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NEWSBYTES

METRO PROFILE .....Section B

SURPRISE SURPRISE was the cry when the AFRO unexpectedly dropped in on the staff and students of the Samuel Coleridge Taylor Elementary School. After all the reports on school violence, low reading grades and poorly trained teachers, we are happy to say, "not at school No. 122." Story on.....**Page B1.**

BUSINESS PULSE .....Section C

DRAWING ON SKILL has enabled Bruce Jennings to build his advertising and graphics business to the straining point of his present space. Whether it's designing a company logo, or enhancing a corporate image, the Jennings Creative Group has steadily built a growing list of satisfied clients. Story on.....**Page C1.**

MVP'S: Baltimore Public School's Boys and Girls Basketball leagues recently honored their team MVP's and the high school hoopsters are featured in this weeks area sports.....**Page C4.**

THE LIVING CHURCH ...Section D

WOMAN WITH A MISSION: Cynthia Stith answered a calling to spread the gospel and wound up stretching her faith clear across the Atlantic to do it. Now as a missionary to England for Y.W.A.M. (Youth With A Mission) Stith finds word-working on the streets of England a spiritually rewarding career. Story on.....**Page D1.**

INSIDE: Friday Plus

Rev. Walter Thomas hospitalized

Rev. Walter Thomas, pastor of New Psalmist Baptist Church, was hospitalized on February 27. The AFRO has learned that Rev. Thomas underwent major surgery, which was pronounced a complete

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Rev. Walter Thomas
New Psalmist pastor

Wayland minister resigns

Wayland Baptist Church is without an official pastor at this time. Numerous calls to the AFRO asking about the whereabouts of Rev. Darneal Johnson, Jr., who has been the pastor since 1970, prompted a

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Rev. Darneal Johnson, Jr.

Oak St. AME gets the green light

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Reporter

Members and supporters of the Oak Street A.M.E.church are jubilant over the passage of bill #438, which bestows the City Council's blessing on the church's acquisition of the vacant school property adjacent to the church.

Although the majority of

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Celebrating 82

CELEBRATION — Former State Senator Verda Welcome was feted on her 82nd birthday, as she is joined in a birthday cake ceremony by Edward T. Lewis, president of St. Mary's college, her daughter Mary Sue Mercer, and grandson.

Walbrook HS

Asbestos removal contractor chosen

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Reporter

After much discussion about the hows and whys of removing asbestos from Walbrook Senior High School, the City of Baltimore has finally selected Marcor Inc. of Hunt Valley for the task.

Walbrook Senior High School was closed in June because of the health threat posed to students by an unacceptably high level of asbestos in the school building.

The students of Walbrook who now share facilities with Southwestern High School as well as City officials and the School Board are eager to resolve the situation, and return the Walbrook students to their school. The decision to award the $1.5 million contract to Marcor Inc. was reached by the Baltimore City Board of Estimates at the regularly scheduled Wednesday morning meeting.

Although four contractors submitted cheaper bids to the City and one of those bids, given by a New Jersey company was 30 percent lower than the Marcor bid, these companies did not receive the bid because they could not meet the insurance requirements of such a large contract.

Dick Holden, Information officer for Baltimore City Public Schools, says "The contract awarded to Marcor Inc. will be signed by the city of Baltimore and the Marcor Inc. corporation in 15 days, then Marcor will have until November 10th to complete the asbestos removal at Walbrook High School."

"In order for the company to actually remove the asbestos they will have to tear down a great deal of the school's duct work and remove part of the ceiling to get at the asbestos hidden in the walls of the school."

"After Marcor Inc. com-

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Al B. Sure arrested on LA rape charge

HOLLYWOOD — Grammy and American Music Awards nominee Al B. Sure! was arrested last Sunday morning and charged with suspiscion of rape, according to reports by the National Black News Network.

Sure and his bodyguard, Soloman Miller allegedly assaulted a woman Sure was said to be dating. The woman's identity was not released by the Hollywood police.

The two men were arrested 3:30 AM at the singer's hotel and taken to the West Hollywood Police Station where they were booked and released after posting a $15,000 bond.

Sure, a 20-year old native of Mount Vernon, NY — who surfaced as a major force in music last year — has sold more than a million copies of his first album, "In Effect Mode."

Joy Hall, Balto.'s Easter Seal girl

By Delfield S. Yoes III
AFRO Staff Writer

Eleven year old Joy Hall knows how to work a room. When she flashes her billion dollar smile, braces and all, she's got you. And when she talks with you.... and talks with you.... and talks with you, she sweeps you up into her world traveling at the speed of light.

Joy Hall is the 1989 National Easter Seal Child, her intelligence and charisma have made her the most visible and indeed vocal, Easter Seal

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Joy Hall

Fundraiser planned to help DuBurns

Clarence 'Du' Burns

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Reporter

The public is aware of the enormous sums of money political aspirants must spend in order to get elected to office but what about those who loose their election bids, how do they garner financial support to pay off their campaign debts?

Do their wealthy friends

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Woody Shaw loses arm in accident

By Jeffrey K. Parker

NEW YORK — Top jazz musicians are planning a benefit for jazz trumpeter Woody Shaw, the blind and ailing musician who tumbled from a subway platform into a train's path, losing his left arm, a colleague said Thursday.

"The fact that he is still

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Woody Shaw

Legislative Roundup

Mammogram Bill

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

Black women and women 40 and above are increasingly dying from breast cancer, so a state legislator has introduced a piece of legislation that will mandate the state health department pay for mammograms to uninsured women and supplement payments for women who cannot afford to totally pay.

"We can pay a small amount now to detect possible breast cancer or pay a large amount in the future when the women develop breast cancer," said Del. Frank D. Boston Jr., D-41, the bill's sponsor.

Del. Boston is proposing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene provide low-dose mammography screening to women 40 and older who work but are uninsured to detect early breast cancer, offer co-payments to low-to-moderate-income women and reimburse private physicians up to 75 or 80 percent who provide the low-dose mammograms.

The bill would also establish a seven-member Advisory Council on Breast Cancer, including two physicians, two consumer health care representatives and three citizens, to spread public information on breast cancer across the state.

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Del. Ruth Kirk honored

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

Del. Ruth M. Kirk was inducted into the Association of Community Action Agencies Hall of Fame Feb. 22 for her 25 years of community service.

Del. Kirk, 59, serves on the Urban Services Agency Commission, the Urban Services Agency East-West Advisory Council, the People's Democratic Action Organization and the Self-Help Housing Board.

She is chairman of the Greater Model Community Council.

"It's an honor," said Kirk about her induction. "I really wasn't expecting it."

"I was surprised."

She was elected to the Maryland General Assembly in 1982 to represent the 39th District.

Kirk was on the same ticket as delegates Elijah Cummings and Larry Young and former Sen. Michael B. Mitchell.

Del. Kirk is a member of the Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee, the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus and the Women Legislators Caucus.

The mother of six is a Baltimore City Public School System teacher's aide.

She has lobbied for low-and-moderate income housing, child care and employment training programs for the poor.

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