doo-Wop and leader of the Orioles singing group, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 12:15 p.m. of a heart attack.

Til, 58, whose real name was Erlington Tilghman, was a native of Baltimore and a graduate of Douglass High School. He had been living in Suitland, Md., for the past few years.

His last local singing engagement was at the Sportsmen's Lounge and was scheduled to perform another engagement at the club, but had to cancel to undergo surgery, an amputation, after he contracted an infection.

District funeral services for Til will be at Rhines Funeral Home, 12th and Carney Streets, N.E., Friday, Dec. 11., at 11 a.m. A wake will be from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m., at the same building.

His body will be returned to Baltimore on Saturday, Dec. 12. Funeral arrangements will be handled by Kelson Funeral Home.

Among Til's survivors are a daughter, Christie and a son, Ricky.

'The Godfather' of Turner's Station

'Biggie' Williams killed in his ranch-style home

He was known as the "Godfather of Turner Station." Neighbors described him as a "friendly neighbor" who would not bother anyone.

George Allen "Biggie" Williams, 63, was found dead around 7 p.m. Dec. 7 in the club basement of his home. Police report he had been shot in the head.

Police believe robbery was the motive. No arrest had been made at AFRO presstime and police were still investigating the case.

Williams, who was called "Biggie" by his friends lived alone in his ranch style home in the 400 block of Main St. in Turner Station. Police report a neighbor who visited Williams daily found him dead. He was a member of St. John Baptist Church and a retired Bethlehem Steel Worker.

According to Baltimore county police, there were no signs of forced entry and police report Williams might have opened his door. Police would not say if they believed Williams might have known the person who killed him.

Relatives refused to talk to the AFRO and said funeral services for Williams will be held today (Friday) 7 p.m. at William C. March Funeral Home on North Avenue.

Man dies in Madison Ave. fire

City Fire Department officials have linked the death of a 68-year-old West Baltimore man to smoking in bed.

Lee Denkins, of the 1400 block of Madison Ave., fell asleep Wednesday night while smoking in the rear of his third floor apartment, officials said. He was found laying on the floor by firefighters, who arrived on the scene at about 6:10 p.m.

Fire fighters were greeted by high flames and thick smoke billowing from the apartment's third floor windows. Their efforts to contain the blaze, were hampered by strong winds that occasionally blew sparks onto the roofs of adjacent houses.

Denkins received extensive burns in the fire and was pronounced dead at the scene.

About $60,000 of damage was caused by the fire, brought under control shortly after 8 p.m.

11 kids, hungry, out-of-school

Dear Mrs. Santa:

I am writing this letter for a needy family. This lady has 11 children and they are having a real bad time. They didn't have anything for Thanksgiving. Her children are not in school because they don't have any clothes to wear.

She is back in her rent, she has no oil and her house is very cold. She has to burn her oven for the kids. She is sick with a cold.

If they could get some clothing and some food, she would be more than thankful. She wants to get her kids back in school by the first of the year.

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Dear Mrs. R.:

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa is writing this lady to come into our Mrs. Santa store and pick out warm clothing, gloves, hats to fit her children.

If any club or organization wants to adopt this family, Call Mrs. Santa, 728-8205.

AFRO Charities, the Mrs. Santa Program is sponsored by the AFRO-American Newspapers to make sure that hungry families will get a Christmas dinner.

Cash donations are wanted because food will be purchased wholesale and will go much further than if a single family is adopted.

For more AFRO Mrs. Santa news, see inside this issue.

Dr. Uthman Ray Jr. has joined the AFRO Mrs. Santa team and to date has raised more than $2,000 from his friends to help needy families this Christmas. Above, he presents his own check for $250. to Mrs. Santa, Ida Peters.

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