Drunken driving arrests up

Maryland State police report that a record number of 1,195 persons were arrested by troopers last month and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

These arrests show an increase of 131 percent compared to September last year when 517 drivers were arrested. This total brings the number of persons arrested by state troopers for drunk driving this year to 8,575.

Drunk driving continues to be one of the most serious traffic safety problems in Maryland and the nation. Federal traffic safety officials estimate that nearly 26,000 deaths and 750,000 serious injuries are caused by drunk drivers each year.

On May 1, Gov. Harry Hughes and State Police Superintendent Thomas S. Smith announced the most comprehensive effort ever undertaken in Maryland to identify and remove drunk drivers from the highways.

This crackdown is supported in part by a $150,000 federal highway safety grant that pays troopers overtime to detect drunk drivers on roads which have been identified as having a high number of alcohol related accidents.

In studies conducted under the direction of the State medical examiner, of the fatal accident victims tested last year 62 percent of the drivers, 65 percent of the passengers and 50 percent of the pedestrians had a positive blood alcohol content.

Troopers received additional training in detecting drunk drivers and are using a special driving while intoxicated guide which contains 20 detection cues. Maryland is the first state to use this guide one a statewide basis. The guide was developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

According to Lt. Col. Johnny G. Lough, chief of the state police field operations, "We hope motorists are getting the message that we are committed to making Maryland highways safer for everyone to use." Lough predicts that the state police will reach an all time high in arresting drunk drivers this year.

Hagans re-elected as head of NBL

THEODORE HAGANS

B. DOYLE MITCHELL

D.C. businessman Theodore R. Hagans Jr. was elected president of the National Business League marks the last week for his first full term of service in the organization's highest office. In his prior two years as president, Hagans was serving out the unexpired portion of the late Dr. Berkeley G. Burrell's term.

Other officers re-elected to another three-year term included Franklin F. O'Neal, senior vice president; and B. Doyle Mitchell, President of the Industrial Bank of Washington, Treasurer. N.A. Eggleston, of Richmond, Va., was newly elected to the position of Secretary.

Among members elected to serve on the board of directors until 1984 were W. Ronald Evans, president of Progressive Properties, Inc., Washington, and B. Doyle Mitchell.

The new officers and board of directors selected Evans, to serve as vice chairman, and Massie Fleming, Washington, D.C. to serve as assistant treasurer.

In addition, the board unanimously approved the appointment of Mrs. Berkeley G. Burrell as an honorary director. The board also acknowledged the distinguished leadership of former Board chairman Charles T. Williams, to whom was bestowed the honorary title of chairman emeritus.

Founded in 1900 by Booker T. Washington, the National Business League is the primary national advocate for business and economic development among Blacks and other minoriteis. With a growing membership found in 120 chartered chapters throughout 37 states and the District of Columbia, the League's network also includes affiliates of the more than 50 national professional and trade associations that comprise the National Council for Policy Review.

Small business bids open for dredging job

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers', Baltimore District, is seeking bids from small businesses for dredging of Potomac River Basin, Fourmile Run Flood Control Project, Fourmile Run Channel silt removal in Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, Va. The bid number is DACW31-82-B-0001.

The contract will include dredging approximately 85,500cubic yards of material and construction of a containment area for the dredged material; the work also consists of several other site projects.

Bids are scheduled to be opened Oct. 22. The estimated value of the proposed work is between $1 million and $5 million. Sets of drawings and specifications will be furnished upon receipt of payment of $8 for drawings reduced to half size and $18 for full size drawings.

Only bids from small businesses will be considered by the Corps of Engineers for this project. (A small business is one that is independently owned and operated, does not dominate its field of business activity and has had average earnings of less than $12 million for the past three years.)

Interested small businesses can obtain specifications and bidding papers from the Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1715; Baltimore, Md. 21203 or telephone (301) 962-3464.

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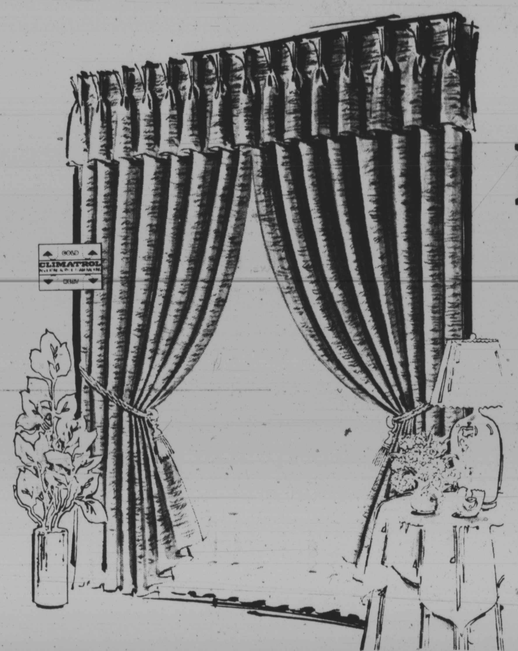

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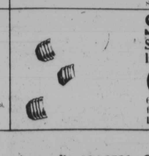

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Downtown Hilton Hotel presents Cliche'

By Pattie Hodges, AFRO Women's Editor

On Friday, October 9 the Downtown Hilton Hotel presented the hot, new (and award winning) singing group Cliche in a two-hour non - stop performance.

The Francis Scott Key Ballroom was decorated with baloons of many colors floating atop chairs and guests, who sipped cocktails, got a triple treat in addition to hearing Cliche.

An exotic fashion show, presented by the Manifested Guild of Models (MGM), was uniquely done.

Models, in their opening scene, huddled together near the run way, as if on a spaceship, and MGM designer - commentator Carolyn White said they had come from outer space for a "Fashion invasion" on the planet earth.

From there the models, (modeling in between the tables so guests could get a better look) aired fashions in business and school wear (done with scenes of the models catching subways and buses and dashing off to the office) — (in suits, soft crepe dresses, some shirtwaist style, some sporting the cowboy look), sports attire, (including jeans, jogging and riding outfits, blazers and sweaters), loungewear, (caftans over gowns, ruffled, frilly looks and oriental styles, tunics and pajamas lady's in the soft look, men's in buccaneer style); evening and disco wear.

Metallic looks were featured. Especially striking eas a monk's cape replete with tassels ending in fur.

During the fahion finale, the men donned formal wear and all of the ladies came out in fabulous fur coats, strolling around the men flirtatiously, and guess what was underneath? Surprise — zingy - looking bathing suits of all colors.

A second highlight was the appearance of Sharon Warton, winner of the 'Miss Black Maryland' title in the Miss Black America Pageant sponsored during the spring by Addison Enterprise.

Miss Wharton did her pageant winning dance 'Going Up Yonder' during which she again scaled a tall ladder for her finale.

Music by Natural Freedom, an eight - piece rock group, was also a feature of the evening, following Miss Wharton's performance.

After these entertaining appetizers, in full concert, sporting white tuxedos, Cliche whose precision - style gyrations on stage reminded one of The with class and style and got a out — doing the 'top 20' tunes highly in the style and got a standing ovation, ending a full and highly entertaining evening at 1:30 a.m.

Harry Bolden is manager of Cliche which has been featured during the Baltimore's Best Awards event the "Miss Black America Pageant and several other events, including a command performance for the mayor at City Hall. They won top prize as a vocal group during E. Q. Productions Talent show last year.

Cliche is the only black group ever to be presented by the local Hilton Hotel.

Photos by T. J. Faulkner

CLICHE PERFORMS — Members of the award-winning Cliche singing group go through their paces during their two-hour, non-stop performance at the downtown Hilton Hotel Friday, Oct. 9. Cliche is the first black group ever to be presented by the Baltimore Hilton Hotel.

MGM MODELS — Members of the Manifested Guild of Models (MGM), directed by Alvin White who aired fashions for everything from businesswear to evening and disco garb during the Cliche show are (left panel, L to R): Brenda Burrell, Lavern McGill, Daiya Patience, Diane Lewton, Yvette and (front, Yvette Jackson; (right panel, L to R): Lini Baylor, Arthur McGill, Cynthia Powell, Lovetta Bolling, Cheryl Fleming, Lynn McKinney and Marguerite Hollingsworth.

Photos by T. J. Faulkner

Commentator for the show, the unique theme of which was 'The Fashion Invasion' was designer Carolyn White.

New Era hosts fundraiser at The Ritz

WHERE IS PARRIS? — Here they are, three gals and a guy who comprise a dynamic local singing group which performed to a rapt audience at the Ritz, during the New Era Child Development and Day Care Center fundraiser held there Sunday, Oct. 11 from 5 until 9 p.m.

AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz

NEW ERA EDUCATORS — Heads of the New Era Child Development and Day Care Center are (L to R): Miss Rosaira Bass, program director; Ms. Deborah Weaver, executive director New Era Education, Inc. and Mrs. Myrtice Hockaday, senior teacher, Day Care Program.

By Pattie Hodges, AFRO Women's Editor

The staff of the New Era Child Development and Day Care Center pulled out all the stops Sunday, Oct. 11 at a fundraiser held for the benefit of the center, when they entertained at a gala cocktail sip hosted at the Ritz, 28 Light St.

Nearly 200 guests were out to enjoy the evening's festivities, which began at 5 and lasted until after 9 p.m.

They snacked on assorted cheeses and munchies, sipped cocktails and rapped away.

The dance floor was teeming with folks "gettin down" with their latest disco steps to the tunes of Ritz disco d.j.

Special highlight was the scintillating fashion show featuring smashing designs done mostly by Gloria Jennings and some by Barbara Worsham, with fashions described by entertaining and lively commentator Andrea Bland of the Flair Studio Modeling Agency.

Andrea, herself, was dressed to kill, in a fabulous white satin tunic outfit (by Gloria).

Following the fashion segment there was a real treat in entertainment on the Ritz's third level.

Local singing group Parris (three gals and a guy) put on a show - stopping performance which had guests applauding for more.

Everyone had the time of their lives, and New Era can take a bow for providing an evening jammed with lively festivity from start to finish.

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$700 awarded at Avalon's Dinner-Dance

By Pattie Hodges AFRO Women's Editor

The Avalon Club held their annual dinner dance at LaFontaine Rouge where they honored all the folks who traveled with them on their recent Caribbean cruise and their other travels this past summer.

Each lady who traveled on the recent cruise received a beautiful corsage.

Mrs. Dorothy Wilkins and Mrs. Mary Lee Walters, wives of members who retired during 1981, received birthstone rings and flowers.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of $500 to the Hon. John V. Thornton 33°, Grand Master of the M. W. Hiram Grand Lodge.

The presentations were from the Avalon Club and the Singer Travel Agency.

The gift was presented by Avalon Club members Winston J. Hall, Leroy Wilkins, James Cornish and Columbus Goode, also members of Hiram Grand Lodge.

The Avalon Club and Singer also made a contribution of $200 to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Fund. Mrs. Ida Peters to help needy families at Christmas.

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Loyola student is 'Miss University'

"MISS UNIVERSITY" — Frances Stevenson (above) won the title "Miss University" during the recent three-night event held at Mondawmin Mall.

"College, the opportunity of a lifetime. Just twenty, even ten years ago, the percentage of blacks, especially black women going to college was very small and the number of colleges open to them are few.

Today, things are changing; there are better facilities for black students and more opportunities awaiting them if they are willing to go out and get them and that is just what I plan to do. I plan to take advantage of these opportunities not only for my benefit, but to represent other women in this country."

Thus wrote Frances Stevenson in her theme, "Why College Is The Right Choice For Me." Crowned "Miss University" on Saturday, September 5, 1981 in the beautiful center court of Mondawmin Mall Frances had written her theme as part of the competition for $2,000.00 in the area of personality, poise, talent and speech.

There was also a special gown segment, and the contestants had the opportunity to model fashions provided by the Mondawmin Mall merchant's.

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