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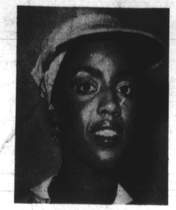

Jacqueline Harrington

Beauty contest turns ugly

By Michele L. McRae
AFRO Staff Writer

What began as an exciting showcase of 24 of Maryland's black beauties ended in furor and hostile feelings when Miss Black America for Maryland was crowned Sunday.

The bad feelings immediately followed the crowning of Miss Michelle Yates, 18, a student at Morgan State University as Miss Black America of Maryland 1978 at the Greenspring Junior High School on Sunday, June 4.

Less than three short minutes after crowning, Maurice 'Hot-Rod' Hulbert, executive producer of the pageant, found himself under hostile verbal attack by some 20 contestants, parents, sponsors and guests.

The hostilities brewed and came to a peak on Wednesday afternoon when 10 of the contestants met at the home of contestant Jacqueline Harrington, 21, of Columbia, Md.

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Maurice "Hotrod" Hulbert

Baltimore dance theater debut see Showtime

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Mom, baby slain-aunt held

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Suit filed to save 100,000 black voters

Double slaying on Eastside

The police radio reported a double-shooting.

Police speeding to an Eastside address Tuesday, June 6, were greeted by a 31-year-old woman who handed them a 12-inch butcher knife.

Inside the house, police report they found the bodies of Ms. Denise Faulkner, 18, and her six das old son, Dante, who also lived in the 100 block Caroline St.

Ms. Faulkner found sitting in a reclining chair bleeding from her face and back of her head, was pronounced dead on the scene.

Her son, was on the floor next to the chair and taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital but died around 9:44 p.m.

The woman who met them at the door, Ms. Jeanette Higgins, 31, of the same address, has been charged with killing her niece and nephew.

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Top cop faces enemies, friends

HEARING TESTIMONY—Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and Major Edward Woods listen to witnesses at the City Council hearing on Pomerleau's re - appointment to a third six - year term.

(AFRO Photo by Robin McGinty)

By Ann Sagi
AFRO Staff Writer

The City Council heard testimony June 7 on the reappointment of Donald D. Pomerleau to his third consecutive six-year term as Baltimore Police Commissioner.

Thirty-eight people testified at what may have been the longest Council committee meeting in the past 20 years — 5:30 p.m. Wednesday to 1:45 a.m., June 8.

Opponents to the top cop's keeping his job included a U.S. congressman, a welfare rights spokesman, union officials, a state senator and a gay rights spokesman.

Pomerleau's supporters included the former special agent in charge of the Baltimore FBI, a deputy police commissioner, a deputy states attorney, a parking lot owner and a member of the Labor Party.

Mayor William Donald Schaefer submitted Pomerleau's name to the City Council May 22. The Executive Nominations Committee, chaired by Second District Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke, met as a Committee of the Whole to hear testimony from city residents.

Pomerleau's controversial nomination comes after the Mayor for the first time in 100 years has the power to appoint the police commissioner.

The Council chamber was packed to capacity with witnesses, spectators and many Baltimore city police officers in dress blue uniforms.

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Phil Smith wants to halt voter purge

A black candidate for sheriff of Baltimore City, Phillip Smith, has asked the Circuit Court to prevent the board of the Supervisors of Elections from robbing 100,000 black voters of their right to vote in the September primary election.

Smith, a retired police detective of 23 years service filed his candidacy on June 2 to oppose the incumbent George Freeberger.

In his suit against the elections board, filed today (Friday) in circuit court, Smith said that the state law which allows the board to perge voters is unconstitutional.

Under Article 33 of the annotated code of Maryland the Election Board can remove the name of any voter who has not voted in the last five years.

Deputy clerk of the Elections Board, Eugene Rainer, said that 58,000 voters have been notified that they have been dropped from voter registration rolls.

Smith, who operates a York Road private investigation agency said in his motion that voters have a constitutional right not to vote for candidates or on issues if they are not satisfied with those candidates or issues.

"To deny them a right to vote because they exercise a constitutional right is a violation of the constitution," Smith declared.

The candidate said the state law which allows the wholesale elimination of voters, is designed to exclude blacks from the political process.

Smith is asking the circuit court to issue an injunction against the Elections Board which will prevent it from perging the voter registration rolls.

Smith said the law adversly effects mostly black voters and since he (Smith) is black the law also adversely effects his candidacy because he expects widespread support from the black community.

No hearing date has been set on the complaint field by Smith who is represented by Nelson Kandel, attorney, but Smith is asking for an early hearing because he said "the campaign is already in process."

Wrenn resigns UM post

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Curtis L. Wrenn, the highest ranking black administrator in the history of University Hospital in Baltimore, is leaving as of June 30.

Hired after a long search for a qualified person and following taxpayers' grave concern over discrimination at the hospital, Wrenn came to the post in 1976 as "one of the best regardless of race."

However, this vacating the position after such a short time is under mysterious circumstances.

Curtis L. Wrenn

When reach by phone by the AFRO Wednesday, Dr. Albin Kuhn, chancellor of the University of Maryland and its highest official, said, "Mr. Wrenn has been planning to leave for some time. He's been here about two years. I am not involved in personnel operations."

Dr. Kuhn refused any additional information.

Just as silent was Bruce McFadden, University Hospital director to whom Wrenn was assistant.

Repeatedly McFadden said, "You may make inquiry of Mr. Wrenn.

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Ministers want black slice of United Way pie

By Fred Hines
AFRO Staff Writer

Rev. Marion Bascom, speaking on behalf of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, asked the board of United Way Tuesday, June 6 to form a black charity that would get a guaranteed percentage of United Way's funds every year.

He said such an organization, that could be called the "Inner - City Associated Charities" would guarantee that minority controlled agencies would be granted United Way of Central Maryland funds.

"We propose the development of an entity to be called 'Inner - City Associated Charities' with membership in the United Way, enjoying all of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities consistent with that of the Associated Jewish Charities and the Associated Catholic Charities," Bascom said.

Bascom only asked that the board approve the concept of his proposal. Thus, after some brief discussion, the board voted by voice consent to approve the concept and said it would be put in the long range committee for further study.

If the long range committee votes to implement Bascom's proposal, the black charity would be similar to the United Black Fund in Washington, D.C. The United Black Fund is part of United Way and receives a percentage of the funds raised by United Way every year.

When asked after the meeting what he would do if United Way did not implement his proposal, Bascom said, "The only thing I can do with United Way is to trust them until they do otherwise."

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NAACP to hear Swisher, Keating

State's attorney William Swisher and Anton J. S. Keating, who is opposing Swisher in the September Democratic primary election, are scheduled to appear at the Baltimore NAACP's June membership meeting next week.

Swisher and Keating will comment on "issues and stands," according to a NAACP news release.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church, 833 N. Bond St. The public is invited.

Talented teen finals Sunday

Miss Laverne Whitt, Miss Talented Teen Maryland 1977, will relinquish her crown when the 8th Annual Miss Talented Teen Maryland international pageant is held Sunday, June 11, 5 p.m., at the downtown Holiday Inn, 301 W. Lombard St.

Fifteen semi - finalists competing for the title of Miss Talented Teen Maryland will be judged in three categories: appearance, personality and achievement, and talent.

The seven finalist with the highest accumulation of points will have the opportunity to participate in the question and answer segment. The state winner will compete in international competition July 29 in Hollywood, California.

The contestants' first activity will be a Friday night dinner at the Holiday Inn, then off to a movie to view "Thank God It's Friday," sponsored by by Archway Ford's Bob Matthews, sales manager. Saturday night will be a "getting to Know You" gathering with parents, sponsors, and friends of the talented teen pageant and finals Sunday in the ballroom.

Contestants are Wanda Nesmith, Leatrice Coleman, Rana Williams, Valencia Emanuel, Jona Smith, LaDawn Williams, Detra Addison, Crystal Conigland, Shawn Coleman, Edith Ashell, Griselda Culler, Kimberely Artis, Tracy Johnson, Bridget George, Artense Lewis.

Pinnie L. Ross is executive director, coordinator; Marti Franklin, associate director; Travis Winkey, assistant director; Mentora Thompson, public relations.

For ticket information, call Pinnie Ross at the Holiday Inn after 3 p.m. Friday, 685-3500 or Travis Winkey, 523-7855.

Laverne Whitt
Miss Talent Teen 1977

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