Places to go . . . things to do

Haunted house

The Greater Towson Jaycees will open their 7th Annual Haunted House at the Timonium Fairgrounds on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1979. The Haunted House which provides funds for many other Jaycee Community projects, provides outstanding Halloween entertainment for the entire family.

WCAO radio will again assist the Jaycees and will be providing free passes and other prizes on various nights the Haunted House is open.

The Jaycees in conjunction with McDonalds will also be giving away coupons good at the local McDonalds.

The Haunted House will be open every evening from October 24th through October 31st from the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Enter the Fairgrounds at the North Gate. The price of admission is $1.00 for children and $2.50 for adults.

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Harlem Park

The first meeting of the Harlem Park Junior High Parent-Teacher Association will be held on Wednesday October 24, 1979 from 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Following a short business meeting the auditorium, conferences with teachers will be held in the classrooms. Harlem Park Junior High is located at 1500 Harlem Avenue. For further information contact: Timothy Dooley, Assistant Principal, 396-0815.

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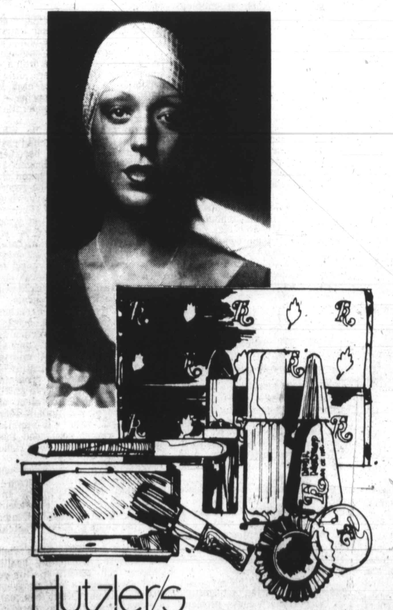

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Cooking class

The YWCA International Center is offering cooking classes on Wednesdays from October 10-December 5, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, at 128 W. Franklin Street.

Featured will be dishes from Estonia, Russia, Germany, Italy, Norway, China and Puerto Rico.

For information call 685-1460 ext. 27.

Dance lessons

Modern Dance instructions will be held at the Mt. Royal Recreation Center on Friday, Oct. 26, from 3-5 p.m. The Center is located at 120 W. Mosher Street. The fee is $4.00 a semester.

For more information contact Mrs. L. Richardson or Mrs. D. Justis at 669-4471.

Barbershop quarters

The first annual Barbarshop Bonanza is set for October 27, at 7 p.m., in the Courts Building Plaza, Towson County Government Complex. This event, co-sponsored by the Baltimore County Commission for Arts and Sciences and the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing, will include seven groups numbering more than 300 voices, with a separate quartet for each group. The event is free of charge.

Convention center

The $50 million Baltimore Convention Center will be open for free public tours on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For further information, please 659-7000.

HMO—remember these 3 letters—they stand for the newest health care system.

Finding a job

The Y-Teen program of the YWCA needs adult volunteers for a session intended to teach young women how to prepare for employment.

Volunteers will attend a workshop to give them the skills needed to teach teen groups how to prepare for an interview, how to fill out applications, begin the job search and how to evaluate their skills.

Interested persons should call Terea Terea Teress Hawkins at 685-1460.

Free examinations

The Good Samaritan Hospital will hold a two-day health fair, "Health Encounters," on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the hospital, 5601 Loch Raven Blvd.

Displays by hospital departments and community health agencies will be featured. Health related films will be shown throughout the day.

Free health screenings with no appointment necessary will include height and weight, hearing, blood typing, and sickle cell anemia. Also offered free at the fair, by appointment, will be Pap smears, breast examinations, and vision and glaucoma testing. For an appointment call 323-2256 from 8.30 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday.

Hospital departments active in the fair include nursing, dietary, physical therapy, occupational therapy, ophthalmology, speech and hearing, pharmacy, sports medicine, rehabilitation medicine, laboratories, rheumatology and respiratory.

Disco benefit

The North Central Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a fall fashion show and disco at the McKeldin Center at Morgan State University today, Friday Oct. 19 from 9 p.m. until. All college students will be admitted at a reduced admission price with I.D. Everyone is invited to this benefit for American Cancer Society. For more information call, 821-6000, ext. 256 or 235-5659.

Autumn festival

Over one thousand handmade gifts and homemade goodies will be on sale at the Autumn Festival for the Laurel Beltsville Hospital on Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday Oct. 20. Festival opens at 11:00 a.m. and is held at the hospital in Laurel, Maryland.

Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs of Baltimore's historic Cross Street Market is on display in the Learning Resources Center lobby gallery of Dundalk Community College, 7200 Sollers Pt. Road, through October 26. The public is invited. For additional information call 282-6700, ext. 311.

Victorian tour

The first annual Patterson Place House tour will be held Sunday, Oct. 21 from 1-4 p.m.

Thirteen of Patterson Place's finest Late Victorian homes, occupied by life-long residents and recent home-renovators will be featured. Located just north of Patterson Park, this energizing community along with the Old Town Mall and the annual Baltimore City Fair captured the "All America City" award for Baltimore in 1977-78.

House Tour tickets, $1.50 per adult, can be purchased in advance or on the day of the tour from the Neighborhood Housing Service, 2407 E. Fairmount Avenue. For more information call Neighborhood Housing Services any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 327-2020.

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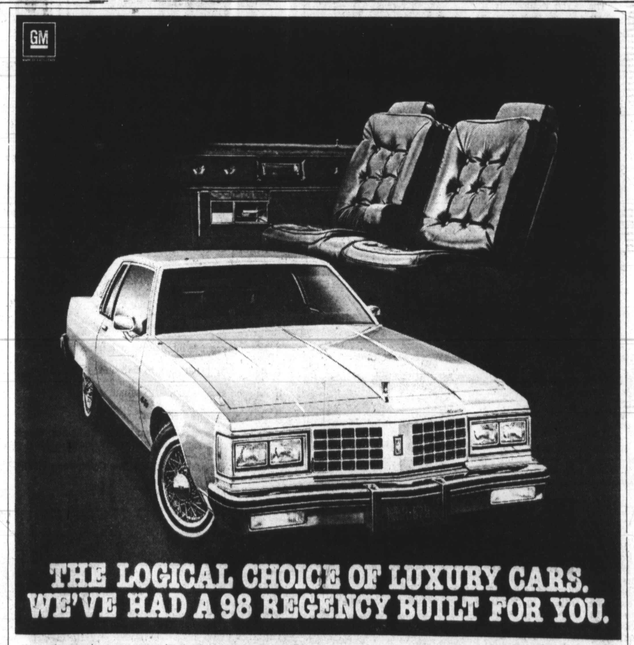

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Commission recommends doubling welfare payments

The Governor's Commission on Welfare Grants agreed Wednesday to recommend that payments to welfare recipients in Maryland be more than doubled.

The Commission, created earlier this year by Gov. Harry Hughes, decided that the new "standard of need" — the amount of money an average poor family of four needs to buy food, shelter, clothing and other necessary items — should be raised to $600.

Mary T. Camenga, executive director of the Maryland Conference of Social Concern, an advocacy organization that has been very active in trying to get the state to raise welfare payments stated that the group was pleased with the commission's recommendations.

"These figures are certainly more realistic than what we've had in the past. They are nearer to the inflation factor," she said.

The current standard of need, which was set in 1969, is $314, and the state now pays families of four on welfare only 94 percent of that figure, or $294.

The welfare payments would vary on a sliding scale depending on the number of adults and children in each eligible family.

The commission's decision will be forwarded to Hughes for consideration in formulating the fiscal 1981 state budget, which will be submitted to the General Assembly in January.

Despite the recommendation by the commission, the Legislature is not expected to appropriate funds to fully finance welfare payments at the new and much higher standard of need level.

The commission's standard of need figure includes:

—$207 per month for food;

— $214 per month for shelter and utilities;

— $12 per month for medical care;

—$63 per month for clothing;

—54 per month for household furnishing;

—$22 per month for personal care items;

—$18 per month for transportation;

—And, $10 per month for other expenses, such as reading materials, recreational activities, tobacco or alcohol.

The commission decided to establish a separate "standard of need" under the shelter category for persons who already receive government assistance because they live in public housing.

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Under that proposal, the shelter category for persons living in public housing will be equal to 25 percent of the full "standard of need" for otherswelfare recipients.

That figure will then be comined with the other categories to determine the toal "standard of need" figure for persons living in public housing.

The commission actions were based on the work of the Department of Human Resources and of a Cambridge, Mass., consulting firm, urban systems research and engineering, inc.

Black attorney could replace Swisher

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

The black community could get another stab atthe state's attorney position should William A. Swisher, now facing mail fraud and extortion charges, be convicted.

Under a state constitutional amendment which also applies to the governor, if a state's attorney is convicted, he or she is automatically suspended the day of sentencing and the Supreme Bench would have the authority to appoint an interim state's attorney.

That appointee could be A. Dwight Pettit who ran against Swisher and finished second in the race, capturing over 32,000 votes to Swisher's 42,000. Anton Keating who also ran in the 1978 election, finished third with 25,000 votes.

"I am still interested in the position of state's attorney and would accept an appointment from the Supreme Bench, said Pettit. "There are a lot of people who worked hard for me that would be disappointed if I took any other position."

In order for a person to be considered by the Supreme Bench to fill the vacancy, the same guidelines would apply as for the election, according to George Nelson of the state attorney general's office who reported that the appointee would have to be licensed to practice law in Maryland and be a resident of Baltimore for at least two years prior to the appointment or election.

However, should Swisher be convicted and appeal the decision, which he must do within 30 days after sentencing, the Supreme Bench would have to appointan interim state's attorney to fill the vacancy until the appeal was resolved.

If the conviction were overturned, Swisher would be re-instated. But, should the decision be upheld, the Supreme Bench, now consisting of 22 judges, five of whom are black, would meet again and select someone new to fill the vacancy or continue with the previous appointee until the next state's attorney's election in 1982.

Oriole fans cheer team in defeat

Thousands of Baltimore Orioles fans lined city streets Thursday to watch their team in a parade, saying the Orioles are "still the best team" despite their loss of the World Series to Pittsburgh.

"Wild Bill" Hagy, the man who led Orioles fans in the Memorial Stadium upper deck in cheering their team throughout the season, again roused the crowd today, yelling "O-R-I-O-L-E-S."

As people lined up three deep along the parade route, vendors hawked Orioles pennants, hats and t-Shirts left over from the 1979 season. And there still were a lot of fans wanting to buy the souvenirs.

"We've still got the best team," said 13-year-old Tammy Stewart. "Losing last night doesn't mean anything. We're still number one."

The same mood of pride in the Orioles prevailed at Memorial Stadium last night.

Nearly new sale

A Nearly New Sale will be held by the Liberty Jewish Center Sisterhood on Sunday, October 28th from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 8615 Church Lane, above Old Court and Liberty Roads. Articles on sale will include clothing for men, women and children, household items, records, books, toys, jewelry, plants, and homemade baked goods.

Flooded tunnel causes train delays

More than 1,000 passengers were involved in train delays for two to three hours Thursday after a water main broke, seriously flooding the southbound tunnel of the Amtrak Train Station.

According to Al Bello, station manager, a water main broke about 6 a.m. Thursday causing a backup of trains headed for Washington, D.C and other points south.

Passengers were shuttled to Washington, D.C. until the trains were able to clear the tunnel about 1:30 p.m. The incident is now being investigated by train station workers and representatives of the Department of Public Works.

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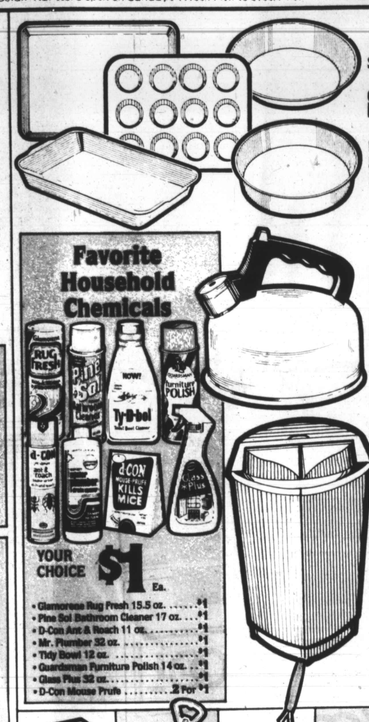

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