MINI NEWS

Theatrical managers license

Harvey A. Epstein, commissioner of Labor and Industry, has announced that effective July 1 all theatrical managers operating in the State of Maryland must be licensed by the Division of Labor and Industry in pursuant to House Bill No. 1143 passed in the 1976 Session of the Legislature. The new law requires theatrical managers to obtain a license. The fee is $200 and a bond in the sum of $5,000 is required to be deposited with the Commissioner. For further information write: Employment Agency Unit, Divison of Labor and Industry, 203 East Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md., 21202 or call (301) 383-6430.

Consumer service group

Memrex International is a new consumer organization designed to help consumers help themselves. "We at Memrex are doing something to improve consumerism in Baltimore and we can help you," reads a release issued by the organization. If you are having a problem and need assistance or if you'd like to learn how to avoid one, call Memrex at 882-5660.

8th District Court nominees

The Judicial Nominating Commission, covering the trial courts of Baltimore City in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, convened on May 26 for the purpose of considering the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Henry L. Rogers in the District Court of Baltimore. Recommendation of the Bar Association of Baltimore City and the Maryland State Bar Association were given appropriate consideration in the deliberations of the Commission. The Commission found that the following persons listed in alphabetical order were fully qualified for the vacancy existing in the District Court: Hillary Donald Caplan, Nevin K. Leese, Gilbert Rosenthal and Peter D. Ward.

Steppingstone open house

Steppingstone Museum, a five building museum arranged as a turn of the century rural home, will hold its sixth annual old time arts and crafts days on Saturday, June 5, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Sunday, June 6, noon until 5 p.m. The two-day event will be held on the museum grounds at the corner of Macton Road and Route 136, just three miles north of Route 1 in Harford County. Fifty artisans and craftsmen are scheduled to delight museum visitors with their 18th and 19th century crafts. There will be demonstrations of basket weaving, blacksmithing, cornhusk dollmaking, rug hooking, pine cone artistry and scores of additional crafts to amaze the 20th century visitors.

GI loans request goes up

Requests for GI home loan appraisals and loan applications continued to reflect increases in April, according to the veterans Administration. Regional offices across the country processed 64,473 appraisal requests, the highest monthly total since March 1972. The requests were 17 per cent above the previous month's total. Appraisal requests during the first 10 months of fiscal year 1976 totaled 504,175, a VA spokesman said. This is 13 per cent higher than for the same period in FY 1975. GI home loan applications in April totaled 35,818, the highest monthly total since May 1974. The 303,423 applications received during the first 10 months of FY 1976 were 12 per cent higher than the corresponding period in FY 1975.

Northeastern Council meet

Tactical section, Baltimore City Police Department will give a presentation regarding the quick response teams at the Northeastern District Police-Community Relations Council meeting to be held Tuesday, June 15 — 8 p.m. at the Northeastern District Police Station, 1900 Argonne Drive. The Council's new officers for the 1976-1977 term: John J. Zorn, chairman; Norman K. Buker, vice-chairman; Mrs. Stella S. Dunn, recording secretary; Mrs. Winifred F. Hata, corresponding secretary and Frederick E. Glaser, treasurer, will preside. The public is invited.

Ft McHenry tatoo resumes

Denis E. McGinnis, superintendent of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, has announced the tattoo ceremony will begin its 12th season at the fort on June 9, at 7 p.m. The half-hour program will be held each Wednesday evening thereafter through Aug. 25. Admission and parking are free. The colorful pageant is based on authentic drill movements and music from the War of 1812. The drill is performed by troops known as "Baltimore's Own Fort McHenry Guard" from the United States Marine Corps Barracks at Fort Meade. A feature of the unit is a color guard dressed in replica uniform of the 1812 period. Accompanying the guard unit is the official Marine Drum and Bugle Corps from the Marine Barracks in Washington.

Prestigious Travel Writers

Nearly three dozen members of the prestigious association of New York Travel Writers will be in Baltimore and Annapolis for the weekend of June 4, 5 and 6. Sponsored by the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development's Division of Tourist Development, in cooperation with AMTRACK, this three day familiarization tour will begin with a reception at the B and O Museum. While in Baltimore the writers, who represent such publications as Town and Country, Family Circle, Travel Weekly, New York News, Glamour and House Beautiful, will participate in special ceremonies at Fort McHenry and the U.S.F. Constellation. They will also tour historic Mt. Vernon Place, visit restored houses on Tyson Street and lunch at the world-famous Lexington Market.

Towson Mobile Asia van

The Towson State College Mobile Asia Van will be presented at the grand opening in the War memorial Placa on June 7. The van houses part of the permanent Oriental Art Collection of Towson State College. Viewers will see and handle many period pieces of Chinese and Japanese Art. The Asia Van is designed to acquaint the public, children and adults, with the art and culture of the too little known Far East. Appearing along with the Asia Van will be Maria Morales Spanish Dancers, the Ardian Woodwin Quintet and Miss Maryland.

FAREWELL HANDSHAKE—Homicide Squad Captain James Cadden bids farewell to Det. Furrie L. Cousins, who retired last Monday after 22 years as a homicide investigator. See page one for story and another picture.

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Common Cause hits Sunshine Bill veto

The Maryland branch of the Common Cause has described as "a gratuitous blow" to Marylanders and the General Assembly Gov. Mandel's veto of the Open Meetings (Sunshine) Bill.

The organization charges the end result of the governor's action is that politicians will continue to conduct public business behind closed doors thus, tarnishing the already blackened Maryland politics.

The so-called Sunshine Bill would have required open meetings by public bodies at all levels of government in the state. This, stated the proponents of the bill passed overwhelmingly by both houses, would have permitted open and frank discussion of public business.

The Common Cause statement signed by chapter president, Donald Sillars, points out that the bill was a carefully drawn one by a joint subcommittee of both houses of the legislature and was passed after a lengthy debate.

Stating that nearly all states have open meeting, the group explanis: "Senate Bill 289 was carefully designed to avoid the legal pitfalls of some open meeting laws in other states. The General Assembly and its leadership showed a real awareness of the need for action.

In his veto message Mandel stated that he favored the idea of openness in government, but was troubled by some of the provisions of the bill. Mandel showed his support for openness by issuing an executive order directing state bodies to follow most of the provisions of the legislation he vetoed.

Attacking the executive order move, the group said while it is desirable, "it falls far short of what would have been attained had he chosen to sign the bill." The order applies only to the state government.

According to Common Cause most abuse of secrecy have occured at the county and local levels in closed meetings in such important matters as budgets, tax increasses, local planning and other items of public concern.

They also point out that the executive order has no legal status and can be rescinded at any time on the wishes of an incumbent governor. "The Sunshine Bill, on the other hand, would have permitted citizens to bring suit to void actions that were taken in wilful violations of the law, "according to the statement.

Urging public action against future violations of public trust, the statement said: "It is now up to the citizens of Maryland to get involved; to express to the Governor and state legislators that we want our public servants to discuss our business out in the open."

NTA end of year award dinner set

The National Technical Association Institute will sponsor an awards banquet will be to honor Provident Hospital Auditirium from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on June 10.

The purpose of this banquiet will be to nonor those students, their parents, and professional scientists and engineers who participated in a pilot Career Awareness Program in two schools in Baltimore and one school in Washington school systems.

Begun in September of 1975, the aim of the Career Awareness Program was to expose students to available careers in science and engineering as well as to develop among those students, the abilities to plan their careers and use available resources to accomplish their career goals.

Over the past school year the National Technical Association (NTA), under contract with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has served upwards from 150 students by providing information in science and technical careers, constructing scientifically related projects, and making site visits to places where science and technical skills are professionally utilized.

From all indications the program has been measurably successful in reaching students who would otherwise not have an opportunity to learn about science in this way.

BICEN PAGEANT—A section of the several hundreds of Methodists here for their 192nd annual conference in a bicentennial pageant marching from the Civic Center to Christ Lutheran Church. Among the marchers but not in the photo were two black-caped horsemen in colonial dress.

Old Baltimore bus trips begin June 5

Weekend bus tours to the site of Old Baltimore at Aberdeen Proving Ground will be initiated on a trial basis, beginning Saturday, June 5, according to an announcement made by the installation commander, Col. Alvin D. Ungerleider said that the Saturday and Sunday tours will provide opportunities for the general public to observe some of the testing areas of facilities, together with historical sites and artifacts, located throughout the post.

Buses will leave the parking lot of the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturdays, and at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sundays. Ample parking facilities will be available and visitors may also enjoy a trip through the Museum either prior to or immediately following the tour.

The tour route will include a visit to the Materiel Testing Directorate's famed Munson Test Course, past the Main Front firing area, thence to Michaelsville, terminating at the site of Old Baltimore, where guests may view the historical marker which was dedicated on May 14. An escort guide will accompany each bus and provide narration en route.

Operation keeps beauty out of contest

Creativity will be in its lovliest from at the Mondawmin Mall on Sunday when many gifted black women will compete in the Miss Black Maryland Pageant.

However, according to doctors, Miss Barbara Jean Wilson of the 3800 block Derby Manor Dr. will not be there.

On May 19, Miss Wilson, 25, was rushed to Johns Hpkins Hospital for an emergency visual operation. According to relatives she is now completely blind in the right eye and has only partial vision in the left.

Miss Wilson or "Towanda" as her friends call her had been born with myopia in one eye which forced er to wear special contact lenses because glasses were not good enough. As a result of her affliction she attended the Maryland School for the Bline for three years.

A member of the Whitstone Baptist Church at Longwood and Baker Sts. since 1973, Miss Wilson has wanted to become a model or actress since age 5 when she used to play "model" in the backyard. She performer in several school plays and sings in the church choir.

In 1971 she entered the Miss Maryland and Miss Cheapseake contests and finished second in the Miss Cheapeake contes.

When her vision began to imporve, Miss Wilson enrolled in the Barbizon Modeling School and took dancing lessons. She was graduated from Brabizon in March 1974.

After leaving Barbizon, 'miss Wislon began serous preparation for the contest . Except for a spinal injury in 1974 nothing was going to stop from fullfulling her dream of being a contestant.

However in January, 1976, Miss Wilson suffered a slight setback when, while she was working in a cleaners , she suffered a mild heart attack. This forced her to stop work.

BARBARA JEAN WILSON

TWO ALARMER DOWNTOWN—A two alarm fire gutted the Landmark Restaurant and Lounge in the 200 block E. Baltimore St. Tuesday afternoon, while at the same time, just over a block away, firefighters picketed Baltimore's Temporary City Hall on S. Calvert St. The smoke-eaters are asking for a pay increase.

Judge studies Mandel's case

(UPI) — U.S. District Court Judge John H. Pratt began familiarizing himself with the corruption case against Gov. Marvin Mandell and five co-defendants.

Pratt was to meet with attorneys for both sides in the case, which he assumed control of last week from Baltimore-based U.S. District Judge Herbert F. Murray, who had heard all pre-trial motions.

Murray was disqualified because his former law partner, Richard Case, had represented Pimlico Race Course in dealings with Marlboro Race Track.

The case involves allegations that Marlboro was secretly purchased by some of the defendants.

A spokesman for Pratt explained Wednesday's session was called because "The judge is not all that familiar with the motions that have been filed and the decisions that have been handed down. The defense may want to renew some previous motions."

The decision to remove Murray was made by a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The judges cited a 1974 law which prohibits a judge from hearing a trial if a former associate has been involved with topics of the case.

Chief Judge Edward S. Northrop of the U.S. District Court in Baltimore asked Chief Judge Clement F. Haynesworth of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of appeals to appoint an out-of-state judge to avoid another conflict of interest charge.

Pratt is assigned to the District of Columbia.

Mandel, W. Dale Hess, Harry W. Rodgers, William A. Rodgers, Ernest N. Cory , Jr. and Irvin Kovens are accused in a scheme in which the governor used his legislative influence to benefit the business interests of the co-defendants.

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Spring dressing '76 a fashion splash!

Baltimore has made a name for itself in the fashion industry — it's a fashion conscious town — for both sexes and all age groups.

Over a period of some two months, AFRO cameras have captured the highlights of many fashion show productions held throughout the city.

Spring and summer wear — for the fashion conscious — for all occasions were featured in ready-to-wear and designers garments ... for Spring-Summer '76 dressing.

These photos by Benjamin M. Phillips and Norma L. Spencer tell the story. It's an AFRO fashion splash!

NAFAD SHOW — The National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers, Inc. held its annual show April 25. The Baltimore Chapter, now in its 16th year, is headed by Jacqueline Britton. Here are two NAFAD designers whose creations are shown on two local models. At left: Cee Cee Stokes wears outfit by Walter Comegys, also shown. At right: Endia McPherson and Elbert Crump show off two outfits from Tony Dorsey's (right) collection. NAFAD will meet for its national convention July 5-10 at the Belvue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa.

WILLIA BLAND'S Flair Studio held its Eighth Graduation luncheon, fashion show and graduation on May 2. Some 50 girls and women were graduated from the beginner and advance modeling classes and ballet classes. Willia Bland is the director and served as commentator. Her daughter, Andrea, is the assistant director and coordinator. Here, from L to R are: Linda Robinson and Marsha Holland, both graduates of the '76 class.

See NAFAD Jr. photo on Page 26.

AFRO staff photos by Benjamin M. Phillips and Norma L. Spencer.

THREE SPRING LOOKS — The Second Annual Fashion Show sponsored by the Waxter Center for Senior Citizens held its Second Annual Fashion Show on April 30. There were 48 participants, all of whom made their own outfits. Here from L to R are: Geneva Hatchet, Emily Cobert and Ethel Clark. The show was co-sponsored by the Creative Skills Division of the center.

LEXINGTON POE Homes residents showed the latest in spring dressing at an afternoon affair. The program was coordinated by Ellen Howard, housing manager, and Janice Dowdy and Rita Hunter. Ella Hughs and Arnetta Blake prepared a delectable lunch for the participants and guests. Here Allen Harris and Renea Gasque model what's "in" in teen styles.

Speaking of women...

(A look at what black women are doing locally.)

Do you know a dynamic woman — an outstanding community leader, church worker, businesswoman, mother, club woman — who is great in her own right? The AFRO wants to know about her. Send a brief biographical sketch and black and white glossy picture (or we can arrange to take a photo of her) to: Speaking of Women, c-o AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203. Sorry, pictures can not be returned.

Barbara Pettit

Barbara Pettit is a communications specialist at Johns Hopkins Hospital. A graduate of Howard University, she also attended George Washington University, D.C.; D.C. Teachers, Morgan State University and the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

Prior to working at Johns Hopkins, Mrs. Pettit worked in the Economic Development Program as personnel director and a business counselor at the Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity.

The versatile Mrs. Pettit has also worked as a French teacher for five and one-half years in the D.C. Public School System and has worked during the summers as a translator for the West African Embassy of Senegal.

Mrs. Pettit is the Advisory Council representative for Region V; member of the Advisory Community Council for the Mt. Washington area; active member of the Crôss Country PTA; candidate for membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (Epsilon Omega Chapter).

In addition, Mrs. Pettit is a member of the Baltimore Lawyers' Wives; corresponding secretary for the Black Women's Consciousness Raising Association; model for the Travis Winkey Modeling Studio; an active campaign worker for the Jimmy Carter Presidential Campaign.

Mrs. Pettit is the wife of Dwight Pettit, well-known Baltimore attorney and co-chairman in the state of Maryland of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Campaign.

Mrs. Pettit is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore of Newark, N.J. and is the mother of two children, Alvin, 6 and Nahisha, 3.

Community calendar

June 4

Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation holds a Bicentennial Beauty Pageant at Greenspring Junior High School, 4701 Greenspring Ave., 7 p.m.

The Arena Players Annual Awards Banquet, Blue Crest North, 401 Reisterstown Rd. For ticket information call: 433-0333.

Miss Charm City USA Pageant preliminaries held, YWCA, 128 W. Franklin St., 8 p.m.

First Disco, St. Martins Hall, 1723 Fayette St. Music by Love Affair Production. Tickets may be purchased at 29 North Fulton Ave., second floor. For further information call: 233-4700.

Sixth Graders of Joseph Harrison Lockerman Elementary School hold their Ninth Annual Parents Luncheon, school's parents' room, 1 p.m. Theme: "We've Only Just Begun To Live."

June 5

Bowie State College 108th commencement, James Physical Education Complex. Patricia Roberts Harris, former U.S. Ambassador to Luxemburg, guest speaker, 10 a.m.

Educators of Region V, Baltimore City Public Schools sponsor a Scholarship Benefit Dance to raise funds for graduating high school students. Poly-Western Complex Cafeteria, 1400 W. Coldspring Lane, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Black Arts Museum, 1767 Carswell St. holds first in a series of workshops and seminars for black women in the community in conjunction with the museum's Women's Association. Call 243-9600.

June 6

Charitable Affair presents God's Message in Song, in tribute to Mahalia Jackson, Holiday Inn, downtown, Lombard and Howard Streets, 5 p.m. Music: Love and Peace and The Love and Peace Gospel Group. Soloist: Oakley Walton. Duet: Norman and Jane Cox. For ticket information call: 383-0777 or 383-9597.

June 6

Order of Eastern Star, Myra Grand Chapter, Electa Chapter No. 1, OES (PHA) celebrates its 100th anniversary. Masonic Temple, 1301 Eutaw St., lower auditorium, 4 p.m.

Miss Black America-Maryland Pageant Finals and Cocktail Reception. Mondawmin Mall, Gwynns Falls Pkwy., 4 p.m. Call 542-8273 or 523-5011.

Northwestern High School commencement, at the school, 1 p.m.

Carver High School commencement, Civic Center, 3 p.m.

Calvert Educational Center commencement, at the school, 6 p.m.

June 7

Northern High School commencement, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

June 7-12

New Theatre Festival, featuring 24 performing companies from throughout the United States, Europe, South America and India, sponsored by UMBC campus. For further information call: 455-3139.

June 8

Venable High School commencement, Chinquapin, 10:30 a.m.

Edmondson High School commencement, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

June 9

Douglass Adult Center commencement, at the school, 8 p.m.

Houston-Woods High School commencement, at the school, 8 p.m.

June 10

Hampstead Hill Adult — Southern Adult — Northern Adult commencement, Eastern High School, 8 p.m.

Mergenthaler commencement, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

June 11

Briscoe commencement, at the school, 6 p.m.

Dunbar High School and Dunbar Adult commencements, Civic Center, 8 p.m.

July 12-16

Lafayette Senior Citizens to Montreal, Canada. Buses leave 210 N. Aisquith St., 7 a.m. P. Moore, president. Call 342-6330 for information. Reservation deadline, July 1.

June 12

Maryland League of Women's Clubs closing meeting in St. Michael's, Md. Buses leave Mondawmin Green Lot, 9 a.m. Reservations for the luncheon-meeting and cruise down the Miles River must be made. Call Mrs. Elizabeth Demby, chairwoman, 462-7939.

Trinity Presbyterian Church holds a Smorgasbord and Flea Market, Walbrook and Ellamont Streets, 3-8 p.m.

Somerset Dancers host annual recital, Madison Square Recreation Center, Eden and Biddle Streets, 5 p.m.

June 13

Installation services for the Rev. Porter W. Phillips, A. J. Payne Christian Center, Schroeder and Edmondson Avenues, 4 p.m.

The Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society presents Ellis Larkins, jazz pianist, composer and arranger in concert. Carl Murphy Fine Arts Building, Morgan State University, Hillen and E. Cold Spring Lane.

"Black Women in Colonial America" lectured by Dr. Chester W. Gregory, 12 W. Madison St., 3-4 p.m. Sponsored by the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc.

Southern High School commencement, Civic Center, 3 p.m.

City College commencement, at the school, 2 p.m.

Forest Park High School commencement, at the school, 3 p.m.

Willing Workers of Grace AME Church, 9th Anniversary Service, 67½ Winters Lane, Catonsville, Md., 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Sylvia Morris, chairperson. The Rev. Reginald Boston, pastor.

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SEND COMMUNITY NOTES

You can have your notices included free on the AFRO's Community Calendar. Send the dates of meetings, civic and social events, wedding, parties . . . anything of community interest to: Community Calendar, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203