—Woo blacks, spend white

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Bryant said he is 100 percent behind efforts to elect more black representation, but his enthusiasm apparently is not shared by many black elected officials.

"I have a wall in my restaurant where I place the campaign posters of those candidates who have held affairs here. They're only three posters up there; one for Alonzo Hairston, one for Ken Johnson, and a Ralph Hughes poster. And those guys are the ones who are probably least able to afford to spend money on fundraisers," he said.

According to Hairston, who is seeking a seat on the Supreme Bench, some blacks are actually discouraged by other blacks from holding affairs at black-owned businesses.

"When I held my first affair at Lydell Mitchell's Point After, I had problems selling tickets because many blacks told me they didn't want to journey to the part of town where the club was located," he recalled.

"And when I had my affair at the Soul Shack, I got the same message. It seems like many times, we look down our noses at our black entrepreneurs."

Another candidate, Ralph Hughes, said he has embarked on a novel scheme to add luster to his campaign and support black businesses at the same time.

All of his printing to date has been done by black printers, and he advertises the message. At the bottom of his placards and campaign literature, he has placed a small slogan certifying that the printer he uses is a black business.

What are black entrepreneurs doing about the dearth of black political accounts? Bryant said he intends to have a candidate's night Tuesday, July 27, in an attempt to get blacks to "look the place over."

"One of the most common complaints I've heard from blacks is that there are no facilities large enough or elegant enough to accommodate their affairs. Well, this place is no "hole-in-the-wall," and we invite all candidates to come in on the 27th to "look the place over." Bryant said.

—Swisher ducks

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Continuing amid hand-clapping and out bursts of laughter from the audience, he said, "We can not let go by Mr. Swisher's absence.

"We were upset with the fact that Mr. Swisher didn't deem us important enough to participate. We want him to know we will remember that on election day. (He) should not be entitled to our votes," Singleton said which drew applause from the roomful of disappointed people who anticipated a debate.

Despite Swisher's absence, the meeting went on as planned with Schmoke speaking first, followed by a panel which addressed questions to the candidate and later an audience question-and-answer period.

Swisher could not be reached for comment about why he failed to attend.

With expressive hand gestures, Schmoke outlined his program for the office of State's Attorney and informed the audience of the significance of the office and its impact on the citizens of Baltimore which was the topic for the forum.

Schmoke said three major areas of concern if elected to the State's Attorney. He said a large scale unit to prosecute narcotic offenders would be established; hiring full - time assistant state's attorneys who no longer have outside private practices; and reactivating the victims and witnesses unit as an advocate for their rights.

On the police brutality issue, Schmoke told the audience, "I'm not going to countenance any improper actions on the part of the police department."

He later said he would like to work closely with the the department and the police commissioner.

Schmoke proposed an expanded program at the Maryland Training School for juvenile offenders to better rehabilitate them and eliminate the "revolving door syndrome."

He was referring to eliminating repeat offenders but on the adult side, Schmoke said there's a need for more prisons to house.

"I'm against double-ceiling. Most of the people who go in as thieves are coming out as murderers," Schmoke said.

"I want a prison system where people come out with positive views of themselves and the community," he said.

Schmoke told the audience he was not running a negative campaign but "I want to see a safe and secure community."

After more than an hour of discussion by Schmoke and questioning by the panel, the audience brought out their concerns in the community.

—Day in court

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in another case five months earlier.

"Ah-hah! I've got you again..." the man told the Court the policeman said.

Judge Lipson found the man guilty as charged and explained, "there are a lot of places you can't drink, and there are a lot of good reasons for that (law). It is not harassment when the policeman is doing his job," he assured the defendant.

The 20 - year - old man got a $18 fine and the payment of court costs.

It was another day at Central District Police Court at Baltimore and Gay Streets.

Judge Lipson, a 13-month veteran Judge-At-Large, goes from court to court, where he is needed, but finds, "this district may be the most interesting (because) you get the greatest variety here, out of towners, people on the Block..."

A 21 - year - old woman wearing trendy brown pants, a brown print blouse and a carefully painted face stood before the Judge with a middle-aged, paunchy man in work clothes.

"You can go to jail for 10 days for loitering," Lipson explained before asking if she wanted to proceed without an attorney.

A police officer took the witness stand and recounted her arrest. It was 10:15 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, when he said he saw the accused with another woman at Baltimore and Guilford Street, motioning to a car. The vehicle, two cars ahead of the officer, blocked the traffic as she approached it. When the cop put on his siren — the car sped off and traffic resumed.

The officer warned her it was against the law to stand on the sidewalk and corner or obstruct traffic motioning to cars, although she did not talk to anyone in the vehicle.

The woman reportedly told the officer she was not loitering, but going to get a pizza. She then allegedly continued north on Guilford Avenue. The policeman said the only pizza places were quite some distance and in the opposite direction.

Shortly afterwards, the officer said he again saw her motioning a car on the north side of the 300 East block of Fayette Street.

"She put her hand up waving, was engaged in conversation with the driver and was about to get in," the policeman told the court.

However, when the officer got out of his car, the woman was arrested for loitering and the driver received a $32 double parking ticket for obstructing traffic.

Despite the fact Judge Lipson said he had some doubts as to how the officer had interpreted the law, he assured the policeman and the state's attorney, "I know what you gentlemen are trying to do."

Then he looked directly at the woman, "Let's not kid anybody...it's obvious you're out there soliciting," he said. The woman shook her head in denial, but he continued, "if you had any legitimate business, you wouldn't be walking around those blocks at that time of night."

In his official interpretation of Maryland's loitering law, Lipson ruled, "she may be (out there) enticing, she may be soliciting," but found her behavior in and of itself did not obstruct traffic since she was not driving or actually in the street.

By now, the woman was again shaking her head in denial and attempting to speak. The older man beside her cautioned her to silence.

"You're not fooling anybody, you're going to be watched, you are known, and if you slip up — it might be fatal," Lipson said in finality.

The policeman smiled in agreement.

The couple stood and the older man accompanying the woman approached the bench.

"Your Honor, I appreciate your decision and I thank you for it, but she is my wife and a mother," the man said.

Refusing to discuss further the woman's motives, the Judge simply said, "let's not get into this," noting he had already ruled on the case. "Here," the Judge later told the AFRO in his chambers, "This is really the people's Court, where most people come in contact with the system of justice for the first time," he said sipping a cup of coffee.

Last week, the Judge said, he ruled on a case where a man went out to his car in the parking lot between double headers of an Orioles game and smoked a "joint" of marijuana, with his car windows down. The car was parked next to a police car. The two officers in astonishment looked over after smelling the marijuana cigarette and arrested the man.

Thoroughly embarassed, the man, a state public defender, appeared in Court and was told by Judge Lipson, "I'm going to treat you just like everybody else." As a first offense, the attorney received a year's probation.

When asked about the seeming pettiness of some of the cases in Court, he agreed, but considered the policeman's job. Noting narcotics to be a serious problem in Baltimore, he said, "Maybe one of these guys will get scared and tell who Mr. Big is...so some of these charges appear to be petty, but they really aren't." — By CARMEN CARTER

—Reagan's visit

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a strange amalgam of traditional calliope fare and electronic funk, which distinguished this modern carnival from its country ancestors.

The PHCC, an umbrella for about 50 neighborhood groups, has suffered from reductions in the amount of aid the city funnels to community organizations.

Reduced federal grants and resulting cuts in PHCC paid staff already has threatened further reductions in the organization's services, Johnson said.

While Reagan touted a private enterprise zone for Park Heights, individual PHCC member groups have set up stalls of their own to raise money.

The carnival has created temporary jobs for 67 from the Park Heights community and a community spokesperson said more will be able to earn a few hours wages as carnival volume swells.

According to Johnson, the PHCC intends to use the money to continue offerings such as legal and housing counseling to the needy and other services, and to retain staff members.

Rosetta Jolley, the organization's president, said the present political climate of fiscal austerity has forced her group to look for innovative ways to raise funding.

"We have been told we may be cut even further. We have been told that we are going to have to be creative and begin to generate our own funds," Jolley said.

Almost all of the crowd of thousands who attended the carnival's opening appeared content to leave their fears about the economy behind and enjoy themselves.

Most even seemed not to mind paying 50 cents to throw three baseballs at a stuffed clown target for prizes, a game that not too long ago only cost a dime.

Eugene Simon Curry, 58

Funeral services for Eugene Simon Curry, 58, were Tuesday, July 6, at William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Curry was one of two children born to Andrew and Mattie Curry. A native of Baltimore, he attended the city's public schools.

Mr. Curry was a member of Faith Baptist Church. On Nov. 10, 1940, he married the former Elizabeth Ames, of Accomack County, Va. The couple had seven children.

He worked as a laborer at the Baltimore Shipyard for many years until the Depression. Mr. Curry then began gathering scrape metal and paper to support his family.

Mr. Curry was a well liked person among his friends and neighbors in East Baltimore and among the Hucksters.

Among his survivors are three sons, seven daughters, a sister, 19 grandchildren and five great - grandchildren.

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By Joe Black

The Good Book tells us: "a child shall lead them," and in the complex and changing society of today, our young people represent the future leadership of the Black Community and some aspects of our national government. However, they need some guidance, and we Black adults have a responsibility to encourage and assist these leaders of tomorrow. We must remember that a college graduate of 1979 was probably born in 1957; thus, he or she was not born when Mrs. Rosa Parks was too tired to move to the back of the bus; 6 years of age during the outrage of snarling dogs and forceful fire hoses in the park in Birmingham and the memorable "March On Washington," and 8 when thousands marched from Selma to Montgomery. As a result, too many of our young don't know, or understand, the thrust of the Civil Rights Movement. Too many of them have chosen to be guided by emotion and want to believe that it was to prove that Black can beat White or mistakenly thinking that we were to receive something just because we're Black. It's time for Black adults to forget popularity and have the intestinal fortitude to tell youth ful Blacks that they are spending too much time worrying about the word – "racism." When we were young, we called it "prejudice," "segregation," and "jim crow," but we did not spend our time worrying about it. And we made some socio-economic gains despite that roadblock. Yet today, despite the fact that we have more college-educated Blacks than ever before, we also have higher unemployment. Racism is not, I repeat – is not the only reason. Too often Black college students select "sop" courses rather than those studies that will make them competitive in today's labor market. In other words, it will be a combination of a college diploma and the quality of their preparation that will enable them to take advantage of the doors opened by the Civil Rights Movement. If we get this message across to our youths, then we can all echo Dr. King and say: "This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, 'my country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my father died, land of the Pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

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—Park Heights resident's reaction to Reagan's visit

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which his aids were successful in keeping him from encountering scattered demonstrations opposing his policies.

Reagan's itinerary, which included an industrial park in the blighted Park Circle area and the showcase Inner Harbor, apparently was selected to focus attention on the arguments for and potential benefits of his administration's attempt to restructure the relationship between the federal government and the local level.

But despite the president's apparent attempt to drum support for new federalism many, including several who had received personal White House invitations to dine with Reagan, said they still are unconvinced.

Although he has been asked to join a White House task force to study ways of implementing new federalism principles, state senator Clarence Mitchell (D-39th) said he would proceed "very cautiously. I just don't trust the administration."

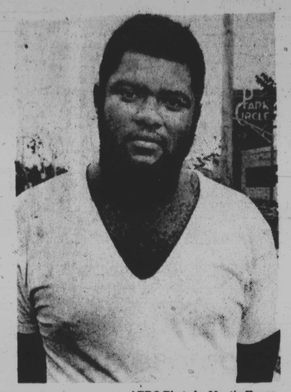
But Mitchell said he believes "a dialogue with the administration is possible and necessary," and feels the administration "can be leveraged."

Allan Quille, a local businessman who also received a White House invitation to the exclusive luncheon, said although he agrees the private sector must be an integral part of any long - term solution for urban economic blight, he feared the so-called urban enterprise zones would not significantly impact the economic malaise that plagues target areas.

Demonstrating a suprisingly keen grasp of the issues, many residents of the Park Circle area, a proposed enterprise zone location, commented on the president's plan. Responses were overwhelmingly negative.

"He is not one of my favorite people, let me put it to you like that. I think he is more of a take back president than anything else," Arthur Elder, a Park Circle area homeowner said.

Elder, who works for the city, said he suspects the enterprise zones will continue a pattern of exploitation.



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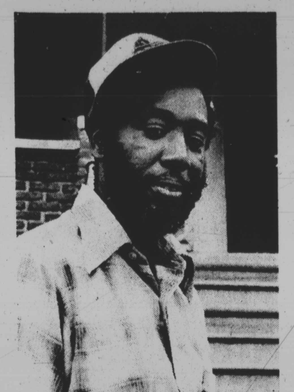

MAHDI MUHAMMAD ABDULLAH — "I would tell (Reagan) to stop trying to fool the people . . ."

"It seems to me it is more of an incentive for businesses to come in and pay very low wages and almost no taxes. What is to say the residents won't wind up with the same low paying, go nowhere jobs?" Elder asked.

Mahdi Muhammad Abdullah, an unemployed marine insulator, said he is already overskilled and probably would not be hired by an enterprise zone firm.

He said the problem stems from an economy which does not include all members of society, and labeled Reaganomics as another snake oil remedy.

What would he tell the president, given the chance?

"I would tell him to stop trying to fool the people, ...telling us 'you do your little bit.' We've been doing our little bit for a long time. It's about time we got some," Abdullah said.

Ms. Bonnie Butler named Baltimore AFRO ad sales manager

Bonnie Butler

Ms. Bonnie M. Butler has been named the new advertising manager for the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, Kenneth O. Wilson, vice president of advertising for the newspaper chain announced this week.

Ms. Butler brings 12 years of advertising experience to her new position.

A born and bred Baltimorean, Ms. Butler began her sales career at the AFRO 10 years ago. Starting out as an AFRO local retail account executive, she moved on to become a national account executive, and was finally promoted assistant to the vice president of advertising.

In 1980, Ms. Butler joined the Baltimore Sunpapers as an account executive in the national advertising department, as such, she was both the first black and the first woman to work in national advertising for this daily newspaper.

She holds a B.A. in political science from Morgan State, and has taken enrichment courses in management with the Xerox Corporation. Ms. Butler is a member of the national honor society in political science, the Junior Association of Commerce, and the Advertising Association of Baltimore.

"Going into the 1980s," Ms. Butler stated in assuming her new position, "the AFRO will be progressive, pertinent, with a new vitality and a new image in keeping with our community's widening concerns."

Summer enrollment up at Montgomery

Summer session enrollment at Montgomery College this year is 19 per cent higher than a year ago.

The total is 6,103, up from last summer's 5,112.

The summer session will end July 30 just a few weeks before fall classes begin on Aug. 28 at the college's three campuses in Germantown, Rockville, and Takoma Park.

Registration for fall semester classes already is underway and will continue daily through Aug. 26. As of mid-June, early registration for fall classes was 25 per cent nigher than the same figures a year ago. More than 19,000 students are expected this fall.

Registration information is available at 972-2000 in Germantown, 279-5035 in Rockville, and 587-4090 in Takoma Park.

Standoff ends peacefully

Viet vet under observation

The 34 - year - old Vietnam vet who barricaded himself in his father's house and shot a police dog in a standoff with police earlier this week, is at Bon Secours Hospital under observation.

Rudolph Bell gave up his siege after police fired tear gas pellets into the windows of the rowhouse at Bruce and Baltimore Streets, at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 13.

Bell reportedly came out with a .32 automatic gun in his hand, ending the 23 hour ordeal, when police handcuffed and took him away.

Bell, who does not live with his father, broke into his father's home Sunday evening and began nailing the door shut about 9:15 p.m. Shortly afterwards, Bernard Bell, father of the man, arrived and could not get in.

Police were on the scene about 9:45 p.m. and cordoned off the block to traffic and pedestrians after it was learned the father owned a 12-gauge shot gun in the house.

A police swat team arrived in the heat of the day, making efforts to talk young Bell out of the house. Friends, relatives and even the psychiatrist who treated Bell at Springfield Hospital attempted to convince him to come out using the telephone and bullhorns.

Approximately 2 p.m., police sent two police dogs into the house after breaking down the door, and Bell shot and killed one dog. Up until that point, officers were uncertain whether or not Bell was dangerous.

However, about 8:15 p.m., police told Bell they would fire tear gas into the house if he did not come out in 15 minutes.

When he did not, the dart-sized cartridges were fired through windows. Moments later, Bell appeared through the front door.

In the midst of the uncertain standoff between police and Bell, children played in the sun, ate snow cones, and watched to see what would happen next.

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Wilson Street homes crumble

City disappointed with Amtrak report

The deputy director of Public works said earlier this week the city was disappointed with an Amtrak report about what caused a railroad tunnel to shift and four homes to crumble.

The report by Amtrak officials was disappointing because it focused on water infiltration problems and does not draw any conclusions, Richard Trainor said.

Trainor said city officials hope to have a response to the report by Friday, July 16.

Officials discovered cracks in the 100-year-old tunnel south of Penn Station and the foundations of the nearby home May 15.

City and Amtrak officials agree the Wilson Street homes, which have been evacuated, were destroyed when the tunnel shifted. But they have been unable to agree on what caused the tunnel's movement.

Trainor said the city's water and sewer lines are not at fault. Amtrak officials, though, said analysis of the water samples taken in the tunnel showed plenty of city and sewer water present.

Warring fractions

Inmate stabbed in gang fight

Hagerstown — An inmate at the Maryland Correctional Training Center was in guarded condition earlier this week with multiple stab wounds he received during a gang fight in the facility's courtyard, officials said.

"There were approximately 40 or 50 inmates involved. It was a gang fight between East and West Baltimore," Deputy Warden Marvin Trumpower said.

Aaron Bush, 21, of Baltimore, was in guarded condition in the Washington County Hospital with multiple stab wounds to the chest. Several other inmates were treated for minor injuries at the medium-security facility.

State trooper Harry Smith said the fracas broke out in the courtyard Tuesday afternoon.

Trumpower said authorities completed a weapons search, "but we didn't come up with a whole lot. We only found the ones in the courtyard."

No charges had been filed, but state police were investigating the incident, he said.

"We don't know who the stabber is. We're still working on that," Trumpower said. "It's all quiet now. We've gotten the leaders out. That's only about four people and we'll transfer them to other facilities."

MCTC was closed to visitors Wednesday and recreational activities were canceled, the deputy warden said, adding he expected normal activities to resume Thursday. - UPI

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