—BTU against

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The BTU also questions the amendment's provision that the proposed elected board's chairman be elected from the board membership.

"Why couldn't the chair be elected on a citywide basis if it is truly a democratic process?" Ms. Davis asked.

The BTU also questions the amendment's provision that gives the city council the power to remove board members under certain circumstances.

"If the public had the power to put the person in, why are elected officials given the power to remove the person the voters elected?" the spokeswoman asked.

The League of Women Voters (LMW) also expressed conditional opposition to the amendment, saying that the organization is not againt elected boards everywhere and not against one for Baltimore City for all time.

According to LWV Education Chairwoman, Judy Wereley, a look at the demographics of Baltimore City voters and at the population which is actually using public schools; is cause for concern.

"The number of registered voters actually using the public schools is under 25 percent of the electorate. There is the potential for handing over the say - so to people with no vested interest (in the city schools)," Ms. Wereley explained. With statistics showing a relatively low level of black voter registration in the city, "an 85 percent black (school) system will be handing over decisions to a majority white electorate whose kids aren't in the schools," explained Ms. Wereley. Like the BTU, LWV officials fear that austerity candidates might run for the elected board who will seek to decrease funding for the schools.

Ms. Wereley stressed that the LWV is not pressing for the status quo but has suggested modifications of the Mayor's appointment process.

LWV has suggested that the Mayor appoint an advisory board of delegates from various civic organizations which would organize a pool of candidates, and "get the people on the front lines of education involved," said Ms. Wereley.

"I think the issue really is the quality of the candidates. The method of selection is secondary;"LWV President Boots Winterstein stated.

"These are all problems that could probably be worked out if the organizers of the amendment had taken time to examine the issues and study other cities with elected boards. We could use the experience of other elected localities to avoid problems," Ms. Davis concluded.

—Mildred Battle

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Gross and city officials waited at City Hall, unaware that the mid-day tragedy had occurred. At the time that the board finally began its hearing, Hart and Battle were a mile away in University Hospital. The two died shortly thereafter.

The Rosemont businessman won his case and lost two friends in the process. He plans to build a facility to house his food stand sometime next year.

That Mildred Battle was preparing to arrive at City Hall for the 1 p.m. hearing on his behalf, is nothing less than a testament to her unselfish commitment to all who knew and loved her.

That she attempted to save the lives of herself and two companions by grabbing the wheel of the car to avoid a crash, is a tribute to her daring and love of human life.

Recalling her long-time acquaintance, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell said, "She was one of our most active neighborhood leaders in the Rosemont area.

"She had a supreme commitment to helping her neighbors. She lived from day to day to help people. That was her philosophy. It is a great loss," the matriarch of the Mitchell clan recalled late in the day on Wednesday.

From 1966 to 1978 the native of Tarboro, North Carolina had been employed as a social worker at the House of Good Shepherd, a residential treatment center for adolescent girls formerly located in the 2700 block of W. Franklin Street.

The facility, which is now called the Good Shepherd Center, moved from the city to a small suburb in Halethorpe, Maryland in 1970.

The center's chief administrator, Sister Mary Laetitia, described her former employee as a "marvelously caring woman."

"She had an extraordinary interest in people and a real personal and deep warmth," she explained.

According to the dead woman's sister, Dr. Clara Fraling, her younger sister wanted to see the land where the center once stood put to good use.

"It was her dream to have the city place a park in the spot where the House of Good Shepherd once stood. She had spoken to Del. Larry Young (D.39) and others concerning the development of the land."

Born in Tarboro, North Carolina, the daughter of the late Frank and Dora (Dickens) Cobb, on Sept. 17, 1939, she attended Winston Salem University in Winston Salem, N.C.

Mrs. Battle moved to Baltimore in 1959 where she later attended the Cortez Business School and Sojourner-Douglass College.

She was employed for a time as a ward clerk at the Lutheran Hospital and later joined the staff at Good Shepherd in 1966.

Survivors include her husband, William Earl Battle, sons, Malcolm and Nicholas Battle, brother, Willie Howard Dickens Cobb, a retired Army sergeant-major living in Cleveland, Ohio, and sisters Mrs. Annie Woods and Dr. Clara Cobb Fraling.

Funeral services will commence with the wake on Friday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Vernon Bailey Funeral Home at 1348 N. Calhoun Street. The coffin will then be shipped to Tarboro, N.C., with the funeral and burial set for Saturday, September 8th beginning at 1:00 p.m. She will be buried in the Dancy Memorial Cemetery.

—Neighborhood

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at 1601 East North Avenue, was closed and engine company number 19 and medic number 3 moved to other nearby houses.

Captain Flynn, spokesperson for the fire department, says that the closing was considered unusual because it is one of the few that have had to be closed because, "the building was falling down."

Flynn said that the maintenance on the building, which was built in 1895, was overwhelming and said, "It's an unusual procedure in so far as we don't have the money we used to have to fix it up."

Engine number 19 moved four blocks away to Oliver Street and Harford Road, joining truck number 5; the two have been serving the area since the other station closed.

The Medic truck moved to Gorsuch Avenue and Harford Road which is six blocks away, where it continues to serve the area.

As for the Locust Point connection, Flynn explains "Locust Point was to close because of lack of money for personnel; the city was going to do away with 44 positions. The city decided in this situation to give us the money to put this unit back in the station."

Locust Point would have lost an entire unit, whereas this community would only be losing a building not the manpower.

Captain Flynn continues by explaining that in this case the community is not losing any of their companies, they have just moved.

"And the companies are just as efficient as before," Flynn said.

Despite community pressure, the fire department's position is that there is no way the station will be re-opened. Flynn says it is not fiscally advisable.

At press time the AFRO was unable to get comments from the elected officials for the community.

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games," said Mrs. McDonald.

The six centers include the Waverly Recreation Center, 700 E. 34th St. which opened Tuesday; Fred B. Leidig Recreation Center, 3901 Maine Ae.; Northwood Recreation Center, 1517 Winford Rd.; Ella Bailey Recreation Center, 100 E. Heath St.; and Towanda Recreation Center, 4100 Towanda Ave.

The service has increased its interaction from 500 to 800 children in the past two years, and future plans include an expansion to include all school age children, said Mrs. McDonald. All centers are licensed by the Baltimore City Health Department, provide youngsters with an escort to school, and are open on snow and released days and on most holidays, excluding Christmas and New Year's Children who have accidents or who become ill in school can also be accommodated by the program.

The cost of the program is comparable to daycare service, according to Mrs. McDonald, and the program also has a purchase-of-care agreement with the Department of Social Services, so that parents on public assistance can take advantage of the program also. Some parents pay the cost of the program on a sliding scale arrangement, said the coordinator.

Volunteers who staff the program provide a "real intergeneration approach" said Mrs. McDonald, and their ages range from 14 years olds to senior citizens. Teenagers who volunteer their services can use their donated hours as elective credits toward their high school diploma. Participation in the program can also help teens secure hard-to-get placement in the Summer Corps Programs because volunteering in the Latchkey Program "helps them to be very familiar with the recreation staff," Mrs. McDonald suggested.

For youngsters who face the prospect of several hours alone in an empty house or under the supervision of a young sibling; for children who may be confronted with persistent strangers at the door or come home and find the door open; for kids who may have an accident while at home alone and may not know what to do, the Latchkey Program is a welcome refuge.

For further information call: Mayor's Office / Latchkey Program, 396-1630.

—Daycare center

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care center has been charged with sexually molesting a child in his care.

A secretary for the day care center refused to comment on the incident stating that, "We do not wish to make any statements to the press concerning this incident."

There was no indication whether the incident has affected the other patrons of the day care center or if there were any withdrawals from the center because of the child molestation charges.

City council opens Monday

By Racine S. Winborne

The City Council will open its fall session Monday, September 10, following a two - month summer recess. Meeting will be held in the fourth - floor City Hall Council chamgers, beginning at 5 p.m.

"We're looking forward to a great year. Our first session was better than I thought it would be. I think this one will be (even) better," council president Clarence "Du" Burns commented.

The 19 councilpersons were scheduled to reconvene Monday, September 17, but were forced to return a week early because of pressing business.

Legislation that would approve the issuance of IRBS (Industrial Revenue Bonds) for two development projects has been pending since the end of the session, and must be voted on before September 17.

Bill 370 involves the construction of an executive hotel, while Bill 371 would allow the development of an executive conference center. Both projects would be located in Coldspring New Town.

The deadline for filing federal HUD (Housing and Development) Urban Action Development Grants (UDAG) for the two projects is the 17th of this month.

The council is also expected to decide once again the fate of the city's cable television system in the ensuing months. Currently the sale bidder on the $75-80 million project, United Cable, is involved in negotiations with a special mayor-appointed task force.

Speculation is that the council could receive the entire cable proposal package sometime in October.

Maryland Food Committee: fighting hunger for 15 years

What is the state of hunger in Maryland?

In Maryland, one of every 10 people live in poverty; 1 of 2 of those in poverty is a child or elderly; food pantries that once served only emergency food needs have seen those needs become chronic. The so - called "recovery" is an illusion to thousands of Marylanders who find themselves making choices between paying food, heat, and rent costs.

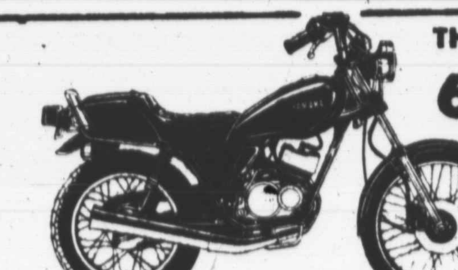
The Maryland Food Committee is entering its 15th year as a statewide, non - profit, anti - hunger orgaization whose tasks have expanded and intensified over the last few years. This is why Governor Harry Hughes and Mayor William Schaefer have designated September as "Hunger Month" in Maryland and Baltimore City.

Hunger Month is to let people know, first of all, that hunger is not just a Third World problem, but it is a reality that affects their neighbors statewide. Secondly, Hunger Month is to inspite a positive response and commitment from public and private institutions and individuals to join in the fight against hunger and poverty.

The Maryland Food Committee has a long and proud history of struggle against the devastation of hunger. The financial support given them through Hunger Month will help them continue this effort. Send contributions to: The Maryland Food Committee, 105 W. Monument Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201 (301) 837-5667.

New York City Trip

2 days and one night to see "Mama I Want To Sing." Saturday, Oct. 13-Oct. 14. Two to a room, $90 per person. Three to a room, $85 per person. $35 deposit holds a reservation. Included are transportation, hotel, show, and a dinner at Mama Leone's. Call 362-8751 — Mrs. Mary Cobbs



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—Geo. Murphy Homes

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that the office was primarily for its use and that all other organizations' use of it was to be decided by them.

It was a conflict that was fast evolving into a confrontation between some of the community's most noted and active leaders, causing a division and some disturbance within the homes' environment.

"There has been no active tenant council for quite awhile," explained Mrs. Jordon. "They had an election in July, and the new officers immediately wanted the office space the improvement association has been using to carry on their activity.

"We are not questioning their right to it. But we formed this association out of need when there was no active tenant council. Just four years ago, eight murders in two weeks had been committed here and crime was soaring high in these homes, and of course drug traffic has always been high. We needed help, and there was no tenant council helping, so we formed this improvement association."

Mrs. Mary Kirby, the newly elected head of the tenant council, said there was never any attempt at all to take the office completely away from the association, but said that it was necessary that the council take back some of its space in order to resume its activeness in the community.

"We are looking just to share," said Mrs. Kirby. "We realize we have a right to the office, and everybody in housing supports us, but we just want to share it."

One of the problems brewing is that it is suspected that the tenant council will request that the Improvement Association be under them, and according to the Murphy Homes constitutional by-laws and in accordance with rules of the city, it is a legitimate request, but the association has problems with that.

"I don't like that because we're a group that's been doing something and we'd have to be under a group that hasn't been doing anything," said Mrs. Jordan. Since none of our programs are going to be cut though, we might try to work something out with the council."

And, that time to work things out is scheduled for September 24 when the two organizations will come together and come to an agreement.

Both organizations have expressed interest in working together and that the past hostility displayed earlier between them would be forgotten.

Already both organizations are looking at recent drug problems developing in the area.

Schmoke addresses neighborhood group

Hon. Kurt L. Schmoke, State's Attorney for Baltimore City, will address the monthly meeting of the Panway Neighborhood Association to to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Gwynns Fall Elementary School No. 60, Gwynns Falls Parkway and Dukeland Street.

Mr. Schmoke's topic will be "The Community and the State's Attorney's Office" including a commendation of the Panway Neighborhood Association for its support of Housing Court prosecution. He will also be available for questions and answers.

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State unemployment rate, recently steady, inches upward

Unusually large seasonal lay-offs in education and certain manufacturing industries, as well as a drop in jobs in general merchandise stores, eating and drinking places and certain services resulted in an increase in Maryland's estimated unemployment rate from 5.0 percent in June to 5.3 percent in July, 1984.

Nonetheless, according to officials at the Maryland Department of Employment and Training, the unemployment rate for July 1984 is the lowest for a July since 1974 and is significantly lower than the 6.6 percent recorded in July 1983.

Statewide, during July an estimated 2,147,945 persons were employed dropping from June's count by 6,797 while unemployment increased by 6,779 to 120,526 persons. Combined, these figures gave the state a civilian labor force of 2,268,471 persons, virtually remaining at the June level. Compared to a year ago however, employment has increased by 55,279 persons, unemploy-has fallen by 26,773 persons and the labor force has expanded by 28,506 persons.

Despite hiring in agribusiness, construction, finance, insurance and real estate, amusement and recreation, health services, membership organizations, and federal, city and county governments there were unusually large seasonal layoffs in education, transportation equipment manufacturing, food processing and apparel and textile products.

Jobs also decreased in automobile garages, school bus driving, general merchandise stores, eating and drinking places and personal business and social services.

Reflecting statewide trends, the unemployment rate for the Baltimore metropolitan area also increased, from 5.8 percent in June to 6.1 percent in July. Employment fell by an estimated 2,183 persons as unemployment increased by 3,662. Baltimore City's unemployment rate rose from 6.9 percent in June to 7.2 percent in July.

Unemployment in the Maryland suburbs of the Washington, D.C. metropolitcan area remained at its June rate of 3.3 percent with only Charles County showing an increase from 3.2 percent in June to 3.4 percent in July.

Western Maryland's unemployment rate increased from 7.2 to 8.6 percent. With layoffs in education, the unemployment rolls in that area increased by an estimated 2,164 persons and employment deceased by 1,414 persons.

Southern Maryland's unemployment rate decreased from 6.6 percent to 6.3 percent while the Eastern Shore's unemployment rate climbed from 6.3 to 7.1 percent.

Statewide, July's local unemployment rates ranged from 2.8 percent in Montgomery County to 13.2 percent in Somerset County.

WABASH SITE DEDICATED

Vital services available to public with center's opening

The Wabash Medical Center hosted its dedication ceremonies and press conference August 30 at 2:30 p.m., at the center's facility located 5710 Wabash Ave., in the Northwest Plaza Shopping Center.

The traditional ribbon - cutting was performed by Del. Larry Young.

A proclamation was issued from the mayor's office and was presented by Bronwyn Mayden, deputy director of Human Development Services. Additional guest speakers were president of the City Council Clarence "Du" Burns and ricky Spector, councilwoman for the 5th district.

All participants were invited to leave a positive thought written on a specially designed dedication artpiee. The purpose of the dedication ceremony and press conference was to inform the public and its officials of the commitment made to the community by the Wabash Medical Center. The commitment is to provide the community with quality medical care in a modern facility at affordable prices.

The center houses a walk-in treatment facility that handles minor emergencies as well as providing medical care for the entire family without appointment. The cost for walk-in treatment is $25.00 as comparable to hospital emergency room costs of $55.00 to $75.00 (on the average).

The medical center is a support mechanism to local hospitals and has referred patients in need of hospitalization or major emergency care.

The Center also houses the private physician practices of several specialities such as: internal medicine, OB/GYN, pediatrics, general surgery, ophthalmology and podiatry. The private practice hours are by appointment. After being seen in the walk - in, patients may be referred to specialists on location or other physicians depending on the individual needs.

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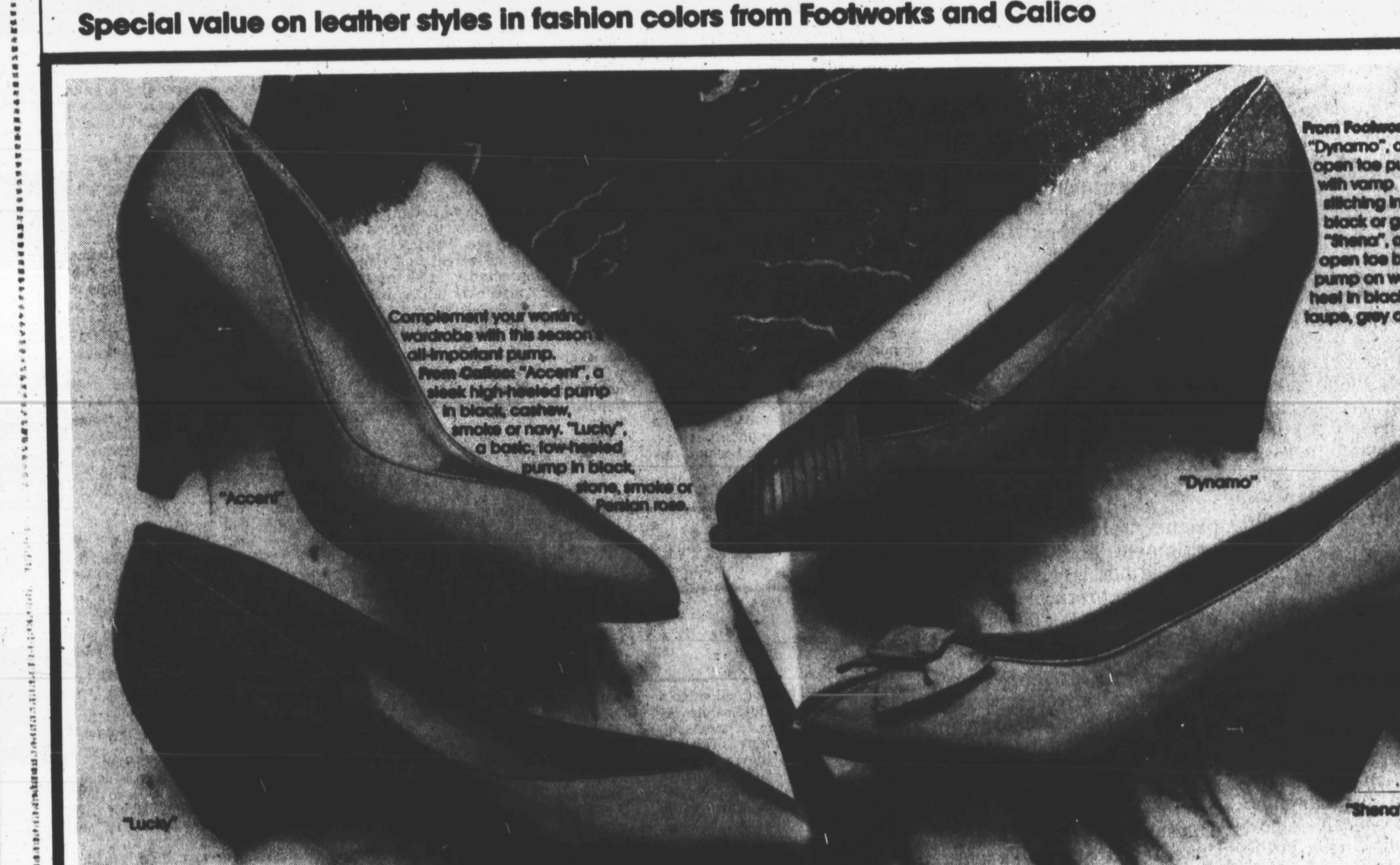

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