Sixty auxiliary police officers graduated Tuesday

A graduation exercise was March 23, 1982 in the auditorium of the police headquarters for 60 graduates who were members of the first auxiliary police class.

The purpose of the Baltimore auxiliary police is to cooperate with and assist the sworn members of the Police Department, under the direction of the police commissioner, without compensation to the members, by fulfilling designated assignments within the city.

The auxiliary officers will be assigned to support the force. Auxiliary police may be assigned to various events such as: stadium and Civic Center events, security details, parades, fires, major disasters, crime prevention and appropriate technical assignments.

Members of the first graduating class were Bernard M. Armstrong, Thomas R. Athey Sr., John C. Blueford, Scott D. Bosely, Clyde W. Brown, JoAnne P. Brown, Russell E. Brown, Joseph E. Buchta Jr., Timothy D. Burke.

Also, Mark K. Carr, Willie A. Champion, Stephen M. Cohen, Lewis C. Cowan Jr., Bernard E. Curtis, Sharon A. Dill, Leon E. Evans Jr., H. Ben Fine, Glen A. Groh, Nestor D. Garcia, Charles W. Garber, George N. Graber.

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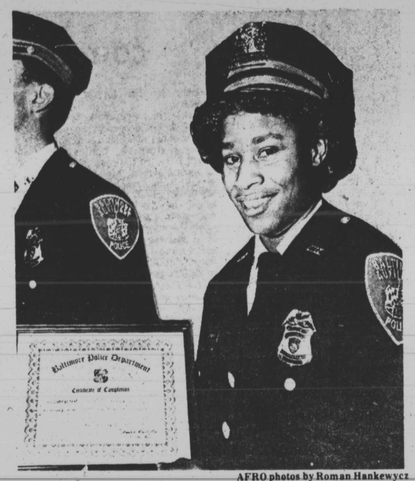
Also, William L. Shird, Elizabeth A. Shultz, Edward D. Smith, Eric C. Smith Sr., Patti A. Tater, Fernando Valesco, Anthony C. Ward, Oliver L. Webb, Charles W. Wells, Roland L. White Sr., Sandra L. Wilson, Steven R. Wolf and Dale S. Woods.

STANDING AT ATTENTION — Newly certified Baltimore City Police Department Auxiliary policemen, Mark K. Carr, left, and Willie A. Champion, are captured by the AFRO's camera at their graduation ceremony Tuesday, March 23, 1982, at police headquarters' auditorium.



IT IS OFFICIAL — A smiling and obviously proud Joann P. Brown holds her certificate of completion after finishing training for the Baltimore Police Department's Auxiliary Police Program.

AFRO photos by Roman Hankewycz

Teachers in the market for a new career may gain some valuable tips during an after school workshop to be at the Northwest College Center of Catonsville Community College at 110 Painters Mill Road, on Tuesday, March 30, from 4 p.m until 6 p.m.

The workshop will identify skills used in teaching which are transferable to other careers; teach how to investigate other career areas, compare new careers requiring little or no additional training and those requiring more formal training.

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Places to go, things to do

— Community Calendar —

The Liberty Road Community Council will host its first Home-Buying Seminar Saturday, March 27, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Randallstown Library Meeting Room, 8604 Liberty Road.

The free seminar will address questions about financing, contract and purchasing procedures and discuss what to look for when buying a home. For more information call: Mrs. Finnacom at 484-9389.

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"Reagan's Economic Message to Black America" is the topic of an NAACP Civil Rights Lecture on Wednesday, March 31 from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the University of Baltimore's Langsdale Library Auditorium, at Maryland Avenue and Oliver Street.

Dr. Willemina A. Leigh, Senior Economist in the Research Department of the National Urban League is the guest speaker.

For additional information on the lecture series call: Dr. Wallace Gatewood at 659-2789.

The effects of Reaganomics and the prospects ahead for financial aid for students in higher education will be the subject of a special seminar being offered by Anne Arundel Community College at six different times on March 30 and 31.

Each seminar will feature a multi-media presentation and cover 18 different kinds of aid available through the College. Financial aid forms will be explained and a question-answer session will follow.

Day sessions of the seminar on the Arnold campus at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. will be in Room 107 of the Student Center and the 8 p.m. presentation will be made in the partitioned area on the ground floor of the Student Center in order to accommodate all interested. For more details: Harold Fink at 269-7203.

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The University of Maryland's Office of Human Relations Program will sponsor a conference on violence and extremism on March 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Center of Adult Education.

The conference will bring together community and academic leaders to discuss the growing problem of violence and acts of intimidation aimed at minority groups as well as to explore preventive measures. For details call: 454-4124 or 454-5751.

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The Mount Royal Elementary - Middle School PTA will have a benefit auction Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the school at 121 McMechen Street in Bolton Hill.

Items to be auctioned include an airplane ride over the city, autographed baseballs from the Baltimore Orioles, opening day tickets to the Baltimore Orioles baseball game and much more. For more information call 396-0884.

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The March of Dimes is having a Dimes Auction as part of the 1982 Walk-A-Thon Rally, Thursday, April 1, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Hopkins Plaza.

The event will be hosted by Tyler's Country Clothes, with TV, radio and newspaper Personalities auctioning off some of their favorite belongings.

For more information call: 752-7990.

The Baltimore County Police Department needs male Golden or Labrador Retriever dogs.

The dogs will become part of the K-9 Section trained to work with police.

Anyone interested in donating such a dog should telephone Lieutenant Broadfoot, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 494-2320.

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If you are interested in becoming a licensed day care operator call the Baltimore City Department of Social Services.

The Department of Social Services is looking for persons to provide day care in Southwest Baltimore for children ages 6 and over, both before and after school.

For detailed information call: Peter Street, Division of Day Care at 234-2758.

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The Aquatics Division of the Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation needs summer water safety instructors, advanced life savers and pool operators.

If you are interested in summer job opportunities call: Mr. T. M. Garrison at 396-5639.

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The Art Gallery of Fells Point, Inc., 811 S. Broadway is taking applications for contractual exhibits. Prime space in front rooms is available.

For more information call: Ann Peters at 466-0971.

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The Art Gallery of Fells Point, Inc., 811 S. Broadway will host a show to be juried by Grace Hartigan, Director of the Hoffberger School of Painting Maryland Institute of Art.

The show is open to artists living within a 25 mile radius of Baltimore City and is limited to entries which can be hung on a wall.

All works must be submitted by April 15. For more details and applications call: Pam Wallace at 828-4490.

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The University of Baltimore is having its Health Fair on Wednesday, March 31, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in the Study Lounge of the Academic Center at Charles Street and Mount Royal Avenue.

Free health screenings for sight, anemia, sickle cell anemia, height, weight and blood pressure and health education and counseling will be available to all visitors 18 years of age and older.

An optional blood chemistry test which screens for diabetes, kidney-liver disease, gout, triglycerides and cholesterol will be offered for a nominal fee of $8.

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Brehms Lane Medical Center is having its Health Fair Sunday, March 28 from noon until 4 p.m. at 3400 Brehms Lane.

The free health screenings are for height, weight, blood pressure, glaucoma, anemia, foot screenings, oral health and vision tests.

For more information call: 396-9212.

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"Trends in the Care of Breast Cancer" is the topic of a Harford Community College seminar on March 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the House of Hess, Invitation Inn, in Edgewood.

The talk will include physical examination of the patient and techniques for teaching self-breast examination; the risk factors; diagnostic techniques; reconstructive surgery; and sexuality in the breast cancer patient.

For more information contact: Office of Continuing Education at 836-4317 or 879-8920, ext. 317.

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The Baltimore Chapter of the national Association of Accountants is sponsoring a free two-week long tax preparation service at the Aberdeen Public Library at Franklin and Rogers Street in Aberdeen, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 1 and 2, 5 and 9 and 12 and 15.

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Parents protest public school closings

About 200 concerned parents, students and citizens attended a public hearing Wednesday night at Coldstream Park Elementary to protest the proposed closing of three city schools.

Craig Cutter, director of planning for the Baltimore City Public Schools, said most of the people at the hearing, which began at 6 p.m. and lasted several hours, were against closing two elementaries and one vocational high school.

If approved by the nine-member Board of School Commissioners at a April 1 meeting, Mordecai Gist Elementary, 4220 Granada Ave. in Northwest Baltimore; Irvington Elementary, 4000 Old Frederick Rd. in Southwest Baltimore; and Samuel Gompers General Vocational Senior High, 1701 E. North Ave., in Northeast Baltimore will close in June.

More than 1,100 students will be affected if the schools close.

About 40 parents and students spoke against the closings. One of the speakers, an eight-year-old, third-grader from Gist said, "If they close our school, then we will have to go to a school that is not closed, and I won't like that."

Other Gist supporters said the school's closing would create safety problems for students traveling to reassigned schools, would undermine their community health needs and would not meet the student's educational needs.

Young students traveling along Garrison Blvd., encountering drug traffic, also was among Gist parent's concerns.

Those arguing against the Irvington closing gave many of the same arguments as Gist supporters. Not wanting to lose neighborhood schools, adjustment their children would have to make at the reassigned schools and youngsters traveling in different directions at different distances to go to school were cited.

Cutter said in the case of the two elementary schools, both are the oldest in their areas and were built during the 1920s. A significant and continuing decline in enrollment at the schools is another reason for the proposed closings, he said.

If closed in June, Gist's 360 students and Irvington's 430 students would be reassigned to schools in the surrounding area, Cutter said.

Gompers, with a student body of 325, was built in 1904, he said. The school has "very severe physical problems and would be very expensive to repair," Cutter said.

If closed, Gompers' students would go to Fairmount Hill Vocational High School in Southeast Baltimore. Fairmount originally had been scheduled to be closed also, but the decision was made to allow it to remain open after parent and teacher feedback was received on the matter, he said.

'Unbreakable' glass studied

Maryland Prison Officials are re-evaluating windows at the new Diagnostic and Reception Center in the wake of the escape of nine inmates, who kicked out a similar window at the Baltimore County jail.

Merry Copeland, Warden of the Reception Center, acknowledged cells in the five-month facility are equipped with supposedly "unbreakable" omnilite windows.

The windows, similar to the kind installed in the new Baltimore County Detention Center, are comprised of a plastic core wedged between two pieces of glass.

Nine inmates, six of whom still are at large, escaped Saturday, March 20, from the Baltimore County Jail by setting fire to the sealant that held a window in place and then kicking out the pane.

"Given what occurred, we're examining our windows here compared to what they have there," Ms. Copeland said. "To the extent that additional measures are necessary, we'll do that."

The warden said although windows at the $16.5 million reception Center were made by the same company that made the Baltimore County windows, they had different specifications.

A spokesman for Sierracin-Trans Tech, the California firm that manufactured the windows for both facilities, said windows at the State Reception Center have an "alarm circuit."

Terry F. Jacobsen, a Sierracin Vice President, said the circuits set off alarms when a coating of gold dust and polyster laminated on the window's surface is broken by a cut of two inches or bigger.

Man, 47, guilty of grave tampering

A former city parks worker received a maximum 15 year prison term for grave desecration March 24, in which prosecutors said a woman's body was mutilated and robbed.

Supreme Bench Judge Robert Karwacki handed the sentence to Marvin Lemons, 47, for the 1974 violation of the body of a 79-year-old woman at Loudoun Park Cemetery.

Prosecutors said part of the body's sexual organs were cut out and rings and eyeglasses were stolen from the casket.

The grave desecration occurred while Lemons was working at the cemetery, testimony showed.

Court officials said the decision to prosecute the case occurred after Lemon's unrelated murder conviction for the slaying of a 21-year-old area waitress was overturned last fall by the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. (UPI)

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