Amazing Rono cracks 4th mark, now wants a fifth

Maybe Henry Rono will run out of races to win, eventually.

The amazing Kenyan set a world record for 3,000 meters Tuesday in Oslo, Norway. It was his fourth world distance mark in two months.

No sooner had he emerged from the shower than he announced his intention to add the 2,000 meters to his collection.

In Tuesday's 3,000, Rono was clocked in 7:32.1 to shave 3.1 seconds off the four - year - old record held by Brito- Brendan Foster, thanks to a storming last lap of 57.5.

Rono, a student at Washington State University, also holds the 3,000 meter steeplechase, 5,000 and 10,000 meters world records.

The current 2,000 meters world record was set by New Zealand's John Walker in 4:51.4 in 1975. Shortly after Rono's announcement, Walker said in New Zealand that he is withdrawing from the Commonwealth Games, scheduled this fall in Canada.

"With special practice over the 2,000, I think I can now beat Walker's record," said Rono.

Rono also said he thought he could get the 3,000 record down to about 7:29.0 if he started faster. He said he had hoped to run the first 1,500 in 3:45.0 but he only managed 3:48.0 because of the "slow" pace.

But the Kenyan's amazing last lap brought him the record and opened an eight - second gap over his fellow countryman Suleiman Nyambui, who finished second. American Marty Liquori finished seventh, 25 seconds off the pace.

New softball team unique

Each Sunday afternoon, the newly organized Neighborhood Softball Team holds forth at Hanlon Park.

Games, played only for community fun and under a strict moral code, begin at 2 o'clock. They involve men, women and children.

Team officials make it clear that anyone is welcome to join the activities.

Committee members are Cleve, Joe Ann and Michelle Bordley, Beverly Brown, Darnell Stewart, Brian Woodus, Howard Richards, Richard Buster, Chucky Wilson and Olivia Brown.

Future plans include cook-outs and picnics in addition to softball, according to Cleve Bordley.

Larry Holmes tours abroad

NEW YORK (UPI) — World Boxing Council champion Larry Holmes left the United States Sunday night for a week's tour of Africa and Europe, it was disclosed Monday.

Holmes, accompanied by his manager and trainer Richard Giachetti and promoter Don King, made a brief stop in Frankfurt, West Germany before arriving in Tunis Monday, where he was the guest of the African Boxing Association.

He moved on to Paris Wednesday, where he will hold a press conference.

Former MVP Cepeda begins prison term

EGLIN AFB, Fla. (UPI) — Former major league baseball star Orlando Cepeda began serving a five-year federal prison stretch Monday for trying to smuggle marijuana into the United States.

Cepeda, who batted .298 and slugged 378 home runs during his 15 years in the big leagues, arrived at the Eglin Air Force Base's minimum - security prison camp Monday afternoon. He also must pay a $10,000 fine.

Prison superintendent Joseph Petrovsky said the 41 - year - old former National League all - star faces three weeks of diagnostic tests before he is assigned a job at the camp, which houses about 500 inmates.

Cepeda was sentenced in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Dec. 16, 1976. He remained free on bond while he appealed the conviction and sentence unsuccessfully. In May, U.S. District Judge Herman C. Pesquera gave Cepeda a month to put his affairs in order and report to the prison camp.

Cepeda earned rookie of the year honors in 1958 with the San Francisco Giants. In 1967 he was named the National League's most valuable player as a first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Dundalk star picks Bucknel

LEWISBURG, Pa. — Steve Wynn, a two - year football letterman and a first team All - County selection as both a running back and a defensive back at Dundalk High School, has decided to further his education at Bucknell University, Bison head football coach Bob Curtis has announced.

Wynn, who played both positions in a high school career, that also included honorable mention on both All-Metro and All-State teams in both is junior and senior years, will join the Bison grid training camp in Lewisburg in August. He will enroll in Bucknell's College of Arts and Sciences as a business administration major.

He also lettered in both basketball and track at Dundalk, averaging 22 points per game and earning honorable mention All - County laurels on the basketball court, and winning the county 200 meter dash in 22.2.

Steve is the son of Samuel and Willie Lee Wynn of Carver Road in Baltimore.

Summaries of 63rd Junior Muny track meet

Youngsters throughout the area converged on the Lake Clifton High School stadium last weekend for the annual Bureau of Recreation Municipal Games with the following results:

BOYS 8 - 9 YEARS

50 YARD DASH — 1st: Reggie Logan - New Carrollton; 2nd: Telvis Epps - Ed Waters; 3rd: Walter Hill - Ed Waters.

220 YARD RELAY — 1st: Ed Water Club - Foster Lompkins, Walter Hill, Telvis Epps, Gerald Garder; 2nd: New Carrollton; 3rd: Lake Street.

STANDING LONG JUMP — 1st: Anthony Roulhac - Bay Brook; 2nd: Reggie Logan - New Carrollton; 3rd: Walter Hill - Ed Waters Track Club.

SOFTBALL THROW — 1st: Darryl Crosby - Walbrook; 2nd: James Johnson - Irvington; 3rd: Fernadez Holden Caroline County

GIRLS 8 - 9 YEARS

50 YARD DASH — 1st: ReShell Chaplin - Ed Waters; 2nd: Renee Johnson - Ed Waters; 3rd: Cynthia Fikes - Ilchester.

STANDING LONG JUMP — 1st: Renee Johnson - Ed. Waters; 2nd: Cynthia Fikes - Ilchester; 3rd: Marsha McCoy - Unattached.

SOFTBALL THROW — 1st: Laura Carper - New Carrollton; 2nd: Stacey Nichols - Caroline County; 3rd: Shaconda Ames - Walbrook.

BOYS 10 - 11 YEARS

75 YARD DASH — 1st: William Johnson - Lake Street; 2nd: Timothy Styles - Laue Street; 3rd: Danny - Armstead - New Carrollton.

100 YARD DASH — 1st: Kelly Little - Ilchester Optimist; 2nd: Elmer Davis - Lake Street Striders; 3rd: Frantz Kebreau - New Carrollton.

440 Yard RELAY — 1st: Lake Street - Elmer Davis, Timmy Styles; 2nd: New Carrollton; 3rd: Ilchester Optimist.

RUNNING LONG JUMP — 1st: Kelly Little - Ilchester Optimist; 2nd: Danny Armstead - New Carrollton; 3rd: Frantz Kebreau - New Carrollton.

GIRLS 10 - 11 YEARS

75 YARD DASH — 1st: Trina Styles - Lake Street; 2nd: Pamela Griffin - Lake Street; 3rd: Theresa Gilmor - Guilford.

100 YARD DASH — 1st: Ladorya Brumell - Caroline County; 2nd: Rosetta Durant - Ed Waters; 3rd: M. McKutmfon Essien - Ralph Young Rec.

RUNNING LONG JUMP — 1st: Ladonya Brummell - Caroline County; 2nd: Donna Patterson - New Carrollton; 3rd: Rosetta Durant - Ed Waters.

BOYS 12 - 13 YEARS

100 YARD DASH — 1st: Antonio Kebreau - New Carrollton; 2nd: Evan Booker - Ed Waters; 3rd: Lamont Fields - Lake Street.

220 YARD DASH — 1st: Mike Bradycamp - New Carrollton; 2nd: Terry Booker - Ed Waters; 3rd: Ottis Hubbard - Caroline County.

440 YARD RELAY — 1st: Walbrook - Ricky Clark, David Hall, Eric Green, Eugene Christopher; 2nd: Lake Street; 3rd: New Carrollton.

RUNNING LONG JUMP — 1st: Howard Rogers - Ed Waters; 2nd: Evan Booker - Ed Waters; 3rd: Tamilia Antoine - Ilchester Optimist.

HIGH JUMP — 1st: Thomas Jones; 2nd: Brian Eshn; 3rd: Derick Auby.

GIRLS 12 - 13 YEARS

100 YARD DASH — 1st: Darlene Seth - CCYC; 2nd: Eleanor Franklin - Gazelles; 3rd: Stephanie Perry - Ilchester.

220 YARD DASH — 1st: Lisham Holt - Northern Parkway; 2nd: Michelle Thomas - Martin Luther King Rec.; 3rd: Yolanda Johnson - Ilchester Optimist.

440YARD RELAY — 1st: Walbrook - Christian Scott, Denna Rogers, Frances Crosby, Lisa Scott; 2nd: Winston; 3rd: Lake St.

RUNNING LONG JUMP — 1st: Darlene Seth - Caroline County; 2nd: Yolandra Johnson - Ilchester Optimist; 3rd: Connie Hitchock - Gazelles.

HIGH JUMP — 1st:- Carmela Bolden - CYC; 2nd: Erika Riggs - Ilchester; 3rd: Sheila Gattis - Lake St.

BOYS 14 - 15 YEARS

100 YARD DASH — 1st: Malcolm Pittman - Ed Waters; 2nd: Jeffrey Brown - Ed Waters; 3rd: Derrick Hastey - Ed Waters.

220 YARD DASH — 1st: Paul Brown - Baltimore Suns; 2nd; Derrak Walton - Baltimore Suns; 3rd: David Carrot - Rognel Heights.

440 YARD DASH — 1st: James Scott - Ed Waters Track Club; 2nd: Loren Douglass - Ed Waters; 3rd: Leslie Wright - Lake Street.

440YARD RELAY — 1st: Ed Waters; Malcolm Pittman, William Jones, Loren Douglas, James Scott; 2nd: Balto. Suns; 3rd: Lake Street.

880 YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1st: Ed Waters Track Club - Derrick Hasten, Linwood Clark Jeffrey Brown, David Thompson; 2nd: Guilford; 3rd: Baltimore Suns.

RUNNING LONG JUMP — 1st: Lester Wright - Lake Street; 2nd: Jay Diamond - Unattached; 3rd: Derek Walton - Balto. Suns.

HIGH JUMP — 1st: Bob Smith - Lake Street; 2nd Desmond Downing - Unattached; 3rd: Paul Scott - De Wees.

8 LB SHOT PUT — 1st: Andy Streng - Unattached; 2nd: John Prattis - CCYC; 3rd: Francis Federce - Winston School.

GIRLS 14 - 15 YEARS

100 YARD DASH — 1st: Jackie Mowatt - Ed. Waters; 2nd: Stephanie Jordan - Ed Waters; 3rd: Tammy Hammond - Lake St.

220YARD DASH — 1st: Dawna Ross - Ed Waters; 2nd: Sheree Jeffers - Baltimore Suns; 3rd: Disha Jones - Gazelles.

440 YARD DASH — 1st: Stephanie Cooper Ed Waters; 2nd: Natalie West - Ed Waters; 3rd: Faye Lewis - Baltimore Suns.

440 YARD RELAY — 1st: Ed Waters: Jackie Mowatt, Natalie West, Stephanie Jordan, Sharlene Johnson; 2nd: Gazelles; 3rd: New Carrollton.

880 YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1st: Ed Waters: Yvette Stith, Donna Ross, Yvette Halford, Stephanie Cooper; 2nd: Baltimore Suns.

RUNNING LONG JUMP — 1st: Tommy Hammond - Lake St.; 2nd: Cordia Brown - Gazelles; 3rd: Alecia Jones - Gazelles.

HIGH JUMP — 1st: Karen Ashley - CCYC; 2nd: Gladys Powell - Flag House; 3rd: - Sheree Jeppers - Baltimore Suns.

8 LB. SHOT PUT — 1st: Robin Coleman - CCYC; 2nd: Tia Purvey - Martin Luther King; 3rd; Tracee Barnes - Baltimore Sun.

BOYS 16 - 17 YEARS

220 YARD DASH — 1st: Anthony Adams - Ed Waters; 2nd: Alonzo Briddell - Lake Street; 3rd: John Mitchell - Lake Street.

440YARD DASH — 1st: Guy Goodwin - Ed Waters; 2nd: Tom Griffin - Lake Street; 3rd: Robert Poole - Balto. Suns.

880 YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1st: Ed Waters - Anthony Adams, Rodney Reed, Guy Goodwin, Clifton Meston; 2nd: Balto. Suns.

RUNNING LONG JUMP — 1st: Joshua Mitchell - Lake Street; 2nd: Brian Collins - Harlem Park; 3rd: Paul Whetstone - Flag House.

HIGH JUMP — 1st: Robert Poole - Balto. Suns; 2nd: David Moody - Cherry Hill Rec.; 3rd: Victor McPherson - balto. Suns.

8 LB. SHOT PUT — 1st: Donald Outing - Ed Waters; 2nd: Shawn Robinson - Walter P. Carter Rec.; 3rd: Rudolph Brown - Walter P. Carter Rec. GIRLS 16 - 17 YEARS

220 YARD DASH — 1st: Darlene Jefferson - Ed Waters; 2nd: Rachel Clary - Ed. Waters; 3rd: Gwendolyn Wright - Lake Street.

440 YARD DASH — 1st: Michelle Cornish - Ed Waters; 2nd: Pat Milbourne - Balto. Suns; 3rd: Pat Walker - Ed Waters.

880 YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1st: Ed Waters - Rachel Claig, Terry Conaway, Darlene Jefferson, Shannon Johnson; 2nd: Balto. Suns; 3rd: Ed Waters.

RUNNING LONG JUMP — 1st: Rachel Clary - Ed Waters; 2nd: Gwen Wright - Lake Street; 3rd: Kim Jones - Baltimore Suns.

HIGH JUMP + 1st: Pat Milbourne - Baltimore Suns.

8 LB. SHOT PUT — 1st: Carol Brown - Balto. Suns; 2nd: Gwendolyn Weathers - Balto. Sun; 3rd: Sharon Green - Balto. Sun.

ARTHUR Ashe ousted in first round

Loss of tourch sends Ashe to earliest Wimbledon exit

WIMBLEDON, Eng.— The famed touch which had served him so magnificently in the past, deserted Arthur Ashe Tuesday and the slender Virginian dropped his first round match at Wimbledon.

Ashe, who had never lost before the third round of the all England tennis championships, and was the 1975 champion, fell in a gruelling 5-set match to Steve Docherty of Portland, Main, 8-9, 9-8, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5, in the cool darkness of a distant court. The Five-hour match didn't end until shortly before 9 p.m. (4 p.m. EDT).

Docherty, a tall blond who is ranked 7th in the world, mastered Ashe once he got the measure of the former champion's serve, and it was Ashe's ground game which finally let him down.

Ashe's touch deserted him at crucial points, including 10 double faults to only four for Docherty.

Ashe had his service broken at love in the 11th game of the final set.

Docherty edged Ashe by breaking Ashe's serve in the 11th game of the final set.

"I did everything I could to win and it didn't work," Ashe said of the crucial game. "I got three first services in and he hit three good returns."

"It's a pretty big blow," said Ashe, who was seeded 13th. "You key your whole year around this tournament. There's nothing I can do about it now but come back and play next year."

As in all previous losses since returning from surgery, Ashe offered no alibi based on his physical condition.

Knick lure is set out for Marvin

True to earlier reports, the New York Knicks Wednesday dropped a line in their effort to lure Marvin Webster into the Madison Square Garden fold.

The affable 7 - foot center from Edmondson High — via Morgan State, the Atlantic Hawks, Denver Nuggets and Seattle SuperSonics — visited New York at the request of Knicks coach Willis Reed.

He and Reed were joined at dinner by Knicks president Mike Burke and general manager Eddie Donovan.

Speculation was expressed here two months ago, that Marvin would be made an offer by the Knicks as soon as he became a free agent. Webster's contract with the SuperSonics expired at the end of the title playoff against the Washington Bullets.

Because of a pressing need for a big center in New York, and because his former (Morgan) coach, Nat Frazier, was a Reed assistant, it was suspected that a half - million - dollar figure might be enough to open conversations.

Frazier has since left the Knicks and will be replaced by Bob Hopkins. Hopkins also was a former coach, having been in charge of the Seattle team of which Marvin was a member until he was replaced by Lenny Wilkins last November.

While Webster said he readily agreed to talk to the Knicks, he would make no decision until he had conferred with his ex - boss, Sam Schulman, of the Sonics. . .LACY.

WBC ignores Leon Spinks

The World Boxing Council leaves no doubt that it has put "the nix" to Leon Spinks, the heavyweight champion recognized by the rival World Boxing Association.

In rating the top (WBC) six heavyweights on Monday, the council completely ignored Spinks.

Larry Holmes, who defeated Ken Norton for the WBC version of the title on June 9, is recognized as champion and cited as "boxer of the month" for June.

Norton is ranked No. 1 among WBC contenders with Muhammad Ali (whom Spinks whipped) is No. 2.

Jimmy Young is rated No. 3, followed by Spain's Alfredo Evangelista (4) and Earnie Shavers (5).

$88.90/MO. CELICA GT

$88.90/mo. for 48 mos. Selling Price $5645. 2/5 Down Cash or Trade plus State Tax and registration ($229). Amount Financed $3387. Finance Charge $880.20. Deferred Payment $6525. Annual Percentage Rate 11.82.

5 Speed Over Drive, J/FM Stereo, Radials, Tachometer, Clock, Styled Wheels, U/Coat, Side Moldings, Much More. Over 50 In Stock.

BILL KIDD'S TIMONIUM TOYOTA-VOLVO

YORK ROAD AT WARREN ROAD COCKEYSVILLE

666-8900

NATIONAL LUMBER

SINCE 1919 EVERYTHING FOR BUILDING

• PLYWOOD • PANELING • CEILING TILE • FLOOR TILE • DOORS • INSULATION • KITCHEN CABINETS • HARDWARE • WINDOWS • SAKRETE • RAILROAD TIES • FENCING • REDWOOD

675-4740

OPEN 6 DAYS THURSDAY & FRIDAY TIL 8:30 P.M. SATURDAY TIL 5 P.M.

4901 PULASKI HWY. (at Monument St.)

"YOUR GRANDDAD WAS A SATISFIED CUSTOMER"

MacNaughton The lightest, smoothest Canadian you can buy.

EIGHTY PROOF - © 1975 SCHENLEY IMPORTS CO., N.Y., N.Y.,

MONARCH Lincoln-Mercury INC.

"Where The Customer Is King!"

• SALES • SERVICE • PARTS • LEASING

MERCURY LINCOLN

See Us For The Best Deal In Town! "The Total Transportation Team"

5525 BALTO. NATL. PIKE 1 Mile East Of Beltway Exit 15 East

744-4300

TUB & TILE RESURFACING SAVES MONEY

NU-GLAZE

BILLY BURGLAR SAYS

I am puttin' Quadlok on my doors. I don't want some thief rippin' off my loot!

QUADLOK STOPS 'EM

"Quadlok" is a totally new security lock for doors with the same positive action developed originally for bank vaults. Not one but four deadbolts, acting at once, lock the door at the top, bottom and both sides, eliminating the possibility of forced entry either through the lock or hinge. Yet you operate Quadlok with just one key.

CALL BALTIMORE QUADLOK DISTRIBUTORS

4300 GELSTON DRIVE BALTIMORE, MD. 21229

PHONE: (301) 945-3065

TRANSMISSION TROUBLES?

Summer Special TRANSMISSION TUNEUP Plus Parts $12.95

CREST AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION SERVICE FREE TOWING

4020 REISTERSTOWN RD.

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE CADET

18-20 years of age

$8,602 to $9,108

Walk-in Testing. Mon. thru Fri. For Additional Information Call:

396-2340 or 396-2341

Equal Employment Employer

Wes going after Verda's senate seat

See column 3

Politics '78 Who's running for what -page 32

Baltimore Afro-American

WE ARE IN OUR 86th YEAR

86th Year No. 94 LATE CITY EDITION

BALTIMORE, MD. JULY 8, 1978 30 CENTS ONE YEAR $17.00

'Gangster' Webster nailed

INNER HARBOR STAR — Olufummilay African Dance Company is one of hundreds of participants in the Baltimore Arts Festival at the Inner Harbor this weekend. See SHOWTIME.

Raid nets $22 G's, guns, suspected dope

Walter Roger Webster, 49, known as "Gangster" to his many friends and foes and one of the Avenue's most legendary figures, was arrested along with a 23-year-old female friend at dawn July 1 by city narcotics detectives in front of his residence in the 1600 block E. Madison St.

Walter "Gangster" Webster

1969 AFRO file photo

Armed with a search warrant police report they confiscated $22,402 in cash in the house along with a .22-caliber rifle and revolver and suspected drugs in tin foil packets.

Police identified the female friend as Ms. Victoria C. Wells, of the 400 block N. Aisquith St.

A search of Ms. Wells home also produced suspected drugs, police report.

This is the latest in a long series of misadventures for "Gangster."

In 1963, Webster dramatically won his freedom from a 20-year jail term for armed robbery when three other men finally confessed to the crime.

(Continued on Page 2)

AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz

COURAGEOUS — Shannel "Sunshine" Jones gets a hug from her mother, Nedra, at the little girl's second birthday party at University Hospital pediatrics clinic. Shannell has been in the hospital for the past eight months. See story Page 3.

End of the line?

Bay College's license revoked

The State Board for Higher Education voted 8-1-1 Thursday to withdraw the operating permit of the financially troubled Bay College of Baltimore.

The action taken by the Board to cancel the permit, which would force the school to close, will give Bay College officials 20 days in which to appeal the decision.

The recommendation to close the school was based on the report of a special evaluation task force that cited several financial and academic problems at the school.

The team report from "no evidence of an organized plan anywhere in the college community to bring Bay College back to respectability in fiscal affairs, academic affairs or student enrollment."

Thelma Cox, one of the Board members and Baltimore city school Region II superintendent, voted no against revoking Bay's operating permit.

(Continued on Page 2)

4-day downtown festival begins

The Baltimore Arts Festival kicked off a four-day celebration of the visual and performing arts July 6 with a cocktail party at the World Trade Center and special ceremonies by Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

Last night's events, titled "Moonlight and Music" were performed by members of the Baltimore Opera Company, the Maryland Ballet and members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

The Fire Bird Launch, the Heaven and Earthestre launched a five-part helium inflated 40-foot gold and mylar structure designed to break apart and lose five keys to the City of Baltimore. Finders should call '467 - 1814.

Tonight, (July 7), Baltimore Dance companies present a special program "Une Soiree de Danse" on a floating stage in the Inner Harbor at 8:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

The Baltimore Arts Festival last year attracted 75,000 visitors and is one of the largest urban arts free festivals in the nation.

The floating stage is opposite the ceremonial steps of the Maryland Academy of Sciences. Groups will perform here continuously through Sunday.

The lobby of the Maryland Academy of Sciences will host an invitational indoor painting and sculpture exhibit by nationally and internationally known artists who make their home in Baltimore.

Outdoor sculpture will be located around the promenade and one piece, a wind fountain, will be floated in the harbor.

A special parading pavilion hosts a display of crafts produced by 75 area artists.

Along the south shore is an open exhibition of original works by area artists. The works of 125 artists will be exhibited each day.

The Maryland Institute of Art will be holding painting, drawing and sculpture classes daily in Inner Harbor locations.

Food and refreshments, including seafood, Mexican food, delicatessen sandwiches, Belgian waffles, sangria and beer will be available.

The Baltimore Arts Festival was started 11 years ago with a three - fold purpose: to bring the arts out of the traditional environment for the public to enjoy at no charge; to showcase the work of talended local artists, and to promote activity in the downtown area.

For complete listings, See SHOWTIME

Dead from bullet in hip

Charles Mathew Eades, of 221 N. Fremont Ave., died in University Hospital after being shot in his home on July 4 at 11:22 p.m., police said.

What is strange about Eades' death is that police say he was shot in the hip and died two hours later at 1:30 a.m.

When police arrived at Eades' home Tuesday night he told them he had been shot when he answered the front door, but he did not give the name of the person who shot him, police said.

Eades said, according to the police report, that after he was shot he staggered back to the kitchen and then to the basement where he was later put on an ambulance stretcher.

Pettit expects united support

A. Dwight Pettit, at the midnight hour, becomes the strong black candidate many leaders were hoping for to do battle with incumbent William Swisher for the office of Baltimore city state's attorney.

Ironically, Pettit's last minute decision, some political observers say, just might assure Swisher of another term.

Pettit is also running against Anton Keating, a former state public defender. Keating, white, who has promised vigorous recruiting of black staff, had been building considerable support.

With Pettit in the race, the prognosis is that Keating will get the white liberal vote, Pettit will nab the black vote — and Swisher will squeak through to victory with the city's white ethnic vote as his winning base.

This possibility does not alarm Pettit.

He said there won't be a split in the black vote between him and

"Keating is a nice guy, but let's face it, what has he done?" he said. "One candidate (William Swisher) has not done a thing for black people and the other is not known to them.

"My credentials are good," Pettit said. "That's the reason I got support from the black leaders."

Pettit, who filed his candidacy July 3, told the AFRO he has received endorsement from Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, Sens. Verda Welcome, Clarence Bount, Robert Douglass, Del. John Douglass and Henry Parks, local sausage magnate and a leader of the Metro Democratic Organization.

Pettit said he expects more endorsements from other political leaders by early next week.

"A couple of black leaders indicated that if they couldn't endorse me they wouldn't endorse anyone," he said.

Pettit said he plans to run a strong city - wide campaign with emphasis on the black community.

"I'm going to be out there with the people," he said. "I plan to be in the churches, in the community centers and in the streets with the people."

Pettit also pledged to crack down on white collar crime, which he said does "as much to undermine the values of the community as murderers, muggers, drug pushers and

(Continued on Page 2)

Major league all stars

See sports

Sea-going thieves hit Inner Harbor

Stolen: one $23 G yacht

Modern day pirates struck the $1.6 million Inner Harbor Marina, stealing a $23,000 yacht from its marina berth over the July 4 weekend.

The yacht belonged to Elliott Meltzer, 43, of Cherry Hill, N.J., who docked the boat at the marina June 27 then returned home, police reports say.

Meltzer returned June 29 to fuel the 20-year-old boat and then went back to New Jersey, according to the marina registration log.

On July 4, Meltzer returned to the marina to discover his 36-foot-boat had been stolen. Meltzer told the marina staff that he had left his keys in the boat in an unhidden place, according to Ken Wilson, who is in charge of the marina.

Wilson said it was unusual for someone to fuel a boat five days before they needed it.

"If I need fuel, the logical time to fill it up is before I go out," he said.

Charles Flouhr, who manages the marina, said that he did not know how the yacht was stolen and that it had been the first such incident in the marina's history.

"Everybody does the best they can," Flouhr told the AFRO, in regard to preventing theft. "But every marina has burglaries and once in awhile a boat disappears."

Flourhr said yacht stealing is common in some places in the country. "It is not as hard to get away with as you may think," he said, "down South in Florida it happens just about everyday."

But despite the theft Kenneth O. Wilson, who took over management of the 158 - slip narina earlier this year, said the facility has been doing very well and he has overcome criticism of his inexperience in running a marina.

"The marina is going crazy, it's filled every weekend," he said. "We had nothing but bad publicity — that it wouldn't work in the Inner Harbor, that I wasn't qualified. And now it's more of a success than anyone, even I, imagined."

Critics had charged that Wilson was awarded the contract because he was black and had influential friends, and that he had no experience in running such a facility.

The marina has 50 "transient" slips reserved for those boaters who only plan to stay overnight or for a few days.

The other 108 slots are reserved for boats based at the marina the year round, and they are, according to Wilson, almost booked solid.

He has Metro's blessing

Wes Ivey challenges Sen. Welcome in 40th

The Metro Democratic Organization, under the leadership of businessman William L. "Little Willie" Adams, has selected a West Baltimore civic leader to run against Sen. Verda Welcome in the upcoming Democratic primary race for the State Senate in the 40th Legislative District.

Western W. Ivey, president of the Park Heights Civic Association, filed to seek election for the State Senate post Monday, thus answering a question that has plagued political experts for the last several months: who will try to unseat Verda Welcome?

(Continued on Page 2)

Wes Ivey