—City gays

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victory in itself," Mason said.

The council bill, if passed, would have prohibited discrimination against gays in areas such as employment, housing, education, health and welfare.

De Hart said that legislating gay rights bill would be tough job with the present City Council.

"There's simply too many bigots on the council now. Our best bet would be to wait for a new group," De Hart added.

The bill was rejected by a vote of 11 to 7. A previous bill was also denied in 1980.

Gay organizers expressed bitterness towards City Council President Clarence "Du" Burns, claiming that he lied to them when the bill was up for consideration last year.

Mardi Walker, co-chairman of the Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club, told the AFRO—the whole point of these two marches was to let the community and city council know that we haven't forgot

[illegible] said that he [illegible] encourage [illegible] members to vote for [illegible] defeated his chances [illegible] but as [illegible] he switched [illegible] happened [illegible] Walker. We [illegible] Burns, Walker recalled a [illegible] fundraiser held for Burns in May at Martin's West.

"The people knew he lied, and about 100 gays picketed Martin's West that night. Afterwards there was some controversy over the sign that we carried," she said.

Mason indicated that although black gays felt that if they could make known to City Council members several constructive projects that they have completed, the bill could be reconsidered, they have decided to wait for a new City Council.

—Gun toting

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Tisdale, 25, 4300 block Fairfax Rd. who is charged with armed robbery. The other man is being sought by investigating officers.

Avery said he picked up the two men at a house in the 3600 block Baker St. at 3:45 a.m. and proceeded to Garrison and Liberty Heights. However, he told police, when he was in the 3600 block Liberty Heights he was asked to turn into Calloway Avenue.

At that location, one of the men acted as if he was getting money to pay for the far but produced a shotgun instead. One of the robbers not only asked for the driver's money but also wanted his gun.

Avery said he told the pair he had no gun and then gave them the money.

Investigating officers eventually went to the 2400 block address to try to ascertain identity of the two men they picked up there but had negative results.

—How effective

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circumstances discredits him," she said.

Recently, other officials, former and present, have criticized Hook's leadership, citing decreased membership, financial difficulties and staff purgings weeding out those who oppose the executive director.

"At best... lackluster. At worst... tragic," said Atkins, in rating Hook's performance as an administrator.

"I think that at a time when gains made by the Civil Rights Movement are under the greatest siege ever, in 30 years, the NAACP, the nation's strongest, biggest and oldest black organization is floundering under Hook's leadership with no systematic approach to addressing problems that are afflicting blacks and poor people. He's a specialist at rhetoric but never produces action," said Atkins.

The meetings, held at the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel, was an annual meeting of corporate members. Michael Meyers, a former director of policy and planning for the agency stood up and called for Hooks to resign.

Meyers, executive director of BACE, Inc., a new civil rights organization worked for the NAACP for 9 years. He described himself as a protege of Roy Wilkins, the former director who was mentored by Hooks.

"I fought against Ben Hooks for years."

"The NAACP had traditionally been a non-partisan organization. Under Ben Hooks and his board of deacons (Board of Directors), the agency has become a Baptist Church.

"Although considered moderate by some, the NAACP used to be feared by people in power. That's no longer the case. Under Hooks' leadership the agency is a laughing stock.

"People are tired of his preaching style, that colloquial, cliche, incoherent and unintelligent manner, with his inconsistent direction," Meyers told the AFRO from his New York office.

When the AFRO attempted to contact Dr. Hooks in New York, we were told he was out of town.

Dr. Emmett Burns, director, Region 7, said that he's not going to respond to said allegations.

"I work for Mr. Hooks and I respect his leadership. He's done much for me and the agency," he said.

Critics have charged that under Hooks, membership has fallen off...

"Yes, membership has not increased or fallen off, but you can't blame Dr. Hooks for that."

"No program is a good as the people who implement it... Dr. Hooks creates and others do. How do you blame him for his staffs' inadequacies?" he asked.

"Look at the record. See the tremendous turnover in staff. He has shaped the NAACP into his image. The people that surround him are his people. He has ousted, those who opposed him and attempted to hold him accountable," said Meyers.

In 1983, there was a widely reported rift between Hooks and Margaret Bush Wilson, then chairperson of the national board. She attempted to fire Hooks, but instead was herself removed. Atkins, Meyers and others said that they were weeded out because they were in agreement with Wilson and chose to challenge Hooks.

"In an interesting way, Hooks is the Marcos of the NAACP. His leadership legitimacy has dissipated. He has weapons to fight off calls for his resignation, but at what cost to the agency," said Atkins.

According to reports, Hooks received a standing show of support when Meyers called for his resignation.

McMillan said that government, the agency that's supposed to support affirmative action, etc., has abandoned the cause.

"The agency Commission is chaired by an Uncle Tom who's tearing the gains down. Hooks is creating programs like Fair Share, etc. to address these shortfalls.

Fair Share is the agency's outreach to the private sector which demands industry job promotions to managerial positions, etc.

"That's a good example of how Hooks imitates Jesse Jackson. He's copying, sloganeering...

"Jesse said 'I am somebody.' "Hooks created a program for kids in school, 'If its going to be — It's gat to be me,' " said Meyers, laughing.

As an example of how Hooks has abandoned the long established directions of the agency, he cited the fact that Hooks opposed the presidential candidacy of Jackson. "He then said that he himself might run in 1988," he said laughing again.

Hazel Dukes, national board member and regional president in New York defended Hooks.

"The president doesn't carry out policy. The paid members and volunteers carry out the policy that Hooks designs," she said. "Ben Hooks is a great director."

—Eastern Hi

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said Pettit.

City School officials addressed the problem of Eastern at its regularly scheduled school board meeting on Thursday evening.

was arbitrary and capricious and illegal."

[illegible] (Feb. 14) hearings have been postponed until March 3.

Pettit said the presiding judge wanted time to review court records, testimony and other exhibits.

According to Pettit the city is seeking a motion to have the court dismiss the case because the school board says it is not a reviewable agency.

"Any administrative agency is reviewable if they act illegally."

—No pickets

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figures prominently one of the conditions the hospital must meet before it can receive an additional $2.5 million in aid from the city and the state.

Another condition the hospital must meet before it qualifies for that aid is a "linkage" with another hospital. Heretofore, speculation has indicated that Provident might link with Lutheran. There's been no further word as to the progress of the talks.

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Citizens for Sachs recently opened their official campaign headquarters in Baltimore at 901 Russell St., Suite 212.

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EASTER LUNCHEON

Make plans now to attend the luncheon and fashion show fundraiser sponsored by The Baltimore Chapter of The Links, Inc. at Martin's West on Easter Monday. "Making History—Providing Hope" is the theme for this year's spring splendor. Kathleen Carter is president of the group.

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In 1967 Thurgood Marshall became the first black to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice Thurgood Marshall's great leadership and strength helped inspire much of the significant civil rights progress in the 20th century.

—Politics '86

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"I don't consider myself a politician. I consider myself a citizen who is concerned about law enforcement in the black community," Quarles explained.

He added, "I do note that the filing deadline is June 30th. "Among his stated priorities as a private citizen and unofficial politician are combating the drug problem that permeates the city, an issue he calls the "biggest problem confronting blacks.

"It is the source of much of the crime and a substantial number of the homicides in the city," he said. Quarles also wants to deal with the safety problem in public schools and local unemployment.

A statewide campaign fundraiser for gubernatoral candidate, Attorney General Steve Sachs, will be held at Martin's West on Sunday, 23, 4-6 p.m. Tickets are $100 a piece.

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Teenage mothers and their kids cost taxpayers billions

By Racine S. Winborne
and Wire Reports

A non-profit study has revealed that teenage pregnancies last year cost U.S. taxpayers nearly $16.6 billion in welfare benefits.

According to the Center for Population Options, which conducted the study, its costs estimates were based on such federal programs as Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Medicaid, food stamps, as well as other compatible benefits earmarked for teenage mothers.

The report did not include tax dollars spent on such programs as public housing and educational aid, because of the scarcity of comprehensive data.

About $8.3 billion in the cost of supporting teen pregnancies came from the AFDC program, the study said, with $4.9 billion from Medicaid and $3.4 billion from food stamps — totaling $16.6 billion for families started by teenage mothers in the last 20 years.

In 1975, taxpayers paid $8.55 billion in support of teenage pregnancies, but in 1985 dollars it would be more than $15 billion.

To determine its totals, the center cited studies indicating 50 percent to 60 percent of AFDC families are headed by women who first had babies as teenagers. It used an estimate of 53 percent to determine its single - year costs. Of the 1.1 million teenagers that get pregnant each year, the study said only 513,000 babies are born, with the rest of the pregnancies usually terminated. An estimated 383,000 teenagers, half under the age 17, give birth to their first child every year.

The study also said those 385,000 first babies born to teenage mothers in 1985 will cost the taxpayer $6.04 billion by the time they reach adulthood and that at least a third of that cost — $2.4 billion — could be saved if the teens had waited until age 20 to give birth.

"These potential savings are only 40 percent of full cost because mothers in 1985 will cost the taxpayer cause even with delayed births, many women will still require welfare assistance," the study said.

While Maryland has yet to do its own comprehensive study to detail just how many local tax dollars are alloted for similar social service programs, figures depicting the numbers of such cases that exist and the problems associated with the teenage pregnancy problem were available.

According to a 1982 report, of the 8,900 babies born in the state that year at least 68 percent were parented by single mothers.

Maryland ranks fourth among states having the highest incident of teenage pregnancies behind the District of Columbia, New Jersey and New York respectively.

Maryland also has a high incident of sexually transmitted diseases.

The 1982 statewide study also concluded that the following problems related to teen pregnancies exist in the state:

—A higher school drop-out rate among teenage parents.

—A slight increase in the pregnancy rate among white teenagers under the age 15.

—One in six infants born to women under 20 in Baltimore is at risk of serious illness or death.

—AFDC grants support 13,000 families headed by single parents under 21 and of that number 7,000 are headed by a parent under the age of 13.

The national study also concluded that each first baby born to a teenage mother in 1985 will cost the taxpayer an average $15,620 by the time the baby reaches age 20. Babies born to mothers under 14 will cost $18,089; babies born to mothers age 15 to 17 will cost $17,203 and babies born to older teens will cost $17,203.

"These numbers bring home

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Baker says raid bars to find drugs

Russell "Tim" Baker, former United States Attorney for Maryland and Democratic candidate for attorney general, has urged the state legislature to enact a tough new law that would allow prosecutors and police to confiscate stores, bars, taverns and homes that are habitually used by drug dealers to sell illegal narcotics.

"This bill will give our state's prosecutors and policemen an effective weapon in the war against drug dealers," said Baker.

He testified before the Judicial Proceedings Committee of the Maryland Senate on Senate Bill 53, introduced by Senator Victor Cushwa from Washington County. The Bill would add a new subsection to Section 297(a) of Article 27, the Crimes and Punishments Article of the Maryland Code, which would permit the forfeiture to the State of "all real property or interests in real property used, or intended for use, to facilitate the manufacture, sale, distribution or dispensing" of illegal narcotics.

Baker, who has had some eight years of experience as a federal prosecutor, pointed out that drug dealers must have a known location where their customers can find them, and that in many Maryland communities threatened by drugs almost any resident can tell you which house or bar or business is the center of narcotics trafficking in the area.

Such locations are "notorious" said Baker. The police's inability to do anything about it, under existing Maryland law, "only makes our people cynical and disillusioned about law enforcement. Indeed, it demoralizes our own law enforcement officers," Baker pointed out.

Baker also pointed out that since October, 1984, federal law enforcement has had the power under the Comprehensive Crime Control Act to forfeit properties used for drug distribution. In just over a year it has led to the forfeiture of several hundred million dollars in property, including ranches, resorts, banks, farms, restaurants, and condominiums. "It has been effective," said Baker. "We need the same tool here in Maryland."

Baker served as United States Attorney for Maryland between 1978 and 1981. Between 1971 and 1974, he was an Assistant United States Attorney from Maryland where he was one of the prosecutors involved in the prosecution of former Vice President Agnew.

In 1977 and 1978, he was a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the United States Department of Justice in Washington where e supervised the National Organized Crime Program and the 14 Organized Crime Strike Forces around the country.

People in the News

Charles E. Mann new video exec

Herbert A. Wagner, Jr., president of Blakeslee-Lane, Incorporated, one of the oldest Maryland visual marketing and communications firms, today announced the addition of Charles E. Mann, Jr., as Manager of Audio-Visual and Video services.

Mann, most recently managing editor of news for Baltimore's WBAL-TV, will be responsible for market development and production of multi-image audio-visual presentations and video production for corporate, institutional, and industrial clients.

In developing the audio-visual and video market, Mann will concentrate on the Washington metropolitan area from Blakeslee-Lane's recently opened office in Silver Spring, as well as Baltimore.

A veteran television news manager, Mann brings over 12 years of experience to Blakeslee-Lane, having worked in such television markets as Asheville, North Carolina; Charlotte, North Carolina; Boston, Massachusetts; Washington, D.C.; and Baltimore.

Charles E. Mann, Jr.

Mann is a graduate of Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina with a degree in political science. He has done further study at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota and the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

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Ms. Curry gets 'Hand/heart' Award

Geraldine Curry, chief clinical dietitian at the Baltimore Veterans Administration Medical Center, is the 1985 recipient of the Administrator's "Hands and Heart Award." This award is presented annually at each of the 172 VA medical centers to the employee who best exemplifies the VA's mission of quality care with kindness and compassion.

Anyone who serves the public, Ms. Curry points out, has days when it's hard to be cheerful and patient and yet that is vitally important, particularly in a hospital setting. 'We need to work on improving our own attitude," she says, 'because a positive attitude is reflected in everything we do."

By treating patients with dignity, cheerfulness, understanding, and tact, Ms. Curry is a living testament to her philosophy. She also takes an active role in promoting that philosophy by serving on the Medical Center's Consumer Relations Committee.

Ms. Curry, a Baltimore resident, is a graduate of Morgan State University and has been employed at the Baltimore VA Medical Center since 1964, where she has received numerous high level performance awards.

James A. Christian, director, Baltimore VA Medical Center, presented the award to Ms. Curry on behalf of the VA administrator, and VA's chief medical director at a ceremony for staff and patients on Feb. 10.

Ms. Geraldine Curry

Mrs. Coleman to lead women execs

Mrs. Tamara Coleman

Tamara Elise Coleman, a resident of Columbia, has been elected president of the Baltimore chapter of Executive Women International (EWI), the international organization for professional women in business. She succeeds Walker-Wilson Travel executive Barbara Pollard, who served as president in 1985.

An employee of the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Coleman holds the position of executive assistant to Aquarium Executive Director Nicholas Brown. Previously she was the executive assistant to Parks Sausage Company President Raymond V. Haysbert, Sr.

Coleman began her affiliation with EWI in 1979 and, since that time, has served as membership director (1983), program director (1984), and vice - president/president elect (1985) of the organization's Baltimore chapter.

As EWI president, Coleman is responsible for overseeing the chapter's fund-raising and development activities, hosting monthly events for Baltimore area businesses, and chairing meetings, seminars, and conferences.

A native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, the former Tamara Gaither is married to Donald Coleman, an employee of the Reynolds Paint Company. They have three children — Derrick, Darryl and Donald II.

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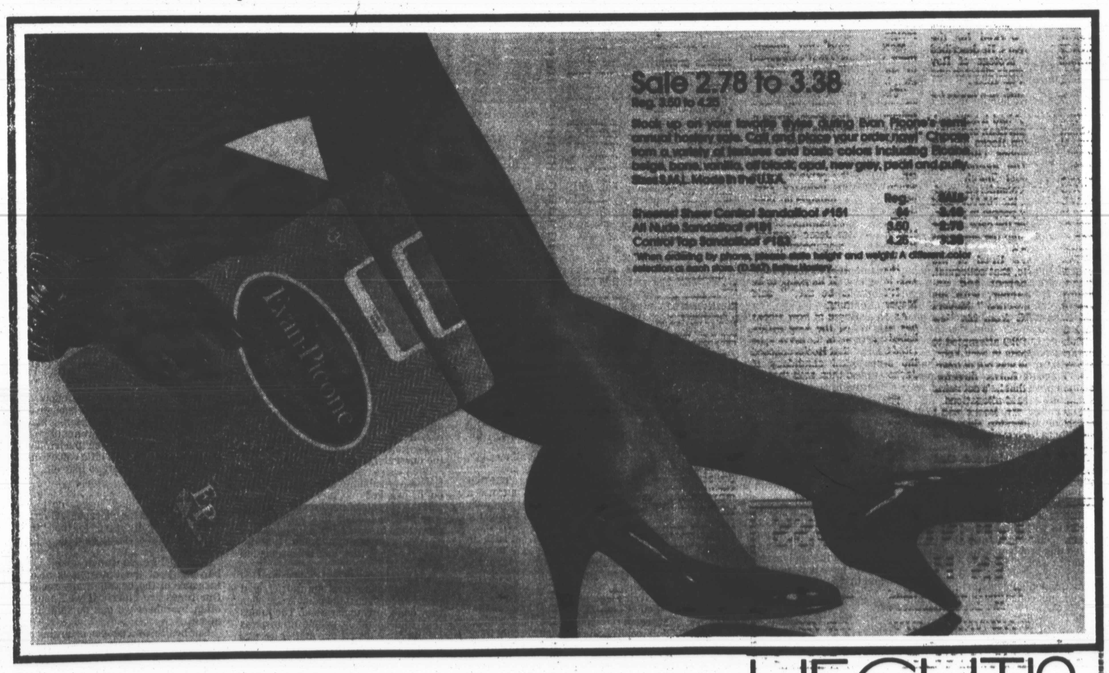

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