# Happy day for U. of B. graduates

BIG STEP—U of B Law School graduate J. Randall Carroll hugs proud mom, Helen, after commencement ceremonies recently held at the Lyric. Mr. Carroll is a resident of Roslyn Avenue in Baltimore.

## 10 get law degrees

The University of Baltimore School of Law recently awarded 274 Juris Doctor degrees during its 1978 commencement ceremonies at the Lyric Theatre.

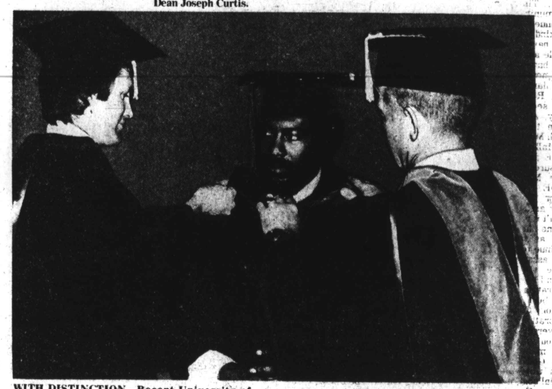
Benjamin Civiletti, United States deputy attorney general, delivered the keynote address on "The Hidden Responsibilities of the Private and Public Lawyer."

Out of the 274 law school students, 10 are black. They are Claudine Allen, Sheila Brooks, Randolph Carroll, Percy Clay, Erica Cryor, Charles H. Davis, Barry Dillon, David Moore, Barbara Porter, and James Wilson.

According to University of Baltimore spokesman J.C. Shay, the 52 year - old institution is one of 25 upper division schools in the United States that accepts no freshmen or sophomores in its undergraduate school.

The school has an enrollment of approximately 5,300 students, according to Shay.

AT LAST—Ms. Claudine Allen of East Baltimore Street receives her degree from U of B Law School Dean Joseph Curtis.



WITH DISTINCTION—Recent University of Baltimore Law School graduate Percy Clay, of Greenhill Avenue, receives help with his hood by U of B professors Charles A. Rees (left) and Robin Goodenough (right) after commencement exercises held at the Lyric. See story and pictures inside.

# Black women legislators not invited to serve on committee

The only three black women serving in the Maryland Legislature were not invited to serve on a special committee that will be participating in the National ERA march scheduled for July 9 in Washington, D.C.

Sen. Verda Welcome, and Dels. Hattie Harrison and Lena K. Lee said they are angry because the Maryland National Organization for Women (NOW) and its Ad Hoc Committee for the July 9 March did not ask them to serve on a honorary committee for Maryland Elected Women.

"We weren't asked," Sen. Welcome told the AFRO. "Is it because we're not women? We're all interested in the ERA, not that we would have participated in the march, but we should have been given the option of saying yes or no."

The march, scheduled on the first anniversary of Alice Paul's death is the largest march ever held in support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Mrs. Paul was the author of the ERA amendment which was first introduced in Congress in 1923.

To date 35 states have ratified the amendment which must be approved before March 22, 1979.

Del. Harrison, who was aware of the march from Maryland NOW said that she is not pleased that they (the black female legislators) were not asked to serve on the committee adding "it was not the proper thing to do."

Del. Lee who helped push the divorce bill through the House in the waning hours of the 1978 General Assembly and is a champion of women's rights, could not be reached for comment but associates said she too was "very upset."

The honorary committee of the Maryland Elected Women include Sen. Rosalie S. Abrams; Dels. Bert Booth, Helen L. Koss, Lucille Maurer, Pauline H. Menes; Reps. Barbara Mukulski and Gladays Spellman and Anne Arundel County Councilwoman Anne Stockett.

Sen. Welcome said when she called Dianne Madoni coordinator of the Ad Hoc committee, Ms. Madoni told her not asking the three black female legislators was "an oversight."

"She said the committee was formed on the spur of the moment and no thought at all was given to asking us," she said.

Sen. Welcome said both the committee representatives and Maryland NOW apologized to the legislators for the xversight.

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# Fast food tax goes into effect July 1

ANNAPOLIS — A new law that goes into effect July 1 will tax fast food restaurant customers for any purchase of over $1.

The law was passed by the 1978 General Assembly to make up for money lost through new utility rate breaks.

Previously, foor purchases of $1 or more which were eaten in a fast food restaurant were subject to the percent state sales tax, but those ordered as "carry out" and consumed off the premises were not taxed.

Under the new law, carry out food costing more than $1 also will be subject to taxation.

State Comptroller Louis Goldstein said Wednesday he has notified all fast food vendors of how to implement the new law.

Restaurants and fast food outlets with facilities for the consumption of food and no substantial grocery or market business will collect the tax on all food sales of more than $1, Goldstein said.

He said businesses which have facilities for the consumption of food on the premises and do at least 10 percent of their business from grocery sales will collect the sales tax only on food consumed on the premises.

He also added the sales tax also will be levied on any food sold within an enclosure for which admission is charged, and on catered food.

The money from the sales tax on carry out food will be used to repay the state treasury for money lost from another bill passed by the 1978 General Assembly.

The second law eliminates the sales tax on fuel rate adjustment clauses in utility bills. Utility companies use the fuel rate adjustment to pass on to customers increases in the cost of fuel.


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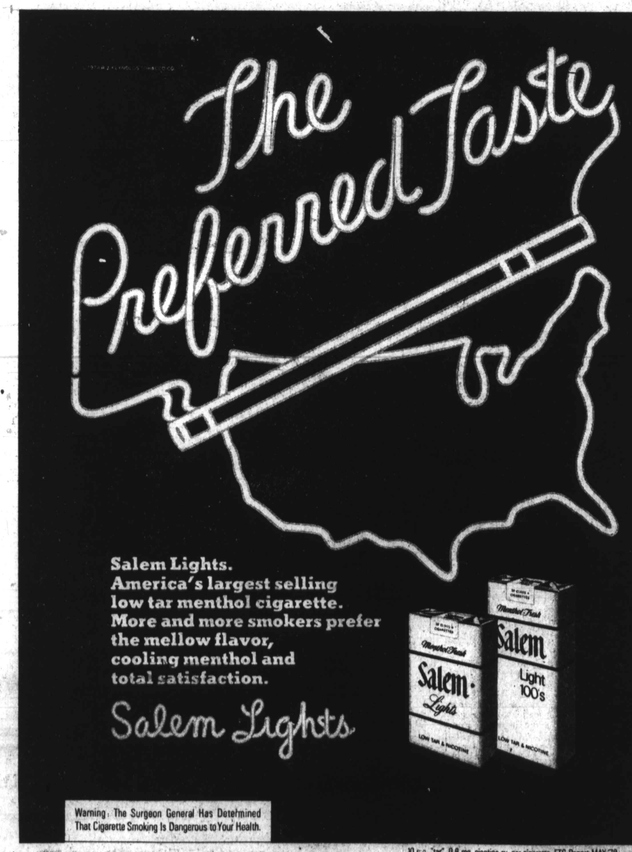


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# Twins inducted into national honorary society

Sharon Natalie and Karen Stephanie Wilson, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Merriman (Delores Sander) Wilson have been selected to be enrolled in the Society of Distinguished American High School Students. This is the nation's leading high school honorary society. Each year high school principals across the country assist the Society in recognizing and rewarding America's most distinguished students. This honor is one of the highest that can be bestowed upon students, and is representative of the superior scholarship, as well as the leadership they have demonstrated in school and civic activities.

The twins will be featured in the 1978 edition of the yearbook of The Society of Distinguished American High School Students. This registry is a permanent means of recognizing their high scholastic achievements and membership in the SOCIETY.

The Wilson twins are both majoring in Foreign Languages and were outstanding students at Northwestern High School and graduated from there recently. They both plan to enter college in September to major in Foreign Languages.

The young ladies have another sister, Michaelle, a student at Towson State College and a brother, Scott Derrick, a student at Polytechnic Institute.

Sharon and Stephanie are the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. John (Delores Clayton) Sanders and Mrs. Bettie O. McKesson.

The family members attend the New Shiloh Baptist Church where the Rev. Harold A. Carter is pastor.

Miss Karen Wilson

Miss Sharon Wilson

## Floral basket workshop

The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation will hold a workshop on Hanging Baskets and Window Boxes on Wednesday morning, June 28, July 5 and 12, from 9-11 a.m. The workshop will include appropriate plant materials for each type of container, care of plants, and treatment of diseases. Participants must supply their own containers.

For further information and registration forms, please contact Mrs. Elizabeth L. Merryman, 396-5642 or 396-5649, or write to her at the Bureau of Recreation, 1129 N. Calvert St., 21202.

## "Miss Inner City" to be chosen

The third annual "Miss Inner City" pageant will be held at the grand ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Hotel on July 23 from 2-5 p.m. The contest is co-sponsored by St. James Teen Centers and Urban Services Agency.

The female contestants will range from 15 to 19 years of age, be single high school students with no dependents and must have maintained a grade average of no less than 80.

Each contestant will be judged in two types of dress: bathing suits and evening dresses. They will also be judged on their scholastic achievement, talent and poise.

All contestants are residents of an inner city community and affiliated with one of the following organizations: Urban Services Community Center, St. James Teen Center, Operation Champ, Cultural Arts Project, Direct Search for Talent or any other community oriented youth center.

The woman crowned "Miss Inner City" will receive scholarship aid in the amount of $250 which will be given upon entrance into a liberal arts college, professional or business school.

First runner-up will be given a $100 savings bond and the second runner-up a $75 savings bond.

For information about tickets call 225-7100.

## Catonsville Notes

By Liz Williams

Congratulations to the William C. March Funeral Home Inc., upon the dedication and opening of its new funeral home at 1101 E. North Ave., The Catonsville community wishes you continued success with the kind of services that you have given to the people and the work that you have done in the Baltimore community.

William and his lovely wife, Roberta, president and secretary respectively, are LFDE in addition to their children, Erich March and Cynthia M. Malloy, who are both LFDE and manager and treasurer respectively. Gary March is also a LFDE. Annette and Victor March serve in other areas.

Isn't it wonderful to see a fine family business such as this. May God continue to bless you and your associates.

The Catonsville community extends congratulations to their neighbor, St. Bernadine Catholic Church upon the celebration of its 50th anniversary. This church, as you know, has undrr gone many changes, but with God's will, it has been able to survive. Special congratulations to Father Edward Miller and Father Maurice Blackwell who have a shared ministry at the church.

Under their leadership, the membership has increased from 200 to over 750. Both priests are 31 years old and live in the community. In fact, they call their church, "A Community Church" because they serve the community at all times, regardless of the day or the hour.

Continued success to the priests and to the members of St. Bernadine. Many of you in the community may have heard this choir when it recently visited Grace AME Churches.

Happenings at Grace AME - The Usher Board No. 2 will celebrate its anniversary on June 25th. The Mass of Williams Taylor Lodge No. 37 will worship at the same day at the 8 a.m. service. Continue to remember Emma Ridgeridge, Mabel Randall, Marie Young, Robert Sideout, Ruby Morris, Janet Hudson, Mary Williams and all of the other known sick and shut - ins.

Congratulations to the members of the Douglass High School Class of 1953, who recently celebrated their 40th anniversary last weekend. The reunion began with a dance which was held at La Fontaine Rouge which was attended by over 200 former graduates and friends. Over 100 persons attended the memorial services at Morning Star Baptist Church last Sunday. The group meets once a year at the same time at Morning Star because its 1953 class president, the Rev. Gentry McDonald is the pastor.

He has been the class president for all these many years. The group has been meeting monthly for over 20 yrs. It has given over $2,000.00 in scholarships to graduates at Douglass High.

In addition to Rev. McDonald, the other officers are: Catherine Tucker - corresponding secretary, class secretary Dorothy Johnson, treasurer Audrey Carter Taylor, Hilda Ringgold was the one at the Friday nite affair. Each year two worthy students receive a scholarship. Students are selected by the school.

The Forsetters Circle at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, Catonsville, is presenting "The MacFarland Singers in concert on Sunday June 25 at 4 p.m. Try not to miss this exciting young group. Mrs. E. Dardan - chairperson, Mrs Vera Hemon - co - chairperson and the Rev. James L. Harris, pastor. Call 747 - 2884 or 747 - 5439 for further information.

Congratulations to the following graduates: Cecelia Ann Johnson, daughter of Paul and Muriel Johnson who finished Park School, Myra Russell, daughter of Frank and Sally Russell who graduated from Southwester High School, and WinstonGriner, the son of John and Alethia Griner of Halethorpe, who recently finished McHarry Medical School. Please send in the names of all known graduates. We want all of them to know how proud we are of all of them.

The No Name Art Club sponsored a "Pantry Shower" for a very deserving family in the Murphy Housing Complex, recently. Arrangements were made with the family by Mrs. Bradley Alston, Social Service Director of the Housing Authority of Balto., City. Officers of the charity club are: Nellie Watts - president, Lendora Houston - vice president. Other officers and members are: Melain Cooper, Virginia Garnell, Mabel Williams, Ethel Middleton, Mary West Miller, John Boulden, Gladys Brown, Cornelia Cooper, Beatrice Epps, Viola German and Ella Rowe.

Congratulations to the No Name Art Club for services rendered to the community. Wouldn't it be nice if all groups could perform such a service? God has blessed so many of us during the years and it would be great if we could share these blessings with others who are less fortunate.

Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, held its Jubilee Dance last Friday at Martin's West. It was a beautiful event which was enjoyed by sorors, their husbands, and guests. It was discovered, when we were leaving that someone or more had removed all four wheels from Joe and Norma Bracey's New Mark IV which was on the parking lot, along with many other cars. I would not have believed it unless I had seen it. All four wheels had been removed and the car was actually setting on the frame of her car body. Despite the late hour, many friends stayed with Bracey's while the police were making the investigation.

Congratulations to Steven Flint, son of James and Vera Flint, who graduated recently from Mt. St. Joseph High. He is listed in Who's Who Among High School Students, a member of the Society of distinguished High School Students and served as a member of the Governor's Youth Advisory Council. Steven plans to attend Towson State University in the fall.

Congratulations also to Steven's cousin, Mark Bennett, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett (Patricia) of Cambridge, Mass., who graduated from St. Paul School in Concord, N.H. Mark plans to enter Harvard in the fall.

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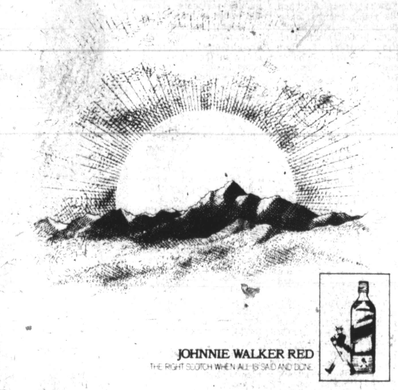

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