Tax tips

The Better Business Bureau has a new booklet to help both taxpayers and the organizations receiving their support to understand which of their contributions are tax deductible and which are not.

"Tips on Tax Deductions for Charitable Contributions" provides basic information on Tax Exempt VS Tax Deductible categories.

"A tax exempt organization is one that does not have to pay taxes," advises Edward A. Tappa, Better Business Bureau president.

For a copy of the booklet, send a self addressed, business size, stamped envelope to the Better Business Bureau Inc., 401 Howard St.,

JEAN ESQUERRE — Corporate director of Grumman Aerospace Corporation, presents a $40,000 check to Harbor National Bank. This deposit of corporate funds is a part of Grumman's ongoing effort to assist minority businesses. Participating in the ceremony are (left to right) George O. Butler, Consultant to Grumman Aerospace Corp; Congressman Parren J. Mitchell; Wesley A. Queen, president and chief executive officer; Jean Esquerre corp., director; and Terry Taylor, assistant to Congressman Mitchell.

Union blasts truck violence

By Carole Cooley

The violence marring a nationwide protest strike by independent truckers is "senseless and counterproductive" and must be halted, the head of a Maryland truckers group said.

Rita Bontz, president of the 150-member Maryland Independent Truckers and Drivers Association, said:

"I can't call for an end to the shutdown. I urge all people associated with it (the strike) to take whatever steps they can, whatever is necessary, to bring an immediate halt to the violence."

"It is senseless and counterproductive to what must be done to solve the truckers problems. People are suggesting to me that there be a moratorium on any actions like the shutdowns," she said.

State Police Superintendent Col. W.T. Travers Wednesday ordered troopers to suspend some of their routine field operations in order to send out additional patrols.

"What we're going to strive for is even a more higher visibility of patrols," said police spokesman Dan McCarthy.

Police were investigating four reported shootings along a 15-mile stretch of Interstate 95 and another on U.S. 50 near Bowie.

State police said 24 incidents had been reported in Maryland since the strike began Monday to protest the 5-cent fuel tax increase and higher road use fees.

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Coppin grad gets Army commission

COPPIN GRADUATE — Cynthia McIntyre (Class of 1982) left was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Nurse Corps during ceremonies last Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Coppin State College. Brigadier General Hazel W. Johnson, Chief, Army Nurse Corps, conducted the ceremony. General Johnson is the first black female promoted to General officer rank in any Military services.

Free tax brochure available

"Sound Tax Planning Techniques—aguide to easing tax preparation" is a brochure offered free to the public by the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants.

The eight page booklet prepared by CPAs explains tax rate changes, marriage penalty relief, tax breaks on sale of a residence, deductions for charitable contributions, and the benefits of establishing an IRA.

This brochure is the eighth in a series of Personal Financial Planning pamphlets produced by the MACPA. Others include "Budgeting," "College Expense," "Mortgage Financing," "Investments," and "Estate Planning."

For your free copy of Personal Financial Planning Guide Tax Planning, write the Maryland Association of CPAs, 1205 York Rd.

County officers charged with misconduct

Two former Baltimore county police administrators charged with misconduct as the result of an 18-month departmental investigation have retired from the force.

Police officials said Lt. Charles Penn and Sgt. Wayne Henninger were Tuesday granted disability retirements, which means they will receive half their average annual wages as pensions.

Penn, a 20-year-veteran and onetime head of the Youth Division, was accused of taking part in crap games, driving police cars to racetracks and ordering lower ranking officers to do construction work at his home.

Henninger, former head of the police athletic program, allegedly had subordinates repair his personal property at the Fullerton Station.

Investigators said they found no basis to press criminal charges against the two.

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OUR WORLD

Baltimore Is Best 14th semi-annual awards made

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Mrs. Dorothy Hicks congratulates her son Wilbur Hicks, CCB professor who won a Silver and Blue Baltimore Is Best Award. He was cited as the second all time highest winner on the Tic Tac Dough TV program. He put Baltimore in the national spotlight and captivated the country with his knowledge and personality. He won $159,000 and five cars. He gave one to his niece, sold two and kept two. He is single and has been getting fan mail from ladies all over the United States.

THE MARYLAND FOOD COMMITTEE won the award as Best of Baltimore's Best. Sampson Green (L) is president of the volunteer committee which for 14 years has been dedicated to feeding the hungry at many distribution centers throughout the city. Center is Ms. Harriett Williams and Silver and Blue Award winner Gordon (Flash) Garrett. He has coached teams for over 10 years at Lafayette Square and Joseph Briscoe Recreation Centers.

CLYDE L. PORTEE, SR., 70-year-old former AFRO employee Silver and Blue Award winner, was cited by his fellow citizens through his involvement in their activities. He is shown at reception before ceremonies at the Lyric with Mrs. Rosa Mccoy (L) Mayor's representative from Cherry Hill and Mrs. Gloria Etheridge, Mayor's representative.

LEONARD FOLIO (R) a Silver and Blue Award winner, Chief of Solid Waste of Baltimore City was cited for never refusing requests for assistance and of giving of his energy and involvement to many community organizations beyond the call of duty as a city employee. He has also worked for more than 40 years in the AFRO Clean Block Program. He is being congratulated by (L) Mrs. June Goldfield, Women's Civic League; George Larkins, Marriott Corporation; and Ms. Phyllis Shelton, WJZ.

MORE WINNERS — Mrs. Dorothy Reddick, hostess at the Baltimore Is Best Awards poses with Mrs. Julia Gittings, mother of Officer Howard L. Gittings; and Mrs. Mildred Jones, a Silver and Blue winner and her daughter Kimberli Jones, a Villa Julie College student. Mrs. Jones was cited for being on call as a community trouble shooter.

BISHOP MONROE SAUNDERS, member of the Baltimore Is Best steering committee is welcomed by Mrs. Floraine Applefeld, volunteer director of the Baltimore Is Best program. Right is Officer Howard J. Gittings, cited as head of the Explorer Scout Post No. 9447 of the Western District.

Dr. Flossie Dedmond chats with Allen Quille member of the Baltimore Is Best steering committee and judges. Quille had returned just that morning from a 12-day trip to Israel. He was one of 450 people from over the U.S. who attended the Prime Minister's Conference.

Mrs. Christine Moore, (L) member of Baltimore Is Best steering Committee poses with Mrs. Mae Gellman a Silver and Blue winner. She is a member of the board of the NAACP and was cited for her work with food co-ops, urban gardening the American Jewish Congress and the Fellowship House.

The Baltimore Is Best celebration at the Lyric Opera House Tuesday night honored 29 citizens and organization representing citizens from all walks of life who have made exceptional contributions to the community of Baltimore.

An elegant reception hosted for the steering committee, judges the award winners and their guests was held on the second floor lobby area of the lyric, replete with wines fruit and cheeses.

The Silver, Silver and Blue winners then marched to the stage where Mayor William Donald Schaefer presented each with a sterling silver keepsake, a rose, certificate and had a picture made with each.

To the tune of "More and More It's Baltimore" all Baltimore Is Best nominees in the audience stood and received red roses.

The ceremony headed by Mrs. Floraine Applefeld, volunteer executive director of the Baltimore Is Best program had Captain Chesapeake, George Lewis as MC.

Highlight was the moving tribute given by Minister Helen D. Russell, in dedicating the 14th Semi-Annual Baltimore Is Best Award to Randy Blair.

The Mayor presented a special certificate to his wife Mrs. Marjorie Blair and his father William Blair. The audience stood in a moving moment of silent prayer.

The Handel Choir of Baltimore under T. Herbert Dimmock sang Handel's "Te Deum" backed by members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

Outstanding was Ann Elizabeth Keys, 'Miss Baltimore Is Best 1981' who sang Gershwin's "Summertime" from "Porgy and Bess."

Among the award winners were the Baltimore Orioles with owner Edward Bennett Williams here from D.C. and on stage with Mayor Schaefer; the Baltimore Blast and the Caring Cabbies, and Mrs. Willa Mae Davis of the Reservoir Hill community.

Members of the steering committee and judges of the 1,000 or more nominations received were William J. Giacofci, chairman; Dr. Frank Barranco, Harold Fennell, Harold Ficker, Norman Greenberg, Mrs. Jaki Hall, Mrs. Irene Kirby, Mrs. Cristine Moore, Allen Quille, Minister Helen D. Russell, Dr. Monroe R. Saunders Sr., Ms. Linda Scholl Victor Skruck Jr and Jo: Weitzel