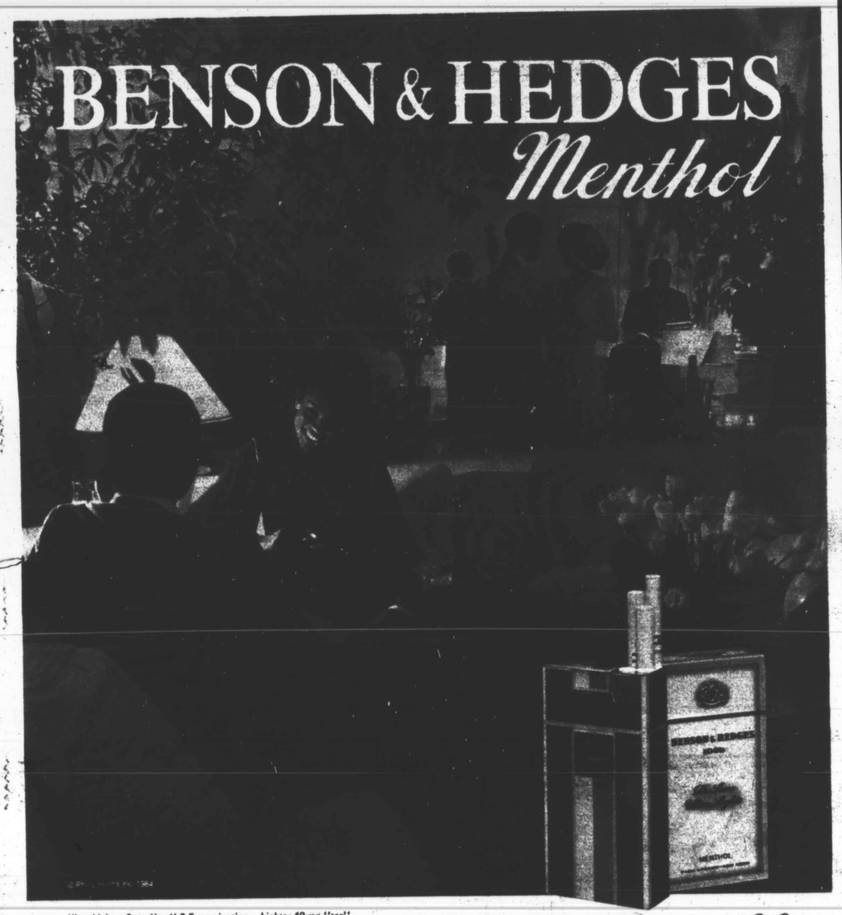
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A 'new' Pennsylvania Ave. — a closer look

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BALTIMORE TEACHERS GET

Biggest raise in history

By Arthur Johnson
AFRO Staff Writer

The Baltimore Teachers Union (BTU) and the Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) signed a new two-year contract Thursday which gives city teachers what is being called their largest pay raise in 20 years.

The contract, which BTU President Irene Dandridge said, has gone to the printer, but will not be available to city teachers until the first union meeting to be held in September, was signed by BCPS Superintendent Alice Pinderhughes, BTU Paraprofessional Chapter President Loretta Johnson, City Labor Commissioner Jeffrey A. Austin, Board of School Commissioners President Robert L. Walker and Mrs. Dandridge at the 25th Street school headquarters.

"The terms of the agreement will certainly move the system forward," said Mrs. Pinderhughes. Austin added that the contract provides an additional 20 minutes each day of instructional time for teachers. Mrs. Dandridge explained that the teachers' day will not be lengthened but that 20 minutes of additional student/teacher contact time will be accommodated in the current school day.

The superintendent added that plans for the additional contact time had not been finalized at present but would be before the Sept. 4 school opening date.

Under the new contract

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BALTIMORE'S MISS WHEELCHAIR AMERICA, GAYNELL COLBURN: "All disabled people should remember that anything they can do is helpful, no matter how small," Ms. Colburn said.

Refused rental apartments on St. Paul St.—they sue

By Arthur Johnson
AFRO Staff Writer

Four blacks and one white person have filed a $1.4 million suit alleging racial discrimination in the rental of three downtown apartment units and have demanded a trial by jury.

According to the suit filed Aug. 13 in Baltimore City Circuit Court, black plaintiffs Vicki Ballou, Carol Melvin, Shirley Rivers and Monteece C. Jones were given false information regarding the availability of housing at 1301 and 809 St. Paul St. and at 212 E. Biddle St.

The action was brought by Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. (BNI), a non-profit civil rights agency which handles housing discrimination complaints.

Using testers white and black volunteers who pose as housing applicants in order to test fair housing practices, BNI discovered that whites were consistently encouraged to rent and were advised that rental units were either available or would be available within a short period of time. Black testers were told by the apartment's rental agent that nothing was available.

When the AFRO contacted the senior Aaron's offices, his mother, Mrs. Samuel Aaron said that Albert Aaron was handling the . When the apartment's owners were contacted by the AFRO Thursday, defendant Jonathan P. Aaron had no comment and stated that his father, defendant Albert G. Aaron, was handling the suit.

When the AFRO contacted the senior Aarons' offices, his mother, Mrs. Samuel Aaron said that Albert Aaron was out of town until Friday, but said that he was the first landlord in Baltimore to integrate.

"From my standpoint, I can't understand this," said Mrs. Aaron who manages the Madison Apartments which is also owned by her son but which is not named in the suit.

"I'm surprised that any such suit would be filed, He was the very first to integrate," said Mrs. Aaron.

Ms. Ada Kling, a rental agent for the properties and also nam

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Thornton resignation triggers union upheaval

By Tyrone Vines
AFRO Staff Writer

Theodore E. Thornton, the state personnel secretary handed in his resignation this week triggering labor unions and legislative fire over the controversial health insurance contract for state workers. His resignation will be effective, August 31.

When reached by the AFRO on Wednesday, Thornton responded to comments by Ejner J. Johnson, the governor's staff director that "There were some failings on the part of the Department of Personnel" in dealing with the bidding process.

"Yes, there are some things that the Department of Personnel could have done better. The contracts that we have negotiated in the past three to five years have saved the state about $14.1 million. That was because we were able to negotiate fully insured contracts." Thornton said.

Johnson's comments came when the Legislative Policy Committee asked the administration to explain what had happened when Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland emerged as sole bidder for a $150 million health insurance contract.

Direct blame for the bidding contract controversy was not squarely placed on Thornton, but when pressed by Delegate Robert R. Neall (R, Anne Arundel), Johnson said, "Obviously the governor isn't satisfied."

Johnson expressed his concerns that Thornton's office "is not adequately staffed to handle bids," for health insurance and points out that a "mistake" occurred by hiring a consultant too late to prepare adequate requests for bid proposals.



Theodore E. Thornton

Thornton's office came under attack in May when Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland emerged as the sole bidder for a $150 million health insurance contract.

As a result, public employee unions complained that other insurers were not given enough time to submit competitive bids and that the lone proposal by Blue Shield would dramatically increase health cost for state workers.

Some administration sources expressed disappointment that

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Gaynelle Colburn is queen

By Tyrone Vines
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimore is gifted to have Ms. Gaynell Colburn living and setting the example that people can accomplish their goals no matter what condition they find themselves in, physically or mentally.

Ms. Colburn who was recently crowned Ms. Wheelchair America is a woman with a clear purpose. The energy that emanates from her captivates anyone she comes in contact with. Her determination is an inspiration to the soul.

She's a warm, controlled, outspoken, and charming. Right away she over takes you with her gracefulness and radiance. Ms. Wheelchair America warmly nicknamed everyone that she encountered by calling them "Sweetie".

"Here you are Sweetie," she would say, as she explained her accomplishments. "I intend to reach all my goals. They include, college, advocacy work for all disabled and handicapped people and my music."

Ms. Colburn mentioned other personal goals she wants to complete. "My personal goals include getting funding on the local, state, and national levels for the pageant. Creating and assessing the needs of all disabled people

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Nude dancers at G&G bring hearing before Liquor Board

By Eddie King
AFRO Staff Writer

Management at the G&G Lounge, located in the 4600 block of Edmondson Ave., told the Board of Liquor License Commissioners Thursday, they were not aware of the alleged obscene acts occuring on the second floor of the lounge on March 20, the day the police raided their establishment.

"Then who was responsible for their being there" barked Commissioner George Brown.

Before the commissioners yesterday, Detective Haywood Johnson testified that as a response from an anonymous caller to the Central Police District reporting nude sexual behavior in local bars around town, billed as "vanity or fashion shows", he and another detective in plain clothes, went to check the report out in the G&G Lounge, one of the bars reported holding such shows.

Upon entering, he said, inquiries were made about tickets for the proposed show. A man answering to the name of "Big Jim" finally sold him and his assisting officer two $12 tickets, Johnson said.

On March 20, the scheduled showdate, the two officers went

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Possible solution nears for Shake & Bake

By Racine Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

The attorney for the Shake and Bake Family Fun Center, Robert F. Dashiell, described as "very productive" a meeting yesterday between City Solicitor Benjamin L. Brown and Glenn Doughty, the center's manager.

The two sides met during an early afternoon meeting at City Hall on Thrusday.

The latest round of negotiations was but one in a series of meetings and press conferences convened in the past six months to discuss ways for the 22-month old facility to generate enough revenues to repay a $4 million trustee-loan.

Shake and Bake owes the city $862,000 in delinquent mortgage payments to cover the interest and principal on that loan.

Numerous political and community leaders were alarmed by what one termed the city's "hardball" tactics in calling for the dismissal of Doughty as center manager.

Several groups have threatened to boycott the recreational complex if anyone other than its current management staff assumes its control.

However, Mr. Dashiell indicated that he was optimistic about yesterday's meeting, attended by Judge Brown, Doughty, and two legal counselors representing Shake and Bake.

"I think we've worked out a plan that will permit Shake and Bake a reasonable growth period, as any new business would require. At the same time, it will lessen the city's fear that the trustee debt won't be paid," Dashiell said.

He refused further comment as to the nature of the agreement until such time as the trustees have been allowed an opportunity to review its details.

The city trustees—two Schaefer appointed officials who administer a $170 million quasi-public development bank

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Upton and the image problem

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

An Upton Community organizer complained Monday that her area suffers from an image problem. "Nobody wants to come to Pennsylvania Avenue because they think we all smoke pot and shoot guns," she remarked.

She went on to say that the entire plot of nearly 200 acres had been adversely affected by all the negative reports surrounding the Shake and Bake Family Fun Center and vice-versa.

By now most people should recognize that the Pennsylvania Avenue of olden days is gone. The movie theatres (Regent and Royal and Met) have disappeared. There is no Comedy Club and Gamby's. The past has been reduced to folklore and wise tales.

The Upton leader urged that the past be put on the back burner long enough for attention to be

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LOTTERY

The Maryland State Lottery announced that there was no first prize Jackpot winner for the Lotto drawing of Saturday, August 11, 1984. There will be an annuity value of approximately $1,750,000 for the drawing on August 18, 1984.

The lottery numbers since August 9, 1984 were:

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