AFRO Q & A

Q: Do you know of any plans to film a movie in Baltimore? What's wrong, is the movie industry shying away from Charm City? T.S., Nahant Road.

A: It just so happened that Universal Pictures announced this week that it plans to film "A Public Affair" in Annapolis and Baltimore. It will be the first movie made in Maryland in at least a decade.

Q: I was not living in Baltimore during the riots of 1968, but can you tell me how much damage was done here during the week? J.R., Overton Street.

A: In six days more than 900 buildings were damaged, $12 million damage was caused and 6,000 people were arrested. Civil suits against the city for $29 million are still pending in court.

Q: I'm so sick of all the high unemployment figures that I don't know what to do. Is there any relief in sight? P.D., Loch Raven Boulevard.

A: According to Ms. Becca Hoover, manager of the Baltimore Office of Manpower Inc., more than one third of Baltimore area businesses surveyed plan to hire new employees in April.

CITY STATISTICS

Court docket

Robbery — George N. Jones, guilty, 5 years imprisonment; Anthony G. German, guilty 3rd count, 1 year imprisonment; Clarence Robinson, guilty, 3 years, suspended, 3 years probation.

Larceny — Anthony G. German, appeal withdrawn.

Traffic Violation — Johnny Bethea, guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation and fine $200; Same, guilty, fine $50, concurrent.

Rape — Dennis C. Pope, guilty 3rd count, sub curia pending pre - sentence and probation reports.

Narcotics Violation — Robert L. Lightner, plea of guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended 1 year probation.

Attempted Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — Ernest Coleman, verdict stayed section 641, 3 years probation.

Arson — George J. Rupp, plea of guilty 2nd count, 3 years imprisonment, suspended 3 years probation.

Larceny — Christopher J Tittle, guilty, 18 months probation and fine $100.

Shoplifting — Beverly D. Waters, guilty, 6 months imprisonment, suspended 1 year probation.

Burglary — Leroy Scott, guilty, 5 years imprisonment, suspended 5 years probation.

Day House Breaking — Leroy Scott, guilty, 5 years imprisonment, suspended 5 years probation.

Child Abuse — Reginald Brown, guilty, 5 years imprisonment, suspended 5 years probation.

Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — Danny R. Carter, guilty, 8 years imprisonment.

Assault — David Hepding, guilty, 3 years imprisonment, suspended 3 years probation and fine $500.

Attempted Murder — David Hepding, guilty, 10 years imprisonment, suspended 5 years probation.

Divorces filed

Harry Ralph Allen vs. Freddie Elizabeth Allen.

Earl Cidel Arvin Jr. vs. Tina Denise Arvin.

Gail Valencia Jefferson vs. Stanley Ford Jefferson.

Pearl McNair vs. Willie James McNair.

James William Shipe, Sr. vs Mary Anna Shipe.

Elizabeth Ann Black vs. John Wallace Black.

Peggy A. Johnson vs. Carlton E. Johnson.

Margaret R. Hickman vs. Nathaniel Hickman.

Joyce Arlene Brown vs. Tony Lamont Brown.

Betty Ann Muldrow vs. Adrian Muldrow.

Rayetta Brooks vs. Dorsey Brooks.

Debbie P. Green vs. Clinton L. Green, Jr.

Divorces granted

Claudette Sawyer from Ernest C. Sawyer.

Lawrence Sparks from Paulette Sparks.

NAACP baby contest to be held April 16

Some 31 children, ranging from infancy to five years of age, are entered in the Baltimore NAACP's annual Human Dolls on Parade Contest.

Mrs. Lorena Branch, chairperson, announced that the winners will be declared at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 16, at Douglas Memorial Church, Madison and Lafayette Aves. Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan is branch president.

Winners will receive government bonds, and - or loving cups and certificates in three categories, those sponsored by churches, sororities and individuals.

The church contestants are: Troy James Jones, 17 months, Ames Methodist; Nicole Marie Day, 10 month, Osborne Lutheran; Jamal Batts, four months, Calvary Baptist; Jannell Monitze Lindsey, eight months, City Temple Baptist.

Also, Monica Charlese Brinkley, 12 months, Gospel Tabernacle Baptist; Talia Lawrence, two months, Israel Baptist; Dwight D. Kirkland, 2½ years, Mt. Sinai Baptist; Nicole Hocks, three years, St. Luke Methodist; Tarsha Lomax, two years, Southern Baptist; Curt Hayes, five months, Pleasant Grove Baptist; Jennifer Lynn Simmons, two months, Mt. Lebanon Baptist; Ryan Franklin Jones, 10 months, Waters AME; Denneen D. Powell, one year, Wayland Baptist; Wendy Veda Carroll, five months, Providence Baptist; Raymond J. English, 20 months, Holy Trinity Episcopal; Ebony James, 2½ years, Sharp St. Methodist; Ilyce Powell, two years, Milton Ave Methodist; Kahlilia Monesha Kellysharp, six months, Christ Methodist; Danee Grooms, 15 months, Fulton Baptist.

The sorority contestants are: Jamaal Jackson, 19 months, Kappa Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda; Jessica Jocelyn Jones, nine months, Gamma Chapter, Chi Eta Phi.

Contestants sponsored by individuals are: Kenneth Lee Abrims, one year, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Robertson and Clifton Park Junior Youth Council; Maurice Lamont Carroll, three years, Mrs. Nettie Wainwright, Sophia Larissa Rudisill, three months, Mrs. Nettie Wainwright; Kim Falkner, four years, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Falkner and Mrs. Martha Harmon;

Also, Kimberly Natalie Hines, 21 months, Mrs. Alameda Johnson; Mixxie Natalie Jones, three months, Mrs. Gladys Jones; Juliette Townsend, three months, Mrs. Minnie Towsend; Anjewlet Jones, five years, Mrs. Mary W. Rhodes; Lakiesha Janetta Burns, one month, Mrs. Mary Smith Tyler; Kemyatta Macon, two years, Mr. and Mrs. John Macon and Norman Watkins Jr., one year, Mrs. Ida Russell.

In addition to the prizes for the baby contestants, adults who report the largest amoung over $1,000 for a contestant qualify for an all - expense trip to the national NAACP convention to be held in Portland, Ore. in July.

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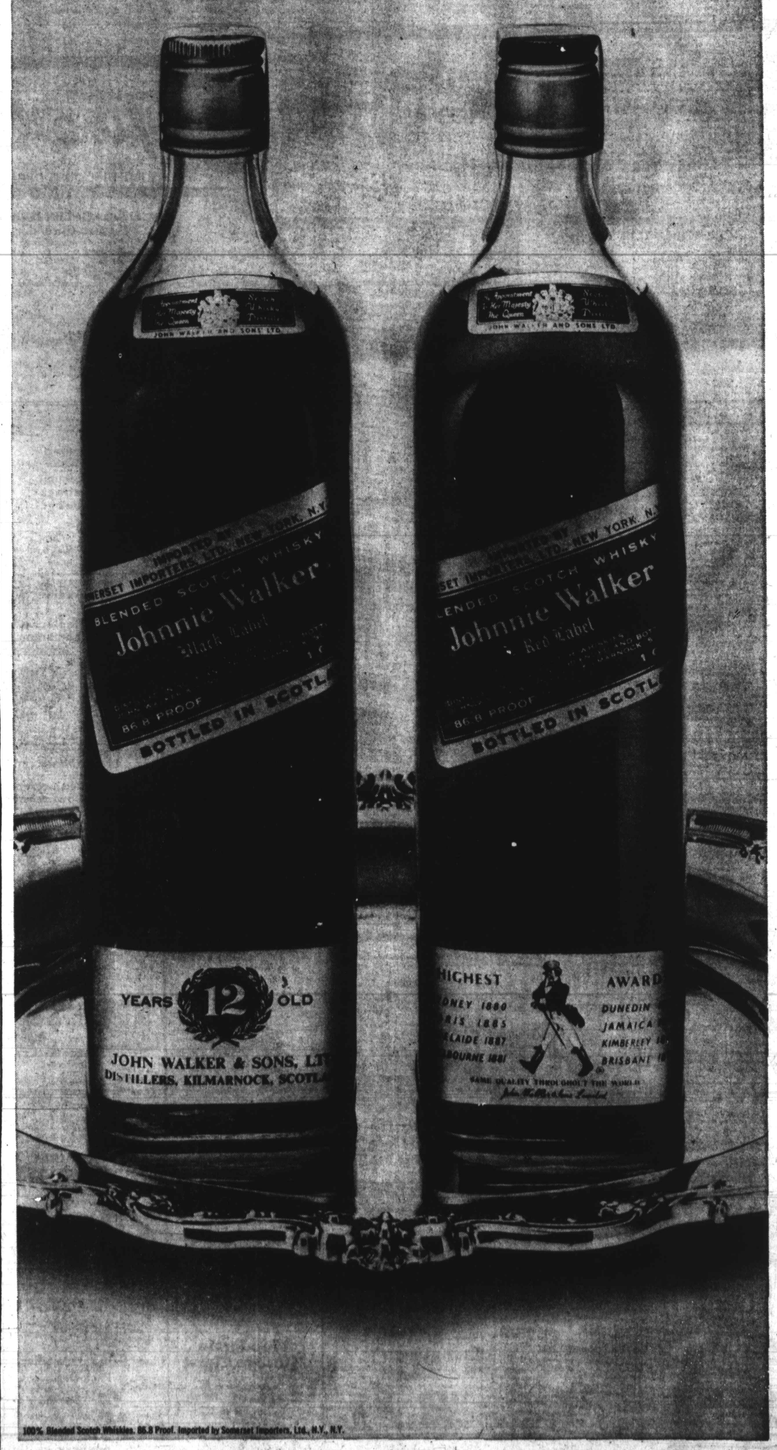

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Taxpayers can itemized on state returns

State taxpayers now can itemize deductions on their state income tax returns even if they file for a standard federal deduction — saving about $9 million a year.

The law, passed by the 1978 General Assembly, was signed this week by Acting Gov. Blair Lee III, Senate President Steny Hoyer, D - Prince George's, and House Speaker John Hanson Briscoe, D - St. Mary's.

It goes into effect immediately — in time for use of the itemized deductions on this year's state tax returns.

It will mean a loss of $6 million in state tax revenues and $3 million in county tax revenues.

About 220,000 state income taxpayers are eligible and will save as much as $175 each under the new procedure, according to state Comptroller Louis Goldstein.

"Our office has been accepting itemized state income tax returns from taxpayers even if they were not allowed to itemize on their federal returns, but thousands of taxpayers have apparently been waiting for the legislation to pass before filing their returns," Goldstein said.

He told income taxpayers last month to start filing itemized state returns, anticipating legislative approval of the bill.

"This is the bill that makes legal what you (Goldstein) already are doing," joked Hoyer.

Lee also signed into law a bill that allows the hall of records to approve the destruction of materials it decides are not important.

Other bills signed into law will:

— Prohibit a person from driving a motor vehicle on certain private and public property while his license is canceled, suspended or revoked.

— Eliminate the exclusive power of the Maryland Parole Commission to hear parole release cases in which the inmate has been convicted of a violent crime and has served less than one - fourth of his sentence.

— Prohibit the issuance of licenses to business without prior verification that state, county and municipal taxes have been paid.

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NAACP launches youth program

The NAACP recently announced that it will kick off the Afro American Cultural Technical - Scientific Olympics (ACT - SO) in 20 large urban areas including Baltimore.

ACT - SO will award certificates and prizes to top students in grades nine through 12 in three areas of competition: arts and humanities, science and social science.

Any student in grades nine through 12 may register for the program from now until April 15, at the NAACP Headquarters, 2127 Maryland Ave., or by calling 837 - 6778 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Charles Stewart, a spokesman for the NAACP, explained why the program is vital: "We want to raise the academic and artistic excellence of all black youngsters and adults by focusing the emphasis on academic achievement as much as we do in sports."

The national, competitive, academic hunt will select three finalists from each city who will be flown to Portland, Ore., to participate in the national finals.

Teachers of gifted hold meetings

The teachers who work in the Office of Gifted and Talented Program and Services (OGTPS) got together for an all - day conference to exchange ideas about instruction of gifted children in Baltimore City Public Schools.

Paul Daniels, of John Hopkins University, was the main speaker. He added some unusual and creative views to the teachers.

"I hate to see our kids use literature as a basis for learning to read because every child has a different background," Daniels said. "I would like to see something like books on plants as a basis for learning to read."

He continued: "I think every child has the right to accelerate until he or she can no longer accelerate. And then he should be provided with the enrichment to make that acceleration permanent."

The day - long program consisted of other speakers, group sessions and a slide and movie presentation.

Dr. Gwendolyn J. Cooke, coordinator of OGTPS, gave the reasons why she put the program together.

"My goal is to give support to the teachers to let them know that their talent and skills have been appreciated," Dr. Cooke said. "We are also saying to other schools in the state that a model of excellence exists in Baltimore.

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