—County black workers

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gone to the Human Relations Commission and as a result I'm not at liberty to discuss anything until a hearing is held," said the sheriff.

In detailing their complaints to the NAACP, the black correctional officers charged that "if you are white and liked by your supervisor you are not subjected to a series of increased punitive write-ups or violation citations prepared by their supervisors just before planning to take a promotional examination."

The officers charge these violation citations reduce the black correctional officers' chances for promotion because they are used as a minus in the scoring, and they give a poor picture of the correctional officer.

The black correctional officers complain further that their careers at BCDC are endangered more if they seek advancement via promotion. The officers charge that before or after they take the promotional exam one of three things generally results.

One, they are harassed by their supervisors for insignificant violations; two, they are fired, resulting from inequitable punishment for a violation usually dismissed when whites are charged for the same violation; or three, if they are fortunate enough to make the so-called final "All-White" promotional panel, they are not selected.

One case in point the NAACP uses to illustrate unfair promotional practices at BCDC has to do with the case of Correctional Officer William Cook. In this case Sheriff J. Edward Malone is alleged to have chosen the less qualified white correctional officer who had been investigated and trained to do his job by Officer Cook.

Officer Cook is currently having his case investigated by the Maryland Commission on Human Relations, and was unable to discuss details of his complaint.

According to Col. Pennington, a county-wide NAACP meeting concerning the status of black correctional officers at BCDC will be held Thursday, Feb. 21, at Woodlawn Senior High School at 7:30 p.m. That meeting is open and the public is encouraged to attend.

—Energy assistance

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was considering implementing the program last year.

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"I can only guess that the people who did not want to be on the plan did not want to pay the fraction of their bill required," said Miss Frantz.

This same point had come up earlier by BG&E officials when the Public Service Commission was considering implementing the program last year.

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A quote made by BG&E spokesman Ken Metzger last year read as follows: "All it does is delay payments. Customers go into the winter season with an arrearage and come out with a greater arrearage."

But Miss Frantz assures that the figures reported are not enough to merely make an assumption determining whether or not the Winter Heating Protection Plan will be or has been successful or not.

The plan is experimental and is expected to be completed in 1986.

Miss Frantz also reported that as of December, 1984, 53,741 customers are three or more months behind in their bill payments so far this winter season. Many of them may not be turned off, she said.

So far 8,289 have been slated to have their service turned off as of November 1. Of that number, at least 197 have been denied any arrangements to have their s erviceconfined due to non-payment.

At least 170 have had their service turned back on.

There are still other steps BG&E has taken to keep from turning off some of their customers' service. To date, 60 service limiters have been placed on meters, limiting the use of electricity and other fuel that might cause high bills.

BG&E cannot turn off any service without filing an affidavit with the Public Service Commission assuring the safety of residents of targeted households.

That policy, however, is only effective during the winter season that is declared by the commission to end April 1.

—Legislature

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House Bill 1183 (Cummings) establishes a Baltimore City School police force with jurisdiction limited to school property. These police may arrest without warrants.

House Bill 1209 (Phillips) abolishes the death penalty in Maryland, repeals all references in current law to the death penalty in Maryland, repeals all references in current law to the death penalty. It would affect those awaiting trial or sentencing on July 1, 1985.

House Bill 1213 (Rawlings) forbids the sale of South African Krugerrands; violations are a misdemeanor and the fine is three times the amount of the sale.

House 1214 (Rawlings) prohibits from July 1, 1985 to July 1, 1986, the State Investment Agency from making new investments in public obligations of companies doing business in South Africa; requires the Agency to do a study on the effects of this act.

House Bill 1215 (Rawlings) requires public insitutions of higher learning in the state to withdraw investments from organizations that operate in or are located in South Africa.

House Bill 1216 (Rawlings) alters the method of funding the educational programs at state hospital centers.

House Bill 1273 (Young, Cummings & Kirk) established a State Employee Health Insurance Review Board to oversee the State Health Insurance Program.

House Bill 1284 (Kreamer, et al) requires the membership of and consultants to the Apprenticeship and Training Council to include minority representation.

House Bill 1299 (Curran) creates a state debt of $350,000, to be used as a grant to the House of Ruth, Inc. for expansion of the facility.

House Bill 1350 (Kirk) establishes an afterschool day care in the state public schools.

Two local men graduate from Toll Academy

Two westside residents were among the 47 recruit-officers graduated from the Maryland Toll Facilities Police Academy on February first.

Derek C. Brown of the 2600 block N. Longwood Street, and Barry Poindexter of the 1900 block Lauretta Avenue were sworn in at the ceremony, which followed an intensive four-month training period.

The two new officers will receive additional on-the-job training at the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel and will be permanently assigned to the new Fort McHenry Tunnel when that facility opens late this year.

The Toll Facilities Police Academy was established and certified in 1976 to train police recruits for duty at the State's toll projects. It is one of only 14 certified police training facilities in Maryland.

Of the current 47 officers graduating from the academy, 30 will join the Toll Facilities Police. The remaining 17 are recruits from other law enforcement departments throughout Maryland.

The mission of the Toll Facilities Police is primarily one of service and assistance to the millions of motorists using the State's toll facilities. In addition to being responsible for all law enforcement and traffic control activities at the toll facilities, the police assist the public in numerous ways, from rendering first aid to assisting disabled motorists.

The Toll Facilities Police are also responsible for checking commercial vehicles which may be hauling hazardous materials prohibited from transport through the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel. These items include explosives, bulk gasoline products, propane gas and certain radioactive materials.

Park Heights Street Academy gets accreditation

The Park Heights Street Academy, Baltimore, Maryland was recently Accredited by the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools was established in 1887 and is one of the six similar regional accrediting organizations which together serve the United States and its territories.

Accreditation by the Commission on Secondary Schools officially certifies that a school has met prescribed qualitative standards in terms of its own stated philosophy and objectives. Accreditation of secondary schools is granted on an institution-wide basis.

The whole school, not just one program such as the college preparatory course, is covered by the accreditation.

After accrediting a school, the Commission, through appropriate action, encourages the staff and administration to continue their efforts to resolve those problems which may arise and impede the further development of the school's instructional program and supporting services. The Commission monitors the staff's progress in all areas so that the school may continue to meet its commitment to meet the needs of all the students it serves.

The evaluation process does not result in any kind of single index which may be regarded as a rating of the school. The process is concerned with the inherent possibilities in each school rather than the comparison of schools. The fact that a school's name is on the Middle States Association's Accredited Membership List indicates that it has met the Commission on Secondary Schools standards required for accreditation.

Accreditation does not indicate that the school is perfect in all respects, but it suggests that the school has the ability to make needed improvements while implementing its own goals. The students can be assured that they are attending a secondary school which is trying to improve.

An accredited school has been studied in relation to the community it serves (geographic and societal). Parents and students may contribute effectively to the self-study. Later, having received an objective review from a visiting committee, they may be of constructive help in the follow-up process as well.

Accreditation can help a faculty improve its decision-making process. During the self-study, all reports are reviewed by the entire faculty. The staff participates in discussions on the philosophy statement and develops the list of objectives.

All teachers become familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of the school so that they can help in the follow-up phase of the evaluation process. They can help make decisions that aid many aspects of the school program.

Goldseker Realty closing its doors Feb. 15

On February 15th, the M. Goldseker Co. will close the doors of its offices in the 200 block West Franklin Street after 50 years, ending the opening-chapter of The Morris Goldseker Foundation of Maryland, Inc., announce Sheldon and Simon Goldseker, general managers of the liquidated company, and trustees of the surviving Foundation, along with Equitable Bank, N.A.

The Foundation wil then be out of the real estate business and will thenceforth be sustained by the invested proceeds of the liquidated real estate assets, estaimated at between $26 and $27 million.

Since Morris Goldseker's death in 1973, the M. Goldseker Co. has existed only to manage the real estate for the Foundation, and has been selling all its holdings, including homes and garden apartment developments, for over a decade.

"Since the Goldseker Foundation first opened in 1976, nearly seven million dollars in grants have been awarded to assist the work of private, nonprofit organizations and institutions in Baltimore," stated Dr. Timothy D. Armbruster, Executive Director of the Foundation.

Over the years, the Foundation's work in community affairs, education, housing, human services, and health has supported more than one hundred different local groups, from large institutions like The Johns Hopkins University, to newer, less established neighborhood-based organizations like Jubilee Baltimore, Park Heights Street Academy, and many others.

The Foundation is also a founder of the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers (ABAG), a consortium of thirty foundations and corporations involved in local philanthropy, and the Community Foundation of the Greater Baltimore Area.

The liquidation of the real estate assets, according to Dr. Armbruster, changes only the Foundation's source of income. Its grants program will remain unchanged and will, thanks to the gains realized from the sales of the real estate assets, greately strenthen the Foundation's ability to serve the community, in keeping with Morris Goldseker's wish.

Simon Goldseker added: "Completion of liquidation of the firm's holdings means that our uncle, who in life helped thousands of Baltimoreans to own decent homes, has continued in death to help hundreds more to purchase their homes and achieve a higher standard of living, as a result of the liquidation."

The offices of the Morris Goldseker Foundation of Maryland, Inc. will continue operations at 300 North Charles Street, Suite 350, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Urban League to hold 75th anniversary awards banquet

The Baltimore Urban League, Inc. will hold its annual Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner Thursday, February 28, 6 p.m. at Martin's West to celebrate its 60th anniversary and the 75th anniversary of the founding of the National Urban League.

This year's banquet will honor the late Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. and James W. Rouse.

Over a long period of years the honorees made outstanding contributions to equality and justice that are symbolic of the contributions that have been made by so many in our community who continue their efforts to achieve equal opportunity for all.

Tickets for the Equal Opportunity Dinner may be obtained by contacting the Baltimore Urban League, Inc., 1150 Mordawmin Concourse, Baltimore, Maryland 21215, (301) 523-8150.

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Theater auditions

The Spirit of Malik Theater will hold auditions for black actors at the St. John/St. James Community Center, 901 E. Eager St. Saturday Feb. 9, 1985 from 2-4 p.m.

The auditioners can either do a cold reading from a provided script or perform a two minute monologue. The auditions are for two upcoming one act plays. Actors are needed between the ages of 18 and 50.

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As one of a growing Black photographer, Mr. Hale is currently on staff with the Chicago Sun-Times. Over the years his work has appeared in many public shows, including EBONY and ESSENCE. The photograph below is of Mr. Hale's daughter and her great-grandmother.

Metro Crime Alert

Metro Crime Alert is offering a reward of up to $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of Robert Edward Allen and Robbin Carl Bruce. Both Allen and Bruce are wanted by the Baltimore City Police in connection with two murders.

Robert Allen, also known as Black Bobby, is wanted for a street shooting which occurred on November 24, 1984. Allen is 44 years old and is 5'6" tall and weighs about 140 pounds.

He has a scar on the left side of his face. Allen is known to hang out in the area of Hoffman and Holbrook Streets and Pratt and Monroe Streets.

Robbin Bruce is wanted in connection with a drug related murder which occurred on October 10, 1984 at 2623 Loyola Southway. Bruce is 28 years old. He is 5'8" tall and weighs about 150 pounds. He is known to frequent the Pimlico area and was last seen on St. George's Avenue in Baltimore City.

There are warrants issued for the arrests of Allen and Bruce.

Anyone with information on Allen or Bruce is asked to call the Metro Crime Alert 24 hour confidential Hotline at 276-8888. Names are not taken and calls are not recorded.

Metro Crime Alert is a private, non-profit organization which raises money to pay for tips on crimes. The program is fully supported by the police departments of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County, and Anne Arundel County.

Since its beginning in 1981, Metro Crime Alert has provided, via the confidential Hotline, information on crimes which has helped area police solve 246 felony cases.

Robert Allen Robbin Bruce

State hearing set in auto repair case

The Consumer Protection Division in the office of the Maryland Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs has ordered Sherwood Ford, Inc., of the 5400 block of York Road in Baltimore, to appear at a public hearing set for 10:00 a.m. on March 7.

The Company is to respond to charges that it is violating the state's Consumer Protection Act by telling customers their cars are in need of parts, services and repairs in the vehicles' braking systems when in fact they are not.

The hearing on March 7 is being held to determine if the Cease and Desist order will be issued by the Consumer Protection Division to correct the alleged violations.

Any person with personal knowledge of facts concerning the allegations against Sherwood Ford may qualify as an interested party and appear as a witness at the hearing, which is open to the general public and will be held at the Consumer Protection Division's office at 7 North Calvert Street in Baltimore.

A person wishing to qualify as an interested party should notify the Consumer Protection Division in writing before February 28. The Division's address is 7 North Calvert Street, Third Floor, Baltimore, Md., 21202.

Hospital inpatient costs show smallest increase

The total amount spent on inpatient hospital care in Mayrland registered its smallest increase in a decade during the first half of 1984 — a development that could mean substantial savings for employers and consumers in the months ahead.

According to a report by the nonprofit Maryland Hospital Association, the 2.98 percent increase, coupled with statewide decrease in the length of time patients are staying in hospitals and the state's historically low admission rate, are strong indicators that cost containment efforts by hospitals, business and industry, unions, insurers government, and individuals are producing significant results.

Association President Richard J. Davidson pointed out that the health insurance premiums paid by many companies are built on past claims experience. "These statistics suggest the past no longer is a reliable guide to the future. If the trend holds, major premium reductions may be in store."

Davidson termed the trends the beginning of a "revolution in the delivery of health care in this state." He noted that, when analyzed on a per patient basis, spending on hospital care inched up 1.95 percent — a pace slower than inflation during the same period.

MHA's report was based on data submitted by all hospitals to the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, the state agency which regulates what all community acute care institutions can charge the public.

The average time a Maryland patient spent in the hospital dropped nearly seven percent during the first six months of last year, compared to the same period in 1983. In addition, Maryland currently ranks 40th the nation in admissions per capita.

Davidson said he expects that length of stay and occupancy data for the remaining months of 1984 will show similar decreases when the statistics are collected and analyzed.

"The way people get health care is changing dramatically," Davidson said. "New technology, including refined diagnostic tools, more sophisticated treatment techniques, and new drugs mean patients do not need to be hospitalized today for illnesses that once meant many days in the hospital.

He also identified the growing presence of utilization review programs by both government and third party payors as another significant factor in helping to keep people out of the hospital.

"And keeping people of the hospital is the best way there is to control costs." Davidson said business and industry in their role as employers also are having a profound effect on hospital use patterns in Maryland and he commended them for exercising their muscle as purchasers.

"By making certain their employees employees are hospitalized only if they absolutely need to be and by encouraging them to make their own decisions about their care and its costs, they are helping to control health care costs for themselves and society as a whole."

More funds legal services

Benjamin R. Civiletti, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, announced today that the Maryland Legal Services Corporation will be making grants this year in the amount of $1 Million to non-profit organizations that provide civil legal services to the poor and handicapped in Maryland.

"This is an extremely important benchmark for us," Civiletti said. "This represents more than a three-fold increase in the dollars that will be made available to legal services providers. Only one in six civil legal problems is being served today."

"This $1 Million will help fill the legal services delivery gap. This $1 Million will enable us to fund at least another 40 legal services attorneys who will then be able to serve another 7,000 people."

Clinical program for child abuse victims

Many children under 12 who have been sexually abused suffer long - term emotional, social and physical trauma. The complex problems of these young victims of sexual abuse - rape - assault are being met in an innovative multidisciplinary program at the University of Maryland Medical System.

The new clinical program, CARE (Child Abuse Robs Everyone), is a comprehensive crisis intervention program designed to provide counseling and treatment for the sexually abused child and his - her family.

Using a team approach, CARE provides follow up care to the victims of child abuse and their families. The purpose of the clinic is to lessen the psychological trauma by assessing the ability of the child and his - her family in locating and utilizing existing community resources for long - term counseling.

A sexually abused child is most often first seen in the Medical System's Pediatric Emergency Room where he - she is treated. If the staff determines the child needs immediate protection from further abuse, the Department of Social Services is notified and emergency protective shelter is provided. The child and his family are then referred, on an outpatient basis, to CARE.

In the CARE program, after a physical examination, the child is seen by a social worker and child psychiatrist. Other members of the team who may work with these children and their families include pediatricians, nurses, mental health specialists, and therapists.

Over 144 children have been screened since the program was started in May by two nurse - specialists at University of Maryland Medical System, Sarah Stanley, R.N., M.S., C.N.A. and Jacqueline Melonas, R.N. M.S., C.S.

Children are referred to the program by Protective Services, Department of Social Services, private physicians and other hospital pediatric services as well as the Pediatric Emergency Room at UMMS.

For further information call Ms. Stanley at 528-5176 or Mrs. Melonas at 528-6822.

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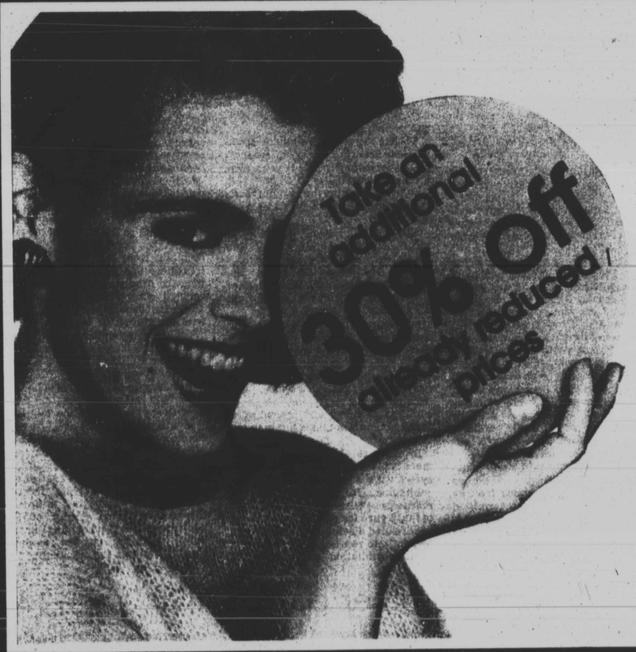

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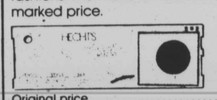

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