—Westside neighborhood

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call to HCD, indicated that the letter had been reviewed and is awaiting further assignment to an executive staff member.

According to residents, the Diamond Cab Company has been a constant problem. Orginally, it was simply a central location for all of that company's vehicles to be repaired, stored, and for fueling purposes.

"Now it is used as a car dealership and a lunchroom for anybody," says Mrs. Scarborough. The group alleges that in addition, cabs park illegally and men loiter in the area around the garage at night.

Albert Weinstein, president of the cab company, was out of town at AFRO press time. However a tour of the neighborhood did reveal that a repair shop was in operation.

Says, Panway president, John White, "The paint fumes and the noise have made it unbearable for residents who live on the west side of Braddish Avenue in the 2000 block South."

The group insists it is not trying to drive Diamond out of the neighborhood; however, it does want to make sure that no other businesses come in, because, "there's no room."

Panway has also complained about conditions at the Food Arama Supermarket, located in Mondawmin Mall. "There's a terrific odor and stench when you shop."

There is also the problem of continuous leaking from the ceiling. Management has blamed the minature waterfall on a cracked parking lot directly above the store.

Scott Ditch, a spokesman for the Rouse Company, which owns the mall, stated that "as of September 1, work on the roof to repair and repave it will begin."

As for the stench, which has made food shopping less than pleasureable, Marion Wesley, manager of the Mondawmin Mall, has been in contact with Food Arama's manager, Gene Loar.

"Sometimes I've smelled the offensive odors and I've gone through and made suggestions and they've been cooperative. They say they don't know why there's an odor," Mrs. Wesley said.

Wesley, feels there should be ongoing maintenance at the store. She has requested that Panway be "more specific" with regard to their other complaints such as the outdoor lighting situation which she feels has been "proficient."

—Police dept.

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central records, district commander of Northwestern and Western district.

Lieutenant Colonel Tilghman received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Baltimore. He has worked in the traffic division, criminal investigation division, Western district and Central district.

Lieutenant Colonel has also received several commendations and a special commendation for the arrest of suspects charged with assault and robbery, and possession of a deadly weapon. He was honored as policeman of the year and received an award in 1962.

Major Barnes will remain at Southern district. The 49-year-old officer has been a member of the force since July 1959.

Major Barnes has worked in the education and training division, Western district, communications division, Northwestern district personnel division and several other divisions of the department.

Major Boles, who is assigned to Western district is 39-years old and has 16 years of service with the police department.

He is one of the youngest majors in the department and has received four official commendations including one commendatory letter. The young major has a master 's degree from University of Baltimore in criminal justice and a bachelor's degree from University of Baltimore in law enforcement.

Major Nixon, 45, is assigned to Eastern district. He is a graduate of the University of Baltimore and has 23 years of service with the department.

Among his assignments in the department were Western district, traffic division, criminal investigation division and the education and training division.

Major Bessie R. Norris, 50, is one of the two highest ranking female officers in the department.

She is a graduate of Coppin State College and Community College of Baltimore. As a major, she has 19 years of service with the police department and has worked in the personnel division, Northwestern district, education and training division.

Major Norris has received two official commendations and will remain at Southwestern district. Other officers promoted were Major Leon N. Tomlin to Lieutenant Colonel. Other district commanders promoted to majors were Joseph R. Bolesta Jr., Daniel O. Caulk, Richard L. Connelly, Charles J. DiPino, Regis R. Raffensberger and John C. Lewandowski.

—Powerful group

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parts in the city's political jigsaw puzzle, a view shared by Mitchell.

"The election will be won in West Baltimore, and this one will be the vital link," Mitchell said of the suspended endorsement. "No one has the election locked up, and the mayor will be the first to admit it."

Only last Tuesday the mayor visited Mitchell's Pennsylvania Avenue campaign office in the heart of the 98-percent-black fourth district, shaking hands and cutting a ceremonial ribbon to officially open the headquarters before a boisterous crowd of a few hundred.

Before the ribbon cutting the two politicians heaped praise upon and credited each other with being responsible for new housing and community facilities in the Pennsylvania Avenue area.

But Mitchell said Thursday he and others in his organization, including Sen. Clarence Mitchell (D-39), Rep. Larry Young (D-39), and Rep. Ruth Kurk (D-39) so far are not satisfied by the Schaefer administration's promises.

Although unverified at AFRO presstime, a meeting that mayoral candidate William H. Murphy, Jr. and his campaign adviser David Franklin is alleged to have had with the leaders of PDAO and CDAO on Thursday morning may have had an additional influence upon the postponement of the Schaefer endorsements.

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"Security has always been a concern here. We are going against the status quo.

The threats pose an eerie reminder of an April, 1976 incident at City Hall which left Councilman Dominic Leone dead and four others bleeding from gunshot wounds.

Charles Hopkins, an Eastside resident, went on a shooting spree while searching the halls for Mayor Schaefer. Hopkins had wished to complain about the lack of city assistance in preventing his mom-and pop store from having to close.

Schaefer who had been eating lunch in a locked room, escaped unharmed.

Ironically Murphy, then an attorney, represented Hopkins at his trial.

McFadden ticket fundraiser

Maryland may be for crabs, but during election year summer weekends crabs seem to be for Maryland office seekers.

City Councilman Nathaniel McFadden (D-2nd) will become the latest politician to call on the salt-water denizens for help in winning votes this Sunday. The tall eastsider hopes to draw a few hundred backers, and perhaps a few thousand dollars. to a crab feast fundraiser at Teamsters Hall, 6000 Eardman avenue between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

McFadden, an incumbent, will be running with two newcomers: Curtis Chapman, a Fire Department captain; and Paula Johnson, a mayor's representitive at the Kirk Multipurose Center who is on leave during the campaign.

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Nursing homes must display poster on abuse

Nursing homes and domiciliary care facilities throughout Maryland will be required to display a poster asking anyone suspecting abuse of the residents to communicate with the Division of Licensing and Certification of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, state or local police or the Maryland Office on Aging.

The Division is distributing the poster to more than 350 institutions in the state.

According to Harold Gordon, Director of the Division of Licensing and Certification, display of the abuse message is mandatory under a recently passed state law.

Anyone reporting suspected abuse in good faith is immune from civil liability, Gordon said. Phone numbers for making such reports include 383-2517 (Baltimore) or 1-800-492-6005 (toll free number) for the Division of Licensing and Certification, and 383-5064 (Baltimore) or 383-7555 (TTY line for the hearing impaired) for the Office on Aging.

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Shooting accident kills teen

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Todd Gardner was a 13-year-old boy who neighbors described as a "happy and friendly teenager."

Michelle Herbert, a 15-year-old former classmate and neighbor said she was "shocked" when she was Told Todd was dead.

"We were in classes together at Pimlico Junior High and we all played together," said Michelle. He would always make you laugh," the teenager told the AFRO.

Police report Todd, of the 4000 block of Annellen Rd., accidentaly shot and killed himself in his Northwest Baltimore home around 3 p. m. Wednesday.

According to police, the teenager had taken a gun from his grandmother's second floor bedroom and was showing it to two of his friends.

Police would not identify Todd's friends and said his friends stated Todd was waving the gun around in his hand and pointed it at his head when it fired.

Police report the bullet went through his cheek and into his brain.

Mrs. Geneva Thompson, 61-year-old grandmother of Todd kept the gun in a suitcase in her room, according to police.

Todd was pronounced dead at 3:30 p.m. at Sinai Hospital.

Relatives and friends of the victim were sitting around the living room table Thursday afternoon when the AFRO arrived at the victim's home.

An unidentified relative told the AFRO, "We don't want to talk about it and his mother is not here."

Even though relatives refused to talk with the AFRO, friends of the victim who lived in the neighborhood and were sitting on their steps, wanted to talk.

"I just talked with him last night and he was fine," said Sandra Collough. She told the AFRO, "He was very well liked by everyone in the neighborhood and he never got in any trouble. I am sorry that this had to happen to such a nice kid."

Miss Collough stated Todd would always call her "beautiful."

"When he saw me sitting on the steps alone yesterday, he asked me if I wanted some company, Miss Collough said.

Neighbors said the teenager spent his time playing basketball, football and baseball with the other teenagers in the neighborhood.

At first police had listed Todd's death as questionable. However, after interviewing the two teenagers who witnessed the shooting, police reported it was an accident.

PROVIDENT HOSPITAL Medical staff recently saluted Dr. James A. Carr, by dedicating the six floor visitor's room at Provident Hospital in his honor. He is shown cutting the ribbon to the James A. Carr waiting room. From left are Dr. Louise Young, Dr. Bernard Christmas Jr., Dr. I. B. Bradshaw Higgins and Mrs. Vashti Christmas. In paying tribute to Dr. Carr, Dr. Ferinand Leacock cited Dr. Carr's 50 years of service to the community and to the hospital. He said Dr. Carr has served as a role model and a teacher.

Aquarium opens earlier to accommodate visitors

The National Aquarium in will open earlier on weekend mornings through September 11.

Initiated to accommodate visitors, the new Aquarium hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Weekday hours are the same —10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

According to Aquarium officials, evening is still a good time to visit because the facility is less crowded and comparatively quiet.

Major exhibits include a recreation of the bird-studded cliffs of Heimay, Iceland, a 335,000-gallon ring-shaped Atlantic Coral Reef tank, and a foreboding display of sharks and other animals that live in the ocean's depths.

The National Aquarium is located in the city's Inner Harbor area, houses more than 5,000 birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, plants and marine mammals in recreations of their natural environments.

Admission is $4.50 adult, $3.50 student and senior citizen and $2.50 child, 3 to 12 years of age. Children under 3 are admitted free of charge. For more information, call 301-576-3810.

Downtown parking costs to increase

During the next three weeks, the Department of Transit and Traffic will increase parking meter rates for 1,500 on-street parking spaces in the downtown area from 60 to 75 cents an hour. The new rate will boost city revenue by $250,000 a year.

According to Jim Causey, commissioner of transit and traffic, the rate hike is part of the city's overall plan to generate additional revenue in the face of inflation and federal cutbacks. Also, the higher rate is expected to encourage a greater turnover of spaces, thus accommodating more parkers and increasing the number of downtown shoppers.

On-street parking in our city is still a bargain, said Causey, noting that parkers in downtown Pittsburgh and Detroit pay $2 an hour and those in Los Angeles and Denver $1 an hour. Baltimore will join six other large cities by raising its rates to 75 cents.

The new rates will affect 1, 2, and 4 hour meters, respectively, white, gray, and blue, located between Lombard, Greene, Madison, and Gay Streets. Meter rate changes will begin on Greene and progress eastward along north-south streets, followed by rate changes to meters along north-south streets, followed by rate changes to meters along east-west streets, starting at Lombard and ending with Madison. Rate changes will be complete about September 9.

Only quarters will be accepted by the hourly meters after the rate change.

Spaces controlled by 100 red parking meters located mostly near downtown banks will remain unchanged at 60 cents an hour.

Red meters provide 15 or 30 minutes of parking time and will continue to accept nickles, dimes, and quarters.

Attorney General's office needs volunteers

The Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office is seeking a limited number of volunteers to be trained as consumer affairs specialists in its complaint handling unit.

Over the past several years, volunteers in the Consumer Protection Division have taken over the important job of mediating consumer complaints, thereby allowing Division lawyers and investigators to concentrate their time on the most serious violations of the consumer protection laws.

These volunteers donate more than $212,000 worth of services which resulted in increased benefits to Maryland consumers without the expenditure of additional tax dollars.

Persons considering volunteering for this challenging work should have an interest in consumer problems, and be able to communicate effectively with consumers, business representatives, and law enforcement agencies.

A time commitment of at least ten hours per week for at least six months is an essential requirement.

Consumer Protection Division Offices are located in downtown Baltimore, Hagerstown, College Park and Salisbury. Interested volunteers for the Baltimore Office should call Lorraine Bronstein at 576-6550, for Hagerstown Office, Larry Munson at (301) 791-4780, for the College Park Office, Alice Pensmith at (301) 474-3500 and for the Salisbury Office, Emalu Twilley at (301) 546-6609, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Blue Cross sponsors annual senior olympics

The Maryland Senior Olympics Commission is urging interested residents age 55 and older to prepare early for the Fourth Annual Maryland Senior Olympics, scheduled for October 14 and 15 at Towson State University.

The statewide event, sponsored by the Senior Olympics Commission and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland, consists of a variety of team and individual sports. The following events are planned for the 1983 Senior Olympics:

Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Bicycle Racing, Billiards, Bowling.

Golf, racquetball, seimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field.

Olympic-styled medals will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers in each of the competitive events.

Participants in non-competitive events such as the synchronized swimming and the Western square dance demonstration will be rewarded for their efforts with certificates of participation.

Last year, some 600 seniors participated in the Senior Olympics, many of them after training year-long. "As more conditioned athletes have begun participating in the Senior Olympics, the competition has, in most instances, become keener", said Dr. Robert Zeigler, Chairman, Senior Olympics Commission. "Last year, for example, we had world class runners competing in track and field events. However, there is always room for the enthusiastic beginner interested primarily in fitness".

This year, to help each participant choose athletic events appropriate to his or her fitness level, the Commission has grouped events accordig according to the level of physical conditioning required to compete safely. Events are classified either at high, medium or low participation risk.

For example, competitors in high risk events, such as swimming and racquetball, must have actively participated in a sport of this nature for at least the past three years.

"We are most appreciative of the support given the Senior Olympics by our co-sponsors, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland", Dr. Zeigler added.

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