Urban League graduates 35 word processing operators

The Baltimore Urban League Word Processing Training Center, a joint venture of IBM, MOMR, Blue Chip-In and the Baltimore Urban League, will graduate its first class on Friday, March 25, at 10 a.m.

The ceremony will occur at the Boyd Theater of the Maryland Science Center in the Inner Harbor area.

Hilda Ford, director of personnel for the Baltimore City Civil Service Commission, will be the graduation speaker. Phil Carter, IBM regional manager will present special graduation awards.

Other guests include John Voit, chairman of the Word Processing Training Center Advisory Board, and Stanley Mazaroff, chairman of the Baltimore Urban League Executive Board.

Baltimore Urban League president, Dr. Benjamin Whitten, will preside.

The 35 graduates honored at today's ceremony will ha ve completed a 22-week training course covering word processing concepts, word processing-data processing integration concepts, and advanced equipment operation.

In addition, the graduates will have completed review work in business English, business math and typing.

"Local companies have already hired seven of our graduates students before graduation, demonstrating the high quality of training our students have received," Dr. Whitten said.

Businesses interested in hiring graduates should call Lauretta Holiday, marketing director, at 727-4812.

The Baltimore Urban League Word Processing Training Center is supported by a half million dollar commitment from IBM for equipment, furnishings, staff and supplies.

Local businesses also have supported the center. The following companies, through Blue Chip-In provided financial and in-kind contributions:

Mercantile Bank and Trust Co.; Maran Printing Co.; Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.; T. Rowe Price Associates Inc.; Procter and Gamble Manufacturing Co.;

American Solar Tinting, Inc.; the Rouse Co.; Loyola College; Sonitrol Security Systems; Druid Electric and Gas Contractors, Inc.; Norrell Services, Inc.; J.J. Haines Co., Inc.; Westinghouse Electric Corp.; Lee Electric Co.; Loane Brothers, Inc.; Proctor Silex; Maryland National Bank; and Commercial Credit Co.

Program operational costs are underwritten by federal employment and training funds provided by the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources.

Local companies interested in supporting tnis program should call Lucille Green, project director, at 727-4812.

The Baltimore Urban League Word Processing Training Center will train a second class of word processor operators, beginning April 18.

Persons interested in training should contact their nearest Manpower Service Center or call 396-3009 for more information.

Dorsey to be honored by Loyola College

For his effective leadership in providing a legal voive voice for the powerless, Charles H. Dorsey Jr., executive director of the Legal Aid Bureau, will be honored at Loyola College's 23rd annual Maryland Day Ceremony, on Friday, March 25, with an Alumni Laureate Award.

Each year the college honors outstanding alumni who have demonstrated superior devoting to the best interests of their profession and community.

An outstanding lawyer, an outstanding black and an outstanding Catholic, Dorsey eminently has served his profession and thus gained the respect and admiration of fellow members of the Maryland bar.

Dorsey graduated from Loyola High School, then briefly attended Epiphany College in Newburgh, N.Y. In 1949, he enrolled in Loyola College, the first black day undergraduate to do so.

Following military service in Korea, Dorsey re-entered Loyola, but left it in 1957. From there, he attended and graduated from the University of Maryland Law School and, for the next eight years, engaged himself in the private practice of law.

He has served the Legal Aid Bureau of Baltimore, first as deputy director, now as executive director.

Dorsey, for more than 10 years, has worked for the State Board of Law Examiners, trying to make sure the people Maryland permits to practice law are clear thinking, analytical and expressive.

Throughout the years, Dorsey also has displayed a deep commitment to education. To it, he has given unceasingly of his time.

The beneficiaries have been such institutions as Western Maryland College, the Catholic Boardof Education and the Catholic Archdiocese.

FIRST DAYS OF SPRING — Even though Monday, March 21, marked the first full day of spring, the weather visiting Baltimore this week has people donning their heavy coats, gloves and hats as these people attest on Liberty St. downtown.

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Secretary vies for Miss Oriole title

Diane Johnson

Diane Johnson, a secretary in the Office of Governmental Affairs at the Social Security Administration, is one of five finalist in the Miss Oriole '83 contest.

To qualify, Ms. Johnson submitted an essay stating why she felt she was qualified for the title and why she should represent the Baltimore baseball team.

During the process, Ms. Johnson was interviewed by sportscaster, ex-Oriole and baseball hall of famer, Brooks Robinson and other contest officials.

She said since her father and seven brothers always were baseball fans, it was only natural that she should be one also.

"My entire family considers the Orioles 'winners' regardless of whether the birds win the pennant every year," she said.

Miss Oriole is elected by popular vote. Posters - distributed in the Greater Baltimore area where Busch Beer is sold - contain ballots for people to use to vote their favorite finalist.

Miss Oriole will appear at all home games and greet various dignitaries attending games at Memorial Stadium.

Banking deregulation bill passes senate, some objections

By Ann Sagi

A banking deregulation bill passed the senate by a 31-14 vote Wednesday, depite vigorous objections from detractors who contended the measure does not include sufficient safeguards to protect consumers. "I say to members of this body that unrestrained deregulation does damage to the people we're trying to represent. There should be safeguards put in place by us not the industry, but by us," said Sen. Clarence Mitchell, D-Baltimore. The measure, introduced by Sen Jerome Connell, D-Anne Arundel, would permit out-of-state banks to establish offices in Maryland. The bill would also allow banks to develop different credit agreements with consumers and to charge a variety of fees, such as late payment charges and membership fees.

The bill has the support of Maryland's Banking Industry, which claims the measure is necessary if the state is to compte with Delaware and Virginai where deregulation legislation has already passed.

"We provide a system of monitoring C&P Telephone and Baltimore Gas and Electric. We shoud provide a system of monitoring lenders," Mitchell said. "There are good lenders and bad ones. Where there are bad lenders we should act responsibly."

Calling complete deregulation "a mistake," Mitchell maintained the best way to compete with neighboring states would be to withhold funds.

"If the banks say they are moving to other states we should not do business with them," he said. "We can be competitive, we can give a measure of latitude necessary for the banking institutions to be competitive, but at the same time protect the interests of the people we represent."

But Connell, whose economic affairs committee heard the bill, disagreed with Mitchell.

"I've heard that argument before. But a detailed reading of the bill shows that it affords protections for consumers," he said. "If we aren't able to compete, the industry won't be here. Money is flowing from banks to Delaware and Virginia at the expense of Maryland consumers."

Sen. Tommie Broadwater, D- Prince George's, complained that the banking industry was taking advantage of the legislature.

"If I were a consumer I'd be jumping up and down. The banks are really running a game," he said. "I've talked to bankers. When they look at us, they laugh because they know this bill is so widespread. When bankers go home.. We're a joke.

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DANA WILLIAMS, sixth grader at Roland Park Elementary School, is Honorary Clown at AFRO Night at Circus. Here, she is being carried to the arena by Boss Clown Wayne Sidley, Randy Barnes, and Kip Reynolds. See SHOWTIME for story and pictures on Dana's adventure.

Md. School for Blind students to attend Easter egg hunt

On Wednesday, March 30, 10 students from the Maryland School for the Blind will visit the Executive Mansion in Annapolis for an Easter Egg Hunt and luncheon with Governer and Mrs. Hughes.

The high point of the visit will be the opportunity to talk and have lunch with Maryland's first family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hughes seemed to enjoy answering all the questions asked by the young students.

The Easter egg hunt has become an annual event and the Hughes have developed a closer rapport with the children.

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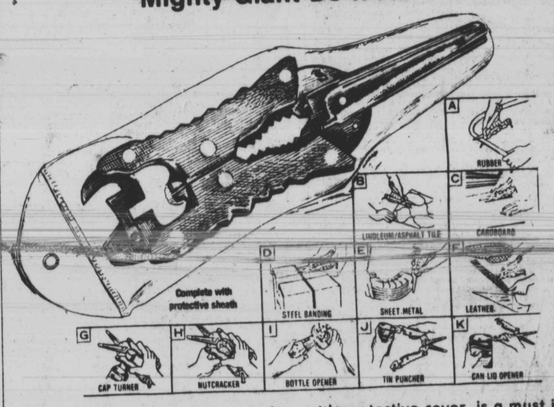

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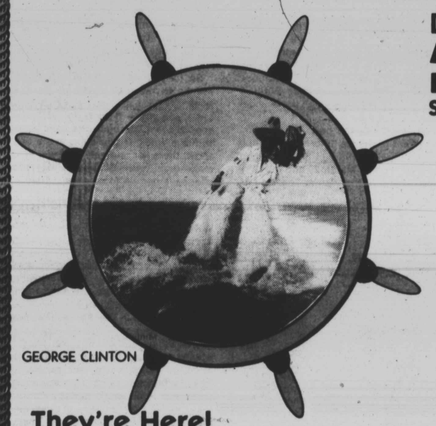

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