Sights, scenes at AFRAM EXPO'80

CAPACITY CROWD — This photo shows a segment of the crowd at the Inner Harbor last Sunday for the final day of AFRAM EXPO '80. Some 1 million people attended the three-day festival at Rash Field.

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WE WERE THERE — Festival-goers check out the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper's booth on the edge of the wharf at the Inner Harbor during AFRAM. The AFRO gave out free balloons, bumper stickers, copies of DAWN Magazine, AFRO Update, black history supplements and copies of the Tuesday AFRO.

MUSIC MAN — John Lamphin's performance on his trumpet was one of many musical entertainments offered at AFRAM.

COOL REFRESHMENT — Temperatures for last weekend's AFRAM EXPO '80 were typical of a July in Baltimore — high '80s to lower '90s. Shawn Thomas, 5, sips a cold drink to quench her thirst.

BAUBLES, BEADS — Customers look over beads and hair combs at a vendor's table at Rash Field in the Inner Harbor.

Judge Bothe hits campaign trail to keep her Supreme Bench seat

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Although autumn leaves have not yet begun to stir, the campaign of Elsbeth Bothe and the three other sitting judges to retain their Supreme Bench seats has already begun to pick up momentum.

Bothe, who managed to eke out a win on the Republican ballot during the May 14 primary election, says she is starting early this time to attract voters.

"I'm trying to get out there and work," she said. "I'm starting early and working hard to let everyone know who I am."

She admits that her low showing in the primaries may have been due to her lack of exposure, and to counteract the problem she has begun to make several efforts to make her face known to Baltimoreans.

Wendesday night, Bothe hosted a "Boost Bothe Bash" in Hopkins Plaza. Judge Joseph Pines and Chief Judge Harold Grady were on hand to greet those in attendance.

The only disturbing sign was the fact that few local politicians showed up for the party.

The only black politico spotted was Eastside Delegate Joseph Chester, D-43, who told a reporter that his club, the New Era Democrats, were suporting Bothe and the rest of the "sitting judge" ticket.

Bothe, in keeping with the "setting judge" principle, was quick to point out that "I am doing what I can to get elected, not only for myself, but for all four of us."

Bothe is considered the weakest of the four candidates, which is somewhat of a surprise when one considers her background in civil rights, the feminist struggle, and in support of organized labor.

Bothe, who is only the second other woman on the Supreme Bench, is a member of the "old guard" of civil rights activists.

During the late '50s and '60s, she traveled throughout the South as a lawyer for the NAACP. She has also spent several years as a public defender, and is best recalled for her spirited defense of Anthony Blackwell, a youth later convicted of fire - bombing the home of his former girlfriend.

Her active defense of Blackwell gives a clue to the driving force behind Bothe, a belief that justice should be more that, as Richard Pryor put it, "just us."

"Essentially," she said, "justice means an equality of treatment, regardless of race...or anyconsiderations except what the law dictates." Bothe said that when she initally received the news that she had been appointed to a seat on the bench, she had misgivings.

"I enjoyed trial work," she stated, "I liked getting involved in causes."

But she says that being on the bench has turned out to be a more effective way for her to utilize her talents.

"Now that I've been on the bench for a while, I feel that I can make the best contribution to society from here."

ENTHUSIASTIC CAMPAIGNERS — Tom Corey, (L) an administrator with the University of Baltimore and a campaign worker, joins Judge Elsbeth Bothe (C) and Ed Anglietti coodinator of the Bothe effort as they exchange a laugh.

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REV. EDNA ISAAC and the Greene Sisters will be one of the hosts groups for the National Quartet Convention of the World Interdenominational Incorporated, Aug. 10 - 17. The Greene Sisters will also be singing at the seven - day gospel show at the Hilton Hotel.

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Police crack N.E. terrorist ring

What Lola wants, Lola gets

LAS VEGAS - Lola Falana made front-page headlines in Las Vegas last week and got support from other top performers Wayne Newton, Bill Cosby, and Ben Vereen, when she waived her hefty $125,000 weekly salary and performed for free to reopen the Baghdad Room at the Aladdin Hotel, saving the jobs of some 60 hotel workers.

The First Lady of Las Vegas Entertainment gave the troubled Aladdin Hotel its biggest single boast to keep it operating since the Nevada Gaming Commission officially closed the Aladdin gaming area

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Are the wrong inmates in half-way houses?

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

State prerelease units have come under fire recently from state's attorney Steven Sachs, who has issued an opinion claiming that the "legal status of 'Prerelease units' has been clouded and uncertain."

Sachs stated in the opinion, which was issued August 1, that "significant legislative revision and clarification," is neccessary in order to bring the state units under a uniform system of operation and to codify the criteria for admittance into the various centers.

The opinion was in response to a request from Edwin Goodlander, state Commissioner of Correction, to Sachs to clarify the criteria for inmate eligibility for admittance to the centers and the legal basis for the establishment of such centers.

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4 Gardenville teens charged with racial harassment of family

Since Nov. 13, 1979 Northeastern district police officers have been cruising the 4300 block Shamrock Ave., to prevent racial harassment of George Wise and his 10-year-old son.

Wise, a 29-year-old mechanic with his boy, constitutes the only black family living on Shamrock Ave. After moving into the neighborhood in August 1979, windows of his home were broken three times, a friend's car was vandalized on Nov. 6, 1979 and a cross was burned outside his home. Rocks were thrown through his front door window on Halloween.

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President visits Jordan

UPI wirephoto

HOSPITAL VISIT — President Jimmy Carter stopped to see National Urban League chief Vernon Jordan in his hospital room in New York Wednesday, Aug. 6, and promised jokingly he would be "the last politician to visit him this week." Jordan is recuperating from gunshot wounds he received while attending an Urban League conference in Indiana.

Colts drop Doughty

Popular receiver Glenn Doughty of the Baltimore Colts has been cut by the club, according to Colts spokesmen.

Doughty, who ranks as the Colts' sixth-leading receiver, totalled 3,547 yards in 219 pass receptions during his years with the team.

Known as "Mr. Shake and Bake," Doughty captivated audiences with his ability to wrestle the ball from defensive players in a crowd as well as for his tough blocking ability.

According to Colts coach Mike McCormack, the club has six receivers listed on the depth charts ahead of Doughty, who lost a chance to compete for his job this summer due to a hamstring pull.

So far, no other club has expressed an interest in acquiring Doughty, who is currently building a sports and entertainment complex in the Upton area of the city.

Soul Shack owners to open $200,000 Lexington Mkt. bar

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

The Soul Shack, a popular West Baltimore eating establishment, will be moving to a veritable mansion in the near future, according to the owner of the enterprise, Ken Bryant.

Bryant said that plans are underway to open a 150-seat restaurant in the West side of Lexington Market. He says that the new establishment will be a "super-restaraunt."

"We'll have a cafeteria and a dining room, and will serve cocktails, mugs of draft beer, wines, and probably the best meals in the city," he told the AFRO.

The restaraunt, which was started at its West Baltimore location in 1971, has developed a reputation for its soul cuisine. It is a small operation which holds 28 people, but, according to Bryant, it has been a profitable venture.

"We haven't been living on welfare," he said humorously. "We've done rather well here."

Bryant stated that the venture is expected to cost just over $200,000, and all but $90,000 of the money will come from "our operation, life savings and support from family and friends."

He said that the atmosphere of the restaurant will be unique, with artwork by local artists lining the walls, yet the prices will be "within the reach of working people."

The last hurdle to be cleared by Bryant was winning approval of the restaurant's liquor license. According to a spokesperson from the Liquor Board, approval has been granted, thus clearing the way for what will be the largest black enterprise in Lexington Market.

When the AFRO was a kid

WHEN THE AFRO WAS A KID, back in the 1890s, like this youngster in the wicker baby buggy of that day, the date was Aug. 13, 1892 to be exact. Look for a Special Edition of the AFRO celebrating the 88th Anniversary coming out on Friday, Aug. 15. Inside will be many old fashioned photos sent in by AFRO readers, their stories of long ago and plenty to remind you of the Good Old Days in Old Baltimore and today's Baltimore as well.

Baltimore's Best

AFRO Photo by Mark Gail

AWARD WINNER — Mes. Shirley Patterson was one of 28 Baltimoreans named as "Baltimore's Best" at ceremonies at the Inner Harbor this week. Mrs. Patterson, shown receiving her award from Mayor William Donald Schaefer, was honored for her "love and concern for children" in her community and planning activities for them in her home.

Reeves will continue fire chief protest

The fight over the selection of a white Baltimorean to the post of fire chief by the Board of Fire Commissioners is far from over.

Fifth District Councilman Norman V.A. Reeves, who announced at a press conference last week that he was filing a discrimination suit against the board for its failure to interview a black candidate for the job, told the AFRO, Thursday, Aug. 7 that he is preparing a position paper which he will make public next week detailing other action that he will take.

"We want to lay out very clearly that this is a clear case of discrimination.

"There is no way they can skirt the issue by saying this is a hometown issue," he said.

Additionally, Reeves and other black officials have promised to attempt to thwart Fire Board President Norman Ramsey's appointment to a federal judgeship and will take the fight to U.S. Senate confirmation hearings.

A statement issued by the Board of Fire Commissioners says "the matter of race was at no time a consideration in the mind of any of the commissioners in deciding not to interview candidates from out of town or in the process of selecting Chief (Peter J.) O'Connor to become the new chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department."

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Readers give tips in Yellow Corvette murder mystery

Despite tips from citizens of Baltimore county police have received concerning the death of Ms. Natalie Noble, police report this information has not yet led to any arrests. A description of the man suspected as her slayer was published in newspapers this week.

Ms. Noble, 42, who lived alone in the Hamlet West Apartments in Woodlawn was found dead on the living room floor of her Chaplain Drive apartment on July 18.

Police report she had been stabbed several times. Relatives and police found Ms. Noble nearly seven hours after a friend of the dead woman saw an unidentified man getting out of her car in the 600 block South Fulton Ave. miles away from the murder scene.

Detective Michael Parks stated Ms. Noble's 1978 yellow Corvette car is "one of a kind" and the SUN-S on the license plate stood for "sun shine."

The victim had not been to work two days prior to discovery of her body.

Ms. Noble was employed as a stenographer with Inner Harbor Management Corporation at tne World Trade Center. Police believe Ms. Noble knew the person who killed her because the door was unlocked and there was no sign of forced entry.

Relatives believe the victim was about to get in the bathtub just before she was killed because water was still in the tub when they arrived.

The victim's mother, Mrs. Alma Wallace said she last saw her daughter on July 13, when she was going to Washington to visit a friend. The man seen getting out of Ms. Noble's car on July 18 is in his 20s, weighs 160 pounds; height 5 feet, 11 inches with a thin build, medium brown complexion, dark hair and brown eyes. He reportedly was wearing a blue T-shirt and blue jeans.

Persons having any information should call Baltimore county police homicide division, 494-2126. All information will be kept confidential.

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