William Phelps named to Hopkins aid post

Williams Phelps has been appointed director of financial aid at the Homewood campus of The Johns Hopkins University.

William Phelps

Phelps, who has 14 years of professional experience in financial aid, served previously at Morgan State University where he worked in student academic services.

He has also served as consultant to federal agencies and has written articles and conducted workshops in the field of financial aid.

Phelps succeeds Christie Jaeger who resigned to accept a position at the Maryland Institute of Art.

JOB SEEKERS — Students attending Operation Native Sons and Daughters at Towson State University form long line at the booth for Xerox Corporation.

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Sgt. Shirley Greene joins Bel Air recruiters

Sgt. Shirley Marie Greene has joined the Army recruiting team at the Bel Air Recruiting Station, 15 N. Main Street. In her new assignment, she will discuss Army Reserve Programs with local people interested in part-time job opportunities. She will also make periodic visits to local high schools to inform students of Army Reserve job training availabilities.

Sgt. Shirley Greene

Sergeant Greene, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bollin of Baltimore, is a graduate of Eastern High School. She worked for the Social Security Administration in Baltimore before entering the 2071st United States Army Reserve Acquired Skills Program in 1976.

She has been specially selected by the Reserve for two years' active duty as a recruiter.

CAREER PLANNING — Morgan State University graduate, Michael Johnson discusses career opportunities with Don Robertson, a representative of General Instrument Corporation during Operation Native Sons and Daughters.

Pratt has new computers to aid deaf, limited-vision readers

A computer which actually reads books, a machine which magnifies print, and a telephone-typewriter for the deaf were among new equipment demonstrated when Mayor William Donald Schaefer opened the Pratt Library's new Center for the Visually and Hearing Impaired last week at the main library 400 Cathedral St.

Located in the central hall on the first floor of the main library and headed by Susan Ferrandiz, whose previous role as coordinator of services to the deaf has been expanded to include the visually impaired, the new center significantly increases the public library's facilities for those who have difficulty hearing and seeing.

The remarkable Kurzweil (pronounced Curtswile) reading machine is a computer which reads in a human-like voice almost any printed material placed upon it.

Unlike talking books, which are limited to selections which have been recorded, the reading machine gives the blind access to a great proportion of the 500,000 titles in the central library's collection.

Furthermore, the blind may bring their own books for the machine to read, as well as typed letters and other forms of print so long as there is sufficient contrast between ink and paper.

Although the robot-like voice speaks with what sounds like a foreign accent and is at first difficult to understand, experienced users come to find it entirely comprehensible.

The 10 or more hours of training required to use the machine adeptly will be provided by library staff. Appointments will be necessary and can be made by calling 396-1613.

Telephone-typewriters, or TTY machines, also new to the Pratt library, will be located both in the new center and at the Northwood branch and will enable the deaf to take advantage of the library's information services, as well as to get in touch with other TTY machines increasingly available in city and state agencies, supermarkets, and other public places.

They will be available on a walk-in basis or may be reached by the hearing impaired who have access to compatible equipment elsewhere by calling 396-4441 for the central library or 323-2320 for the Northwood branch.

The library will also use the equipment to communicate messages from the hearing to the deaf. The hearing may visit the library or call 396-1613 for this service.

Both reading and TTY machines have been underwritten by funds from the federal Library Services and Construction Act.

Pratt's third showpiece in the center is called the Visual-Tek. A gift of the Friends of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Inc., the equipment significantly enlarges the printed page so as to expand the reading opportunities of those with limited vision. No appointment is required to use the Visual-Tek.

The Center for the Visually and Hearing Impaired and the Northwood branch services to the deaf will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An automatic answering device will take TTY messages during all other hours.

Cop fired after fracas in stadium

Baltimore Police commissioner Donald Pomerleau has accepted a trial board's recommendation that he fire a police officer who allegedly beat a baseball fan with his nightstick after the last game of the World Series.

Pomerleau said Thursday that Officer Leopold Saunders, who was found guilty of three departmental violations in connection with the Oct. 19 incident, would be fired effective Jan. 1.

A television tape showed Saunders, who is black, struck David Stacy, 22, white, of Wheaton, Md., on the back and head with his nightstick. Leopold was attempting to clear fans off the playing field about an hour after the final game of the Baltimore-Pittsburgh series.

Saunders, a five-year veteran, was suspended without pay Dec. 18.

City prosecutors said they have not decided whether to file criminal charges against him.

Saunders told the trial board he felt he was defending himself, but later said he thought he should have used more discretion. He has madeno public statement, saying he would say nothing to jeopardize his planned appeal of his dismissal.

Higher bus fares coming?

The Mass Transit Administration, citing higher expenses, may raise bus fares in Baltimore five or 10 cents next year.

MTA deputy administrator David Wagner said Thursday he doesn't expect any decision on the possible increases until public hearings. He said the increases could come by late summer or early fall.

The proposed fare increases would help cover the rising cost of diesel fuel, which has increased from 43 cents a gallon to almost 72 cents a gallon since last January, Wagner said.

At least half of the MTA'S operating expenses must be met by fares, he said.

There are two fare plans proposed. One would eliminate off-peak ridership hours and impose a base 50-cent rate. The second plan calls for a five-cent increase in off-peak hours and a 10-cent rise during the peak.

CALENDAR

CCC OPENS SPRING REGISTRATION - Registration for the Spring, 1980 semester at Catonsville Community College will be held the week of Jan. 7 on the main campus, 800 S. Rolling Rd. All current, former or new part-time students are invited to register between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon and 5 to 7 p.m. (except Friday night) in the Student Services Building. Tuition and fee charges will be mailed. New ull-time students will be invited to register for classes during a special orientation.

Registration for the main campus, the Northwest College Center, 10 Winters Mill Rd., Owings Mills, and the Carroll County Branch, 300 S. Center St., will be accpted during this week.

Returning to CCC for the spring semester will be Weekend College. Classes fill up quickly on Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. Weekend College courses vary from the ery enjoyable: photography, skiing, tennis, to the very career oriented: accounting, real estate, data processing.

For more information on the spring 1980 Semester at Catonsville Community College or its branches, call the college admissions office at 455-4200.

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL he1970 Graduating Class of Frederick Douglass High School will be having a meeting to discuss plans for their 10 year reunion The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1980 at 7 p.m. in the Library at the School.

All 1970 Graduates are urged to attend. 8—

TRADE CENTER ANNOUNCES WINTER EXHIBIT SCHEDULE The World Trade Center Baltimore will kick off the New Year with a series of three exhibits featuring Baltimore artwork.

The exhibits, part of the WTCB Information Services, are open to the public free of charge, during normal working hours in the lobby of the trade center.

Beginning Jan. 5, the Baltimre-Washington Chapter of Korean Art Association will sponsor a display of Oriental mixed media. Traditional Korean oil and watercolor paintings, and ceramics will be featured. The exhibit will be on view until Feb. 3.

Then from Feb. 5 Feb. 29 will be an exhibit entitled, "The Land, The Sea, The People" featuring the artwork of Richard Manning, a local Baltimore artist.

Startin on display. Scenes of Baltimore's best sights will be shown, captured on canvas through oil, pastel, and watercolor.

The display will run through March 22.

The World Trade Center Baltimore, located on Pratt Street in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, has been sponsoring exhibits in its lobby since opening. A permanent display of flags from other trade centers, countries, states, and cities is also on exhibit in the trade center.

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WINTER RECREATION CLASSES HELD AT YWCA A ariety of recreation classes are being held at the YWCA of the Greater Baltimore Area Center this winter.

Beginning in January, the winter session will offer classes in swimming, YWCAerobics, gymnastics, slimnastics, tennis dancercize, fencing, yoga, jogging, lessons in ballet, tap, jazz, modern and belly dancing.

Classes will be held at the YWCA Central, Baltimore County, Harford County, Madison Avenue, and Northern Anne Arundel County centers.

For information about a class near you contact the YWCA, 685-1460.

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PROVIDENT HOSPITAL, INC. The Provident Hospital, Inc. Auxiliary is in urgent need of volunteers to staff the Gift Shop located in the main lobby of the institution located 2600 Liberty Heights Ave. All interested persons should call 225-2035 for further information.

$1 million plus HUD grant awarded Johnston Square

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th-Md.) has announced that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has approved a $1,174,688 Section 8 Housing Assistance subsidy to the Johnston Square Community Development Corporation, a non-profit corporation located in East Baltimore.

The Section 8 Housing Assistance Funds will complement a $8,246,400.00 mortgage insurance loan authorized by the Baltimore City Housing Corporation for the substantial rehabilitation of 217 units of Section 8 Housing for the elderly.

Construction is scheduled to begin next week at the 501 East Preston Street site, formerly, a seven story vacant industrial structure.

Mitchell said, "The project represents the constructive and creative use of our resources because the elderly is an increasingly disproportionate segment of our population."

Mitchell further emphasized, "Indeed, much more of this type of demonstrable activity is necessary, if we are to provide decent, affordable and appropriate housing for older Americans."

Concluding Congressman Mitchell stressed the importance of a working partnership of the federal government and state and local agencies responsible for meeting the housing needs of our citizens."

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE—A tibute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Monday, Jan. 7, 3:30 - 4:50 p.m., Harbor Campus, Forum of Bard Building, Lombard St. at Market Pl. Guest speaker will be Rev. Willie Ray. Public invited. FREE. For more information, call 396-4878.

Sarbanes urges van pools to save millions in gas

Senator Paul S. Sarbanes said last week that a non-profit corporation which organizes van pools for Maryland commuters has saves more than a million gallons of gasoline since 1977.

VANGO, the commuter program, is funded by the federal and state governments. The commuter groups using VANGO-leased equipment are now operating nearly 190 van pools throughout the state.

"VANGO, and other van pool programs throughout the nation, can make a significant contribution to our national effort to conserve energy, resources and to reduce our dependency on foreign oil imports," Senator Sarbanes said as he inspected a VANGO van brought to Capitol Hill today.

One 15-passenger commuter van, fully loaded, can remove nine cars from the road each day, Senator Sarbanes noted. The van, making an average 65-mile round trip, uses slightly more than five gallons. Thus, one van pool can conserve nearly 30 gallons of gasoline per day.

VANGO'S 189 van pools collectively conserve 5,679 gallons of gasoline a day, according to Hyatt A. Duke, the program's director. He said that other benefits of the van pooling program are reduced air pollution, traffic congestion and parking costs.

Under the VANGO program, all costs are divided evenly among the riders in each pool. The driver rides free and has the use of the van after work, on weekends and holidays for only a small mileage charge. Each van pool is a self-supporting, self-operating independent unit.

Further information about the VANGO program can be obtained by calling (301) 796-POOL.

CAPITOL IDEA — Sen. Paul S. Sarbane (R) discusses the benefits of van pooling with VANGO director, Hyatt A. Duke. VANGO, a non-profit government-funded corporation which organizes commuter van pools in Maryland, has saved more than one million gallons of gasoline since it start in 1977.

Marylanders drinking more, smoking less

Tax figures released Thursday Dec. 27, indicate that in the month of November many Maryland residents were drinking more and smoking less.

Statistics supplied by Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein showed that tax revenue on the sale of distilled spirits was up 4.7 percent over collections in November 1978, but tobacco taxes for the same month were down by 4.6 percent.

The result was a slight net loss of alcohol and tobacco tax revenue for the month — just under $11,000 — compared with the same month a year ago.

But Goldstein said for the first five months of fiscal year 1980, combined alcohol and tobacco tax revenues were up 1.6 percent over the same period in fiscal 1979.

Narrow brush with death

A woman and a man, both sitting in the front seat of a 1974 Oldsmobile in the 1300 block of Milton Ave., Wednesday, Jan. 9, were hit by one bullet when a car pulled up

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AFRO PHOTOGRAPHER MARK GAIL was on Milton Avenue shooting scene moments after the incident. Circle shows bullet hole in door.

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Rent strikes?

By Stephen Proctor

Ralph Moore, a leader of a pro rent control group, says the organization may soon be forced to do more than stage protests to make its demands for a rent freeze heard.

Moore, who led a march on City Hall Monday night, said the Baltimore campaign for rent

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Mrs. Murphy's winter: no heat, ceilings ready to fall, hot water from a bucket! -Story page 2

ONLY MEANS OF HEAT — Without heat since Dec. 14, Mrs. Lillie Murphy turns on stove to boil water in old washtub to heat her house while her granddaughter, Laguana looks on.

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

Mfume blasts mayor on Ramsey appointment

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Kwiesi Mfume leveled sharp criticism at Mayor William Donald Schaefer Thursday, Jan. 10, labelling his appointment of Baltimore lawyer Norman Ramsey to head the city fire board "insensitive to the needs of the black community."

Ramsey, who has developed a reputation as Schaefer's troubleshooter during the mayor's administration, was appointed by Schaefer to head the city school board in 1975, where he presided over the firing of popular black school board superintendant Roland H. Patterson.

"I don't care if he was an angel descended from heaven," said the fiery young legislator, "the appointment, at a time when blacks

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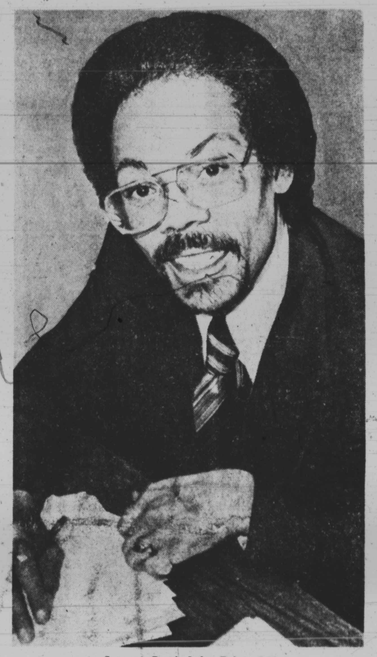

Supreme Bench Judge Robert Bell

Judge Robert Bell to be sworn in Jan. 22

Judge Robert Bell, recently named to Baltimore's Supreme Bench by Gov. Harry Hughes, will be sworn in by the clerk of the superior court at the Calvert Street courthouse, Room 400, at noon on Jan. 22.

At age 36, Bell is one of the youngest Supreme Bench juristsin the state's history.

A graduate of Morgan State University and the Harvard Law School, Bell was formerly a judge of the Baltimore District Court.

Bell said he was "very surprised" at the appointment.

In his previous position, he had limited jurisdiction, adjudicating misdemeanors, traffic disputes and civil claims for less than $5,000.

As a Supreme Bench jurist, Bell will hear appeal cases and civil suits for more than $5,000.

He said his most noteworthy decision as District Court judge involved security guards at city food markets. In 1976, he dismissed 12 cases involving arrests made by unlicensed security guards. Although the decision created an uproar, it was upheld. Guards are required to be licensed.

City residents must vote to retain Bell as a Supreme Bench judge in the 1980 election. He said he hasn't given too much thought to the election.

A reception will be held in the Emmanuel Chambers Auditorium of Provident Hospital at 5 p.m., Jan. 22 to honor Baltimore's newest Supreme Bench judge.

'Ring the bell for Bell'
Read Madeline Murphy on page 4

60's freedom fighter calls it 'blot' on his record

Park heights organizer fired, supporters rally to his side

By Ann Sagi
AFRO Staff Writer

The Park Heights Community Corporation, PHCC, may be in for a lively political scuffle.

The reason: Leo Burroughs Jr., formerly director of community organization for PHCC, was fired from his job on Friday, Dec. 28, 1979.

Burroughs, a civil rights activist in Maryland and elsewhere since the early '60s, is known as a tough fighter.

Rising up in his defense are some of the pro-rent control leadership. Supporters of Burroughs attended a rally held at St. Ambrose Church to discuss charges that his firing is unfair and invalid. Details of the rally were unavailable at AFRO presstime.

At the time of his dismissal, Burroughs had served as director of community organization for 21 months. He told the AFRO that his work evaluations during that period were very good or excellent. He also had a perfect attendance record.

On Dec. 14, he received a Xerox copy of a hand-written memo from Melvin Jackson, PHCC executive director since Oct. 29, 1979, requesting Burroughs' resignation, effective Dec. 28.

The memo cited poor community attendence at two separate meetings. "Your job is to see that when there is a meeting of imp

AFRO Photo by Mark Gail

Leo Burroughs Jr.

portance that community residents are notified by the organizers and to see that the necessary follow up is provided to get their support," the memo said.

The scanty attendance at the two meetings was "truly a discredit to the community and the corporation," the memo said.

In a responding memo, dated Dec. 17, Burroughs said he read the request for his resignation with "disbelief." He cited what he felt were reasons why he should not resign and concluded with a request that the personnel committee and the board of directors hear his grievance.

Burroughs said the request for his resignation is in violation of t he PHCC personnel and policy manual. Page nine states that "Prior to dismissal of any employee, the employee's supervisor will furnish the personnel committee written documentation to support any recommendation for dismissal."

The manual says documentation must include evaluations and records of counseling attempts and correspondence to employees concerning reasons for dismissal.

It further states employees shall be given at least two weeks notice of dismissal.

Burroughs said he never received two weeks notice of dismissal, just

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City schools closed Tuesday for MLK day

All Baltimore city public schools originally scheduled to be closed on Monday, Jan. 14 will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 15 in commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This date for the celebration of Dr. King's birthday is in observance with all other city agencies.

NOTICE

All offices of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 15 in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin L. King. Offices will open again at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16.

The Tuesday AFRO will be published Monday, Jan. 14, and the Friday edition will be printed as usual.

LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING — Taking out a few moments to chat before the 1980 General Assembly session begins are L to R Senators Tommie Broadwater, D-25th, Clarence Blount, D-41st, and Rosalie Abrams, D-42nd.

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