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SCOUT CAMPAIGN LEADERS — Meet the leaders in a $10,000 drive for the Trailblazer District of the Boy Scouts of America which serves inner - city youngsters in Baltimore. They are (from L): Frank Kober, Dr. Smon Carter, campaign chairman; K. John Hargrave, Dr. Calvin Burnett, Frank B. Coakley, Richard E. Robinson and Kenton A. Camper. Dr. Burnett, Coppin State College president, was presented a plaque in recognition of his support of scouting at the district's campaign kick - off meeting

Free medical care booklet

American Lung Association of Maryland.

It contains guidelines on how to find a physician or medical care and hints on cutting medical costs.

Copies are available by contacting the association at 11 E. Mount Royal Ave. or calling 685-6484.

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Dec. 20 deadline for storm claims

Victims of Tropical Storm David now have until Dec. 20 to file damage claims with the Small Business Administration, thanks to the efforts of a community organization.

Baltimoreans United In Leadership Development, BUILD, became aware that some residents were having difficulty obtaining disaster relief after storm victims complained to leaders in individual churches.

Harry Carpenter Jr., chairman of the Union Baptist BUILD Chapter, said the organization met with representatives from U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes' office to request the extension.

Some residents did not know how to cut through the red tape involved with applying for assistance and getting estimates, he said. Others are elderly residents who could not meet the original Nov. 15 deadline.

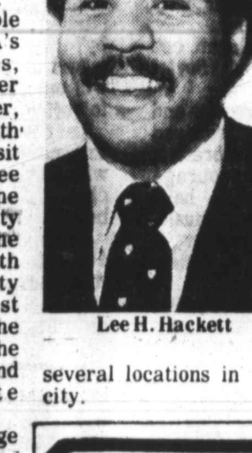
SBA will provide loans to Maryland residents whose homes and businesses suffered physical damage or economic injury during the storm.

Business owners or individuals in the following jurisdictions are eligible to apply: Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne, St. Mary's, Talbot and Washington counties.

Contact the Small Business Administration, Appraisers Store Building, Room 320, 103 S. Gay St., Baltimore, Md. 21202, 962-7770.

For Montgomery and Prince George's counties, applications for assistance should be filed at the Small Business Administration, 1030 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20417, (202) 653-6963.

Hackett joins medical association staff



Lee H. Hackett

Lee H. Hackett has joined the staff of Chesapeake Physicians Professional Association, CPPA, as coordinator of health care delivery systems.

He will be responsible for coordinating CPPA's ambulatory services, including the Greater Dundalk Medical Center, the Chesapeake Health Plan, the Mass Transit Aministration Employee Health Program, the Southeast Community Medical Office, the Children and Youth Program at City Hospitals, CareFirst Medical Center and the medical programs at the Baltimore City Jail and Maryland State Penitentiary.

A graduate of George Washington University in Washington, D.C., with a degree in international relations, Hackett also received his master's degree in health care administration from that university.

Prior to joining CPPA, Hackett was an assistant administrator at Bon Secours Hospital.

A member of the Medical Group Management Association and the American Public Health Association, Hackett resides in the Bolton Hill area of Baltimore.

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Budget cuts threaten school health services

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

The Baltimore city schools' health services program is suffering from a seemingly incurable disease...budget cuts.

School officials have expressed great concern that the health services provided by the city's health department, are continually diminishing and may be reaching inadequate levels.

Superintendent John L. Crew stated that while the school system is very concerned about the decrease in health services, it cannot afford to pay for the program out of its budget which went before public hearings Thursday night.

The health department pays the entire expense of the school health services but tighter fiscal spending throughout the city administration and its agencies has caused the program to suffer. The primary service of the health program is to provide nurses for the schools. However, there are only about 45 nurses to service the 192 elementary, junior and senior high schools.

Nurses from health clinics throughout the city are assigned to certain schools, based on the school's medical needs, one to five days a week.

Dr. Venita Thweat, director of school health, reported that at least five schools do not have a nurse assigned.

"We have to set some kind of priority," she said. "We can't cover every school. Nurses are assigned to schools that have higher medical problems especially elementary and schools for the handicapp who have full-time nurses.

Dr. Thweat pointed out that in order to meet salary savings, nurses who resign or retire are not replaced. "This is our biggest drain," said the director.

To meet the medical needs of students in schools when nurses are not available, principals and other staff members are trained in first-aid including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Mrs. Theda Wilson, central region superintendent, stated that concern has been expressed by principals and others who feel despite their training in first aid, that they are not qualified to handle all the medical activities that may be required.

"This puts an additional burden on principals at a time when they should be able to focus more on academic concerns," said Mrs. Wilson.

In addition to the nurses and aides, the health service program also provides other medical personnel including nurse practitioners, vision and hearing technicians and session physicians.

Kathleen Edwards, director of nursing for the health department, pointed out that this was the first year nurses were assigned only to the schools.

"Before we had generalized nurses who worked out of the clinics and had schools assignments as well as other duties," state Ms. Edwards. "Ww have far less people but we are providing more time. But we still have far less people than we need."

Nurses in the schools are best known for medical attention they provide when students become ill or suffer injuries. But, the nurses also do basic screening of pupils and keep health records on each student.

This screening process can be very helpful to detect any learning problems that may have a medical base. "If these problems are picked up early enough, treatment can be given so the student's learning won't be hindered as much," said Dr. Thweat who stressed the importance of the screening of younger pupils and the necessity of maintaining accurate and up to date health records on them.

Baby formula still on FDA recall list

The Baltimore City Health Department's Bureau of Food Control has announced that three brands of "milk free" infant formula has been re-listed for recall by the Food and Drug Administration.

All lots of Neo-Mull Soy, Soy Formula Concentrated Liquid, Milk Free, 14 fluid ounce cans; Neo-Mull Soy, Soy Formula, Ready to Use, Milk Free, 14 and 32 fluid ounce cans and 4 fluid ounce bottles, and Cho-Free Formula Base, in 14 fluid ounce cans were recalled this summer by the manufacturer, Syntex Laboratories.

Marketed as "milk free" hypoallergenic formulas providing nutrition to milk allergic infants, the products were recalled because insufficient chloride levels could cause an imbalance in babies younger than six months.

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