Attracting business

Agency tries to 'sell' state

Herbert B. Cahan says he hopes the Chesapeake Bay seafood industry will sell Maryland's name to potential investors the way it sells clams, oysters and hardshell crabs.

As Secretary of Economic and Community Development, Cahan heads a $10 million a year, 300-person department charged with everything from convincing Japanese automobile companies to use the port of Baltimore, to acquiring and developing the original site of Maryland's first settlement at St. Mary's City.

Like nearby Virginia and many other states, Maryland maintains a trade office in Brussels, Belgium.

But while Virginia Gov. John N. Dalton was touring Europe recently to lure industry to his state, Maryland officials were quietly at work setting up a trade mission on the opposite side of the world in Tokyo.

Cahan said the competition between Maryland and Virginia — and between most states — for new industry and business is ferocious. He said he attended a recent meeting in Bern, Switzerland, where representatives from more than 30 states met with about 100 Swiss industrialists, each vying for the opportunity to bring the Swiss business stateside.

Appointed in January by Acting Gov. Blair Lee III, Cahan has spent his first six months in office shaping the direction of Maryland's economic development effort.

When he replaced Joseph G. Anastasi, who resigned last fall, Cahan said he found a Department without a clear direction.

"It was quite evident there was never any strategy developed on which to build a program," he said.

The economic development strategy, detailed in a series of documents unveiled by Cahan and Lee in mid-May, was the first step. He said his assistants are now at work trying to determine, line-by-line, how the plan can be implemented.

One aspect of the plan is to let the popular Chesapeake Bay seafood industry help sell the state.

"Apparently, we can sell all the seafood the Bay produces," he said. "We want that industry to promote the state."

The department may need all the help it can get, because its $10 million budget — about $2 million of which is earmarked for economic development — is a small account in the state's $4.5 billion budget.

Cahan said Gov. Lee has promised to release emergency funds this year to help the department implement the new economic development strategy, but said how much money and when it might be released was uncertain.

To illustrate how small the department's budget is, Cahan likes to remind visitors of a pie chart developed each year by state comptroller Louis L. Goldstein to show how tax dollars will be spent in the coming year.

"You can't find our slice in there," he said. "we're under 'other.'"

Hopkins professor says he has diagnosis for tropical disease

A Johns Hopkins University professor says he has developed a method to diagnose a fly-transmitted tropical disease that has caused blindness in 2 million people worldwide.

Everett Schiller, a staff member of the Tropical Medicine Center in Baltimore, said Tuesday recent tests with a new enzyme have accurately diagnosed cases of "river blindness," which is caused by parasite worms carried by flies.

Schiller, a professor of pathobiology at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene, said the disease is endemic to West Africa, Guatemala and Venezuela. Some 20 million people have the disease and 2 million have been blinded by it worldwide, he said.

In 10 countries of the Upper Volta River in Western Africa, as much as 40 percent of the population of some villages is infected, the professor said. Children as young as 4 years old have lost their sight to the disease, he said.

The worms, implanted under a persons skin by a fly bite, breed thousands of larvae during a period of up to 14 years that make their way throughout the body and cause blindness in 10 percent of the cases, Schiller said.

"Our hope is to develop an antigen (enzyme) for a diagnostic skin test before the larvae have a chance to spread throughout the body," he said.

"We think we already have. Our recent test shows considerable promise as a diagnostic tool."

The enzyme was tested June 30 in central Guatemala where the disease is common on coffee plantations because the flies carrying the parasites breed best in high altitudes.

Schiller said the antigen was developed from excretions and secretions the parasites produced under laboratory conditions. The antigen causes inflamation when injected under a victims skin.

"We hope to purify it into a concentration for the next objective of developing a cure for the disease," he said.

At present only two drugs are available to treat the disease, Schiller said, but they are not very effective and have toxic side affects.

The tropical medicine center is headed by Dr. Howard Goodman, who led the World Health Organization program to eradicate smallpox.

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State may lose $500,000

EPA, local officials squabble over Bay chemical research

Maryland may lose $500,000 in grants from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency because of a dispute over research procedures to be followed in studying toxic chemicals in the Chesapeake Bay.

The EPA has allocated $1 million for this part of a program that has awarded $9 million for various projects in Maryland and Virginia dealing with studying the quality of the Bay's water.

Frank Hamons of the State Water Resources Administration said Tuesday that the EPA wants state researchers to search for traces of toxic substances in the Bay without trying to find the origin of the poison.

Hamons said, "we know if we are going to look for toxic chemicals we are going to find them, although it may be in amounts so small we don't know what it means (for the Bay).

"At this point people are going to be asking questions— where did (the toxic substances) come from?" he said.

He said although it was important to locate the sources of toxic chemicals that may be found in the Bay, such an effort should wait until a Bay-wide management strategy has been perfected.

The Water Resources Administration was trying to change the priorities for spending the federal money in order to divert part of it for increasing its in - house capacity for water quality analysis, he said.

Ms. Williams running for County Council

Ms. Juanita DaL. Williams is the first woman candidate to run for the Baltimore County Council.

Juanita Williams

Ms. Williams is a college professor who has lectured and written in Maryland and Texas.

A member and radio spokesman for the Women's Civic League and 51.3 Percent Voters, she canvassed Baltimore County with Del. Rosalie Abrahms and Mrs. Chris Sarbanes, wife of Sen. Paul Sarbanes, to bring out the Democratic vote.

Ms. Williams recently attended Goucher College for a deminar on "Running for Public Office" which dealt with women candidates.

With the approval of the supervisors of Election, she is now running for the State Central Committee.

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Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Executive Director to the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Universities and Colleges. The Board exercises statutory responsibility for the control and management of six institutions of higher learning (four colleges and two universities) in the State which enrolled approximately 24,700 full - time equivalent students in FY '78.

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The Board anticipates making its final selection by February 1, 1979 with the reporting date for the successful candidate to be mutually agreed upon.

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Black students scarce in medical classes

Officials of the Eastern Virginia Medical School, the Medical College of Virginia and the University of Virginia Medical School say their efforts to find qualified minority students have not been too successful.

This fall, 381 students will enter the three institutions, but only about 20 will be black.

Admissions officials at the school said they would like to increase the number of black students, but said that it is hard to recruit qualified minority students.

"We're not satisfied," said Dr. Edwin W. Pullen, associate dean and director of admissions at the U. Va. Medical School. "We'd like to see the numbers in this category rise and we are committed to seeing the numbers improve."

U. Va. offered admission to eight of 85 blacks who applied, but three rejected the university's offer, he said.

"This is the number that we felt could successfully compete in this setting," Pullen said.

MCV is expected to have about seven blacks in its entering class of 168, about half the number of last year. At Eastern Virginia Medical School seven of the 80 students who began their medical education this month are black.

Dr. Miles Hench, director of admissions at MCV, said that although his report is incomplete, he believes fewer minority members applied to the medical school this year.

Medical school officials said the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the Allen Bakke case will not affect their schools because they do not have quota systems.

"I think we're right on target with the decision," Pullen said. "We have made special efforts to get qualified black students here. Race is a plus factor."

Hench said MCV pays for black students to visit predominantly black colleges to talk with undergraduates as one way to encourage black applicants.

Dr. Robert M. McCombs, associate dean for student affairs and chairman of the minority affairs committee at Eastern Virginia, said the school offers remedial work to incoming students who need it.

Dr. Gerald H. Hollman, dean of Eastern Virginia, said, "We feel that all our graduates will be qualified and competent physicians. And those we feel will not be, we try to suggest other professional avenues."

Events for children

Monday, July 17

Edmondson Avenue Branch: Films — "Five on Treasure Isaland" (Parts 5 and 6) and "The Fur Coat Club," 1 p.m.

Light Street Branch: Arts and vrafts, 1 p.m.

Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium: Films — "The Amazing Comic Awareness of Duffy Moon," "A Visit to the Dentist; Paddington Recommended," "Too Much Off the Top," and "Champs of the Chase," 2 p.m.

Morrell Park Center: Film — "Run, Appaloosa, Run," 6 p.m.

Keyworth Avenue Center: Story hour, 6 p.m.

Fells Point Center: Film — "J.T.," 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 18

Highlandtown Center: Preschool story hour, 10:30 a.m.

Edmondson Avenue Branch: Films — "Five on Treasure Isaldn" (Parts 5 and 6) and "The Fur Coat Club," 1 p.m.

Fells Point Center: Story hour for ages 3 to 8, 1 p.m.

Waverly Branch: Story hour for ages 6 and older, 1 p.m.

Fort Worthington Center: Films — "Busy Bodies," "Bags," and "Pushmi-Pullyu,"

Reivon Road Branch: Films — "The Fur Coat Club," "Peewee Had a Little Ape," and "Presto-Chang-O," 3 p.m.

'Let' Dance' at City Hall

Cultural Arts Institute, Inc. announces the Dance Arts Ensemble's July performance schedule. The Ensemble is part of the Mayor's "Let's All Dance" Project, which is directed by Deborah London and Rita Abel.

They will perform in the Rotunda area of City Hall at noon on July 14, at the Longreen Nursing Home, 2:30 p.m., on the 21st, and at the Ashburton Nursing Home, July 28, at 2:00 p.m.

The performers include Rita Abel, Frances Flint, the director of the dance company, Theresa Carter, Harriet Lynn, JeriLyn Holston, Disa Hoover, Michael Margolis, Dawn Preuss, Susan Selby, and Audrey Terry. All performances are free. For further information, contact Karen McClaskey, Coordinator, 685-5423.

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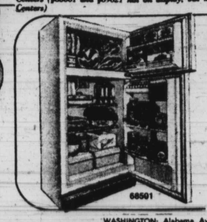

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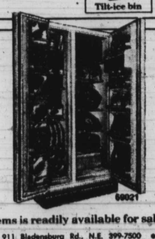

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EPA to award grants to study Bay

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency said it will award $9 million in grants to Maryland and Virginia agencies and citizens' groups to attack environmental problems that threaten the Chesapeake Bay.

EPA Regional Administrator Jack J. Schramm said the grants would help investigate three major environmental problems identified by state agencies, citizens' groups and research institutions: toxic accumulations in the food chain, the decline of submerged aquatic grasses and eutrophication — the natural aging process of a body of water.

The $9 million will be used to finance technical assistance for the Bay program by state agencies, public education by citizens' groups and investigation of environmental problems by research groups.

"The Chesapeake Bay is a special body of water that requires special attention," Schramm said. "The key partnership between EPA, the Bay states and its many constituencies that was formed last year has resulted in a coordinated approach to investigating some of the more pressing environmental problems facing the Bay."

Eleven grants totaling $3.3 million will be awarded to investigate the first problem — toxic accumulations.

So far, the Maryland Geological Survey, William and Mary College, the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences and the University of Maryland have received money to examine the characteristics of toxic substances in the Bay sediment.

The money also will be used by these groups to determine how concentrations of heavy metals and organic toxins in the sediment affect the Bay's food chain.

The EPA also has awarded five grants totaling $1.8 million to research institutions to conduct surveys on the amount of submerged aquatic grasses in the Chesapeake Bay.

The studies will concentrate on the importance of the grasses to fish and wildlife resources and water quality. At least five more grants will be awarded for these studies, Schramm said.

He said the ultimate goal of the surveys is to determine the relationship of the grasses to the Bay's water quality and to recommend environmental guidelines for the growth, reproduction and survival of the declining resource.

Schramm said grants also are expected to be awarded to research groups for investigations of eutrophication in the Bay.

The natural aging process of a body of water can be accelerated by the addition of nutrients to the water and researchers will attempt to determine the extent of the eutrophication problem in the Chesapeake Bay, he said.

State corn crop to increase

Maryland farmers are expected to harvest 51 million bushels of corn this fall, which is an 18 percent increase over the 1977 crop, the Maryland Crop Reporting Service said.

The expected large harvest comes in the face of threats by farmers to leave cropland idle in a proposed nationwide protest to get higher price supports, the U.S. Department of Agriculture service said.

The 1978 state crop is expected to be less than the record high 57.96 million bushels in 1976, but up from last year's total of 43.2 million bushels.

Last year's crop was reduced considerably by a severe drought that afflicted the Eastern Shore, the service said.

The state Agriculture Department has required corn growers to set aside 10 percent of their acreage this year to qualify for federal price supports.

Acreage for the harvest in the state is predicted at 580,000 acres, only 3 percent lower than last year, the service reported Tuesday.

Nationwide, this year's corn harvest is expected to total 6.15 billion bushels, 4 percent less than the record 1977 crop.

Last winter farmers threatened to leave their farmlands fallow this year as part of a nationwide strike to get prices from the government that pays farmers to idle part of their cropland to reduce the oversupply of farm products.

Officials for the USDA said there is no evidence the strike movement has affected plantings.

Corn is the largest grain crop in the United States and is used for livestock feed. The 1978 corn harvest will be used to provide feed to produce beef, pork, poultry and milk through 1979.

In recent years, large grain grops, including corn, put an end to the food price increases of 1973 and 1974 when retail food prices rose 14.5 percent annually.

However, recent reductions in the nation's cattle herd has caused food prices to rise again, the service said.

HUD gives city $3.3 million

It will take about three years to complete a $10 million project that will build 185 new homes and rehabilitate 103 others in east Baltimore, an East Baltimore Community Corporation official said Thursday.

The Corporation, headed by City Councilman Clarence "Du" Burns, D., Second, was awarded a $3.3 million grant for housing in the Oldtown Urban renewal area by the Department of Housing and Urban Development this week.

About 70 percent of the housing units (263) will sell at prices ranging from $15,680 to $29,000. The remaining 25 units will sell for prices ranging from $29,000 to $32,480.

The project will be run jointly by a black-owned construction company, the Bicentennial Development and Building Corporation and the East Baltimore Community Corporation.

The Bicentennial Development and Building Corporation and the East Baltimore Community Corporation are to put up $500,000 and private financial institutions will put up $6.2 million in loans, according to Housing Commissioner Jay Brodie.

Fred Clifton, executive vice president for special projects, said "no member of the board of directors (including Burns) would receive money from the grants that were approved."

The $3.3 million grant will be used to reduce the cost of the homes to be sold to low and moderate income persons below their market costs.

The $3.3 in federal funds is the second Baltimore has received under the urban development program. Earlier this year, the city got $10 million to help finance the construction of a Hyatt Regency Hotel in the Inner Harbor.

Two other applications from Baltimore are pending for urban development, neither of which was approved for the current round of financing.

CMHSA to meet

The Executive Committee of the Central Maryland Health Systems Agency Inc. (CMHSA) is scheduled to hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 5:30 p.m. at agency headquarters, 501 St. Paul St.

A number of certifications involving hospitals and extended care facilities are listed on the agenda.

First human rights flag to be unfurled

Don Manley, spokesman for the German-Americans of Maryland, announced that they will unfurl and display the first flag in world history to symbolize recognition and support of human rights.

The flag depicts a golden eagle within a green wreath of olive leaves on a white background with a red border.

President Carter is expected to attend the offical ceremony at noon on Aug. 12, in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. At that time, he will be presented the original flag and honored as Commander-in-Chief of the "Hilfsmarine" (auxilliary navy).

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