Constant Care health center's new building opening date set

Constant Care Community Health Center's new facility at 1501 Division Street is nearing completion and will be open to patients on March 31. The building has been under construction for more than two years since the groundbreaking Nov. 11, 1977.

The Division Street site will expand Constant Care's present base of operations from 100 Metro Plaza (Mondawmin Shopping Center) and is expected to attract an additional 5,000 new patients by the year 1984. Currently, Constant Care has an active caseload of more than 12,000 patients.

Both centers will provide a wide range of health services under one roof, including podiatry, optometry, psychiatry, obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, adult medicine and nutrition counseling.

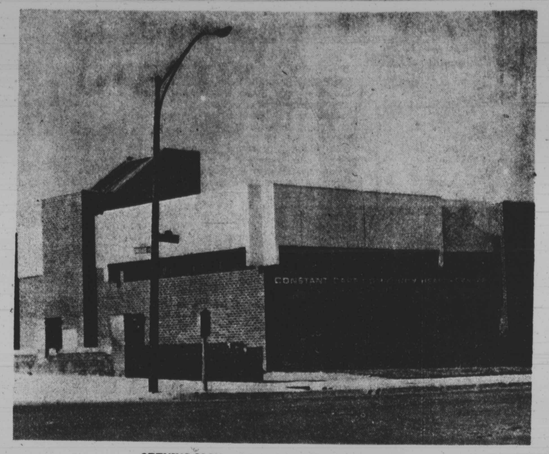
In addition, the Division Street center will offer dental services. Four dentists will join the Constant Care staff in July 1980.

Each health center will operate its own state-certified laboratory and pharmacy. Health education activities will be conducted ab both sites.

Funding was made possible through a federal public works grant and a grant from the Economic Development Administration.

Dr. Harvey Webb is executive director.

Individuals wishing to learn more about the Constant Care program should call 523-6900, ext. 72.



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Dean wants unemployment laws revised to help seasonal workers

Delegate Walter R. Dean Jr., D-Baltimore, asked a house committee Wednesday Feb. 6 to slightly liberalize Maryland's unemployment insurance laws to help seasonal workers who otherwise might not receive benefits.

Dean's proposal before the Economic Matters Committee would change the criteria considered by the state in determining how much money unemployed workers are eligible to receive.

The committee took no immediate action on the bill.

Dean said his bill attempted to address a problem created by an unemployment insurance system that considers both a former worker's quarter of highest earnings as well as his total earnings for the year in determining benefits.

But Dean said seasonal workers, such as oyster shuckers, sometimes have high earnings in one quarter, but low earnings the rest of the year.

The current schedule for benefits only permits a limited amount of disparity between the two categories before the former worker is ruled ineligible for any benefits.

Dean's bill would expand the permissible size of that disparity before all benefits would be cut off.

He cited as an example an oyster shucker who made $1,641 in one three-month period in 1977, but, only $2,365 for the year. As a result, she fell about $40 below the minimum annual salary level that was required for eligibility.

Frank O. Heintz, executive director of the State Employment Security Administration, said his agency supported the bill, noting it would only mean an increase of about 2,000 more applicants for unemployment benefits. The agency handles about 150,000 applicants a year.

He said the additional benefits would amount to about $2 million that would be paid out of the $260 million unemployment insurance trust fund, which is financed by employers.

Christopher Costello, representing the state Chamber of Commerce, however, said relaxing the restrictions on unemployment insurance could begin the process of eliminating wages as a test for benefit eligibility.

"Without it, it would cease to become a wage-loss insurance and would become another form of welfare," he said.

"They really haven't demonstrated an attachment to the fulltime labor market that the unemployment insurance program required," he said.

He suggested that seasonal workers who do not have high annual earnings possibly should not have the right to unemployment insurance.

Diplomat praises publishers

Ngondi L. Masimini, minister-at-large to the Republic of Transkei, recently praised some of the nation's leading black publishers for their coverage and support of African and Third World countries.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED PROPOSALS for the following will be received by the State Highway Administration at its offices, 300 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 until 12 Noon on the 11th Day of March, 1980 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. PRE QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS NOT REQUIRED. ON FEDERAL AID PROJECTS, the Maryland State Highway Administration, in accordance with the Standard Department of Transportation Title VI Assurances, item, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Also, the bidder's attention is called to the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive order 11246) which is a part of the contract proposal.

It is a goal of the Maryland Department of Transportation that minority business enterprise participate in ten percent (10) of the total value of prime contracts in excess of $100,000. Toward t s end all bidders shall sign the Minority Business Affirmative Action Certification included in the contract proposal.

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Construction of a steel beam bridge No. 2010 on Md. Rte. 2 over South River. The Twenty-six span bridge will be 348' long with two 36' roadways and one 5' sidewalk. Project includes construction of approach embankment for the proposed roadway at the bridge site, construction of utilities and removal of existing South River Bridge in its entirety.

Minimum wage rates for the above projects have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in the Bid Proposal.

A "Pre-bidding Information Conference" will be conducted at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 20, 1980, at the SHA Traffic Building, 350 S. Hammonds Ferry Road, Glen Burnie, Maryland.

This project is Federally-funded with time-limiting requirements for fund disbursement. Therefore, the Affirmative Action Plan for Minority Business Enterprise participation must be submitted within five (5) working days after the date of bid opening.

Bids must be made upon the blank proposal form which, with specifications and plans, will be furnished by the Administration upon application and cash payment noted. NO REFUND FOR RETURN OF SPECIFICATIONS AND PLANS.

In accordance with Article 41, Section 231 M-2, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, no bid, performance or payment bonds are required for bids less than $25,000.

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The Administration reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

M. S. Caltrider
State Highway Administrator

ORDER NO. 6-4671.
January 29, 1980

City offers teachers 4 percent hike

"This offer isn't an offer teachers can accept. Ten years ago Baltimore city teachers were some of the best paid teachers around. But over the last five to six years, education has just not been a priority in this city."

This comment was made by Ann Lepsi, negotiator for the Baltimore Teachers Union in response to the city's offer of a four percent salary increase for teachers.

The city's offer made this week while negotions are underway, hardly comes near the 27 percent increase being sought by the BTU.

"We feel this is a reasonable figure," said Ms. Lepsi who pointed out that teachers who received a 3.5 percent raise last year, have been denied full increments for the past three years.

The negotiator also reported that teachers and interested persons would take several buses to Annapolis Monday, Feb. 18 to ask the state for additional funds to meet the increase.

"We need 53 million to help alleviate the problem. We don't ex ect the city to come up with the total amount.

"But we do feel it should contribute its fair share."

In the meantime, negotiations between the union and the city will continue until an agreement is met. The current contract for teachers expires June 30 and the increase must be submitted to the Board of Estimates by May 1 to be included in the city's education budget.

Baltimore city salaries compare 16th to other divisions in the state while administrator's salaries rank second. Ms. Lepsi added that when other subdivisons were giving 10 percent increases, teachers in Baltimore city were only receiving 3.5 percent.

She explained that the union would stand firm on its request for 27 percent but would act in accordance with teachers concerns.

In addition, the negotiator would not comment whether a strike was possible

Pinderhughes School dedication planned

Dedication of the William Pinderhughes Elementary School No. 569 is set for 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Feb. 14 at the location, 1200 N. Fremont Ave.

The event honors the late William Pinderhughes, administrator and Baltimore public school teacher 30 years who died March 10,1972. The school which bears his name has been open seven years and enrolls 589 pupils. Mrs. Mary Hines is principal.

During the program which is termed "A Love In" Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes, the widow of the namesake, will present a portrait of the late educator. Pupils from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade will participate. Among guests expected are Regional Superintendent Mrs. Vondelee Clark and members of the department of education administrative staff.

Gywnn Oak association

The February general meeting of the Gwynn Oak Improvement Association will be held Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the activity building behind the Woodlawn Community Building, corner of Woodlawn Drive and Gwynn Oak Avenue in Woodlawn.

The meeting will begin with Association business at 7:30 p.m. Immediately following will be a presentation by a detective from the Baltimore County Police Crime Reduction Division. The hour-long program will include a movie, plus time for discussion, and question and asnwer.

A representative from the Woodlawn Police Station will aslo be present, and refreshments will be served.

For more information call 298-8080.

Free tax aid offered

Free income tax assistance and insurance analysis will be offered at the Kirk Multi-Purpose Center, 909 E. 22nd St., from Feb., through April on Sundays, 2 to 6 p.m. and Wednesday 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Appointments may be made by calling the mayor's station at 396-69056906.

Check out facts, myths about cancer

What are the warning signs of cancer? Can it be prevented? Treated? Those questions and more will be answered at a Community Health Quiz sponsored by the Rosemont Community Doctors Center, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m. in the Lutheran Hospital cafeteria, 730 Ashburton St.

Also included in the program are information booths on cancer prevention community outreach, question and answer session and dessert.

Test your knowledge or cancer. Below is the quiz which will be answered by a panel of doctors on Feb. 12.

1. Cancer is: (circle correct answer)
   a. A group of many diseases;
   b. The second leading cause of death in Baltimore;
   c. Often caused by environmental factors;
   d. Often preventable;
   e. All of the above.
2. Cancer is contagious. You can "catch" it.
   True _____ False _____
3. Only older people get cancer.
   True _____ False _____
4. Which of the following increase your cancer risk? (Circle all that apply)
   a. Drinking alcohol;
   b. Smoking cigarettes;
   c. High blood pressure;
   d. Eating fatty foods, smoked meats;
   e. Little physical exercise;
   f. Family history of cancer.
5. Some cancer-causing substances may be found in the workplace.
   True _____ False _____
6. Cigarette smoking is the major cause of lung cancer in the United States.
   True _____ False _____
7. Which of these are cancer warning signals? (Circle all that apply)
   a. A change in bowel or bladder habits;
   b. A sore that does not heal;
   c. Unusual bleeding or discharge;
   d. Thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere;
   e. Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing;
   f. A change in wart or mole;
   g. Nagging cough or hoarseness;
8. Which of these are methods of treating cancer?
   a. Surgery;
   b. Radiation;
   c. Losing weight;
   d. Regular exercise;
   e. Chemotherapy (anti-cancer drugs);
   f. All of the above
9. Which of these will reduce the risk of getting cancer?
   a. Don't smoke;
   b. Limit the amount of alcohol you drink;
   c. Eat less fatty food and smoked meat;
   d. Avoid breathing fumes from workplace chemicals, paints, pesticides;
   e. Avoid unnecessary X-rays;
   f. All of the above.
10. Many cancers are curable when detected early and treated promptly.
    True _____ False _____

City bond package gets tentative OK

Baltimore's $71.9 million bond package received preliminary approval Wednesday, Feb. 6 with only one state senator saying it was time to take the matter out of the General Assembly's hands.

"Baltimore is the only subdivision in the state of Maryland that has to bring its local bonds to this assembly to be approved," said Sen. John Cade, R-Anne Arundel. "I think it's time this General Assembly get it back to the local subdivision where it belongs."

Cade's concern stemmed from a recent threat by black city legislators to hold up passage of the $71,940,000 bond bills package unless the city agreed to hire and appoint more minorities. Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer agreed to try and increase minorities in city posts.

The bond package, which needs final approval, includes an $8 million loan for residential financing, $5 million loan for sewer and drain repair and money to finance school construction, economic development and encourage residential energy conservation.

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Mitchell named to national commission

Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, has named Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D-7th-Md., as a congressional adviser to the President's Commission which will develop a national agenda for the 1980 decade.

President Jimmy Carter recently established the commission, composed of 100 members appointed by the President from among private citizens.

The Chairman is Dr. William M. McGill, president of Columbia University.

The President asked O'Neill to appoint members of the House to serve as congressional advisers to the commission.

Mitchell said that he was very pleased to be appointed and that his primary function on the commission will be to protect the interests minorities.

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