School teacher turns flea market merchant

By James M. Abraham
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Among the merchants selling their wares at the Baltimore Civic Center's "Wheels and Deals" flea-market and rollerskating sessions held each weekend, a customer might notice a pretty, smiling woman ringing up sales as fast as her fingers can move.

Eunice Herring, who says she has been selling items all her life, recently made over $150 in five hours selling jewelry and old clothes at the flea market.

"I needed some extra money," said the young schoolteacher, "and when I need extra money, I just sell things."

Merchandising has always come easy to Ms. Herring.

"When I was in high school back in South Carolina, I won a sales contfact for selling the most AFRO's in my school," she related with a smile.

YOUNG MERCHANT — Eunice Herring, a city school teacher, says that she has ainatural ability to sell.

"I set a four-state record selling 'Princess House' crystal back in 1979," she added.

She said that there are certain trends in buying that one can notice quickly.

"People are mostly interested in buying second-hand children's clothes, but they don't buy second-hand items for themselves," she said.

The enterprising woman, who is also a real estate salesperson, says that she'll probably be back at her stall in the near future.

"My friends are always asking me to sell something for them," she said. "I have some more stuff in my closet, so I'll probaly be back there, (at the flea market), this summer."

Fairfield gets in step

BAND PRACTICE — Fairfield Angels Marching Band members polish their routines in Fairfield. In the photo at left, Anthony Colony (foreground) plays the drums. Rachel Bright, 13, (L, foreground) and Sharon Kig, 15, rehearse a pompon drill. The 35-member group under the direction of Norma Jones, was formed July 10, 1980 and performed for

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Fairfield Week, Aug. 4 to 8. The Fairfield Angels are available for other events. Interested persons should call Ms. Jones at 355-6302.

Local Dems, Republicans ready for vote battle

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City Republicans held a press conference at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Thursday, Aug. 21 and revealed that they were gearing up for a serious November battle against the traditional city and state Democratic juggernaut.

Effort, and Samuel Culotta and Thomas Mickie will chair the Reagan-Bush campaign here.

Vice-chairmen of the campaign include Gloria Jones, Robert F. Scholz and Ann Taylor.

In the Seventh congressional district, where Victor Clark will be pitted against Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, the Rev. St. George Crosse will be leading the struggle to unseat the popular legislator. He says that the party has a strong base in the area and expects to capitalize on it.

"In 1976 the GOP received 20 percent of the vote," he said, "and that was when things were going good. Now with high unemployment, double-digit inflation and double-digit interest rates, we expect to win."

Margaret Dyer, of the Baltimore branch of the NAACP, Verdell Adair, an elector to the national electoral college, Evelyn Curtis, Alice Smallwood and Martha Roley are among the local blacks who will be leading various legislative districts attempting to lead various legislative districts into the GOP fold.

There is a nine-to-one Democratic/Republican ratio in the city, and, according to several Democrats, this advantage will not be relinquished without a fight.

Dr. Gwen Cooke, who delivered the platform statement on national health policy at the recent Demo convention, and Carolyn Stith, who served as a floor whip at the confab, both said that a massive voter registration and education drive will be forthcoming.

"We will organize small groups of people in their homes to educate them," said Dr. Cooke.

Ms. Stith said that, besides a massive voter registration drive in September, efforts will be made to inform the public of Carter's record.

"We plan to work those areas that we usually cover during elections," she said. "We will also be forming groups of people who have access to other people and brief them on Carter's record."

Ms. Stith says that the main issues in the campaign will be jobs, housing and inflation.

Delegate Troy Brailey, D-46, says that Carter's record in urban policy will assure him of the city vote.

He pointed out that most black mayors throughout the country have thrown their support behind Carter due to the job he has done for the nation's main metropolitan areas. Ms. Stith agreed, and pointed out that Carter is the first president to establish an urban policy office.

Republicans have a strong candidate in Reagan, who has managed to take advantage of a growing conservative trend throughout the country.

Although many Demos say that the Kennedy-Carter rift has been blown out of proportion, most political observers agree that the split may have a detrimental effct on the party, and cause many dis-affected party members to re-examine the independent caniacy of John Anderson.

Despite the list of issues espoused by the respective candidates, their iferent policies and characteristics will make for a campaign based largely on personal attacks. Carter has a reputation for playing political hardball, (one can recall his organization's derailment of the Kennedy effort through their focus on Chappaquiddick) and there is no doubt this reputation will be proven in the months ahead.

State may meet prison deadline

The state may meet a Sept. 1 deadline to reduce the population in two of its prisons if not too many more prisoners are incarcerated before then, corrections officials said Wednesday.

The population at the Maryland Penitentiary in Baltimore and its reception center was 137 inmates over the court-imposed limit Wednesday, and the census at the House of Corrections at Jessup was within the federal guidelines, said Steven Minnich, coordinator of special programs for the state department of public safety and corrections.

The state hopes to move some of the excess prisoners to a new facility in Hagerstown that opens Monday.

The inmate reduction was ordered by federal judges in Baltimore to eliminate double-celling of inmates in cells designed for only one person. The state has missed several deadlines and last May U.S. district judge Alexander Harvey II gave corrections officials until Sept. 1 to comply.

Minnich said a factor in whether the deadline is met is how many inmates are taken in and how many are released in the next 10 days.

"We're really looking for a break on intake. We have been working with the parole commission. It just depends on how many parole approvals there are," he said.

"When we first started this whole exercise in August 1978 we were 869 inmates over-populated in both institutions. We have reduced it to 137 and I think the state is comfortable with that record." (UPI)

Baltimore rated a high dope traffic city

Heroin usage on increase, Feds report

By James M. Abraham
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The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has announced that four urban areas have shown a marked increase in heroin use during the past six months, despite an overall drop in the amount of heroin addiction nationwide.

The cities of New York, Washington, Newark and Boston have reported an upsurge in drug usage.

John Mahoney, of the DEA, said that Baltimore ranks along with Boston as a city with a large heroin-using population.

"Boston and Baltimore are consumer cities," he said. "Heroin has always been more readily available in the city than in the country."

Mahoney says that the main drugs used outside of urban centers are "soft"- drugs such as marijuana, barbituates and amphetamines. When asked why, he said heroin was used more extensively in the city brought "of the unemployment situation."

Southwest Asia heroin now accounts for 64 percent of the domestic heroin seizures, said the White House.

The four cities listed have experienced an increased amount of admissions to drug treatment programs, emergency room cases, heroin-related deaths, and an improvement in the quality of heroin available.

Five steps have been outlined by the government to deal with the resurgence of the drug. They include: allowing the Veterans Administration to handle veterans seeking state or federal drug treatment programs, the creation of a special southwest Asia DEA office to stop the flow of drugs to the four major drug markets on the East Coast, bringing public health service hospitals, community health centers, and mental health centers into the fight to assist those with heroin addiction; and an international effort to smash six major organizations dealing in the drug.

Intensified searches of luggage and passengers at the airports of the four cities named, as well as O'Hare Airport in Chicago, are also expected as part of this latest crackdown.

The House of Ruth needs $ help

The House of Ruth has been providing shelter and crisis counseling for battered women and their families for almost three years. In that time, The House has grown tremendously and has benefitted from widespread community support of domestic violence as a serious societal problem.

Services which the House of Ruth currently provide its clients include: A ½ HOUR Hotline; Legal Advocacy, Groupwork, Social Agency Referral, Couples Counseling, Child Care Services, a Speakers Bureau and a program providing Counseling to Abusers.

A great deal of financial support to keep the House operational hascome from special grants, such as the Goldseker Foundation support of the Volunteer Program and the Enforcement Assistance Administration support of the Batterer's Program, the Legal Advocate, and the Children's Counselor.

While these grants have allowed the House to expand and to offer vitally important services to victims of domestic violence and their children, they have not funded "core" services — shelter and couseling for battered women. A grant received from the the Department of Human Resources does provide funding for most of these core services; however, it does not cover the complete cost.

In order to continue to provide shelter and counseling to victims in need, the House of Ruth must depend on contributions from individuals, community organizations, foundations, and corporations.

The budget for fiscal year 1981 is $221,000; income from various grant sources totals only $156,000. Therefore, in order to continue the present level of services, at least $65,000 must be raised during the next year.

Pease help keep the House of Ruth Operational. Victims of domestic violence and their children depend on your contributions. Send your contributionsto: The House of Ruth P.O. Box 7276, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.

Inspectors face dismissal for selling tickets

City liquor inspectors, who are appointed by state senators, will face dismissal if they are found to be selling political ads or fund-raising tickets to anyone involved in the liquor business, the Baltimore Liquor Board said.

The board sent letters to Baltimore's 11 state senators Tuesday outlining new rules that also would make it illegal for the 20 full-time and 14 part-time inspectors to receive gratuities.

HEY, LOOK AT THE PARADE — Three young spectators are pictured watching the recent AFRAM parade from a curbside seat on Howard Street. In photo (R), the drum, majorette and bugle corps of the Urban Service's St. James Teen Center strut their stuff.

If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

A true story — It happened on Saturday morning in the lobby of Cross Keys Inn. A group of us was standing waiting for N.Y. Yankees' super star, Reggie Jackson, to appear for a meeting.

An excited blond youth came up to Lee Martin, the Baltimore city realtor, and asked, "Mr. Jackson, may I have your autograph?"

He never did hear Martin explain he was NOT Reggie, and he didn't understand our laughter. See, we all look alike!!

When Reggie did arrive to keep his appointment with us, he was accompanied by his pretty sister, Beverly, the medical sales rep, who lives here in Baltimore with their mother, Mrs. Clara Jackson.

In person, Reggie Jackson is handsome, intense. He has penetrating eyes. He does not miss a point you make, and when he is discussing business, he does not let the activities of those around him disrupt his chain of thought. Very fine gentleman!

More about people

Spied in the lobby — Olivia (Chinky) Dixon. She and Laura Pair, had been in the restaurant for brunch.

So had the Art Lambert family. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert (Electra), had with them her mother, Mrs. Florence Parks of Essex, and her sisters, Mrs. Bette K. Harmon, Detroit; Mrs. Florence K. Taylor, Richmond; and Mrs. Blanche Patterson, Essex.

By the way, Mrs. Patterson is the mother of Donald E. Patterson, the newly appointed assistant superintendent of Baltimore City Public Schools.

Happiest youngster who was not in the lobby — 12-year-old Doris Patterson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roland N. Patterson (Marion).

When she learned we had a meeting with Reggie, she asked us to bring back his autograph. He gave us an autographed ball, which we delivered to her door.

Also seen in the hotel lobby — Carol St. Clair. She had brought her mother, Catherine, and family friend for lunch — Edna Deaver McCormick, a native Baltimorean now residing in California.

Other California guests here visiting relatives, Jayne Parker Cox, Pasadena; and Frances Perkins, San Diego.

About this and that

Good news — Mae Chamberlain is singing the praises of the Baltimore County emergency service.

Three weeks ago, she had a heart attack. She called the emergency number and help responded immediately. She received prompt attention from the ambulance crew before they rushed her to Baltimore County General Hospital.

She is doing fine now, resting comfortably at her St. Luke Lane home.

Dr. Sidney Kobre, the longtime public information, news exec for Community College of Baltimore, is doing well at Hopkins Hospital.

Happy family reunion in Baltimore on Saturday saw members of the Henderson family gather for a cookout at the Alto Rd. home of Clarence (Punchy) Henderson, the musician and teacher. Buffalo, N.Y. on August 9-10, we joined some 600 natives of that city who gathered for two-day reunion festivities.

Seated at our table — Mrs. Beatrice Smith, with her daughter, Linda Franklin. She confided she had just returned from Baltimore where she visited her son, James Melvin Smith and his wife, Judy Brooks Smith, both city teachers.

Oldest person at the reunion was 88-year-old Julius Evans. Also present, his daughters, Hilda Evans and Bernice Woodson, who reported they are both Morgan State University grads. So is another sister, Martha Gantt, who resides in Los Angeles.

Also chatted in Buffalo with Dr. Winton G. (Flash) Hardiman who was fresh in from the 35th biannual conclave of Sigma Pi Phi (the boule) in Chicago.

He was elected national vice-president, which makes two national vice-presidents elected in his family this year. His wife, Thelma, is the newly elected vice-president of Links Inc.

During the conclave, members passed memorial resolutions for deceased members and spouses. The late Alice Q. Murphy of Baltimore was among those memorialized.

New president of the Boule is Theodore A. Jones of Chicago, a vice-president of McDonald's Inc.

Among Baltimore area delegates there: Drs. and Mesdames Saul Perdue, Samuel Meyers, Richard McKinney.

More this and that

Baltimore residents spied in the Atlanta airport: — Pretty Cheryl Parks (daughter of our town's Henry G. Parks (Parks Sausage).

She now resides in Atlanta, says she just loves her job as stewardess with Eastern Airlines. We reminisced about her growing-up days in Ohio where she learned to swim at the YMCA under the direction of then Springfield Y director, Alonzo Paul Moss.

Back home in Baltimore on Monday evening, we joined relatives and friends of Pink Douglas in a memorial service at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church on E. Preston St.

Mr. Douglas, 72, was beloved as a church worker, friend and confidante to young and old, and as a good neighbor. He was called the "Mayor of the 1600 block E. Biddle St.," where he lived for years.

Many know his wife, Imogene Byrd Douglas, the teacher who is a devoted church and civic worker. We know her best as a hard-working treasurer of the Big Sisters Club Inc.

At the Monday rites the family tribute was given by a nephew, Eric Byrd Jr. (he's grown up since we last saw him, is teaching at Community College of Baltimore).

In it, he recalled, "We will always remember Uncle Pink as we loved him . . . deeply. His was an humble and compassionate life, offering friendship and strength . . . he was the very personification of giving . . . friend, confidante, surrogate parent to us . . . and to neighbors, children . . . always there listening, smiling and giving encouragement . . ."

Coming Up: Mark your calendar now for the Annapolis Ethnic Awards Dinner. It's 4 p.m., Sunday, August 31, at the Annapolis Hilton.

Among the honorees is Eloise Richardson, the library therapist at Crownsville State Hospital.

Many know her as a talented poet and hard worker in her Annapolis community. AFRO readers remember her byline has appeared frequently in news stories for over 20 years.

For ticket information, call or write, William McManus, 3430 Rockway Ave., Annapolis, Md. 21403 (301) 267-6896.

Other honorees are Ailen Palley, the civic worker and Joyce P. McManus, the music teacher. Tab is $17.50 per.

Due to make a special appearance at the event is the talented young actress-model, Joyce Tracey of N.Y.; a niece of Mrs. Richardson. State Senator Aris P. Allen will preside at the event.

More people and things

We had to travel all the way to California a week back to get this good news about Baltimore residents: —

Luke Webb, the longtime resident of Gwynns Falls Parkway, who moved to Oakland several years ago after his wife's death to be near his daughters, has taken a new wife.

The 81-year-old Mr. Webb and Mrs. Ida Scott of Las Vegas were married in May. Daughter, Dr. Zelda Webb, says they are settled and very happy in their new Nevada home.

And, Baltimore-born Dr. James Wood, the orthopedic surgeon, opened his office last week in San Francisco. He's the son of James (Biddy) Wood and Frances Murphy Campbell.

Which reminds me to mention that his pal, Dr. Miles G. Harrison Jr., has begun practice of medicine here in Baltimore. He is associated with his uncle, Dr. Bernard Harris Jr.

"Gay, as he is known to intimates, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles G. Harrison Sr. (Bernardine Harris).

Also while in California, we learned good news about another Baltimore-area resident — Mayfield Webb, the HUD attorney who resides in Columbia. He is doing well. He had heart surgery, is now up and about.

Sad news about a Baltimore native in California: Mrs. Alice Lockerman MacBeth died August 10 at her home in Los Angeles. She was the widow of Gobert MacBeth, the longtime Baltimore lawyer and teacher.

Many may remember Mrs. MacBeth as an outstanding teacher in the Baltimore schools. Her father was the renowned Joseph Lockerman, the head of the Normal School. A Baltimore public school bears his name.

The Gobert MacBeths deserted Baltimore over 30 years ago. He and another brother, Hugh MacBeth practiced law together. Today, their sons, Hugh Jr. and Arthur share a law office.

Baltimore survivors include a sister-in-law, Louise Lockerman of N. Carey St.

More people about

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