For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

A MEMBER OF THE PRESS has a front seat at every show. You can get on every boat that goes out and come into eyefulls and earfulls merely by putting your head out the window.

THUSwe observe, in passing, the stage performance of real life where everyone is an actor and every city street a theatre.

THURSDAY MORNING, school opening day, witnessed the older folks on the way to work, waiting for the bus, staring at the kids.

Up at an earlier hour than all summer, the students were literally chafing at the bit to get to school, running like at a track meet.

As we went through the Gas and Electric Park toward Fayette St., about 10 buses were lined up as extras to cart the children to class (so there'd be no excuse).

WOW! If one had required that each person wear a different hue or color or combination of duds, there could have been no greater variety. From short-shorts to tummy-revealing hip-huggers, they were frocked real wild. Every store in town must have sold out all the rags in combinations of yaller, purple, pale green, bleeding red and cold as it was, tank tops.

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LADY WITH A SHOPPING BAG-I wouldn't pass by another school.

MAN WITH A LUNCH PAIL - I'd hate to face that crowd in class.

BUM ON A BENCH-Damn, do they really let them guys in school?

TWO NURSES-No one ever sees a girl with hair ribbons anymore.

JOLLY BUS DRIVER-More school, more books, kids with funny looks. All aboard for Crownsville.

MAN WITH A PIPE -My kid had to fight from kindergarten all the way through the 12th grade.

ANOTHER LADY - The teachers dress the same way, everything showing, meat hanging out all around.

THE POLITICAL SHOW LADY ON THE CORNER- Every andidate is a pickpocket, his hands in the voter's wallet.

BUM ON THE BENCH-A candidate asked this Numbers Man for a bit donation. When he told him, "You go to h--, the politician had him locked up snitched on him to the cops and had him busted.

The bum on the park bench was wearing campaign buttons from at least 10 candidates)

MAN WAITING FOR THE NO. 28- One time you could make enough to go you all winter during election time, but now they want you to vote for nothinc, not one dime-

LADY WITH SHOPPING BAG- Everybody's gone crazy.

MR. KNOW-IT-ALL ¼Taxi drivers can make a buck Tuesday with a case or two of booze. The bars close 'till after the polls-

SPEAKING OF ELECTIONS where have the old politicians gone, the ones who attended every funeral and went all the way to the graveyard--whether they knew the deceased person or not?

They used to line up at the cemetery and hand out their cards.

wthey'd even provide a mourner's car or two; kiss babies; pay rent; visit the hospitals and sit on the Deacon's Bench at church, Catholic or Protestant, they join the singing real loud.

AND THEN there was the unforgettable figure of long ago who for a sum would load the voters in his Ward on a boat and take them down the Bay with hot dogs, baked beans and watermellon. The boat would dock after the polls closed (Too late to vote!

ONCE THE SURE WINNER was a man who beat his wife and embezzled the lodge funds and got away with it. Somehow, he was the favorite, "a ood man".

A HANDICAP used to be "a good reputation as a fair fighter." God's got it in for a clean man. They said, "Something's wrong with a pure politician" and nobody would vote for him.

COURTHOUSE

BEHIND THE BENCH is the place to look at the Court House. At least that s the way it used to be some years back.

PARENTS whose sons are in trouble always want a lawyer who has some pull ''with the judge".' "We have to have somebody who can go and talk to the judge BEFORE THE TRIAL."

The attorney who can "get to the jerge" always makes a pile of money, but if he hasn't any way to pull some tricks, he's on the way to the poor house as a lawyer with no clients.

ONCE UPON A TIME, we covered the trial of a big-time athlete accused of having a kid out of wedlock. The mother of the child wanted a pretty good slice of the athlete's $200mp00 a year salary.

HER LAWYER asked for enough to see the child through college, a few bucks to last him until age 18.

THE LITTLE BOY was the spitting image of the atlete YET the judge insisted on a blood test, etc.

AT THE TRIAL, the judge grinned real wide and said how honored he was to have such a famous athlete in his presence anh then there was some chatter about sports and scores, etc.

AT RECESS, the athlete and his attorney went into the judge's chambers, held up the whole docket while they yacked.

FINALLY, the unwed father was told to pay $20 a week.

HE LEFT THE COURTROOM IN A HURRY, HAD TO CATCH A PLANE. BU SOMEONE SAID HE GAVE THE JUDGE A SEASON TICKETM Goodbye's were quite cordial to the attorneys and fans in the hall, but the mothern weeping, and the little boy, got not even a backward glance.

THE JUDGE LATER accused reporter of ' trying to ruin a fine athlete" and asked them not to ' blast him all over the front page.' fsANOTHER JUDGE said he could not try a case until the mother of the man on trial paid the lawyer.

ANOTHER JUDGE refused to unseal the divorce papers of a political figure 'unless you file suit in court to get them open".

"Do you want to ruin the man?" he said.

A MAJOR PUBLIC OFFICE holder asked this columnist to give him the name of the judge (mentioned last week) who says he doesn't like the odor of the crowd in the courtroomm

The important citizen says he can get some of the judges "straight' downtown at the Court House. (P.S. The press never reveals names and sources unless it wants to.)

State unemployment declines in July

Unemployment in Maryland in July declined by 8,300 over the month from June to a total of 144,700, according to the monthly employment report released by the Department of Human Resources. However, the number of unemployed was 59,000 (nearly 70 per cent more than in July, 1974.

The statewide rate of unemployment was 7.8 percent in July, compared to 8.2 percent in June and 4.7 percent in July of 1974.

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Total employment in the state, at an estimated 1,715,800, showed a decline over the month of 2,800. The civilian labor force also declined, dipping by approximately 11,000 to a total of 1,860,500, as eit number of new entrants and seasonal workers into the job market declined.f The number of jobless in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area declined from 87,500 in June to 82,900 in July, a decrease of 4,600. The total number of unemployed was 35,300 more than in Juiyn 1974. The rate of unemployment was 8.9 percent in July, compared to 9. 4percent in June and 5.2 percent in July of 1974. Metropolitan Baltimore continues to be classified as a "D" area indicating substantial unemployment.

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Employment in the Baltimore area also declined by 900 from June to July, totalling 846,800, down 1rn300 over the year. The labor force showed a decline of 5,500 for the month and 21,000 for the year.

During July, the Unemployment Insurance Division received statewide, under the regular unemployment insurance program, a weekly average of 6,765 initial claims and an average of 55,668 continued claims for a total average weekly claim load of 62,433. In July, 1974, initial claims average 5,166 per week and continued claims averaged 25339 for a total weekly average claim load of 30,705.

Douglass hits Hymie again

A study of over 110 decisions made by the Board of Estimates during the period from Jan. 9, to june 26, 1974, indicated that the Board of Estimates exhibits little faith or confidence in the Comptroller Hyman Pressman's fiscal abilities.

In each of these cases analyzed, the Board unanimously overrode the comptroller's objections.

Del. John Douglass, candidate for City Comptroller, reveals he performed the study to prove that Pressman Is not the independent voice he claims to be.

Douglass said his study proved conclusively that Pressman's people advocacy is purely cosmetic and without substance.

"If he were really the people's advocate, he would go out and substantiate his position. His objections are largely philosophical for he presents no empirical or substantive data to support his claim in the overwhelming majority of the votes analyzed.

"He makes no attempt to evaluate the project or to establish a basis for his objections.

"Pressman has a bias against trips, cost over runs, and consultant fees. But that is not enough.

"If he were really serious and siticere, if he really wanted to save taxpayers some money, he would seek to support his objections with sound, hard facts. Perhaps, then the Board of Estimates would pay some attention to him rather than ignoring him as a nuisance."

Douglass says that his study provides further evidence that Pressman's people advocacy is purely cosmetic and that he is nothing more than a toothless watchdog."

Thieves hit Lenny's Bar

Northwest District police report property and cash lost in the Labor Day S.pl. 1 robbery of Lenny Moore's Bar totaled over $4,000.

The popular tavern in the 4200 block Gwynn Oak Ave. was entered, according to police, by thieves cutting a hole in an air conditioner outside vent.

At some time between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m., police claim, the robbers crawled in and "wiped out the place."

Missing are some $1,026 in cash from an office safe; a .38 caliber revolver, a .22 rifle and a 12-guage shotgun.

Band equipment totaling some $2,975 was also taken.

Investigating officers say the robbers took the loot out the door at the rear of the bar.

Potter's Guild exhibition Sept. 14

Stoneware and porcelain handcrafted by the members of the Potter's Guild of Baltimore will be exhibited for sale at the Guild's fall opening Sunday, Sept. 14.

An open house with refreshments will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. The pots include utilitarian wares—for the table, kitchen, and garden—and more whimsical objects fashioned by the potters.

The Guild is located at 201 Homeland Ave. off the 4900 block Charles St. Regular hours for the gallery and shop are Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. September through June.

In addition to maintaining the gallery and workshop, the sixty members of the Potter's Guild also exhibit at local craft and art fairs and demonstrate ceramic techniques to local clubs and organizations.

Outdoor art exhibition at Loyola

More than 60 professional artists from the Baltimore metropolitan area will display their works at the 10th annual Loyola College outdoor art exhibition scheduled at the Charles St. campus on Sunday, Sept. 28.

The show, 12 noon until 5 p.m., is free to the public.

Exhibition artists are both national and local award winners, art faculty members from numerous institutions, and other key persons from the Baltimore art community.

Paintings, drawings, and sculpture will be judged with prizes going to the winner in each of two classifications: two dimensional and three dimensional art.

An addition this year will be voting by the viewing public to designate the most popular piece in the show. Cards will be available at the site so that a tally can be taken and a prize awarded to the favorite.

A rain date of Oct. 5 has been set in the event of inclement weather.

Take a walk around the neighborhood, and find the nearest fire alarm box to your home and explain to the children how to sound it in case of a fire and to remain at the box to direct the fire fighters to the fire.

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If you extinguish a fire yourself call the fire department to make sure it is out especially sofa pillow, or mattress fires.

Help save the Madison YWCA

By Pam Widgeon

Will the Madison Avenue center of the YWCA remain open at 1912 Madison Ave., or will they have to close their doors to the public?

This is the question that was asked Wednesday night at a meeting held at the YWCA. The topic of discussion was the future of the Madison Avenue YWCA Center. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 6, 2:30 p.m. at the Madison Avenue address. Make plans to attend the meeting, the group needs your help.

Mrs. [illegible] mpbell called the [illegible] of the YWCA as [illegible] a crucial period.

To remodel the YWCA in 1967, it would have cost $500,000. In order to operate for the next two years, the center is in desperate need of $30,000 for new front doors, windows need repaired, plumbing, interior and exterior painting and other miscelleanous jobs are in urgent need.

The total space of the building is 27,339 square feet.

A spokesman for the center stated, "The Madison Avenue YWCA has played an important role in the community in terms of social action, recreational activities and as a locus for the encouragement of the black women's club movement.

"However, the decline in membership and underutilization of many rooms on the third and fourth floors now threaten the continued existence of YWCA activities at this location."

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You, your family, church, clubs and organizations can help save the YWCA today, by becoming a member. Current yearly dues are $6 for adults and $2 for children 17 and under.

YWCA membership is required for participating in activities at any center. The activities are ballet, piano lessons, gift wrapping, millinery, photography, trimnastics, weight watchers, yoga, tutoring and other.

In 1965, the total membership of the YWCA was 2,290. As of June 30, 1975 the end of the fiscal year, the membership is 949 members.

Various groups rent rooms at the center for meetings. Space is now available on the fourth floor to be rented for office space.

Located in the basement of the building is a bowling alley, recreation area, a bathroom, storage rooms, furnace room, kitchen with dining area.

The first floor has an auditorium, meeting room, main office, cloak room, lobby and two bathrooms.

The second floor consist of three rooms, three offices, kitchen and bathroom.

The third floor was formerly a residential area with eight rooms and the fourth floor was also a residential area with seven bedrooms and shower.

Baltimore association changed from branch to center structure with a single constitution governing the entire association.

The change was intended as a means of creating a greater sense of unity among all YWCA women in the greater Baltimore area.

Each center, however, is mandated to serve the needs of its particular community and to have staff and volunteers who understand and reflect through program the culture of that community. YWCA center means focal point of a community.

Civic Group endorses Irvin Conway

Irvin J. Conway, a candidate for 4th District Council seat, has been endorsed by the Baltimore Civic interest Group.

An active community worker, Mr. Conway is credited with several community improvement projects and also played a vital role as a watchdog of all City Council meetings, attending without fail every Council meeting from 1968 to 1971.

Mr. Conway was the first of his race to be elected chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Maryland General Hospital. He is a member of the Board of Directors for Provident Hospital and a member of the Citizens Advisory board of the Provident Community Mental Health Board.

He was vice chairman of the Council for Equal Business Opportunity for Progress, Inc., chairman of Citizens for Fair Play, member of the Young Adult Community Organization, member of the Model Cities Teen Center Board, member of the Alpha House for Acoholic Women, Omega House for Alcoholic Men, The Baltimore New Breed.

PVT. BYRAN D. BOOKER son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Booker, recently graduated from the Army basic training school in Fort Dix, N.J. Private Booker is a graduate of Edmondson High school and will attend communications school in Fort Gordon, Ga.

Christian Citizens anniversary

The United Christian Citizens Inc. is observing its 28th year with "Voters Guide" as its theme.

"UCC stressed the fact that as American citizens, our most precious secular possession is our vote. With it, we express our God-given right to self-government," the group states in its efforts to help with the ongoing election campaign.

Copies of the guide may be obtained by calling 752-2808 or 248-6386.

Officers are Edward L. Blanton Jr., president; Paul Miller, vice-president Peter Parker, secretary; Donald N. Brooks, treasurer, and Mrs. Leo DeStefano, executive secretary.

Divorces Filed

Jill T. Ensor vs. Dwight D. Ensor; Lawrence Thomas vs. Barbara A. Thomas; Daisy Lewis vs. Ozzie Lewis Sr.; Ida May Machovec vs. Melvin Stanley Machovec; James G. Parsons vs. Mary Elizabeth Parsons; Benjamin Miller vs. Doris P. Miller; Sandra F. Carlton vs. Lee Carlton; Thomas E. Wright vs. Shirley Wright; Leroy Bean Jr. vs. Rachael Bean.

Divorces Granted

Hattie L. Curry from Edward Curry Sr.; June Ollivierre from MacDonald Ollivierre; Donna M. Handley from William D. Handley; Irene C. Leach from Claude Leach Jr.; John W. Zawartka Jr. from Lois A. Zawartka.

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BALTIMORE AFRO WEEK

Tuesday, September 9, 1975

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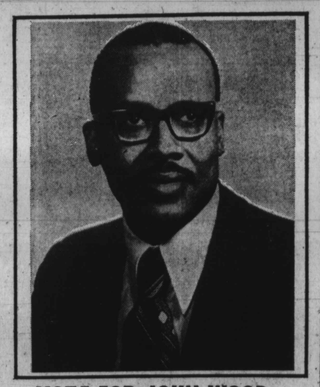
FIFTH DISTRICT VOTERS CAN SEND JOHN WOOD, A BLACK LAWYER TO CITY COUNCIL

* JOHN WOOD CALLS FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
* STOP THE EXPANSION OF PIMLICO RACE TRACK
* EMPHASIZE NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN EDUCATION — CUT TRUANCY — SAYS JOHN WOOD
* WOOD -OPPOSED TO WASTE DISPOSAL DUMP SITE
* WOOD WANTS MORE RESPRNSIVT PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT
* BETTER CONTROL OF CRIME — AIM OF JOHN WOOD



BLACKS LEGISTRATORS ENDORSED JOHN WOOD

Sen. Clarence W. Blount

Del. Walter A. Dean

Del. Pinkey A. Howell

Del. Arthur G. Murphy, Sr.

Del. Kenneth Webster

JOHN WOOD HAS ALSO BEEN ENDORSED BY:

* PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
* MONUMENTAL BAR ASSOCIATION
* FIVE-IN-FIVE DEMOCRATIC CLUB
* FIFTH DISTRICT REFORM DEMOCRATS
* URBAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION
* VANGUARDS, INC.
* AFL - CIO

VOTE FOR JOHN WOOD
PULL LEVER 9A

HELP MAKE HISTORY-VOTE FOR

JOHN S. WOOD

CITY COUNCIL 5th DISTRICT

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AUTHORITY OF:
ELVA J. EDWARDS

Boys home needs volunteers

The Maryland Training School for Boys needs volunteers and part-time teachers for students of the delinquent institution.

Ms. Kay Britt, coordinator of volunteers, states volunteers are needed to visit or take students for outing.

Community organizations are needed to adopt a cottage. A visit once in a month from a group would mean so much to our students. Volunteers are also needed to participate in sport activities."

Ms. Britt said they need part-time teachers as well as those in the classroom.

If you want to help call Ms. Kay Britt at 668-3300 Ext. 55.

5500TH STUDENT—Miss Paula Lewis, Northwestern High School graduate, was the 5500th student to register for classes this fall at Anne Arundel Community College. Last fall's comparable total was 4,725, according to director of admission, William H. Yancey, who personally processed her application. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lewis of Oyster Harbor, Paula is a general studies major.

Housing bias suit goes to Federal Court here

Thomas J. Brown, a Black Baltimore City resident, went into U.S. Federal Court Sept. 2 alleging he is a victim of racial discrimination in his attempts to rent an apartment from Mrs. Grace Auer the owner and occupant of 3202 Guilford Ave.

The suit calls for an injunction, a declaratory judgement and $30,000 in actual punitive damages. In addition, Mr. Brown's attorney, Jeffrey C. Hines, has requested a jury trial.

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In early May, 1975, Mr. Brown first sought relief from the Maryland Commission on Human Relations (MCHR) which after an investigation found probable cause.

The MCHR was then unsuccessful in conciliating complaint and after a public hearing found Mrs. Auer to be in violation of Maryland's fair housing law.

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Mr. Brown said he decided to seek relief in the Federal Courts after Mrs. Auer continued to refuse to rent him an apartment and after he became aware the MCHR was powerless to award monetary compensation to victims of housing discrimination.

The AFRO was unable to reach Mrs. Auer at the Guilford Ave. address Wednesday or Thursday.

Dickens Warfield, president of Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. (BNI) a local civil rights agency which assisted Mr. Brown in his complaint, said this is the first suit filed in federal court in the Baltimore area seeking monetary compensation since a Maryland Court of Appeals decision in October, 1974 prevented the MCHR from awarding money to victims of housing discrimintion.

Ms. Warfield encourages other persons who feel they are being discriminated against in seeking housing to contact BNI (243-6007) for assistance.

You'll be paying the bill, so let Congress know your choice!

Congress is about to make an important decision that could affect the cost and gas mileage of your car for years to come.

Since you will be paying the bill, we thought you should be aware of two major alternatives being considered by Congress right now. They concern the control of emissions from cars. Should the standards governing automotive emissions be made even stricter than they are today? Or are they strict enough now? Take your choice.

Choice 1

The President and his Administration have evaluated the pros and cons of current law governing emissions and recommend that the standards for today's cars be extended for five years.

Results

- There will be continued improvement of air quality as new cars replace old cars. (Compared to pre-controlled cars, today's standards result in reductions of over 80% for hydrocarbons and for carbon monoxide and about 40% for oxides of nitrogen according to industry data.)
- Working with current standards, automakers can meet their individual commitments to the President and improve industry-wide gas mileage between 1974 and 1980 by an average of at least 40%.

Choice 2

Present Federal Law calls for even stricter emissions standards for 1977-1978 model cars than those required today. Some members of Congress favor these stricter standards.

Results

- Stricter standards would add only marginal improvement to air quality. (California is an exception. It has a special air quality problem and has its own special standards.)
- To our knowledge no auto manufacturer yet knows how to meet the 1978 standards on a mass production basis. Current "best effort" experimental systems however indicate the following fuel economy and cost penalties:
  —your gas mileage could be reduced by 5% to as much as 30% according to publicly stated company estimates
  —the cost of your car could increase by an estimated $150 to $400 according to company estimates in statements to Congress.

Where do you stand?

These are the choices. We thought you ought to know what they are, and what they will mean to you as a customer. Your United States Senators and Representative should know what you think. Write to them.

Let your U.S. Senators and Representative know your choice.

U.S. SENATORS
(write to this address:)
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable J. Glenn Beall, Jr.
(Republican)

Honorable Charles McC. Mathias
(Republican)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES
(write to this address:)
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Honorable Robert E. Bauman
(Rep., Easton)

District 2
Honorable Clarence D. Long
(Dem., Towson)

District 3
Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes
(Dem., Baltimore)

District 4
Honorable Marjorie S. Holt
(Rep., Severna Park)

District 5
Honorable Gladys Noon Spellman
(Dem., Laurel)

District 6
Honorable Goodloe E. Byron
(Dem., Frederick)

District 7
Honorable Parren J. Mitchell
(Dem., Baltimore)

District 8
Honorable Gilbert Gude
(Rep., Bethesda)

From American Motors, Chrysler, Ford and General Motors