Balto. County holds workshop for public in-put

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Balto. County

The Baltimore County Council held a workshop this week to allow county residents to express their interest in certain council business that directly affected them. Of the 40 or more bills, official matters and miscellaneous Business, certain issues received more attention than others.

One such bill was No. 100-83, which proposes to amend the Health Title of the County Code to add a new section to provide for the regulation of beehives in residential areas. There are currently no laws in the county code that govern beehives. The bill received widespread attention by all council members.

The Board of Education - Capital Budget Appropriation Bill No. 111-83 was also on the agenda. During the 1982 session, the legislature passed House Bill 1842(Chapter 750) which authorized the state to borrow $2 million to lend to local school boards to finance energy conservation projects; the acquisition of property for school facilities; or construction, improvement or renovation of public school buildings. The loans to the subdivisions, together with interest and carrying charges, will be repaid over a 14-year period through annual deductions by the Comptroller from revenues regularly forwarded to the subdivisions for their local share of income tax and other state-shared taxes.

The Health Department(WIC Program) has a bill that appropriates $36,105, thereby increasing the present appropriation from $101,488 to $137,593. The additional allocation will allow an increase in the operating hours of existing clinics and the opening of several new clinics to expand program participation. There have been 14 persons working part-time on an on-going basis in this program. Eleven additional persons have been hired for up to a 20-week period to interview potential clients. In addition, two nurses from the maternal and child care program will be working overtime hours on the WIC program.

Another issue is Bill 109-83, which includes the Job Training Partnership Act(JTPA), that replaces CETA on October 1 bill. This appropriates $47,611 to cover the planning required by Section 103 of the Federal Job Training Partnership Act. More specifically, it will cover staff activities in connection with the preparation of the annual plan, the modification of the management and reporting systems and the cost of conducting meetings with the newly convened Private Industry Council. This appropriation is being financed by a special Planning Grant made available through the Job Training Partnership Act.

The council had several fiscal matters to discuss during the meeting. The Job Training Partnership Act Grant Agreement, at Catonsville Community College, is a $52,440 agreement that continues the training program at the Catonsville Skills Center for the period October 1 through October 31 participants. The program provides participants with a capability assessment and individualized training program. The on-going training program is oriented toward developing basic skills (i.e., reading, writing, mathematics); attitudes and value training; and technical skills.

The regular County Council meeting will be held on the Legislative Day No. 19, September 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Book will cite women business owners

The Baltimore Regional Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners has established a Blue-Ribbon Committee to identify women business owners throughout the State of Maryland in order to publish the first annual Directory of all women business owners.

There is no fee for inclusion in the Directory, which will be distributed to Federal, State, City, County and corporate buyers and purchasing agents. Additionally, every business listed will receive a free copy.

NAWBO will not only identify women business owners, but help them to become Minority Business Enterprise-certified to conduct business in the State of Maryland.

NAWBO will also sponsor seminars and procurement fairs and encourage networking among women business owners, both by reciprocal purchasing of products and services, and the development and exchange of ideas, experiences, and friendship.

These efforts on behalf of women business owners are being developed in cooperation with the Baltimore District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration; Maryland State Department of General Services; the Greater Baltimore Committee; the Maryland Chambers of Commerce; the Maryland Commission for Women; and the State Department of Economic and Community Development.

In order to be included in the first Directory of Maryland Women Business Owners, please call the NAWBO at (301) 321-5277 or write the National Association of Women Business Owners, Baltimore Regional Chapter, 660 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 101, Towson, Maryland 21204.

Nat'l Bridge tournament

The Hilton Hotel in downtown Baltimore will be the site of the 13th Annual Holidays Concourse, September 1-4, 1983.

The Holidays chartered in North Carolina was founded in 1961 by the Winston-Salem Chapter. The group now has Chapters in Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Charlotte, Chicago, Greensboro, Houston, Memphis, Nashville, Petersburg, Raleigh, Roanoke Valley, Tidewater, Virginia Beach, Washington D.C., and Winston-Salem.

The Baltimore Chapter was chartered in 1976. The Chartering was coordinated by Anne Emery the Chapters 1st President. The Chapter is most visible socially and each year finds many opportunities on Holidays to entertain their many friends.

The Holidays have selected a national charity which is the United Negro College Fund. A presentation will be made to a representative of the College Fund during this concourse.

The Baltimore Chapter is planning a series of activities including a Bridge Tournament, Harbor Cruise, Breakfast Dance and a Seafood Fest. The husbands known as Labor Days will also provide exciting entertainment during this weekend.

Norma Bracy is the Baltimore's Chapter President. The members of the Baltimore Chapter are: Joe and Norma Bracy, Aaron and Mary Ellis, Millard and Gloria Dorsey, Vallen and Anne Emery, Wallace and Delorea Baden;

Errol and Mildred Taylor, Joe and Carolyn Boston, Nathan and Mary Pitts, Charles and Delorea Ridgely, Liston and Dorothy George, and Archie and Bernice Robinson.

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Part-time jobs available from 'Green Thumb'

Thirty-one part-time positions are now available in Baltimore City to city residents through Maryland Green Thumb.

According to Christine Myers, State Supervisor, these job openings are the result of an increase of Title V slots in Maryland.

Sponsored by the National Farmers Union and funded by the Department of Labor under Title V of the Older Americans Act. Green Thumb has been providing part-time job opportunities for low-income elderly in Maryland since 1978.

In addition to Maryland, Green Thumb operates in 44 other states and Puerto Rico and provides employment for more than 17,000 seniors while providing essential community services.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must be 55 years of age or older and have a family income which meets the low-income guidelines set by the Department of Labor.

Persons interested in employment with Green Thumb should contact Christine Myers at 377-8811.

Conference for women in Md. gov't service

The Employee development Division of the Maryland State Department of Personnel is sponsoring the sixth annual conference for women in state service. The conference will be held on Friday, October 21, 1983 at the Baltimore Convention Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In line with today's focus on technology, this year's theme "High Tech Explosion: Tomorrow's Jobs For Today's People"—will explore new technologies planned for State agencies, high tech computer language, and opportunities and limitations imposed by technology on all jobs in State service.

The day's events will consist of twenty-one morning workshops focusing on such topics as Programming Your Success, Byte Into The Computer Age and E.T. Phone Home. The afternoon will offer an opportunity for hands-on high tech demonstrations and exhibits as well as a chance to meet the "machine of the year" in person.

The keynote speaker for conference VI will be Eve R. Grover, President and Chief Executive Officer of the First Women's Bank of Maryland in Rockville. Mrs. Grover, a banker for thirty-five years, is a pacesetter in today's high tech society.

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City schools open Tuesday; hike in busfare expected

By Eddie King
AFRO Staff Writer

It's school time again for thousands of city youth returning to school on Tuesday, September 6 after a long, hot, two-month vacation.

Already parents are out buying shoes, clothing and all the little necessities needed for a year of productivity and progress.

With a few exceptions, students can expect similar operational procedures as last year.

Food service officials said there would be no increases in student cafeteria prices this fall. In fact, there might be more reductions in prices than increases.

Federally subsidized, reduced-price meals will remain 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch.

"I think that at least 70 to 80 of all school children will apply for free or reduced lunch this year," said Connie Hardesty, school food service director. "That's because of the increase of unemployment for parents over the summer."

An increase has taken place within the income limits for families seeking to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals, a 3 to 7.5 percent increase.

Whereas an average family of four with an income of $12,090 or less for the 83-83 school year could be eligible for free or reduced lunches, now can have an income up to $12,870 and still be eligible for the free or reduced lunch program.

School officials are urging parents who may have become recent victims of unemployment or whose income may have dropped take advantage of the program.

There will be an increase in student transportation fares. Each student eligible to receive MTA ticket books will be charged 30 cents per ride for school transportation.

This means that the student must deposit 30 cents each time an MTA ticket is used.

All other students may be eligible for reduced-fare transportation at the regular MTA student fare rate of 50 cents per ride with the proper I.D. card.

Absolutely no student will be enrolled in school this year who has not had the properly required innoculations, especially for measles.

A decision from the city's health department has made it mandatory for school officials not to enroll these students for evident health safety.

This forthcoming year brings with it the vigilant eyes of the school board who will be carefully reviewing the tardiness practices of students and teachers.

Such vigilance is to better prepare school officials to deal with such habits in the future.

School year 83 - 84 promises to be a fulfilling one to its returning students.

Race car driver's son tells his story to Richmond AFRO

RICHMOND, VA. — The son of black former stock car race Wendell Scott sits in a Virginia prison, awaiting a parole decision from Gov. Charles Robb that could set him free.

But an angry Wendell Scott Jr. said he believes it could have come earlier if it was not for racial favoritism.

Scott, in an exclusive interview with the Richmond AFRO-AMERICAN and the Richmond Planet in Wednesday's editions, said his parole request was filed just before David McBride was released last summer, but McBride was released first unfairly.

The parole board endorsed the favorable in late August '82." Scott told the paper. "McBride was released in either late July or early August '82. Of course, Mr. McBride is a white man, one who was actually celebrated for escaping while on furlough from this very institution that I'm housed at."

Bobby Vassar, chairman of the Virginia Parole Board, said the two cases are "totally different cases all around" and Scott is not receiving unfair treatment by Robb's Administration — He just got caught in paperwork that is soon to be finished.

Scott, a Danville native, was convicted in Pittsylvania County in November 1975 for burglary and grand larceny despite testimony showing he was elsewhere and his car did not work at the time of the robbery.

Scott, whose father's life was depicted in the movie "Greased Lightning," was sentenced to 20 years in prison on each charge. He is at the Southampton Correctional Facility.

Scott said his case was similar to MCBride's, who was convicted in 1970 of twice selling about 30 tablets of LSD to a police informant. He was sentenced to 50 years in prison, but escaped in 1975, fled to Scandinavia and lived a law-abiding life.

McBride was captured when he returned to the United States and sent back to Southampton. Robb, under pressure from groups who pointed to McBride's model life overseas, reduced McBride's sentence to time served and released him last summer.

"He then ran, and violated both federal and state laws by going to Sweden, was allowed back in this country and . . . was thus awarded all the treatment accorded a celebrity," said Scott.

Vassar said the only similarity between the Scott and McBride cases were the harsher-than normal sentences each man received. He admitted the Scott case also "got caught up in the process."

Shortly after McBride's release, Robb's office initiated new guidelines to be used in proceedings dealing with pardon requests.

The Parole Board which had already given Scott a favorable recommendation for conditional parole consideration, was told by Secretary of the Commonwealth Laurie Naismith to review the Scott case again under the new guidelines.

The paperwork should be forwarded to Robb upon his return Sept. 10 from a European trade mission, Ms. Naismith said. Vassar said if Robb commutes part of Scott's 40-year term, Scott would be eligible for immediate release.

9,500 residents could lose jobless benefits

ANNAPOLIS — Hughes' Administration officials confirmed today that as many as 9,500 unemployed workers in Maryland will lose their unemployment benefits by the end of September because of the state's declining jobless rate.

Gov. Harry Hughes discussed the problem late Wednesday with legislative leaders, but it was decided that the situation did not warrant calling a special General Assembly session to enact legislation to continue the program, an aide to the governor said.

The people who will be affected by the cutoff are those drawing benefits under the state's "additional benefits" program, which extended from 34 to 47 the number of weeks an unemployed worker in Maryland could receive assistance.

The program was created during a special legislative session in 1982 in response to a cutback in federal unemployment benefits.

The additional benefits program extends unemployment insurance payments to the jobless who have already received 26 weeks of state benefits plus eight weeks of federal benefits.

The benefits will be terminated because of a "trigger" mechanism in the formula used in determining who receives the payments.

The benefits automatically "trigger off" when the state's unemployment rate, which has been declining in recent months, reaches a certain level.

The rate in Maryland has dropped from 7.8 percent a year ago to 6.2 percent.

As a result, the additional benefits are scheduled to cease on Sept. 24, the administration officials said.

Maximum unemployment payments in Maryland are currently $161 a week. They are scheduled to be increased in December.

Teacher indicted on school arson charges

A 43-year-old Northwestern High School teacher was indicted by the city grand jury Sept. 1 for arson, forgery and stealing more than $11,000 from the city.

The indictments allege that Alan Sparck, of the 6800 block Park Heights Ave, was the night school principal and the project director for the Community and Students Together (C.A.S.T.) program and the allege thefts occurred between January 8, 1979 and July 15, 1983.

The C.A.S.T. program, in part, provides an escort service for the elderly, handicapped and indigent residents in Northwest Baltimore.

The high school students receive course credit for participating in the program which is financed by the city and various charitable foundations. The program began in 1979.

The indictments also allege that Sparck committed an arson at Northwestern High School on May 9, 1983. When fire investigators responded to the fire at the school, they discovered burnt records in the hallway near Spark's office.

Sparck is also charged with forgery of an endorsement on a payroll check belonging to another school employee.

The joint investigation by the economic crimes unity, the city auditors and the police and fire departments began four months ago, when the auditors discovered irregularities in the C.A.S.T. program. Sparck had been employed with the city school system since September 1963.

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