County police chief asks NAACP support against rifle group

(UPI) — Baltimore County Police Chief Cornelius Behan is asking the NAACP to support the position of law enforcement in a campaign against the National Rifle Association.

Behan asked the nation's oldest and most prominent civil rights group—through its 400,000 members — to oppose the national gun lobby, which wants to ease federal laws pertaining to the interstate sale of firearms.

Behan led a national fight against the McClure - Volkner Act in Congress that would have relaxed restrictions on who could purchase handguns outside of their home state.

In response, the NRA targeted Behan, and mailed more than 10,000 letters to Baltimore County residents calling for his ouster.

"The NRA is no friend of law enforcement," Behan said.

Behan's comments at a seminar on the criminal justice system were well - received recently by NAACP members, including national and local president Enolia McMillan.

Mrs. McMillan expressed concern that those behind the proliferation of handguns "were more interested in money than people."

Mrs. McMillan and other members of the NAACP, which has its national headquarters in Baltimore, made no direct response to Behan's request for NAACP participation in a national campaign to counter the gun lobby.

Baltimore Police Commissioner Bishop Robinson, who also attended the seminar, noted that 50 percent of the shootings in the city are related to narcotics. And of the 200 homicides in Baltimore so far this year, 85 percent of the victims were black.

State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke told the group that 36,000 narcotics defendants have been prosecuted in Baltimore over the last four years — 2½ times the number of inmates the state's already overcrowded prison system can hold.

"Law enforcement is obviously not going to solve this problem," Schmoke said, adding that drug education programs, counseling and youth employment were needed to prevent young people from turning to drugs.

Third leading cause of death in America is lung disease

Lung diseases are the third most common cause of death in the United States today, says the American Lung Association of Maryland — the Christmas Seal People. Besides the cost in human suffering, the direct economic cost of lung disease to the nation is expected to reach a staggering $40.9 billion in 1986.

Lung cancer remains this country's most deadly form of cancer. Only 13 percent of lung cancer patients live five or more years after diagnosis. It is a frightening fact that the incidence of lung cancer in American women has risen 380 percent in the last 35 years. Already the leading cancer killer among men, lung cancer has now surpassed breast cancer as the foremost cancer killer of American women.

According to the ALA of Maryland, much of the premature death and disability caused by lung disease is unnecessary and can be prevented. Cigarette smoking causes 80 to 90 percent of deaths from chronic bronchitis.

Other lung diseases — including respiratory distress syndrome (RDS) in infants and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) in adults — are still not fully understood and require additional research to find improved means of prevention and treatment.

The American Lung Association was founded in 1904 to combat tuberculosis, then the nation's greatest health menace. Today its mission is to control and prevent all lung diseases and some of their related causes, including smoking, air pollution and occupational lung hazards.

It is supported primarily by public contributions to Christmas Seals, those decorative bits of paper that arrive in the mail to over 40 million American households each holiday season. Funds raised by Christmas Seals support health education and biomedical research programs in Maryland.

Among the statistics cited by the Christmas Seal people regarding lung disease in America today are the following:

* 19 million Americans suffer from some form of chronic lung disease including 7.7 million with chronic bronchitis and 2.3 million with emphysema, the two major disease categories within COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). The mortality rate attributed to COPD and asthma has increased 34 percent between 1970 and 1983 (latest available figures).
* Asthma, the most common serious disease of childhood, is also the major cause of school absenteeism due to chronic disease, responsible for the loss of 6.5 million schooldays annually.
* Occupational lung diseases--such as byssinosis, which is caused by textile dust and has disabled an estimated 35,000 Americans, and asbestosis and silicosis, which endanger an estimated 106,000 workers--are the number-one cause of work-related disease and injury.
* Chronic sinusitis, a condition of the upper respiratory tract, afflicts more than 27 million of our citizens. And hay fever, whose symptoms make the warm weather a miserable time of year for its sufferers, affects more than 19 million Americans.
* Pneumonia is the leading cause of death by infectious disease in the U.S. It is particularly dangerous to those over age 65 and those with previously existing lung illness or heart conditions. Pneumonia is expected to strike over three million Americans this year.
* Influenza, which can be prevented in most cases with annual vaccination, can also be a life - threatening illness to the elderly and those with chronic heart or lung conditions. Americans are expected to suffer about 75 million bouts of flu in 1986.
* Though tuberculosis is no longer the leading cause of death in this country, it has yet to be eradicated. In 1985, 22,201 new cases of TB were reported in America and the incidence rate seems to be rising again.
* As for the common cold, a whopping 76 million episodes are anticipated before this year's holiday season is ended.

For more information on lung disease, contact the ALA of Maryland at 1-800-492-7527.

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Community Calendar

Help Booth At Lexington

First Call For Help, a statewide information and referral service of the Health and Welfare Council of Central Maryland, will provide a counselor at Lexington Market's Center Lower Stage on Thursday, Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A trained counselor will be available to meet with people, discuss their problems, and distribute literature on a wide range of community services.

First Call For Help is a free and confidential telephone service that links persons with problems to the community services available to help them. It is funded by the United Way. To speak with a counselor, call 685-0525 in Baltimore or 1-800-492-0618 toll-free throughout Maryland, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Morgan Christmas Concert

The Morgan State University Choir and Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Nathan Carter will be presented in its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 14 at 8:00 p.m. in Murphy Auditorium.

The program will feature Part 1 of Sir Michael Tippett's A Child of Our Time. DeCormier's Shout For Joy and a series of solos with orchestra and chorus of familiar carols concluding with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

Tippett's A Child of Our Time will be later performed in its entirely by the choir with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra under Murry Sidlin in Jan. 1987, as a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In addition, the choir is scheduled to return to Severance Hall to perform with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, also in January.

Chairman of the Music Department announces that the Christmas program will feature a wide array of solo talent, all drawn from the 100 plus voice choir, to be announced at the time of the concert. For ticket information call 444-3168 or 444-3286. Adults $5 and students with ID $2.

Tax Workshop

SCORE, The Service Corps of Retired Executives, and IRS, the Internal Revenue Service will present a workshop on income tax preparation for both federal and state returns on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1986. The workshop will begin promptly at 8:45 a.m. and run through 4:00 p.m. and will be held at the TOWSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Dulaney Valley Road and Hampton Lane (Beltway Exit 27N), Towson, Maryland.

Call SCORE at 962-2233 for details and registration form.

This workshop is designed to assist the small business person in becoming better acquainted with tax rules, regulations and laws.

Free CPR Course

A Citizens' CPR course will be taught at South Baltimore General Hospital from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9. The course will be held in Room 502 of the Gruehn Building, which is located next to the north side of the hospital.

The free course will teach the basic method of cardiopulmonary resuisitation, an emergency technique used to restore breathing and heartbeat.

You must register for the course. To do so, please call 347-3421, or call 347-3200 and ask for Maria Piccolo.

Candy Making At Museum

Deck the halls with boughs of bonbons and learn how some of these festive candies are made when the Baltimore Museum of Industry presents candy making demonstrations on Sunday, Dec. 7 and 14. The demonstrations will take place between noon and 4 p.m. in the confectionery section of the museum's newest, permanent exhibit, "Fruits of Labor: The History of Food Processing in Maryland." Tasting will be allowed!

But don't get so wrapped up in the sampling that you forget to visit the rest of the museum. Re-created work-settings, such as the garment loft, print shop, blacksmith shop and belt-driven machine shop, reveal an era of Baltimore's working past.

And the Golden Radio Buffs of Maryland will put you in the proper holiday spirit with old-fashioned Christmas music in the "Old Time Radio" exhibit.

Admission to the museum is $2 for adults, $1 for senior citizens, students and children over six, and families are $6. Children under six are free.

The museum is located at 1415 Key Highway, less than one mile from Harborplace, and parking is free. For more information call 727-4808.

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First Federal of Western Maryland	724-3363
First National Bank of Maryland	787-6261
First Shore Federal Savings & Loan Association	546-1101
Hopkins Savings & Loan	675-2828
Loyola Federal Savings & Loan	332-7015
Magnet Mortgages, Inc.	759-2800
Margaretten & Co., Inc.	731-4444
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Provident State Bank	479-2405
Ryan Financial Services	796-7373
Severn Savings Association of Annapolis	268-4554
The Talbot Bank	822-6500
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*For borrowers with household incomes of $20,000 or less.
**For borrowers with household incomes above $20,000, but less than the program maximums.
***This requirement does not apply in Baltimore City, Hagerstown, and Allegany, Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent and Somerset counties.

AREA OBITUARIES

John N. Hawkins

Funeral services for John Nathaniel Hawkins were on Nov. 28 at St. John A.M.E. Church. He died on Nov. 22 at age 68.

Mr. Hawkins was born in Baltimore on June 26, 1918, and was the son of the late Bernard Hawkins and Mrs. Bessie Sims. He attended the Baltimore public schools.

He married the former Miss Edna Prater; they had seven children. Six years ago, he retired from the Western Electric Company, where he was employed for 38 years. Prior to this, Mr. Hawkins worked for the American Sugar Refinery.

He is survived by his wife; five daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Lide, Mrs. Ethel Richardson, Mrs. Loretta Dirton, Mrs. Victoria Brown and Mrs. Gloria Hawkins; sons, Wesley Hawkins and Nathaniel Hawkins; sisters, Mrs. Catherine Long, Mrs. Rosie Freeman, Mrs. Agnes Rice, and Mrs. Lucille Bankins; brothers, William David and Bernard Hawkins; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Bertina Montague

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertina Montague were held on Nov. 29. She was born on August 22, 1940 in Baltimore and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. (Bertha A.) Burton. She died on Nov. 20 after a long illness.

"Cookie", as she was known by family and friends, was educated in the Baltimore public schools. She will be remembered as a jovial person.

Mrs. Montague is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. (Bertha) A. Burton; a companion, Marvin Becoat; her children, Anthony and Denise Montague; her sisters, Mrs. Etheleen Steward. Mrs. Rosetta Bond, and Mrs. Shelia Hall; and her brother, Juan Burton.

George A. Wood

Services for George Andrew Wood were held on Nov. 28 at the New Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1354 Carey St.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James (Emma) Carter and was born February 9, 1915, in Baltimore. He died on Nov. 24 at Maryland General Hospital after a long illness. Mr. Wood was educated in the public schools in Northumberland County, VA and attended the Mt. Olive Baptist Church there.

Upon returning to Baltimore he met and married the late Rosa Dicken. He served in the U.S. Army beginning in 1942. He was later employed by the American Stores, and in 1975 he was honored for 25 years of service.

He is survived by his son, George A. Handy; grandchildren, Lisa Handy and Sylvester Lowery; and several great grandchildren.

Lenwood Ebron

Funeral services for Lenwood Ebron were Saturday at the Marshall W. Jones, Jr. Funeral home, 4101 Edmondson Ave. The interment immediately followed at Western Star Cemetery in Catonsville, Maryland.

Mr. Ebron was born in Robinsonville, NC on June 4, 1921 to William and Sarah Ebron. He attended the public schools there.

In 1940, he moved to Baltimore, where he married the former Velva Parker in 1946. The couple adopted one son, Belden Ebron.

Mr. Ebron worked for Charles Gladding, a trucking firm from which he retired in 1983. He became ill about eight weeks ago and died on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1986 at Mercy Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Velva; a son, Belden; one godson Hurd Hinnant; one goddaughter, Norma Brice; four brothers, Steve, Ray, W.C. and Benny Ebron; two sisters, Marjorie Robinson and Edna Rodriquez; six sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Miss Anna M. Curtis

Funeral services for Miss Anna Marie Curtis were Saturday, Nov. 22, 1986 at the Leroy O. Dyett and Son Funeral home, 4600 Liberty Heights Ave. The interment took place at Eastview Memorial Park.

Miss Curtis, beloved daughter of Mary L. Curtis and Thomas Hill, was born on January 8, 1919 in St. Mary's County, Maryland. She died on November 19, 1986.

As a child, Miss Curtis was raised by her grandmother. She was baptized in St. Mary's County, where she attended the St. Mary's County School. She later left and moved to Baltimore, where she attended St. Peter Claver Church.

Miss Curtis is survived by one brother, Joseph O. Curtis; four daughters, Margaret, Mary, Rose and Barbara; one son, Paul J. Curtis; twenty-two grandchildren; twenty-five great-grandchildren; two aunts, Lilly Bailey and Mary Ellen; one uncle, Willie Curtis; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Clarence Ringgold

Funeral services for Clarence Ringgold, Jr., 68, were Monday, Dec. 1 at All Saints Church. Burial was at the Pleasant Rest Cemetery.

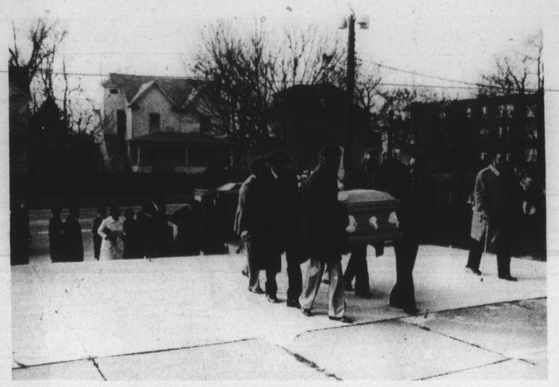
Mr. Ringgold was one of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Mabel) Ringgold. He was born June 10, 1918 in Lutherville and attended public schools there. He died Thanksgiving day on Nov. 27.

Before joining the H.M. Rowe Company, from which he retired. Mr. Ringgold worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He was married 32 years to the former Miss Hilda Burton Hunter.

Mr. Ringgold also, known as "Treet," enjoyed gardening and fishing. He was active in the community and shortly before his death, he was busy delivering food baskets to the needy.

Among his survivors are a son, Brent Lewis Ringgold; a stepson, Laymon Tracy; and a daughter, Mrs. Kathy Moore.



Services for Clarence Ringgold were held Monday morning at All Saints Catholic Church. See accompanying story for the details.

Mrs. Vera F. Bass

Funeral services for Mrs. Vera Fisher Bass were Monday, Nov. 24, 1986 at the Friendship Baptist Church, 346 Denison St. Her interment followed the service at the King Memorial Park.

Mrs. Bass was born and educated in Baltimore City, where she attended Douglass High School, a member of the June 1946 graduate class. She also attended Coppin Teachers College and the New York University, where she obtained her Master's Degree in Elementary Education.

She married Lawrence Bass, Jr. in 1951 and from this union, one son, Phillip L. Bass was born.

Mrs. Bass, an elementary school teacher in the city schools retired in June, 1981 after 30 years of service. She had been a member of the Faculty of Lexington Terrace, Bentalou Elementary and Alexander Hamilton Elementary School during her working years.

A longtime member of Sharon Baptist Church, Mrs. Bass more recently held membership at the Friendship Baptist Church.

She died on Thursday, Nov. 20, 1986. She is survived by: one son, Phillip L. Bass; a daughter-in-law, Michelle; a grandson, Laurence Bass, III; mother, Lucille Kelly; stepfather, Nile Kelly; brother, Ronald Thomas of Rochester, New York; sister-in-law, Maybelle Thomas; niece Ronelle; uncle, Granville Fisher and many other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Patricia A. Madden

Funeral services for Mrs. Patricia Ann Madden were on Nov. 28. She died on Nov. 24 at her home in Essex, MD.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell (Katie) Barnes and was born on October 24, 1943 in Corbett in Baltimore County. Mrs. Madden attended the Baltimore County public schools and was a congregant at Stevenson A.M.E. Church also in Baltimore County.

She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Veronica Brown, Mrs. Dana Madden and Mrs. Lisa Madden; a son, Robert Madden, Jr.; three grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

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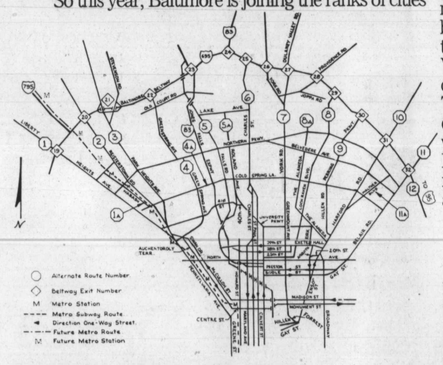

like Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia in upgrading its expressway. Over the next several years, we're going to resurface 5.6 miles of the JFX from Eager St. to the North city line. We'll rebuild 51 bridges (and build a new one at North Avenue). Construct new inside and outside shoulders. Lengthen the entrance and exit ramps at all interchanges. And install new signs and lighting.

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Some tips, ideas and suggestions.

In the beginning, you'll probably want to "go with the flow." Try an alternate route or two. Then try the JFX and compare your times. You may even want to plot an alternate route of your own. Or, if you've been thinking of trying Metro or the MTA, this is the perfect time to get started. And remember, car and van pooling is a practical way to ease the traffic burden.

Meanwhile we'll do our best to keep you informed with messages like this in newspapers and on radio. Your local radio and TV stations will also carry JFX traffic bulletins at key times. And, if you work downtown, we will be updating your employer on all major changes and developments so they can pass the news on to you. Remember too, that you can always reach us with your questions by simply dialing JFX-INFO.

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