Candidates can get more donations, says Burch

(UPI) — The attorney general's office says campaign contributors may donate up the legal $1,000 per candidate limit to each member of an election ticket, an opinion that means many contributors can now double their donations.

The opinion could result in a flurry of donations to candidates who want to stage an expensive media blitz during the last month of campaigning before the Sept. 12 Democratic and Republican primaries

The 1974 general assembly set the $1,000 limit in an attempt to curb the influence of major contributors. But the opinion by attorney general Francis Burch's office said the limitation does not extend to entire campaign tickets.

That means a single contributor may now give $2,000 to a campaign by donating $1,000 to the candidate for governor and another $1,000 to the running mate for lieutenant governor.

All four Democratic gubernatorial candidates and their running mates have established separate campaign treasuries.

Prior to enactment of the $1,000 limit, individual campaign contributors were not allowed to donate more than $2,500.

"We've back where we started," said State Sen. Julian L. Lapides, D-Baltimore, who for years has backed legislation limiting campaign contributions.

Deputy Attorney General George A. Nilson's opinion said the 1974 limitation was for "any candidate," but not intended as a restriction on campaign tickets.

Candidates for governor and lieutenant governor must each file separate certificates of candidacy and pay a $290 filing fee.

Nilson said, "each is in every sence of the word a candidate with the right to receive up to $1,000 from each donor — even if his running mate already received a like amount."

The legislature approved the limit after it appeared many large campaign donors were receiving lucrative state contracts or being appointed to state offices.

"There was really a need to limit this money when we saw that a number of past contributors were getting state business and appointments," Lapides said. "The larger the contribution, the larger the quid pro quo. We were trying to stop that pattern on the part of the executive."

Dr. Wilson named Hughes' coordinator

Harry R. Hughes, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, has announced the appointment of Dr. Jerusa C. Wilson as his Baltimore City campaign coordinator.

Dr. Wilson, 43, received his undergraduate degree from Morgan State, his Master's from Howard University and his Ph.D. in Psycology from the University of Maryland in 1962.

Dr. Jerusa C. Wilson

Dr. Wilson has a distinguished career in the academic, government and private sectors. As president of the Service Corporation of America he has had administrative responsibility for evaluating various federally funded projects such as Title I (Educational) programs in Calvert and Howard Counties and Baltimore City. Currently, Dr. Wilson is Professor of Psychology and Educational Research at Coppin State College in Baltimore.

He was past director of Institutional Research and coordinator for Title III programs (Developing Institutions) at the college. He has also served as a consultant for the University Research Corporation and the Ford Foundation.

Dr. Wilson brings to the Hughes for Governor Campaign Committee a unique sensitivity to the Baltimore City urban area and the problems as well as the opportunities associated with it.

Mr. Hughes described Dr. Wilson as "an invaluable asset to the effort to elect the Hughes-Bogley team in 1978. Having known him for many years I am confident of the great contribution he can make to my campaign."

Car repossession cost called alarming

(UPI) — The state commissioner of consumer credit is investigating the increased cost of car repossessions, which are billed to consumers who default on automobile loans.

Commissioner Alan Fell said a study of repossession forms filed by the Ford Motor Credit Co. indicated a trend of increasing "retaking and storage charges" against consumers who cannot meet their car payments.

The charges are fees billed by a finance company for picking up an automobile or towing and storing the car until it is resold.

Fell said Monday state legislation may be the only way to regulate the costs that have resulted in "skyrocketing" automobile repossession bills.

He said the review of the company's forms showed repossession charges ranging from $140 to $2,000, up from the average of $150 to $200.

He said that in the last three months, "I've seen far too many of these charges costing about $1,500."

He said an investigation of other companies will follow and suggested that consumers challenge the charges in court if they appear to be excessive.

Thomas Foote, a spokesman for the Ford Motor Co., said the charges "depend largely on the amount of effort and work required in a possession — if outside agents are required to get the car back, or if there's an outstanding mechanic's bill, or if there are legal expenses, of if the car has to be repaired or reconditioned to be sold.

"Nothing comes cheap these days," Foote said.

Under current law, a consumer may owe the finance company the interest on the balance of the loan, even after a car is repossessed.

Fell said he and othr state officials also are concerned that loan companies may not be receiving the best price on the sale of repossessed cars.

Politicians almost kept their promises

By John W. Frece

A report released Monday comparing the 1974 session voting records of general assembly members with their votes over the last four years shows that most state legislators voted as they said they would.

But the report, released by Common Cause of Maryland, the governmental watchdog group, also shows that some legislators answered a 1974 questionnaire one way and, when the chance came, voted the opposite way.

The report listed responses to questions asked state senators and delegates concerning "open government" issues such as open meetings, campaign financing, financial disclosure and ethics, lobbying disclosure and legislative procedures.

The answers to 14 questions asked each legislator on those topics were then compred with 20 votes in the senate or in committee, and 16 votes in the House or in committees or similar topics.

Common Cause concluded, "the legislative 'class of '74' has earned a mixed record for its past four years week."

It noted Maryland was the first state to pass a public campaign financing law in 1974, but chastised the general assembly for refusing to fund the program.

It noted that legislature passed open meetings and lobbying laws in 1977, but said both measures need strengthening

It also lauded the legislature for passing a "Sunset" Bill requiring periodic reviews of 58 state licensing and regulatory agencies that will automatically terminate without the new legislation and gubernatorial approval.

But as for the individual legislator, the citizens' lobbying group said, "no voting record can present the whole story."

"It cannot show the amount of effort or involvement that supporters invested in Common Cause-backed measures. Nor can it distinguish between thoughtful, alternative views to Common Cause positions and mere reaction against 'reform' measures."

Art fellowships available

The Maryland Arts Council announces the 1979 Artists Fellowship Program which will provide $5,000 fellowships in each of the following categories: painting, photography, sculpture, printmaking and a new category, drawing.

This represents a total of $25,000 in awards. $5,000 more than previously provided to visual artists since the start of the program in 1976.

The deadline for entering the Maryland Biennial will be Sept. 7, 8, and 9.

Application forms are available through the Baltimore Museum of Art, Art Museum Drive, Baltimore, Md., 21218.

For further information call the Maryland Arts Council (301) 685-6740.

Art works on display

Prints, drawings and water colors by Camellia Blackwell, Janice Cromwell and Raymond Harris are represented in the exhibition, "Natural Visual Creations" at the Green Earth Cafe, located at 823 N. Charles St.

This exhibit can be viewed Monday, 11 a.m to 9 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to midnight, Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 a.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m

The exhibition will be open through August 20.

Metro Democrats back 3rd District slate

Metro Democrats have endorsed candidates in third councilmatic district for the first time. The organization has long fielded and supported candidates in the fourth district.

Now the group has become visible as the 3rd district Metro Democrats and have endorsed Herbert J. Duberry, their secretary-treasurer, and long-time Govans community activist, and Cassandra "Sandy" Marshall, University of Maryland Instructor, for the September primary.

A growing number of black citizens in the third councilmanic district have become concerned about their lack of impact on the political scene in the Northeast Baltimore quadrant, according to Raymond V. Haysbert Sr., president of the 3rd District group, and a long-time member of the executive committee of the Northwest Baltimore Metro Organization.

"As citizens we've always been concerned about our political representation because of its impact on our future. It is our judgment that the time is ripe to make our wishes felt and understood. We're concerned with having qualified representation with the creative sensitivity to contribute. Herb Duberry and Sandy Marshall have that sensitivity and talent in addition to an integrity often found lacking."

The 3rd District Metro Democrats have endorsed Duberry for a spot on the Slate Central Committee in the 43rd legislative district which includes the area around York Road at Cold Spring.

Sandy Marshll, former legislative aide to Delegate Pinkney Howell (Dem-41st), is being supported for House of Delegates for the 44th legislative district which includes Morgan Park and Lake Montebello but starts at 33rd and Charles while extending around Moravia and Sinclair Lane.

Duberry, whose name is often confused with that of Clarence "Du" Burns 2nd district councilman, is a Morgan graduate who holds his Masters Degree in Public Administration, and is a bemedalled veteran of both Korea and Vietnam. He has four children, and has been in the forefront of PTA, Boy Scout, United Way and other civic activities in his area.

Sandy Marahall, seven years with University of Maryland, serves also in an administrative capacity and has several publication. Mrs. Marshall is completing her doctorate in Public Administration as well as raising her four children. A number of Maryland leaders have been impressed by her work.

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2 LEE VOTED a bill that gave 5% increase in benefits to welfare recipients. He vetoed the bill when the cost of living rose 11%. He denied state employees a decent wage when he refused to grant them more than a paltry 3% increase, while cost of living for these employees also rose 11%.

3 LEE VETOED a bill that stopped landlords from throwing the belongings of evicted tenants on the street.

4 LEE CRIPPLED the right of state employees to earn a decent living by contracting out their jobs to private contractors who pay lower wages and provide no benefits. Housekeeping and food-processing employees are the main targets of contracting-out.

5 LEE IGNORED the fact that Maryland pays less in unemployment benefits than any state in the five-state area.

6 LE FAILED to appoint a black to the all-white Maryland cabinet when a vacancy occurred.

7 LEE INSULTED every person in Baltimore when he told an audience in Southern Maryland, "IF WE COULD JUST GET RID OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE FOR A FEW YEARS, WE WOULD BE HOME FREE."

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TWO - TIME CHAMP — Arthur Ashe, troubled by the scarcity of titles that have come his way since knee surgery in 1976, won his second championship of 1978 at Muirfield Village (Ohio) Sunday. The former Richmonder defeated Bob Lutz of San Clemente, Calif., 6-3, 6-1 to take first money in the $75,000 Wendy's Classic.

'Survival' tripleheader has pro duo

Project Survival basketball teams will engage in an ambitious tripleheader Sunday afternoon at the Lake Clifton High School gym.

In addition to games showcasing the 18 - and - under girls and boys "Survival" teams an all - star game will feature two former area standouts now playing professional ball.

At noon, the Project Survival girls will take on a girls team from Newark, N.J. This contest will be followed by a clash between Project Survival boys and a stellar Newark boys quint.

The afternoon's program will be continued at 4 p.m., with the Project Survival All - Stars meeting an all - star unit headed by Adrian Dantley of the Los Angeles Lakers and Steve Sheppard of the Chicago Bulls.

Dantley is a product of DeMatha High School and Sheppard played at the University of Maryland.

Exciting auction benefit planned by 'Bird Betters'

Wives of the Baltimore Orioles baseball family are at work collecting items for one of the most exciting ventures in the history of professional sports in the area.

The gals are planning an auction sale of coveted sports souvenirs to benefit the Johns Hopkins Hospital Children's Center. The sale will be held prior to the Sept. 2 doubleheader with the Chicago White Sox.

The event is a part of the special project: "Hopkins Night at the Ballpark."

Among items already obtained are a portrait of Brooks Robinson, the Frank Robinson autographed bat, a T - shirt signed by all the Orioles, an tennis racquet Pam Shriver used at Wimbledon, a bat and a ball autographed by batting champion Rod Carew, and gloves and balls autographed by Reggie Jackson and Jim Palmer.

Members of the "Birds' Better Halves" involved in the undertaking are: Dee (Mark) Belanger, Merle (Elrod) Hendricks, Carol (Tippy) Martinez, Kara (Scott) McGregor, Linda (Dave) Skaggs and Jackie (Kurt) Motton.

While bidding on the items, participants will also enjoy a picnic - in - the - bullpen with the Orioles players, their wives, and local celebrities.

At the core of the auction idea is a commitment to help purchase much - needed equipment for the 6,300 in - patients and 120,000 out - patients and emergency patients seen at the Children's Center each year.

It is the third straight year that the Oriole wives have served the Hopkins project. . LACY.

Can new Colt spell missing Mitchell?

Inasmuch as the Colts are hard pressed to find out as quickly as possible what they can do to fill the gap created by Lydell Mitchell's absence, it is very likely that Baltimore fans will get a quick look at Don Hardeman.

That look will come Friday night when the Colts entertain the Washington Redskins in their third game of pre - season at the Stadium.

Hardeman was acquired for an undisclosed draft choice during the Colts' weekend in Tampa, a visit that resulted in a 23 - 12 setback at the hands of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Hardeman, an all - purpose back and sometime linebacker at Texas A and I from 1972 - 75, gained 548 yards and scored six touchdowns with a mediocre Houston team in his rookie year.

Although he has not performed as well since that first season, insiders feel certain the 6-2, 235 - pounder can be as good as his incentive dictates.

Whether Don can answer the question put to the Colts' running attack remains to be seen.

The Colt brass hopes he can, naturally. Anything that can help them reduce the pain of Lydell's defection will be highly appreciated.

The latter's continued absence exposes the vulnerability that stems from a one - way (passing) offense.

Coach Ted Marchibroda makes much of the impression that Hardeman's fullbacking will clear the way for 3 - year veteran Ron Lee to run at halfback, a position for which he is more adapted.

But, longtime followers are reluctant to envision a backfield which counts on the efforts of short - down Don McCauley, fumble - prone Roosevelt Leaks and yet - to - be - proved Hardeman.

Mitchell's lengthy holdout caused the Colts to place him on the "Reserve — Did Not Report" list.

Meanwhile, several prospects who were rated high at draft time were released by the Colts early this week.

Among these were Delanio Bardey of N.C. Central, Dallas Owens, a defensive back from Kentucky; Henry Mason, a Central Missouri State wide receiver, and Jeff Logan, an Ohio State running back.

Bartley is a former running back for the NCC Eagles. . SAM LACY.

Bullet pre-season sets homecoming

The NBA champion Washington Bullets have announced a pre - season schedule that will provide a homecoming setting for two of the league's outstanding players.

The Bullets' Bob Dandridge, a graduate of Richmond's Maggie Walker High School and Norfolk State College, and Petersburg (Va.) native Moses Malone will be opponents when the Bullets face Houston at the Richmond Coliseum on Sept. 23.

Washington meets Atlanta at Norfolk the previous night.

Kidney volleyball deadline Monday

The last chance for registration for the Kidney Foundation of Maryland's second Inner Harbor Volleyball Marathon was Monday, co - chairmen Eric Buckner and Henry Louis said Thursday.

All participants must notify the Kidney Foundation on or before that date that they plan to participate in the marathon on Sunday, Aug. 27. Registration at the field will be only on a space - available basis.

Further information and registration forms, are available at the Kidney Foundation of Maryland, 809 Cathedral Street.

4th MSA track star to Texas

Poly dash star Pat Glascoe became the fourth Baltimore youngster to head for Prairie View A and M this week.

The fleet, 5-11, Engineer 100 and 200 meters champion accepted a full track scholarship to the Texas school, and will join high jumper Billy Dixon, hurdler David Thorne and sprinter Ray Smith in the powerful PV program.

Dixon is from Poly, Thorne is a Mervo product and Smith prepped at Forest Park.

Colts hope to break slump against Skins

The winless Colts, embarrassed by Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay in their pre - season efforts to date, hope to halt their skid Friday night against the Washington Redskins at Memorial Stadium.

The game will mark the 24th meeting between the two Beltway rivals, the eighth in pre - season matchups. Washington has won five of the seven played since 1970.

Coach Ted Marchibroda will use quarterbacks Bert Jones and the starting offensive and defensive units for the entire first half.

Starting with Jones in the backfield will be fullback Roosevelt Leaks and halfback Don McCauley.

Paralysis signs ease on Stingley

CASTRO VALLEY, Calif. (UPI) — Darryl Stingley, the New England Patriot receiver who was paralyzed in an exhibition game, has regain sensation in all parts of his body and has "limited but gratifying" movement of his right arm, doctors at Eden Hospital report.

In a Tuesday evening bulletin from the hospital, doctors said Stingley's condition was "improved slightly" since he was admitted on a stretcher Saturday night following a collision with Oakland Raiders' defender Jack Tatum.

A team spokesman said "Stingley's attitude is cheerful and he's enjoying the many letters and prayers being sent by fans and fellow players in the NFL."

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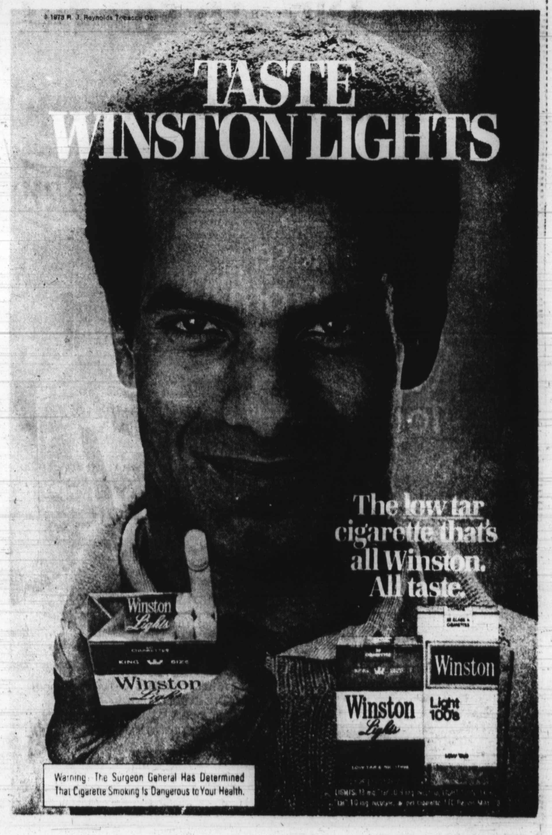
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