MINI NEWS

VA Hospital volunteers

If you are 14 or over and looking for something rewarding to do this summer, the Baltimore VA Hospital may have an opportunity just for you. Youth volunteers are utilized in ward nursing, escort service, laboratory, dietetic service, recreation, personnel service, library, pharmacy and medical administration. During the summer, most assignments are from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily. If you are interested in helping those who have served their nation and learn new skills at the same time, contact Ms. Reba C. Terry, chief of voluntary service at 467-9932, Ext. 264 — or stop by the volunteer office, located on the 1st floor of the hospital.

Board to meet on budget

The next meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore County will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, at the Greenwood Headquarters, 6901 North Charles St. One item on the agenda is the presentation of the 1977 Capital Budget. As the board meets only once in July and once in August, it is expected that the board will take action on the capital budget at the meeting on Aug. 12. A workshop will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, for citizens who want to study the capital budget before its adoption. The meeting will be held at the Padonia Elementary School, 9834 Greenside Drive in Cockeysville. The public is invited to attend the meetings.

Black film festival July 6

The Urban Services Cultural Arts Project and the National Endowment for the Arts, will sponsor Donald Bogle, as a part of Baltimore's First Black Film Festival, a Bicentennial salute to blacks in films past and present, July 6, 8 p.m. at the Lake Clifton High School, 2801 St. Lo Dr. Mr. Bogle is a former staff writer for Ebony Magazine, and story editor for Otto Preminger. He is a young, black man with an infectious enthusiasm for movies. In his award winning book, "Tams, Coons, Malattoes, Mammies," and "Bucks," Bogle takes a close look at the stereotypes black actors have always been forced to portray. Mr. Bogle will appear along with the showing of the popular film of the past, "Hallelujah" and lecture on Black films such as "Uncle Tom's Cabin," through "Birth of A Nation" "Our Gang" and "Gone With the Wind" to "The Pawnbrokers," "Putney Swope," "Shaft," "Sounder," "Lady Sings the Blues," "Claudine," and "Cleopatria Jones." He will discuss the manner in which Paul Robeson, Stepin Fetchit, Rochester, Hattie McDaniel and others triumphed over their narrow roles. Bogle will also focus on contemporary performers such as Cecily Tyson, Jim Brown, Sidney Poitier, and Diana Ross.

Towson orchestra picnic

Tickets for an evening concert featuring Stan Kenton and his 19-piece orchestra at Towson State College's Burdick Field on Sunday, July 25 are presently on sale. The picnic-like affair will also feature Hank Levy and the Towson State College Jazz Ensemble. The evening concert will be followed by a week-long jazz clinic which will offer instruction in jazz techniques, theory, composition, improvisation and arrangement. Stan Kenton is noted for his unique arrangements and experimentation with the big band sound. He designed the melophonium, to exploit a new brass range in that area. Tickets are $2.50. For further information call the Towson College Box Office at 321-2244.

Advocates of Justice

The Advocates of Justice, Inc., has begun a political awareness and recruitment program to inspire citizens to become registered voters. The organization is waging a "house to house and person to person" campaign, teaching residents how to vote and where to vote in their councilmanic, legislative and congressional districts. Charles Walker is executive director of the organization. For further information as to how you can help, become a member, or be served by the Advocates of Justice, write them at P.O. Box 2311, Baltimore, Md., 21202, or call 355-4340.

21 die on Md. highways

Twenty-one persons lost their lives on Maryland Highways according to the Maryland State Police. Of those killed nine were drivers, four were passengers and eight were pedestrians. Two motorcyclists lost their lives in Maryland last week, bringing the total to 27 this year to date. Due to the varied types of accidents which occurred last week, it is rather difficult for the investigating officer to express a positive opinion as to the preventative powers of the seat belt. The transporting of gasoline in a container in the vehicle is the cause of death No. 284 which occurred in April. The deceased was carrying a can of gasoline inside his car with the windows rolled up. The gasoline fumes gnited. The operator was ejected and thrown over an embankment and down a 50 ft. rock cliff.

Centre's new energy system

The Capital Centre, one of the world's finest new sports and entertainment facilities, has added yet another outstanding feature — an energy management system designed to increase spectator comfort while conserving energy. This unique system automatically schedules the use of major air conditioning and heating equipment to maintain the most comfortable temperature level inside the five million cubic foot area. Continuous monitoring of the temperature both inside and outside Capital Centre helps provide for optimal spectator comfort during events. In the near future, this automated device will also effectively control the concourse lighting, activating it automatically prior to an event.

Talbot County reading test

Talbot County has become the first of the state's 24 school districts to report that all its 11th graders can pass a functional reading test. According to figures released earlier this month, only 10 of the state's school systems had 80 per cent or more of their 11th graders making acceptable scores on the "survival skills" test. The examination was designed to measure such reading skills as understanding newspaper ads and job applications. Talbot County had the best score in the state with 91.6 per cent of its 11th graders achieving competency ratings. Talbot officials say that after individual instruction, all of the systems's 11th graders can pass the test.

WIVES AND GIRLFRIENDS of Thirty Flat members are (L to R) front row, Mrs. Clifton Early, Ms. Rita Hawlett, Ms. Carolyn Gray, Mesdames Charles H. Dixon, James Hopson, Dallas Smith. Back row shows (L to R) Ms. Olivia Cruz, Ms. Adrian Davis, Ms. Barbara Carter and Mrs. Richard Lewis. Thirty Flat Inc., members shown standing (L to R) James Hopson, business manager; Clifton Hines Early, Louis Bowman, Richard Lewis, George Gough, vice president; Cleve Brister, president; Clayton Tucker, chairman of the board; Ben Eggie Davis, Dallas Smith, treasurer; Otis Brister, sergeant at arms; Back row shows (L to R) Allan Robinson, financial secretary; James Carter, Oliver Moaney, Charlie Borman, Hezy Broxton.

F.W. Hayes named to fibrosis board

Floyd W. Hayes III, was elected to the board of directors of the Maryland chapter, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at its 17th annual meeting.

Mr. Hayes is an instructor in African American studies at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He received his B.A. in French and political science at North Carolina Central University and his Certificate D'Etude in French at the University of Paris.

His M.A. of distinction in African Studies at the University of California were in the areas of political science, African History and anthropology. He is a graduate student, Ph.D. program, department of government and politics of the University of Maryland, College Park.

Mr. Haye is married and lives with his wife and three children in Baltimore. In his spare time he reads, jogs and lifts weights. He is a member of the World Future Society, African Studies Association, African Heritage Studies Association, American Political Science Association, National Conference of Black Political Scientists and the AAUP.

FLOYD W. HAYES

Mr. Hayes has spent the summers in Senegal, West Africa, France and Switzerland. His honors and awards are among Who's Who Among Black Americans, 1975; Master's Opportunity Fellowship, UCLA, 1968; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Achievement Award 1967; African Studies Center Fellowship, UCLA 1967; Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1967; Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, Honorable Mention 1967; and Pi Delta Phi, National French Honorary Society; 1966.

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Phillips)

IN THE WARM OF THE SUMMER SUN — This Baltimore nurse, caught strolling near the Gilmor Projects has ample protection, wearing light clothing, sunglasses, and carrying an umbrella. Temperatures in the city soared this weekend to a humid 97 degrees.

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$25 MILLION BUD DEBT-

$40 million unpaid bills plague hospital

(UPI) — Officials at the University of Maryland Hospital say it is "doubtful" that nearly $26 million in unpaid medical bills will ever be collected.

Of the hospital's close to $40 million in unpaid medical bills, $25.9 million has been declared "doubtful of collection."

Stephen B. Koenigsberg, the hospital's associate director of finance, told the university regents' hospital committee Monday that the amount of uncollected bills rose $600,000 in May alone.

He said recent efforts to collect outstanding hospital bills by turning them over to the state's central collection unit had to be discontinued until July or August because of a "devastating reaction from the public."

Koenigsberg said some former patients received second and third warnings, which said stern measures would be taken unless they paid their medical bills, the same day they received their first billings.

In other cases, when patients telephoned for an explanation of bills, the hospital was unable to find what they had been charged for in its files.

The Hospital, which has a $51.1 million operating budget for fiscal 1976, had hoped to write off $7 million in bad debts and collect $8 million after transferring collection of bills to the central unit.

But little progress appears to have been made since January in improving the accounts receivable situation. At that time, a management study by Medicus, a systems corporation, showed $40 million in uncollected bills — many dating back three years.

"I don't know that we can say we're any further ahead this month than last month," said G. Bruce McFadden, the hospital's new director.

"We are making progress, but we can't qualify the progress."

He added the amount of uncollected bills would be $700,000 higher if the hospital followed normal accounting procedures and treated advances from Blue Cross of Maryland as liabilities instead of credits.

The advances are in effect short - term monthly loans to the hospital that are made to offset delays between the treatment of Blue Cross subscribers and the payment of their bills.

In its next monthly statement, the hospital intends to list a Blue Cross advance as a liability.

Asked if the billing system is out of control, Koenigsberg responded, "it needs a lot of improvement"

But Koenigsberg, who

Gag order in Mandel case draws suit

UPI — Three news organizations Tuesday appealed a gag order sealing legal documents filed prior to the political corruption trial of Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel.

The Washington Post, The Hearst Corporation's Baltimore News American and the A. S. Abell Co.'s Baltimore Sunpapers petitioned the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn the order by U.S. District Court Judge John H. Pratt.

Pratt, in a June 17 letter to the court clerk, ordered legal documents in the case sealed to avoid unnecessary pretrial publicity.

The Post's suit was filed on behalf of the newspaper. Washington area broadcasters, the Washington - based Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, Post - Newsweek stations and Sigma Delta Chi, a journalistic fraternity.

Post Attorney Christopher M. Little said his company asked the court to block Pratt's order pending a final ruling on the petition.

"Our position is that Judge Pratt's, ruling is unconstitutional," he said, "we think it's an interference with the first amendment free press guarantee.

"We're also taking the position that it violates the public trial guarantee of the sixth amendment, and that as a matter of common law, as members of the public, we have the right to inspect court files," he said.

"The fact that this involves the governor of a state makes it particularly important that the press have a right to report to the public," he said.

A spokesman for Pratt said he expects the order to remain in effect until Mandel's trial begins Sept. 8 unless it is overturned.

Mandel and co-defendants W. Dale Hess, Irvin Kovens, Harry W. Rodgers III, William A. Rodgers and Ernest N. Cory Jr. were named in a 23 - count indictment charging mail fraud and violation of anti racketeering statutes.

REFUND ORDERED

Gas saver pills claims called false

Attorney General Francis B. Burch has announced that the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office has entered into assurances of discontinuance with the five Maryland retailers of Powertron gas saver pills. In each case, the retailers have agreed to make refunds to purchasers of the pills and to post signs informing purchasers of the availability of such refunds.

Mr. Burch identified the five retailers as: Read's, Inc., Thrifty - Wise Discount Centers, Inc., Sav-A-Lot Drugs, Inc., Dart Drug Corporation, and Westview Distributors, Inc.

The Attorney General said that under the terms of the assurances, any purchaser of Powertron gas saver pills from any retail outlet of these five companies may obtain a full refund of the purchase price by presenting proof of purchase to the cashier in any store of the company from which the product was purchased.

Mr. Burch said that these stores have also agreed to discontinue any participation in the advertising, promoting, offering for sale or sale of Powertron Gas Saver Pills in Maryland.

Attorney General Burch said that "gas saver pills" are manufactured by the Powertron Corp. of Johnstown, Pa., and as advertised promised that if you drop the pills into your automobile gasoline tank "you'll decrease fuel consumption by up to 30 per cent."

Powertron also claims that use of the pills will result in better gas mileage, a stronger spark, decarbonization and lubrication of engine cylinder walls, better compression, reduction of pre-ignition and an increase in overall engine efficiency. The pills have been sold under a "money back guarantee" at prices of approximately $5.

Mr. Burch said that in April investigators from the Consumer Protection Division purchased the pills at various drug stores in the Maryland area and subsequently arranged for their chemical testing. Lab analysis of the pills revealed that they contained large concentrations of lead and that their use would result in no appreciable decrease in fuel consumption.

"We determined through investigation and product analysis, that these pills simply could not live up to their claims and that the Powertron lab tests on which their marketing campaign was based was at best faulty."

As a result, on May 4 the Consumer Protection Division notified Powertron and the retail chains that advertising claims for the product constituted unfair and deceptive trade practices and that it was unlawful to introduce lead additives into gasoline after it is sold. The firms were told to halt these practices and to take remedial measures or face court action, Mr. Burch said.

"These assurances represent offers for full refund from 100 per cent of the retailers of this product in Maryland. We are continuing discussions with the Powertron Corporation itself, and we expect a rapid conclusion to our action against that company as well," Mr. Burch advised.

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Future bleak for city workers, 382 face lay offs

BULLETIN

Police Department Information Director Dennis Hill announces Mayor Schaefer has ordered 28 officers among the 102 to be laid off on July 15, be reprieved and reinstated. The officers graduated from the police academy last Friday.

Mr. Hill said 74 others attending the academy will still be furloughed on July 15 and are not likely to return until early next The $10 million budget cut by the City Council approved by the Board of Estimates is due to take its lay-off toll. As of last Wednesday, according to a Civil Service Commission spokesman, 97 city employes have been laid off.

The Police Department announced Tuesday it will lay off 102 recently hired officers and institute a hiring freeze.

City Hospitals projects as many as 125 layoffs while the Department of Public Works estimates 100 of its employes will be without work by July 15. Between 45-60 workers of the Department of Housing and Community Development face similar fate.

A Civil Service spokesman said even though seniority is an important criteria for determining the lay-offs, it is not the sole factor. A number of reasons including, productivity, physical condition, character and devotion to duty are some of the factors.

Opposing the city's determinant for laying off workers, the Classified Municipal Employes Association, representing most city white-collar workers, told the AFRO the city's reasons are in violation of a 1974 memorandum of understanding between the CMEA and the city.

The memorandum, according to CMEA officials, mandates that layoffs be in inverse order of employment, with those workers with least time of services being the first to lay off.

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The employee group has filed a class action challenging the lay off of its members. Meanwhile, the names of those who lost their jobs are added automatically to a re-employment list.

Meanwhile, those who have lost their work qualify for special federal unemployment compensation payments to $89 a week.

Under the legislation workers not ordinarily covered for jobless benefits can receive money for up to 26 weeks. In addition a state compensation program can pay city jobless workers benefits ranging from $50 to $60 for up to six months.

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As the city lay-off wave is seen as constituting a

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MAKING HISTORY, Miss Janie Mines, Aiken, S.C., holds the standard hat worn by midshipmen at the Naval Academy.

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

Miss Mines is the first black woman midshipman

By Bryan D. Holt and Roman Hankewycz

When the roll of black women who made significant accomplishments during the 20th century is called in the year 2000, among those named will be Miss Janie Louvenia Mines of Aiken, S.C.

This week, Miss Mines became the first black woman to enter the strenuous four-year, military-professional training program at the U.S. Naval Academy. She is in the Second Platoon, Alpha Company.

This Bicentennial year marks the first time in the Institution's 131-year history that women have been admitted as midshipmen. Because that title denotes a rank and not a sexual distinction, there will be no "midshipwomen" or "midshippersons."

Miss Mines told the AFRO that she is "not bothered at all" by the midshipman tag. She also seemed rather unexcited by the fact that her admission is an historic landmark.

She stated, "I got a lot of other scholarship offers, and I only chose the Academy because I found

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Wife found guilty in contract murder

Mrs. Joyce Williamson, 8400 block Winands Rd., who once told her psychiatrist that she wanted to be let out of jail so that she "could do what she wanted to do (commit suicide) and join her husband and mother and live happily ever after" was found guilty Tuesday of plotting to kill her husband in order to collect $93,000 from his two life insurance policies.

The 31-year-old Randallstown woman was convicted of first degree murder in the Oct. 5, 1975 stabbing death of her husband, Randolph Williamson Jr. She was also found guilty of conspiracy and solicitation to murder.

The first degree murder charge carries with it the

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Bicen Bits

Jack Sission, one of the many black soldiers in the Revolutionary Army, assisted in the capture of Major General Richard Prescott, commander in chief of the British forces in Rhode Island on this day Friday, July 9, 1777.

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WHITE MAN FOUND SLAIN

Dancer held for murder

Residents say they heard loud struggle

A go-go dancer from the Block has been charged with the murder of a 41-year-old white man whose nude body was found in a vacant apartment in the 1700 block Eutaw Place early Monday morning.

Being held in the city jail in the death of Charles J. Gregory, 1600 block Lemmon St., is 24-year-old Miss Marlene Toliver who, according to police is a Block go-go dancer and lives in the apartment building in which the body was found. . . .

Gregory who was lying in a pool of blood was slashed in the throat with a bottle, according to investigators, and, was with-

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION PREVIEW

AFRO in Georgia for opening story

AFRO City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver and photographer, Roman Hankewycz are in Atlanta and Plains, Ga., home of presidential frontrunner Jimmy Carter, for photos and story.

Among Baltimoreans in Georgia for various pre-convention meetings are Del. Troy Brailey, who heads the 7th Congressional District Citizens for Carter and Mrs. Mary B. Adams, member of the National Credentials Committee.

Dwight Pettit, who co-chairs the Maryland Delegation for Carter, is slated for pre-convention meetings beginning today Friday in New York. Pettit has been selected as floor manager for the Mid-Atlantic states to coordinate Carter delegates along with Senator Tom Eagleton of Missouri.

Phyllis Douglass is Carter delegation vice-chairman; Isaiah Dixon is a Carter delegate and Mrs. Isaiah Dixon, an alternate.

DELEGATES

Other delegates are Sen. Verda F. Welcome, Sen. Robert Douglass, Sen. Clarence Blount, Sen. Clarence Mitchell III, Coach Earl Banks.

Arthur Murphy, Del. Lloyal Randolph, Sterling Paige and Maceo Williams are alternates.

City Councilman Clarence Du Burns, Attorney

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NOTICE

Mrs. Anna Mae Hunter, founder of the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind, 1321 Eutaw Place, wishes that persons who send money orders and checks make them out to her and send them to her address above.

The home is in danger of having to close and a goal of $10,000 has been set to pay back bills and assure

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Did Amin help hijackers?

JERUSALEM (UPI) — Israel said Wednesday it will prove before the U.N. Security Council the "complicity" of Ugandan leader Idi Amin in the Entebbe airport hijack.

Government officials said Israel acted out of the "exalted principle of man's freedom" in ordering the commando rescue of more than 100 hostages — most of them Israelis — from pro-Palestinian hijackers at Kampala's Entebbe airport.

The officials said Israel would take part in any security council debate on the rescue operation and said Israel was certain the United States would veto any resolution condemning the action.

The Organization of Afri-

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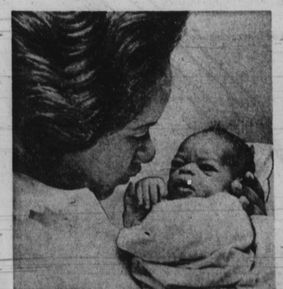
For the record — the U.S. 200th birthday, July 4, 1976

BALTIMORE SOPRANO Gwendolyn Irvin, on her way to fame, appeared in Philadelphia for the Bicentennial there and received courtesies from Benjamin Franklin. (For more photos by J. D. Howard see inside today).

HE RANG THE LIBERTY BELL—Davd Roseman, 11, in appropriate garb, took part in the Philadelphia Bicentennial. The son of Albert William Roseman and Mrs. Shirley Hawkins, he is a Northwest Middle School pupil. PHOTO BY J. D. HOWARD on the scene in Philadelphia.



(AFRO staff photo by Benny Phillips)

BICENTENNIAL BABY Adam Brown was born July 4 at 12:50 a.m. at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynnel Brown, little Adam weighed in at 5 lbs. 7ozs. and now hits 6 lbs. Father, Lynnel Brown is an employe of Greyhound Bus and mother, Mrs. Jeanetta Brown is a former employe at the First National Bank and a student at the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

(AFRO Staff photo by Benny Phillips)

ANOTHER JULY 4th Baltimorean is Bicen Baby Girl Indiria Jeffries. The 6 lb. 14 ounce infant was born to Mrs. Irvena and Stephen Jeffries shortly before 1 a.m. on Independence Day at University Hospital. The baby's father is a self-employed contractor. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irvin (Sandy) Johnson of Braddish Ave. The fraternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Abraham (Thelma) Jeffries.

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

SOUND ASLEEP after her July 4, 12:04 a.m. birthday appearance at City Hospitals is Shenecra Temple. Mrs. Gloria Temple, mother, holds her Temple Mrs. Gloria Temple, mother, holds her 6 lb., 8 ounce Bicen Baby adoringly. The youngster who may see the Tricentennial will be at home in Dundee Village, Baltimore County later.

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