Fundraiser for Mr. Male U.S.A. is dynamic pageant opener

PAGEANT PROMOTERS — Pictured left to right at the fundraiser for the Mr. Male Pageant U.S.A. held recently at Odells are Mrs. Ella Hughes, founder-director of the pageant; Maurice Dew, assistant director of Dar Productions and Ms. Darlene Langley, director-coordinator of Dar Productions.

AFRO Photos by Mark Gall

MR. BALTIMORE CONTESTANTS — Pictured are contestants for the Mr. Baltimore Pageant who were highlighted at the fundraiser for the Mr. Male Pageant U.S.A. at Odells recently. Winner of the Mr. Baltimore Pageant will compete nationally for the Mr. Male Pageant title. Shown left to right are: Adrian J. Parnely, Adrian Purvis, Christopher C. Tittle Jr., Craig D. Hall, Dennis Carr, Sherman Linthicum, Wayne M. Cooper and Eric L. Dorsey. Not pictured is Isaiah Green.

The fundraiser for the Mr. Male Pageant U.S.A. held recently at Odells Disco, W. North Ave. was a grand success, with many attending.

The affair was sponsored by Mrs. Ella Hughes, Founder and president of the Mr. Male Pageant U.S.A. Inc.

Featured were contestants who will be competing against each other for the title of Mr. Baltimore, of which the winner will compete in the Mr. Male Pageant, U.S.A.

The Mr. Baltimore contest will be held in Sept., 1980 and the national Mr. Male Pageant, U.S.A. by 1981.

The contestants, who introduced themselves with a lively opening dance routine were Adrian J. Parnely, Adrian Purvis, Christopher C. Title Jr., Craig D. Hall, Dennis Carr, Sherman Linthicum, Wayne M. Cooper and Eric L. Dorsey.

Contestants and guests attending enjoyed hors d' oeuvres, an elegant buffet dinner, champagne, caviar and open bar throughout the evening.

Music was provided by the disco D.J.S. at Odells.

The Mr. Male Pageant, U.S.A., was founded in by Mrs. Ella Hughes, president, who also catered the fundraiser through her Personal Touch Catering Service, which was most classy.

Contestants for the Mr. Male Pageant, U.S.A. must epitomize masculinity, good looks and charm.

They compete for the title by exhibiting these qualities and by showing their expertise in the areas of talent and a question and answer segment.

They also model swimwear, casual and formal dress during the competition.

Mrs. Hulbes says that she created the contest because of the need for young men to have an outlet where they too can compete for titles.

According to Mrs. Hughes, the pageant is now operative in all 50 states.

Young men, ages 18 to 50, who are interested, may compete by contacting Mrs. Hughes, 3407 St. Ambrose St., Baltio., Md., 21215 or by calling 664 - - 0272 or 664 - 7905.

Assisting with the fundraiser for the pageant were Ms. Darlene Langley, director - coordinator of Dar Productions Inc., an agency for performing entertainment which helped to promote the fundraiser.

Assisting also was Maurice Dew, coordinator and choreographer of Dar Productions, who helped develop the production dance routine for the contestants.

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Kappa Silhouettes on the move nationally and locally

National president Mrs. Elwa J. Edwards of Baltimore and her national officers have, within one year, reorganized and revitalized the Kappa Alpha Psi Silhouettes nationally. At this writing, there are fifty-seven chapters across the United States.

At their first business meeting, held earlier this year, the delegates of the different chapters received, on percentage basis of their memberships, the first issue of the National Silhouettes' Journal.

Mrs. Virginia Watkins, the National Journalist and president of the Baltimore Chapter, can take much pride in her accomplishment. The journal was unanimously received by the body. Mrs. Connie Hankins was the delegate for the Baltimore chapter at this meeting.

The journal features, from the active chapters, their group pictures and articles of their yearly activities.

The national meeting was a grand success, with Mrs. Edwards, national president, receiving the National chapters' NAACP Life Membership plaque.

There is a strong bond between the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and its Silhouettes.

Dr. G. James Fleming mentioned in a prior article, the very interesting activities that were shared with the Silhouettes and others.

The local Silhouettes chapter, headed by Mrs. Virginia Watkins, is also a vital group.

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One brother is a successful West Coast attorney, another a State Representative in Missouri, a third heads a housing program for HUD (the Federal Housing and Urban Development program)

And a sister who earned her Master's degree now heads a crime prevention program in Kansas City.

About Taylor, Mrs. Parker says: "For the students who come to our school, we see it as a way of moving into the mainstream."

You can see why the Harlem Branch YMCA recently honored Janice Parker as a Black Achiever.

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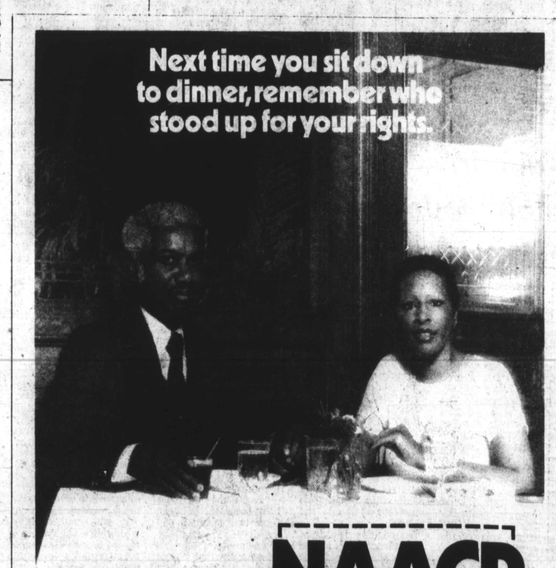

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Nursing home workers vote to strike

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'The gun just went off...'

Police reject accident plea, charge man fatally shot woman friend in the back

Police apparently are not buying the story of a suspect in a Christmas weekend shooting that claimed the life of a 47-year-old East Baltimore woman.

Helen Garland of the 1000 block McAleer Ct., situated just two blocks from City Jail, died after she was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital with a gun shot wound in the back.

According to police reports, the suspect who is also listed as residing at the same McAleer Ct. address, stated that the victim was shot accidentally.

The suspect, according to police, reported that he was standing behind Ms. Garland who was looking out the front door when he removed a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson from his coat pocket. He explained to police that he didn't know the trigger was cocked, it then discharged and the bullet hit the woman in the back.

Reports further state that the suspect said he accidentally touched the trigger and the gun discharged. When officers responded to the scene, they found the victim lying on the couch being treated for a gun shot wound by medics from Ambulance No. 7.

Police state that upon arrival on the scene, a man inside the house told them, "The gun just went off."

Ronald Williams, 33, has been charged with homicide and is being held at Baltimore City Jail. Bail has been set at $150,000.

Funeral services for Ms. Garland were held Dec. 27 at the Marshall Jones Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. She is survived by two daughters, three sisters, three brothers and two grandchildren.

Some five Baltimoreans were slain from the time the 1979 Christmas holiday began Friday, Dec. 21 through Thursday, Dec. 27.

In the same time span the prior year, police reported eight homicides.

Arnett Carrington, 43, was found lying on his back on the sidewalk in front of the Charles Bar, 800 block of E. Baltimore St., on Friday, Dec. 21. He had been stabbed in the left side of his chest.

A barmaid said Mr. Carrington was in the bar drinking when she came to work. He left alone and a few minutes later the barmaid was told he was lying outside bleeding.

Police questioned 13 witnesses who were unable to shed much light on the incident. A search of the bar and surrounding blocks failed to turn up a weapon.

Mr. Carrington was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

At AFRO presstime, no arrests had been made.

A 29-year-old employee of Maryland Dry Dock was stabbed after an argument in a South Baltimore apartment.

Police reports state that Horace Wilson, of the 3400 block of Chessell Court, received a stab wound in his right side.

A policeman responded to an injury call at 10:50 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the 3400 block of Chessell Court. When he arrived at the address, no one was home.

Mr. Wilson had already been admitted to South Baltimore General Hospital. He died after nearly four hours of surgery.

Sheila McKenzie of the same address has been charged with manslaughter and a deadly weapon charge.

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NEW BIKES for Christmas are taken for test rides by (L to R) Kelli Tillett, 9, Georgetta Barryman, 9, and Roslyn McManus, 10, along Dartmouth Ave. near Northwood Dr.

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

SMARTEST HOLIDAY SHOPPERS were those who waited for day - after - Christmas sales. Mrs. JoAnn Mondowne saved some pretty pennies on gift wrappings at Hutzler's on Wednesday.

AFRO photo by Mark Gall

Eastsiders sure Hughes won't revive Continental Can jail plan

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Gov. Harry Hughes, apparently impressed with the stand taken by East Baltimore residents who opposed the state's plans to build a prison on the site of a former industrial plant, has decided to abandon the Continental Can Company site in favor of a possible prison in either Anne Arundel County or Howard County.

The governor, according to Mrs. Zatella Giles, an East Baltimore community leader and head of the Concerned Citizens of East Baltimore, has commissioned the state Department of Planning to come up with alternative options for the use of the site.

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MSU grad, 23, is top rookie police officer

A 23-year-old Morgan State University graduate is the first black woman to graduate at the top of a police training class in the history of the Baltimore City police department.

Ms. Carol A. Philip, a 1979 MSU graduate with a bachelor of science degree in social work is the police class valedictorian. She ranked highest of 31 new officers.

At graduation exercises held at the police headquarters auditorium Friday, Dec. 21 Ms. Philip, the daughter of Mrs. Thelma Philip of Bowie, Md., and her classmates received their certificates from Police Commissioner Donald P. Pomerleau.

Guest speaker was Mary Ann Willin, deputy state's attorney for Baltimore City.

Graduates included:

Joshua A. Bazemore, Patrick J. Berrigan, Timothy B. Boyle, David A. Briscoe, Alfred Brown, Charles D. Chalson, Stephanie C. Constant, Myra L. Fulton, Donald C. Galbreath, II.

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Norris E. Jones, Mason Land, Jr., Robert P. Montroy, Michael A. Morreale, Barbara R. Nitkowski, John F. Norman.

Carol A. Philip, David A. Rodgers, Jr., Michael A. Soriano, John A. Spiroff, Rose Thurman, Denise M. Van Essen, Robert E. Winder, Dawn M. Wisniewski, Anthony L. Yarborough.

Now that they have completed study with the Police Department's Education and Training Division, the graduates hold the rank of probationary police officers assigned to general patrol duty.

Carol Phillip

Baltimore home sales down, loan $ tightens

Baltimore area home sales declined again in November, the second month in a row, and area realtors say the slump is the result of a tight mortgage money market.

Sales of existing homes in the area were off by 50 percent in November compared to the same month in 1978, the Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors reports.

In the city and five surrounding counties, 698 existing homes were sold in November. That compares to 1,394 in the same month during the previous year, the Board said.

The board also reported the dollar value of sales was down from $69.2 million in November, 1978 to $39.4 million in November, 1979 in a year in which the average price of a home rose 15 percent.

Michael Yerman, a board spokesman, said "the industry had a bad October and a disastrous November." However, he said the situation appears to have improved in December.

Yerman said high mortgage interest rates have created a tight market and those wishing to sell a home to must keep it listed longer. He said that contributes to both the decline in sales and the drop in the dollar value of transactions.

Pro-rent controllers plan 'peoples trial' of Kaplan

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Although the rent control ordinance was thrown out of court by Judge Joseph H. H. Kaplan less than two weeks after it was passed by city voters the supporters of the measure say they are down, but not out.

According to Boboy Cheeks, head of the People's Campaign for Rent Control, prospective tactics by the pro-rent control group will include rent strikes, picketing of landlords with outstanding housing code violations, a "freedom ride" on the state capital, and a "people's trial" for Judge Kaplan.

"We're currently investigating Kaplan and certain landlords," said Cheeks, "And when we hear of landlords raising rents or ignoring housing code violations, we plan on picketing their homes, their businesses and their churches. They hide behind business titles and make our people suffer, so we're going to return the favor."

The community activist also stated that his organization plans on going to Annapolis on Feb. 4, when Judge Kaplan's decision is expected to be appealed before the state Court of Appeals.

"We're trying to get people from the Baltimore-Washington area, as well as Annapolis, to go down there.

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Philly lawyer buys WITH-Radio

Ragan A. Henry

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

A black attorney, president of a minority broadcasting firm, is in the process of purchasing Baltimore radio station, WITH-AM.

Philadelphia-based Broadcasting Enterprises National, Inc. (BEN) headed by Ragan A. Henry will soon purchase the station, a CBS affiliate for $750,000 once the Federal Communications Commission has given the go ahead.

According to BEN vice president, Guy Turner, the company is very optimistic that the FCC will grant approval. However, he said, "I don't like to predict what the government will do. But the FCC has been very cooperative and I'm sure they will do it as soon as they can."

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NOTICE

The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Late City edition will be on sale Friday, Dec. 28 as usual. The following Tuesday 5 Star edition will be on sale Monday, Dec. 31 — one day earlier because of the New Year holiday. THE AFRO will be closed on Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1 and will reopen Jan. 2 at 8:30 a.m.

AFRO PHOTOGRAPHER ROMAN HANCKEWYCZ was on the scene Wednesday, Dec. 27, when an MTA bus and a car driven by a young woman collided at the intersection of Belvedere Ave. and Chunuquapin Drive. The woman and two of her daughters died. Photos show terrible impact of crash. Only the mother's hand (center photo) is visible in crumpled wreckage. Rescue team's efforts were futile.