Safety precautions for workers entering confined spaces

Harvey A. Epstein, commissioner of Labor and Industry anounced voluntary minimum safety precautions for protection of employes when entering confined spaces such as manholes

Pending the holding of public hearings and the adoption of permanent standards on manhole safety, Epstein is calling upon all employers who have employes entering confined spaces such as manholes, sewers and unvented vaults to take minimum safety precautions.

During the past month, four Maryland employes have died in manholes.

No employe should be permitted to enter any confined space unless another workman supplied with appropriate emergency equipment is stationed outside the confined space to summon help and to assist the workman in the event of an emergency

Providing an alarm or a two-way radio system for the stand-by worker is effective in summoning help in the event of an emergency.

Epstein said that no employer should permit any employe to enter any confined space unless one of the following conditions is met:

1. The employer has ascertained by air sampling performed by a trained person prior to and periodically during occupancy that: (a) the atmosphere in the confined space contains an adequate quantity of oxygen (19 per cent) and (b) harmful atmospheric contaminants have been diluted to safe concentrations or

2. The employer has equipped the workman with supplied-air respirator or self-contained breathing apparatus, safety harness, a safety line and where necessary, protective clothing or

3 The employer has determined that no harmful contaminants could be present nor will be introduced and that adequate mechanically induced dilution ventilation is used before entry and during occupancy to ensure that a minimum of 19 per cent oxygen is supplied to the confined space.

For further information, contact Dr. Oneil Banks, executive assistant commissioner for Technical Services, Division of Labor and Industry, 203 E. Baltimore St. Baltimore, Md. 21202, 383-6042 or 383-6043.

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FRONTIERS Baltimore chapter officers, members and delegates to the national convention in Nashville, Tenn. are (L to R seated) George G. Brown, 1st vice-president; David E. Sloan, president; Samuel W. Marlow, 2nd vice-president; Johnny E. Jowers, recording secretary; (L to R standing) Arthur Snowden, delegate; Rev. Howard L. Cornish, past president; Roland Wheadley; Eugene Prettyman, corresponding secretary; Dr. Parlett Moore, chairman, public affairs and Franklin Parker. Sloan and Brown and Robert Johnson (not shown) are also delegates to the August convention.

THE FOUNDERS AWARD of the American Heart Association was presented to Provident Hospital's Bennie Thomas, R.N. (L), charge nurse of the Provident Stroke unit and Betty Wright R.N. (C), associate hospital director for nursing services. Special awards from the Heart Association went to Billie Wheeler, R.N. (R), coordinator of the Provident stroke unit and to Dr. Elijah Saunders for their outstanding work in the stroke unit.

GATE program build, self-respect

Education and self-respect go hand-in-hand.

Public School Special Education coordinator, Gwendolyn Cooke knows that she represents one program designed to erase any trace of negatives in how youngsters all through the school system view themselves.

At the same time, Gail Levy, public school psychologist sees an image void, that should be filled early in the education process.

The GATE — Gifted and Talented in Education — program identifies students with high motivation, Cooke says. She calls it "another option" for student character building, a program to complement a student's progress in cognitive educational categories (reading, thinking and leadership for example).

GATE, Cooke says, uses a multi media approach as well, including films and tape recorders. Cooke explains that this approach appeals to students that find the majority [illegible]

Meanwhile, from a counselor or even a recreational consultant to Baltimore's North Central Youth Service Bureau, says programs aimed at older students may be too late.

"I want to see little kids' needs met first," Levy, said recently.

Levy, also a member of the Maryland Committee on Day Care of Children, believes "having psychologists and guidance counselor who were removed because of budget constraints in elementary schools" is a crucial step toward meeting those needs. Their efforts would make sure the youngster's "basic skills are scored up at a very early age," she said.

But no program can work in a vacuum, Cooke points out

"I'm a proponent who believes that the home and school operate together," she told the AFRO. No one program can tap a child's motivations "in isolation," Cooke said.

"You have to start with models," Cooke said [illegible] father, minister or even a recreational leader." As long as he has "dignity," Cooke points out.

Which explains Cooke's and GATE's use of biographies as a motivation tool. "And not only of famous people who have value systems we believe in," she said, "We use even those we don't like, such as Hitler."

Similarly Levy contends that it's up to teachers, and the institution itself to impress upon students they have an equal chance to excel.

School children have to learn that "society does have something" for them, she said. "Many have all doors closed to them."

"There is a need for more awareness of the people who work with kids," Levy emphasizes. "We must try to make them learn to love to learn."

And for Cooke's money, there remains but one avenue left to achieve that goal.

"You can only get pressure from parents," she said. "They can cause change."

How do they get involved?

"Well there are the traditional ways, such as the PTA and Regional Advisory Council," Cooke said.

Also, Cooke says, GATE goes one step further: involvement by invitation.

Nurses honored at N.Y. meeting

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Several black nurses, leaders of the former National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, were honored recently at a meeting in New York, sponsored by the Human Rights Commission of the American Nurses' Association.

Those honored included Ms. Mabel K. Staupers, author of the book, "No Time For Prejudice" and recipient of the NAACP Spingarn award; Ms. Alma John, newspaper columnist, radio broadcaster and New York television personality who has also made major contributions to the study of blacks in American history, and Ms. Leota P. Brown, long associated with the New York City health department.

Realtors file suit against sign ban

A suit challenging the validity of the "For Sale" sign ban in Baltimore City will be filed by the Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors, according to boar tors, according to board president, Bayard H. Waterbury Jr., in a letter to the association's 3,200 members.

The action to have the local ban repealed came when the Baltimore City solicitor concluded that the U.S. Supreme Court decision on signs has "dissimilarities" and that the city sign ban would remain in effect.

The Supreme Court's decision in May declared unconstitutional a New Jersey township ordinance which prohibited the posting of real estate "For Sale" and "Sold" signs The Supreme Court unanimously agreed it violated the First Amendment to the Constitution by impairing "the flow of truthful and legitimate commercial information."

An opinion also has been requested from Maryland's attorney general on the validity of sign bans in conservation areas established by the Real Estate Commission of Maryland. To date, no opinion has been issued.

'Mr. Fro' announces winners in his coloring contest

Kids can win dollars and prizes in the 'Mr. Fro' coloring contest.

Last week's four top winning pictures are displayed at Mondawmin Now Center in the Mall.

Raynold Bowles, 1366 E. Fayette St., won $10 for being number one. Raynold, who is 14, was at camp when 'Mr. Fro' personally delivered his winning check but he found out that Cindy Peterson, a friend on E. Fayette St., gave him lots of help in fine shadings in the coloring that won him first prize.

Other winners who were awarded Big Banana Coloring Sets were Lakesha Martin 1705 Brentwood St.; Jill Laster, 3909 Dolfield Ave. and Terrell Dixon, 1626 N. Fulton Ave.

The colorings were so good and close that the judges gave number one 35 points and number two, 30. The third place winner got 22 points.

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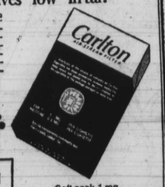

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Local Red Cross workers aid Johnstown flood victims

James F. O'Donnel, director of disaster services for the Baltimore Regional Red Cross, is heading the Red Cross disaster relief operation in Johnstown, Pa.

O'Donnell, who has been employed by the Red Cross for 28 years, and has wide experience in major disaster relief operations, was selected by the National Red Cross as director of the Johnstown Disaster Relief Operation.

Joining O'Donnell in the relief efforts, are 9 other staff and volunteers from the Baltimore Regional Chapter, and Mrs. Robert G. Kurtz, experienced disaster volunteer from the Somerset County Chapter. The trained disaster workers will serve as caseworkers and casework supervisors with the affected families.

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Warren W. Weaver, volunteer chairman of Baltimore's Disaster Funding and Disaster Relief Services stated that "We anticipate that Red Cross expenditures for the Johnstown flood victims will be several million dollars. We hope that the people of Baltimore will respond to the needs of their neighbors in Pennsylvania who are in such difficult circumstances, and send a contribution to Red Cross."

Locally, contributions may be sent to Baltimore Regional Red Cross, 2701 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. 21218, earmarked "Johnstown floods".

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More than 400 Red Cross disaster volunteers and staff are now assisting flood victims as clean-up operations get underway in stricken communities in the Johnstown area. More than 100 Red Cross nurses are assisting local medical personnel in caring for flood evacuees.

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Early Red Cross surveys indicate at least 7,000 families in the Johnstown area have been affected by the flooding. Fifty Red Cross volunteers have begun house-to-house surveys to determine damage and needs for assistance.

In excess of 15,000 disaster welfare inquiries from anxious relatives of people in the disaster area have been pouring into the American Red Cross's communication center in Washington, D.C.

contact the local Red Cross has processed more than 500 disaster inquiries.

Concerned persons may contact the local Red Cross to seek information about their relatives in the flooded communities, as telephone communications are at present inoperative in some areas.

EVERYONE EYED THE AFRO Lucky Number, but Mrs. Mary Creast on Quantico Ave., a $10 winner in the AFRO-in-Your Home Contest, missed her chance to win $100.

Special ed program offered by Dundalk, Coppin

A bachelor's degre program in special education will be offered in the fall of 1977 in the Dundalk area. The program is being offered jointly by Dundalk Community College and Coppin State College.

Students are not required to apply at Coppin State; they may enroll as special students

Registration for the classes will take place Monday, August 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Room 30-L of the Dundalk Community College classroom building, 7200 SollersC Point Road.

All classes will meet at Hetabird Junior High beginning August 31.

Vince Chillemi, director of Special Education at the Dundalk college, said the Dundalk-Coppin extension program will meet "the special education needs of the Dundalk area."

In a joint statement, Chillemi and Dr. Peter Valletutti, chairperson of the special education department at Coppin State College said, "This program is designed to allow students with an associate in arts (two-year) degree in special education at Dundalk Community College, to receive a bachelor of science degree in special education from Coppin State"

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Four classes wil be offered for the fall semester. The classes will meet for approximately 2 hours one evening a week enabling student to take all four classes if they wish.

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On Mondays, "Teaching Strategies of Severely/Profoundly Handicapped" will meet fro 5 to 7:30 p.m and a class in "Philosophy of Education" will meet from 7:40 to 10:10 p.m.

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On Thursdays, Communications skills for the mildly Handicapped" will meet from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and "Teaching of Measurement and Evaluation of the Handicapped" will meet from 7:40 to 10:10 p.m.

For further information, contact Vince Chillemi at Dundalk Community College, 285-6700, ext. 223; or Peggi Gaves, director of Extension Programs at Coppin State College, 383-4500.

—Allen's guns

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terstate grapevine, the underworld may have touched base here to get a gun for a killing somewhere else in the U.S.

Saying that gun-renters are delighted to get hold of such weapons, an authority ventured, "You can rent a gun if you know where to find the underworld market in any big city. You can take a jet and get a contract murder job done thousands of miles away with no sweat."

Meantime, on the local level, CID Captain Theodore Weintraub said Detective David Parris is working on the case "tooth and toenail."

Authoritiew in Criminal Investigation say they may go two to four weeks until by chance someone arrested for something little may beg for a break and say "I'll tell you what I know about Milton Allen's guns."

Another police source told the AFRO the judge's house has protection, bars everywhere except the bathroom window which was entered from the second floor porch.

He ventured, "The robber may have even known where the guns and diamonds were. I would say it doesn't look like the type of teen burglaries we know about in that section of town.

"This is strictly the work of men who knew and might even have been told about the guns by some workman at some past time in the house.

"By past experience, although this is strictly a guess, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if the trail leads back to information let out by someone who knew the judge's guns and jewelry and his wife's furs were there."

Another theory is that a "gun buff" may have learned of the Milton Allen weapons collection and wanted to add it to his own group.

Police patrol cars are continuing to watch the Milton Allen house three shifts around the clock.

The stolen gun collection taken from the bedroom includes:

One 30-Marlin rifle,

One 45-calibre automatic pistol,

One 357 Colt Python revolver,

One 38-calibre Smith Wesson,

One 25-calibre Browning automatic pistol,

One 22-calibre revolver, make unknown,

One 12-gauge Remington shotgun, 5-shot,

Jewelry listed as stolen include:

One 1¼ carat diamond engagement ring,

One gold wedding band, 5-half carat stones,

One gold wedding band, 25-point stone,

One Swiss precision man's wrist watch,

One man's single stone 1½ carat diamond ring,

One man's ring, 4½-carat stones,

One antique gold ladies watch,

One silver Bulova ladies watch,

One man's gold watch,

One pocket watch with gold chain.

The black diamond mink cape has the initials, MPA, inside.

The white fox fur wrap is also described by police as a cape.

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