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Cop's treatment

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Several eyewitnesses to the incident say that a conflicting report of what happened was filed by a black officer present at the scene.

Tilghman has denied the existence of the report.

Mrs. Clarke said that the same officer who verbally abused her and her sons visited her sons in jail after the incident, and asked one of them to sign a traffic ticket, but he refused. When the officer threatened him with jail unless he signed, the youth responded, "but I'm already in jail."

The family still has both tickets, but Tilghman says that the officer was off-duty when the youths were in jail.

The residents of the community are mostly homeowners and they say that they are planning a meeting Saturday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. to plan means of protecting their community from any more incidents such as the one which occurred Labor Day.

—Hughes

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Lyko said the federal regulations were promulgated "to force recalcitrant states to get on the stick and implement the program.

"It should be kept in mind that this program, which has been in existence for 10 years, has been terribly underutilized until now. The state has never until this moment committed itself to fully implement the program."

The program will begin in the counties near Baltimore by January. Programs will be set up in the rest of the state by the end of 1981, officials said. A program for children in Baltimore has been in existence since June 1979.

—Sphinx Club

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Brown said that he knew of the hearing, but that he was on vacation, while McCully corroborated his statement.

Sources said that the liquor board action may have come about as a result of the Bertram Dorsey trial held two months ago, in which Dorsey, a former liquor board inspector, charged that the board was routinely accepting bribes and gifts from various tavern owners.

"When Bertram Dorsey was fired," said Collins, "he said that Andrew Johnson, (a liquor board inspector), had owned an interest in the club, and that he showed favoritism to the club. All of that was lies, but when the Dorsey case made it to federal court the board reacted."

Another side to the Dorsey story, according to another source, is that once he was fired, the board was free to go after the club.

"That's a lie," said McCully emphatically when asked if the allegation were true he said that there had been a backlog of cases in the Liquor Board dockets which "we inherited from the past administration," and that the Sphinx Club case had finally made it to the top of the pile.

The club is the oldest black-owned and operated private club in the city. It was opened after World War II, and quickly established itself as the exclusive club of the black professional class.

The ironic twist to the whole affair is that the club was slated to be closed by Tilghman during the Labor Day weekend in order to refurbish the premises and examine the direction of the club.

Currently, the club is appealing the three-day suspension, and will remain open pending the results of a court case concerning the suspension.

Charles Tilghman says that the whole incident amazed him because it was the first time he was not issued a warning. He also stated that the process by which the police accumulated evidence back in 1978, when the violation allegedly occurred, was strange.

Is the action against the Sphinx Club purely business, or are politics involved? This is an election year, and the reason for the Liquor Board's move will probably be debated for weeks and months to come.

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Candidates, questions on November ballot

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

City voters will go to the polls Nov.4 to approve a new president, five Supreme Bench judges, three House of Representatives members, a senator, and several referendum questions.

According to Gene Raynor, head of the city bureau of elections, registration is up this year.

He said that several agencies, including the NAACP, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company have been instrumental in corralling new voters.

During the May primaries, only a third of the city's registered voters turned out, but, if the registration trends are any indication, a larger turnout is expected.

Voter turnout isusually higher during a presidential election year.

Incumbent Jimmy Carter, Republican Ronald Reagan and Independent candidate John Anderson will be vying for the presidency. In the House races, incumbent Barbara Mikulski is pitted against Richard L. Andrews in the 3rd Congressional District; Clarence Long will be facing Helen Delich Bentley in the 2nd and Parren J. Mitchell will be vying with Victor Clark Jr. for a 7th District seat. (Democrats are all listed first.)

Charles McC. Mathias will be attempting to retain his seat against state Sen. Edward Conroy, D-24 in the lone state Senatorial race. Mathias is the only Republican with an almost certain chance of victory.

Incumbent Supreme Bench judges J. Harold Grady, Robert Bell, Elsbeth Bothe and Joseph Pines are joined by contenders Tom Ward and Billy Murphy in the six-person field for the five available judgeship slots.

Referendum questions on the ballot will include the following:

Question A calls for authority of the city to borrow up to $12 million to facilitate loans to persons or legal entities to purchase and or develop city residential properties.

Question B asks for authority to borrow up to $8 million for similar housing efforts, but includes provisions for loans to rehabilitators or renovators.

Question C is an economic development loan asking permission for the city to borrow a maximum of $7 million to actualize the city's Economic Development Program.

D is a school loan question seeking permission for the city to borrow $5.5 million to improve the physical plant of city schools.

E would authorize the city to borrow up to $3 million to facilitate loans to persons or companies who are prepared to make city homes more energy efficient.

F is a request for approval of a $16 million loan to implement the city's Community Development Program.

G is a request for a parking loan of $3 million to provide additional off-street parking facilities.

H is designed to enable the city to borrow $8.5 million to improve the city drain system.

An Industrial Finance Loan is Qestion I, which would entail the city's borrowing $3 million to improve and develop existing industrial properties within Baltimore.

J is a Commercial Financing Loan designed to enable the city to insure loans to those persons or bodies wishing to acquire, improve or purchase commercial properties.

K calls for a $3 million loan to develop a comprehensive solid waste disposal system.

The organizational structure, policy and operation of City Hospitals could be changed if city voters approve Question L, and Question M will change the amount of funds available for the hospital's Contient Fund.

Three constitutional questions also are on November's ballot. Question Two calls for the consolidation of the Supreme Bench of the city, and the empowerment of a new "superclerk" who would preside over administrative functions of the entire circuit court system of Baltimore.

Question Three is a provision on the removal of cases from one court to another at the request of a party; and the amendment would provide an automatic removal of cases only for capital offenses, otherwise cause must be shown for a change to another court.

Question Four is a constitutional amendment which would give the mayor and city council power to make loans to persons or bodies wishing to improve, renovate or rehabilitate buildings for residential purposes; to assume leases or interest in buildings for commercial purposes and to aid in the construction improvement or development of buildings designed for commercial purposes.

Deadline for registration is Oct. 6.

—'Good Samaritan'

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Ms. Merritt was the activities coordinator at the nursing home until Aug. 12. The majority of the 137 patients in the home are maintained through public assistance funds.

Through her attorneys Marvin Ellin, Jonathan Schochor and Donald F. Oakley, she is asking the court for temporary custody of Ms. Mary Dickson, 32, until she can be placed in a home where she would receive proper care and attention.

Ms. Dickson, suffered brain injury as the result of a cardiopulmonary arrest during routine gynecological procedure at University of Maryland Hospital on July 3, 1979. Court records state the brain injury occurred due to oxygen deprivation during the period of cardiopulmonary arrest and she suffered further serious injuries during the surgical procedure.

She was confined in serious condition at University of Maryland Hospital and transferred to Montebello State Hospital because of the overwhelming seriousness of her injuries and the brain injury sustained during the period of cardiopulmonary arrest.

As a public assistant patient, Ms. Dickson was transferred to the Midtown Nursing Home on March 10. Ms. Merritt had daily contact with Ms. Dickson and states in the court petition that the patient's personal belongings were stolen and she witnessed injurious care.

Ms. Merritt states she developed an interest and concern for the patient and saw that with the proper care and supervision improvement could be made in her overall physical condition.

According to court records, efforts were made by individuals at the nursing home to have Ms. Dickson committed to a mental institution, a place where the proper care could not be furnished for an individual whose problem is through trauma and not mental sickness.

Mrs. Dickson ran away from the home 10:30 p.m. Sept. 5 and was found wandering around the intersection of Centre and Howard Sts.

Ms. Merritt then decided to take the patient into her home as an act of kindness and concern toward a fellow human being.

Ms. Dickson has no relatives or close friends in Maryland and has a foster mother who resides in South Carolina.

Charles Fonner, an administrator at the Midtown Nursing Home told the AFRO, "Mary has a very sad case and we are not fighting to bring her back."

Fonner says Ms. Dickson needs supervision and the nursing home had taken her to vocational workshops and workshops for the blind. She was also reported missing and Fonner said the nursing home had planned for her to be discharged.

According to Fonner, when Ms. Merritt resigned as activities coordinator, she did not give any reason for leaving the home.

GRATITUDE—Steve Cutler (R), personnel director at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, holds a certificate of appreciation presented by George Gibbs, job placement counselor with the Baltimore Association of Retarded Citizens (BARC). The award was presented for two consecutive years to Mt. Washington Pediatric in recognition of the hospital's hiring of handicapped persons. The presentation was made by BARC on behalf of the Maryland Association for Retarded Citizens.

Health education seminar set

The Monumental Health Plan Inc. will have its monthly patient patient session at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, on "Lung Disease Prevention and Self-treatment" presented by Dr. Richard F. Tyson in the auditorium of Walbrook High School, 2000 Edgewood St. at Clifton Avenue.

This the seventh in a series on health education and counseling presented by this HMO. Each session is held on the last Wednesday of every month throughout the year.

For further information call 624-7600, Ext. 275 or 240.

The public is invited to the Center for Displaced Homemakers, 2435 Maryland Ave., to learn how to protect themselves against crime in the home or on the street.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 1:30 p.m., Sgt. George Boston, Baltimore police department, will lead a free workshop in which he will describe measures eneryone can take to ensure their personal safety. A mobile crime resistance unit will be parked in the rear of the Center, and will be open to the public from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

3 white youths arrested in East Baltimore attack

Three white youths were arrested Wednesday Sept. 10 in connection with the maiming of an East Baltimore man early Sunday morning.

According to the city police department, all of the youths lived within one block of each ther.

The youths said that they followed the victim, Rufus Snow, for almost a block before they attacked him. They said that he tried to run, but fell after running into a car. Although initial reports stated that bottles had been used in the attack, one of the hoodlums arrested said that rocks were used instead.

When asked why they beat the man, who lost his right eye as a result of the incident, according to city police Maj. Herbert Armstrong, one of the gang members said, "we just did it."

Snow is still confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital, and is expected to recover from the attack.

Maj. Armstrong said that Snow was on his way to a party, and had gotten off an MTA bus in the 3600 block Falls Road to walk the rest of the way when he was attacked.

Armstrong said that there is a chance the three assailants, all minors, may be tried as adults because of the seriousness of the crime.

Local youth wins scholarship

Edward Bernard Justis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Morton (Gloria) of the 300 block N. Calhoun St., recently was awarded an alumni regional scholarship from the University of Rochester.

Edward B. Justis

Justis was one of 58 incoming freshmen to receive the scholarship. He is majoring in engineering.

He attended Loyola High School in Towson and was also a recipient of an ROTC scholarship and National Honor Society scholarship.

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