—Dope bust

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toll booth in Cecil County, police said.

According to police, $13,700 in cash was found in his car. Wright, who is being held without bail in Harford County Detention Center is charged with distribution of heroin.

Since Frank J. Battaglia was appointed police commissioner in September, within the last 150 days, Sgt. Michael Bass said 3,474 people have been arrested for 5,679 separate drug charges. There were 3,095 adults arrested and 379 juveniles arrested.

Bass told the AFRO 273 guns and 100 other miscellaneous deadly weapons have been recovered. There have been 57 people arrested for distribution of heroin and 14 arrested for possession with intent to distribute.

According to police, 340 people have been arrested for possession of cocaine and three for distribution of cocaine. Police said 55 people have been arrested for and charged with intent to distribute cocaine.

There were 111 people charged with possession of cocaine, 17 charged with distribution of marijuana, 108 charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and 408 charged with possession of marijuana.

"We have some very nervous people on the streets. I hope no one gets a false impression we will slack off," Sgt. Bass told the AFRO.

Six people have been arrested and charged with possession of PCP and six have been charged with intent to distribute PCP. Police report 16 people were arrested for possession of LSD with intent to distribute.

—$15 million fund

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of minority business development in Baltimore.

State involvement is a key to the loans programs success, said James O. Roberson, state secretary of economic and community development.

"I don't think the banks would go into this without state involvement," h said. "I think the bank examiners would just kill them if the state did not give insurance for the loans."

Each bank plans to invest in the loan fund on a percentage basis varying with the size of its assets, said Alan Hoblitzell, chairman of th GBC's Minority Business Development Committee.

Financial leaders had pressed the state to guarantee the full amount of loans issued. But state officials insisted on backing only 90 percent and thereby insuring a "real commitment from the banks," Roberson said.

The Hughes administration currently is drafting legislation that would create the special 5 million loan guaranteeing fund. (UPI)

Incredible edible art... cookie castles

Picture Cinderella's Castle, covered in caramel; the Statue of Liberty, modeled in mint; or the Washington Monument, made of peanut butter cookies. Mere flights of fancy? No so. These and over 150 other "incredible edible artworks", fashioned by local Girl Scout troops, will fill the War Memorial Building in Baltimore City beginning Feb. 17.

Equipped with wire, frosting, candy, ice cream cones, and hundreds of Girl Scout cookies, Girl Schouts in 150 local troops are now putting the final touches on their Cookie Castles which will be entered in Central Maryland's second annual "Cookie Castle Contest".

Last year's cookie creations were "simply overwhelming" from medieval manors complete with damsels and dragons to Victorian mansions detailed with wallpaper, furnishings, and even electricity.

All Girl Scout troops in Baltimore City and the five surrounding counties were invited to enter the contest. Girls in these troops range in age from 6 to 17 years. Each participating troop will enter one castle, which may be either a fairy-tale castle, a national monument, a Maryland landmark, or a futuristic design. The castles and historic replicas will undergo a judging process and be graded on structural and historic authenticity, architectural design, detail, landscaping, originality, creative use of materials, and composition.

Among the 12 officials judging the castles are representatives from the Rouse Company, the Peale Museum, Goucher College, Historic Annapolis, the Culinary Arts Institute, and The Walters Art Gallery.

In addition to being a fun and exciting addition to the Cookie Sale, the Cookie Castle Contest is designed as a learning experience for the girls. A specially designed Cookie Castle Construction Achievement Badge can be earned by all girls entering the contest, and includes research and reports on the selected historical era, experimentation with construction materials, development of confectionery skills; and explanation of design, engineering, and landscape architecture.

The "Cookie Castle Contest", sponsored by Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, will launch the organization's annual fund raiser which begins March 5. The "castles" will arrive at the War Memorial gbuilding on Feb. 17 and will be judged on Feb. 18. The general public is invited to view all 155 castle entries during the Open House on Feb. 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The winners will then go to The Walters for exhibit from Feb. 22 to March 14. Castles not on display at The Walters will be donated to charitable organizations throughout Central Maryland.

Divorced women can get social security

If you are a divorced woman, and were married to your ex-husband at least ten years, you can receive social security retirement or isability benefits when you turn 62 years of age.

This is according to a free booklet put out by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services called A Woman's Guide to Social Security. To get your free copy, just send a postcard to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 518K, Pueble, Colo., 81009.

Another important fact women should know, is that all social security records should show your correct name. This is specially true if you are employed, since your employer reports your earnings under the name you give. So, whenever you change the nme you use in employment, whether because of marriage, divorce, or other reasons, you should notify social security. Otherwise, your earnings will not be properly recorded toward security credit.

To report a name change, just fill out an Application for a Socil Security Number Card. You will have to show proof of identify under both the old name and the new name. You can pick up the form at any social security office, and find out there what documents you will need as proof of identity.

If a woman becomes disabled and can't work for a year or more, she can get disability checks, provided she had worked long enough under social security. These benefits start on the sixth full month of isability and continue as long as the disability persists. After 24 months of disability payments, a woman is also eligible for Medicre protection.

While collecting disability benefits, payments are also given to unmarried children under 18, or under 22 if full-time students. This includes stepchildren and legally adopted children.

To get social security benefits, you need credit for a certain amount of work, depending on your age. The credits are measured in quarters of coverage. Starting in 1981, employees and self-employed people received one quarter of coverage for each $250 of "covred" annual earnings, with no more than four quarters created in any one year.

If you interrupt your career to raise children, the amount of any monthly benefit you might earn could be affected by the years of no earnings. If several years of no earnings or low earnings live to be counted, your benefit may be lower than if you worked thu oughout your life.

High blood pressure:

Silent killer strikes 1 of 4 blacks

High blood pressure is a silent killer of black people. One out of six Americans has high blood pressure. But for some reason, one out of every four black persons has it.

Doctors do not know why high blood pressure is a bigger problem with blacks, still, you can easily find out if you have it and if you do, high blood pressure can be controlled.

A doctor, nurse or other trained health care professionals can determine whether or not you are a suffering of this disease.

Testing is done by slipping a cuff around the arm and measuring the push of the blood against the cuff. If the test shows you have high blood pressure, a doctor or nurse will tell you what to do to control it.

It is important to follow this advice and you should ask questions or discuss any problems you may be having with your doctor.

Medicine helps treat the disease. It usually comes in the form of pills and you may have to take them every day of your life to control high blood pressure.

The medicine will not cure the disease, but it will control it and sufferers often are able to live a healthy life. However, the medicine must be taken daily, on days when you feel good and on days when you do not, otherwise your blood pressure will raise again.

Those overweight, suffering from high blood pressure, should lose some of those extra pounds.

A good way to start is by eating fewer snacks, eating less at every meal, eater fewer fried foods and using less butter and oil in the preparation of meals.

Being active helps in weight lose, also. Walking is excellent exercise and try playing your favorite sport regularly.

Those suffering from high blood pressure also may be advised by a doctor or a nurse to use less salt during cooking, cutting back on salting food at the table and buying fewer salty snack foods, such as chips, lunch meat, salt pork, ham hocks, sausage and canned meats.

Herbs, spices and lemon juice are good salt substitutes and will add flavor to the foods you eat.

Fighting high blood pressure can be a family project for the family who wishes to remain healthy and active. Family members can remind the high blood pressure sufferer to take his or her medecine regularly, to eat less salty foods and they also can check their own blood pressure to make sure they are not in danger.

Things to remember about high blood pressure are one out of four blacks suffers from it, do not be fooled because you can be sick with high blood pressure and still feel fine.

(AFRO photo by Martin Evans)

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING — Jackie Burrell, a health educator at the East Baltimore Medical Plan, poses for the AFRO's camera as she and another staff member demonstrate how a person is tested for high blood pressure.

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NAACP claims victory over Al Jolson mimic

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NAACP members presented the hotel's management with a letter of protest during the weekend and were assurred nothing offensive would be in the show, Mrs. McMillian said.

Burger's performance on Sunday, Feb. 7, did go on as scheduled, but the Al Jolson routine was not included.

Gatewood and Vanlandingham told the AFRO they were among the audience that night and monitored the hour-long performance.

Because Burger did not perform in blackface Sunday, NAACP officials said they agreed to call off their pickets. However, on Monday night, Burger performed in blackface.

Vanlandingham said he spoke with Burger Monday, before and after his performance.

"He told me he was going to do the (Jolson) show and that it was a matter of principle," Vanlandingham said.

Monday night's show "was really in bad taste," he added.

The hotel's management cancelled Burger's Tuesday performance after about 60 NAACP members and their supporters staged a demonstration in front of the hotel's Lafayette St. entrance, Gatewood said.

John Donohue, a Hilton spokesman, told the AFRO in response to the NAACP protest signs that had been placed in the lobby advertising Burger's performance were withdrawn.

He said this is the first time something like this has ever happened in response to Burger's show. He said Burger was booked at the hotel because "extra entertainment" was needed in the hotel's lounge.

Oaks fired, vows to 'politick' on

Nathaniel Oaks, local politician and former Maryland Classified Employees Association employee, was unaware he would join the unemployment ranks last May, but said this will not deter his "politicking."

Oaks, who plans to run for a state legislative seat in the General Assemby's Nov. 2 elections, was fired as a field operations representative, May 28, 1981, after seven years of service and what he calls a "successful" service.

He said the reasons for his termination were not spelled out and MCEA violated the contractual agreements made upon his acceptance of the position.

The case is under litigation. No decision has been rendered, but a hearing before an arbitrator has been set for April 19.

James Stancil, Oaks' attorney, said the case is not a matter of law, but of contractual interpretation. According to the contract, an employee would receive a 48-hour notice before termination.

"Oaks understood he would receive a written notice," but MCEA said it does not have to be in writing, he said. "For fundamental fairness, it should be in writing," Stancil said.

J. Edward Davis, an attorney representing MCEA, told the AFRO he had no comments to these charges.

"In a formal proceeding I don't feel it is fair to discuss (aspects of the case) publicly. I don't try cases in the papers," he said.

In 1974, when Oaks ran for a seat on the State Central Committee and won there was no problem, he said. However, when he ran for a 41st district seat to the General Assembly in 1978 and lost to Walter Dean Jr. a director came down from MCEA board members, Oaks said barring any bumper stickers on cars and said any staff elected to office would have to resign their position.

Oaks said he is looking very favorably to working on this campaign nd has no plans to "toot his own horn," as far as his case is concerned.

Drinking age bill put on hold in Annapolis

By John W. Freece

Support for raising Maryland's minimum drinking age from 18 to 21 apparently evaporated this week, prompting house leaders to postpone a preliminary vote on the volatile election year issue for another week.

Backers of the bill said they hoped the shift in sentiment was only temporary and could be reversed before the measure comes up for a vote again next Tuesday.

Some delegates blamed the apparent setback on increasingly heavy lobbying from the liquor industry, while others cited pressure from college students opposed to raising the age to 21.

The delay was requested by Del. Frank Roby, D-Baltimore, who said he wanted more time to determine the bill's probable effect on employment and also how the higher drinking age would be enforced.

Afterwards, however, Robe conceded the leadership did not believe they could muster the necessary 71 votes required for passage.

"It was a coupling of those who are opposed (to any change in the drinking age) and a coupling of those who are for (raising it only to) 19," Roby said.

He said house leaders feared if they brought the bill to a vote and it was amended to raise the legal limit only to age 19, then those who believe such a change would have no effect might abandon the cause entirely on the final vote and nothing would pass.

"Those for 21 and those who are opposed would just kill the bill," he said.

Sen. Erle Schaefer, D-Anne Arundel, sponsor of drinking age legislation on the senate side, said he was concerned senate support for an age 21 bill would erode if the house continues to delay.

"Our strategy over here was that we will pass whatever they pass over there. (In the house)," he said. "I think the (liquor) industry over there has had its effect on them."

Schafer said he will support either raising the minimum age to 19 or to 21, but said, "I don't want to run the risk of nothing passing."

The bill under consideration in the house would raise the minimum age to 21 as of July 1, 1982, but it would "grandfather in" anyone who has reached the age of 18 before that date.

That is, those who are 18 by July 1 would be permitted to drink legally in the state for the next three years, but their peers who happen to turn 18 after that date would have to wait until they turn 21. - UPI

40 percent drop in prison escapes

Correction officials credit stricter inmate classification criteria and tighter security for a 40 percent decline in escapes from Maryland prisons last year.

Statistics from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services showed 371 escapes in 1981, compared to 609 in 1980.

More stringent regulations that prevent many repeat offenders from being placed in minimum security prisons and pre-release centers coincided with the decrease.

"Basically the regulations ha e been effective for several months and the system has been stabilized," said Richard Tamborine, the agency's director of research and statistics.

Only five inmates escaped from state penal institutions in January, four from a Baltimore "Halfway House" and the other from a pre-release facility in the city.

"If the escape figure is still live in March or April, when spring comes, everybody will be happy," said Tamborino.

Most of the 1981 escapes involved "breaches of trust," or inmtes who walked away from minimum security institutions or pre-release centers. Those numbered 301.

Maryland's overcrowded prison system held 9,276 inmates, 3,110 over capacity as of February 1. Another 110 prisoners in local jails waited for space in state prisons before they could be transferred.

The escape breakdown for 1981 was: Maryland Penitentiary, Baltimore 2; Maryland Correctional Institution, Hagerstown 2; Maryland Correctional Training Center Hagerstown, 40; Maryland House of Correction, Jessup 18; Maryland Correctional Institution, Jessup 2; Maryland Reception Diagnostic Classification Center, Baltimore 0; Maryland Correctional Institution for Women Jessup 5; Brock Bridge Correctional Institution for Women Jesup 3; Brock Bridge Correctional facility, Jessup 41; Central Laundry Pre-release unit Sykesville, 21.

Also, Baltimore pre-release unit 86; Jessup Pre - release unit - 3; Eastern Pre-release unit, Queen Anne's County 15. (UPI)

Community Calendar

The Aurora Film Club is presenting a Paul Robeson Retrospective through Feb. 17 at the Aurora Theater, 7 East North Avenue (North at Charles).

There will be one full week of Robeson features and shorts, including: Tales of Manhattan, Proud Valley, King Solomon's Mines and Emperor Jones.

Activitis also include a number of film showings: Friday, Feb. 19, the film "W.C. Handy" and "Paul Lawrence Dunbar" will be shown at 11:15 am with a stage presentation by poet Alice McGill; on Friday, Feb. 26, a film "Discovering Jazz" at 11:15 m and a non stage presentation, "The Music of Zimbabwe and its Role in the Revolution," by musician Ephat Mujuru.

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The stock brokerage firm of Legg Mason Wood Walker is offering free seminars on the latest tax laws and ways to cut personal taxes. The evening seminars will be held at 101 Thomas Street, Tuesdays, Feb. 16 and 12 and Thursdays, Feb. 18 and 25. The Thursday seminars will be at the Harford County Public Library, 21 Franklin Street in Aberdeen, Maryland. For reservations call Mr. Slagle at 879-8070 or 838-2870.

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The Catonsville Community College Business Division is preparing income tax returns for senior citizens free of charge. The forms will be processed every Tuesday and Thursday in February and March from noon until 4 pm on th third floor of the Administration Faculty Building at 800 S. Rolling Road. There will be two Saturday dates: Feb. 13, from 11 am to pm and March 13, from 11 am to 2 pm. For more information call 455-4546.

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All Maryland State income tax offices will be open Saturday, Feb. 13 and Monday, Feb. 15, Washington's Birthday. Although most state offices will be closed Monday, tax preparation services will be available from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

There are special hours on Saturday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. For information on th closest state income tax office to your home call: Louis Goldstein at 269-3801 or Marvin Bond at 269-3885.

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The Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants hs a volunteer service to aid in tax preparation. The service includes a series of seminars on short form 1040A preparation, general dvice on solving tax, audit and other financially related problems. For information call MACPA at 296-6250.

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Good Samaritan Hospital is looking for asthma and hay fever sufferers to participate in allergy studies. To be eligible you must have your worst symptoms during th late summer ragweed season and be between 18 and 45 years old.

Those selected will receive free tests plus pay. For more information write: Asthma-Hay Fever Study, Pulmonary Division, Good Samaritan Hospital, 5601 Loch Raven Blvd., Baltimore, gmd. 21239.

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The Anne Arundel County Sexual Offense Crisis Center? Hotline needs volunteers to begin training in March. Volunteers will work on the Hotline as counselors or volunteer advocates. Hotline counselors give help and support to callers who may be having personal problems of any kind. A Volunteer advocate may act as a liaison and campaign when the victim comes in contact with the hospital, polic and court systems. For more information call: 224-1321.

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For free blood pressure screenings, try the Rosemont Community Doctors Center at 800 Braddish Avenue. Screenings are done Monday through Thursday from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. No appointment is necessary.

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The King's Landing YMCA Resident Camp in Calvert County is looking for summer counselors for its 10 week summer season. At least 150 campers between the ages of 7 and 15 (boys and girls) are expected for the rugged outdoor camping season. This season the King's Landing Camp will have an emphasis on wilderness and campcraft training as well as the normal camp activities of swimming, rts and crafts, archery, riflery, athletics, canoeing, sailing and other program activities. Counselors should be between 16 and 23 years of age. For more information call the YMCA Camp Office at: 269-1722 (Baltimore), 855-1022 (Washington) or 535-1061 (Calvert County).

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The Governor's Youth Advisory Council is recruiting new Delegates. The GYAC is an organization of 155 delegates from the entire State between the ages of 13 and 22. The Council researches youth problems, develops legislative proposals and works with State Officials and youth organizations throughout Maryland. Delegates re appointed for a 1-year term beginning Aug. 1, 1982. For applications and information write: Recruitment, GYAC, Suite 1502, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Md 21201 or call 779-2030 ext. 2290.

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The Film and Video Committee for ARTSCAPE 1982 needs Maryland filmmakers and videographers to send their works to be screened at the ARTSCAPE 198 arts festival in Baltimore for June 11-13. Anyone wishing to be considered should submit name, address and phone number, title of the work, its running time, format (super 8 or 16 mm film or one-half or three-quarter inch video tape), a brief description of the work and the year of its production. gthis information should be postmarked no later than Feb. 14 and sent to: ARTSCAPE 1982 Film Video Committee, care of o Mayor's Advisory Committee on Art and Culture, 21 South Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Md 21201.

Hampton Institute Concert Choir at Poly-Western

The nationally prominent Hampton Institute Choir is performing at Poly-Western Auditorium, 1400 West Cold Spring Lane Sunday, Feb. 21, at 5 pm.

The Hampton Institute Choir is a 111-year-old musical tradition in Virginia.

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The American Diabetes Association is sponsoring a summer camp at Camp Glyndon for children from 5 ' 15 years old with diabetes.

During their stay campers will learn to test their own urine, to estimate their blood sugar level and to administer their own insulin. Using the tests as a barometer, the children learn to adjust their needs during work or play.

Although campership fees total $360 for a two week session, no one is denied attendance because of financial inability to pay, since full or partial campersships are available on request.

In addition to the regular camping program, a family program is planned. This program would include the child and parents for a one week stay.

For more information write: the American Diabetes Association, 706 Old Court Road, No. 19, Baltimore, Md 21208 or phone at 486-5515.

Presently directed by Roland M. Carter, himself a Hampton Institute graduate, the image of the choir has been burnished under his direction, with performances before the United Nations, New York's Philharmonic Hall in Lincoln Center and Chicago's Orchestra Hall. Carter is an accomplished pianist and doctoral candidate at New York University.

The choir has performed at New York's Carnegie Hall, before royalty, appeared on national television and delighted European music lovers, establishing its reputation for excellence.

Hampton Institute is a black, four-year private college. The proof of Hampton's strength can be witnessed by the fact Hampton alumni founded Tuskegee Institute, St. Paul's College, Bowling Green Academy and seven other institutions.

Hampton's archives include documents and photographs of Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington and nine U.S. Presidents. The Hampton Institute Museum has the largest collection of African and Indian artifacts in the South.

The concert is being sponsored by the Baltimore Chapter of the Hampton Institute Alumni Association. Tickets range from $5 to $10. For more information call Poly-Western High School at 396-7026.

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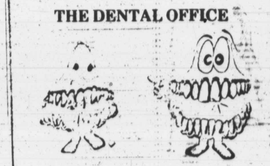

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