MS Center opens at UMAB

BALTIMORE, MD — Patients who suffer from multiple sclerosis have special problems and needs. To meet these needs, the Maryland Center for Multiple Sclerosis Treatment and Research has opened at the University of Maryland Medical System.

Multiple Sclerosis patients from a wide area including Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. are diagnosed and treated at the new facility.

Other services offered to patients of this crippling disease are physical and occupational therapy and educational counseling. The staff maintains a library for patients and their families so that they may be informed about the newest developments in MS treatment and research.

Some MS patients in the acute phases of the illness may be admitted to the hospital and - or put on drug therapy. In certain patients medication may help allevaite the symptoms of the disease.

The facility also maintains a spinal fluid diagnostic center. Spinal fluid from patients throughout the country and Mexico is sent to the diagnostic center to be analyzed.

Recently 65 Medical System MS patients participated in the world's first alpha - interferon trials. Dr. Kenneth P. Johnson, clinical chief of the Department of Neurology, said that patients who received the interferon "seemed to have done unusually well." The results of the trial will be published in 1985.

The staff at the center maintains strong ties with the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Every effort is made to return patients from other areas to their own communities for services so they may continue therapy close to family and friends.

The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 328-5605.

Dr. Thelma Cox elected to Girl Scout board

Detroit—Dr. Thelma Banks Cox of Baltimore was elected to the national board of directors of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. (GSUSA) at Girl Scouts' 43rd National Council Session - Convention held here October 26 - 29. She will serve a three - year term.

Dr. Cox was a delegate to the 42nd National Council Session in 1961 and was a member of GSUSA's monography revision task group in 1963. Locally, she serves as president of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland in Baltimore.

In addition to her Girl Scout activities, Dr. Cox is chairman of program approval for the State Board for Higher Education and is a board member of the Maryland Education Opportunity Center and Citizens for Black History Exhibits. She has received numerous awards and citations for her civic contributions and educational leadership.

Dr. Cox received her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Morgan State University and her Ph.D. from Union Graduate School. She recently retired as assistant superintendent of the Baltimore City School System and now works as a consultant in educational administration and governance.

Members of the Girl Scout national board are elected every three years by delegates to the national council, GSUSA's official governing body. Delegates represent 336 local Girl Scout councils in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. is the world's largest organization for girls. Headquarters are in New York City.

Elma Lewis

Elma Lewis to be honored at Towson St.

Elma Lewis, founder and artistic director of the National Center for Afro American Artists and the Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts, will be honored November 7 - 9 at Towson State University.

Dr. Lewis will receive TSU's 1984 Distinguished Black Women's Award presented by the university's Office of Minority Affairs. Several events are scheduled.

On Wednesday, November 7, an open house for Dr. Lewis will be held at 4 p.m. in the African American Cultural Center, located on the fourth floor of Cook Library. At 7:30 p.m. that day, Dr. Lewis will discuss "Fine Arts and Social Change" in the University Union's Potomac Lounge.

On Thursday, November 8, Dr. Lewis will receive the Distinguished Black Women's Award in ceremonies beginning at 6 p.m. in the Potomac Lounge of the University Union.

On Friday, November 9, Dr. Lewis will conclude her visit to Towson State by leading a panel discussion on "Fine Arts and Education" in the Women's Center, located on the third floor of the Media Center, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Last year, Dr. Lewis was honored by President Reagan for her work in encouraging young people to enjoy the arts and to explore careers in the arts. She has also received honorary doctorates from nearly 20 colleges and universities and has been awarded over 100 citations for her community involvement.

For more information on Dr. Lewis's upcoming appearance at Towson State, contact the university's minority affairs office at 321-2051.

Program on legal careers for minorities at U of B

The Fourth Annual Minority Students' Law Forum, a program providing information about the law school admissions process and careers in the legal profession for minority students, is scheduled for Friday, November 9 at the University of Baltimore. The Forum will be held in the University's Moot Court Room in the Law Center, Maryland at Mount Royal Avenues.

From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., students will have the opportunity to observe law school classes. At 1:30 p.m., Beverly Falcon, Assistant Dean for Law Admissions, Janis Leftridge, Law Admissions Counselor-Recruiter, and Terra Jones, Director of Financial Aid, will present a "nuts and bolts" workshop on the law school admissions process, financial aid and the Law School Admission Test. Following the workshop, a panel discussion on "Law School, the Legal Profession and the Minority Attorney" will focus on the concerns of minority students while attending school and career opportunities. Guest panelists David L. Moore, a partner in the law firm of Foster, Moore and Hill, Elise Jude Mason, Chief Solicitor with the Baltimore City Solicitor's Office, and the Honorable Judge Robert M. Bell, of the Circuit Court will each give a brief presentation followed by a question and answer session.

At 5 p.m., a reception will be held in the Law Center Lobby. The program will close with a "mock trial" scheduled at 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Black American Law Student's Association, the mock trial will feature the Honorable Judge Neal M. Janey of Baltimore City's District Court as the presiding judge. For details on the program, call 625-3078.

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THE NEW LAFAYETTE MARKET

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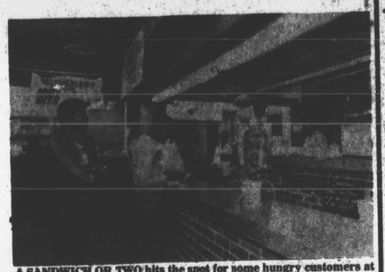


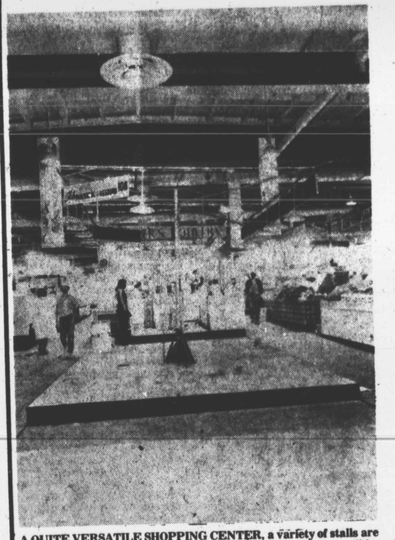
A SANDWICH OR TWO hits the spot for some hungry customers at the Lafayette Market who stop off at the Naturally Great Luncheon Counter for a bite to eat.

CHOON YA RIM demonstrates the smile associated with Lafayette Market merchants at her husband's Hak Chan Rim's Poultry Stand.

(AFRO Photos by Paul A. Greene)
'YOU CAN'T GET IT ANY FRESHER THAN THIS,' brags Rosa Anderson, owner of Rosa's Fresh Seafood, at the newly renovated Lafayette Market.

ALL GONE are stalls that once occupied the front of the Lafayette Market as room is made for a completely new look for the entrance of the shopping area.

THE UPTON METRO STATION brings customers right up to the door of Lafayette Market. Market president, Virgil Adgerson (left), and vice president Daryl Satchell (right) talk about the convience of the Metro to the shopping complex. Both have contributed to the new direction in which the market is going these days.



A QUITE VERSATILE SHOPPING CENTER, a variety of stalls are set up in the Lafayette Market to cater to as many needs as possible.

(AFRO Photos by Paul A. Greene)
LARRY McCULLOUGH, owner of Waskey's Quality Meats in Lafayette Market is content with his business location, especially since a new commitment has been taken among merchants to work together to better the quality of the market.

It is said that Lafayette Market at Pennsylvania Ave. and Laurens St. has performed one of the most spectacular turn-arounds than any market in the country.

Considered by many at one time as being one of the worse markets in the city, merchants banned together to produce what is presently one of the most cost effective, most versatile and best operated markets in Baltimore.

It was less than six months ago when many of the predominantly black clientele patronizing the market were complaining about bad environmental conditions surrounding the center and about rapid deterioration of inside business investments.

"One of the reasons why I kept going to the market was because of the friendliness of the business owners and their workers," said Joseph Cook, a long-time customer of the establishment.

"Despite some of the things I didn't like about the market, I enjoyed the cordiality of the management."

Now, there is more than just the warmness of a smiling face drawing hundreds of customers back to the 117-year-old market. There is an effort to completely eliminate those bothersome ailments to customers that has brought back the old faithfuls and is attracting some new faithfuls to the shopping complex.

The entire entrance to the market is being redesigned. Most of the front stalls have been torn down to make way for massive reconstruction to the center.

New see-through showcase stalls will line the entrance so that customers upon entering will be able to see all the way through the facility.

Already, the interior has been completely repainted and a new air conditioning system installed. Parking lots have been redone and even the storage area for merchants has been entirely revamped and relocated out of the market's center.

A more focused effort on cleanliness and tidiness becomes immediately obvious upon entering the mall from any of its four entrances.

Besides boosting some of their newer features, merchants at Lafayette Market cling loyally to some of those old reliable assets that have pleased patrons for years.

They still contend that the freshest poultry can be purchased there and that those same old smiles that have been "knocking them dead" are still around.

There are still those boasts of being the cheapest among the markets as well as having some of the most versatile of offerings to the public.

While Lafayette Market is celebrating its new progress, it has undergone many changes and survived many personal wars against it.

Begun in 1867 officially as a result of community requests for a local shopping center, it was named after a Frenchman who supported and defended the American Republic.

Barely had it been completed in 1871 when a windstorm ripped the roof off its iron pillars. The market was rebuilt the following year.

The present Lafayette Market that stands now was completed in 1956 after a 12-alarm fire destroyed the old building completely.

The most modern of technology of the time was used in construction of this establishment with pre-stressed concrete and beams with steel cores, the largest one in the center of the market more than 100 feet long and six feet high at its center.

The market had developed a reputation of being unsafe and often unclean. There were constant criticisms of its dull appearance to the public.

"Of course things were a bit tougher for us to make it," acknowledged Daryl Satchell, vice president of the Lafayette Market Merchants Association.

"Look at our location. There were just certain factors here that were not applicable to other markets. In spite of any odds, we have managed to produce a fine business center here."

Lafayette Market is right in the line of the city's renovation and restoration of the Upton area. It is falling right into the order of the new community downtown look being developed in the area.

"We're growing and we are going to continue to grow," remarked merchant president Virgil Adgerson.

"Merchants in the market are working together and a sort of unusual pride is developing. We love this market. It is our livelihood, and you know what—we are trying to make it just as important to our customers as it is to us."

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