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TINA and LIONEL

TINA RE-TURNER: After she picked up her three Grammy awards Tina Turner tossed out a hint about retiring but later she was talking like she intends to rock forever. After the ceremony Turner said she sees herself performing until she's 50 and then becoming a Buddhist teacher. "I think that's going to be my message," said Turner, who credits her religion with helping her through her divorce from Ike and other rough periods. "That's why I'm here." Later Turner, 46, was on "Good Morning, America" and trying to put an end to talk about her age. "People threw the age thing — all sorts of things — at me but I just stuck to what I wanted," she said. "There are some people who can do it well into their 60s and some people who are down and out in their 60s. I've always been basically in my head rock 'n' roll — not a set person with limits on my life. I don't care how old I am as long as I feel good and keep myself fresh enough with the time. I'll go on 'til, my goodness, who knows."

THEY SUED BETHLEHEM STEEL—AND WON:

The battle continues!

By Tea Montier
AFRO Staff Writer

A lot of men were there Wednesday night. Over 200 of them. Some were balding, some were graying. Some had even retired. They were all over 51 years old and they had a lot in common.

The men were all former or current employees of Bethlehem Steel at Sparrows Point. They had all sued their employer for discrimination ten years ago and they had all won. All of the men were black.

"Psychologically we have all been injured," declared David Carroll, president of the 21st Century Labor Council, a group formed to represent more than 600 black workers at Beth Steel fighting to gain what they term "fair and adequate compensation" as a result of a discrimination suit they won against Bethlehem Steel 11 years ago.

"We as a group decided to take action against Beth Steel," said Carroll, "because we couldn't handle the discrimination going on there. We retained our first lawyer in 1971."

The history of Beth Steel and its discriminatory practices that featured black workers making an average 39 cents less an hour than their white counterparts, segregated locker rooms, toilets, no black supervisors, managers or executives and no blacks in trade or craft jobs, were first recognized by the Labor Department, the Justice Department and EEOC when they cited the company for discriminatory actions in 1968.

In 1973 an executive order was issued by the Secretary of Labor that listed significant changes that needed to take place at Beth Steel. All-white units or all-black units working at the point were ordered to be broken up.

A special committee was set up by the Labor Department to oversee the 83-page executive order. Other discrimination lawsuits against U.S. Steel and the entire steel industry began cropping up across the country as a result of the secretary's order that found discrimination in the industry to be nationwide.

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THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES—Members of the 21st Century Labor Council discuss their grievances against Bethlehem Steel at Sparrows Point. This group is a small representative of the 600 black men who are preparing to appeal their case in Fedeal Court. Pictured from right to left are Eddie Hawkes Leroy S. Aiken and William C. Bland.

Attempts being made to save School No. 91

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

A solemn delegation from School No. 91, Gwynns Falls Park Jr. High School, journeyed to 25th Street on Tuesday evening and went before the school board to discuss the fate of the school.

School 91, along with six other schools, are on a list to be considered for a review for a possible closing.

"It's something that is done each year," said Jacquelyn Hardy, staff director of public relations for the public schools.

During a 15-minute presentation, Ms. Shirley Patterson, president of the school's Parent-Teachers Organization and spokesperson for the delegation, stressed that the safety of the children who attend the school is their main concern.

If the school is closed, the 650 students who currently attend, may opt to attend either Harlem Park, Jr. High, Calverton Junior High or West Baltimore Middle School.

Ms. Patterson, with help from Ms. Marguerite Campbell, a community activist and former employee of the Mayor's Office, explained to the board that the school was an anchor in the community and that it housed many important programs which were pertinent to the community.

"If we have no school in the community, there will be no continuity," said a delegation member.

According to Ms. Campbell, School 91 was home to such programs as Camp Concern and the Baltimore Summer Corps.

"We know what can work in that building," she said.

While the school has the "ideal middle school population," according to its principal, William Shaw, the school faces the possibility of declining enrollment because of his physical condition.

The school has been in poor repair ever since it was removed from the capital improvement list. Parents are asking that it be returned to the list. Ms. Campbell said, "We're suffering because the word is out that the school is going to be closed."

When a school is closed, the city saves $1 million in administrative and clerical salaries and operating costs and maintainance, said Ms. Hardy.

She added that it would take $4.1 million in maintenance costs to bring many of the buildings up

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HB 1372 would raise drug pusher penalties

By Valerie Smith-Madden
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My constituents have said that drugs, crime, education, and a lack of jobs are major problems within the community. One common denominator that is impairing our progress is drugs.

"...If we fail in removing this menace, crime will continue to increase. We won't have people who are job-ready to train becauses drugs impair the ability to compete."

Delegate Clarence "Tiger" Davis (D-45th), concerned about the ravages of drugs within his community and the state as a whole, has introduced a bill aimed at drug suppliers.

House Bill 1372 increases the penalty for drug suppliers by imposing a minimum sentence of 15 years and up to $100,000 fine. Additionally, persons convicted under this statute could be imprisoned without parole.

While Davis has always been concerned about the problem of drugs within the black community, Davis paid particular attention to a recent drug case where a veteran Baltimore lawyer was

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Council gets resolution on S.A. divestiturer

A resolution seeking the eventual divestiture of city pension monies from companies doing business in South Africa, received a lukewarm response from a local group when the legislation was introduced.

The Baltimore Anti-Apartheid Coalition immediately expressed dismay for Resolution 677 following its introduction by Second District Councilman Nathaniel McFadden Monday.

The group argued that it had expected much stronger legislation in the form of a council bill and not a resolution. The latter is not legally binding.

A spokeswoman for the coalition, Mary Benns, said, "We're just angry that we were promised a bill and given a resolution," accusing the councilman of failing to notify the group of his in-

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Services Sat. for mauled longshoreman

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Saturday) for Frank Jordan, a long time longshoreman who was murdered along with his wife Delores in the early hours of Saturday morning.

The wake will be 11:30 a.m. at the William C. March Funeral Home, with the funeral following at 12 noon at the same location. Burial will be at Mt. Auburn Cemetary. Mrs. Jordan's body was shipped to Delaware for burial.

Jordan who was known as "Shack" to his colleagues was found along with his wife, bludgeoned to death. The room where the bodies lay was set on fire allegedly in an attempt by the murderer or murders to camouflage the crime.

Firefighters doused the flames before they could mask the crime.

A next door neighbor of the couple has been charged with the crime. Jerome Anthony Singletary has been charged with two counts of first degree murder, robbery, burglary and arson.

The suspect apparently attempted to commit suicide while in police custody, but was saved from hanging in his cell.

Provident boycott 16th week

By Tea Montier and
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The unsettled internal dispute at Provident Hospital between members of the physicians' staff and the institution's acting president has now entered its 16th week. Little or no progress has been reported as it relates to ending the doctor's boycott there.

Most recently members of the Legislative Black Caucus enlisted the aid of Gov. Harry Hughes to intervene in the institution's internal crisis.

"We are requesting that you use the powers of your office to help resolve the conflict at Provident Hospital between the medical staff and Board of Trustees and help bring about an acceptable resolution of the difficulties that are now slowly bringing the health care services of the hospital to a standstill," read a letter sent to the governor by the caucus last week.

"We must find a resolution to this problem that will preserve Provident Hospital as a minority-controlled major health delivery system for the constituents we represent," the correspondence read. "As the chief executive of the State of Maryland, we are compelled to request your intervention in this matter and that you address the concerns we have that the hospital return to its position as a major component of the health care delivery system to the citizens of the 40th District." That correspondence

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Black Flag shown

A crowd of about 150 spectators stood and watched Tuesday as the Black American Heritage Flag was unfurled during a spirit filled half hour ceremony inside the City Hall Rotunda.

The flag-formerly the Negro American Flag—was officially presented to the city, paying tribute to the past and present accomplishments of blacks.

Joining in the official celebration, timed to coincide with Black History Month, were Mayor William D. Schaefer; City Council representatives Agnes Welch, sponsor of a bill recognizing the flag two-and-a-half weeks ago; Nathaniel McFadden; and Timothy Murphy; Park Heights Community Corporation President, Mrs. Gloria Luster: and the flag's co-designer, Melvin Charles.

Musical selections were provided by a soloist, Mrs. Vicky Kelly, and the Dynamic Voices of

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BLACK HERITAGE FLAG UNVEILED — Shown from left to right are Councilwoman Agnes Welch, Melvin Charles, co-designer of the Black American Heritage Flag, Mayor Schaefer, Michelle Jackson, Clarence Du Burns, Councilman Nathaniel McFadden and the President of the Park Heights Community Corporation, Mrs. Gloria Luster.

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