Record state income tax funds deposited; Goldstein pledges returns will be mailed May 24

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein says the flood of state income tax returns filed at the last minute this year was the largest ever, but the logjam is clearing up and, except for those returns that have some type of error, all refund checks should be issued by May 24, 1985.

"We received a record 548,500 tax returns filed at the last minute, about 15 percent more than the 475,500 we received at the deadline last year," Mr. Goldstein said. "Many of those filing at the last minute are taxpayers who are enclosing a check for additional tax with their return."

"Between April 13th and April 26th this year, we deposited 403,662 checks with a total value of $290,549,943," he said, noting those figures represent a 28 percent increase in the number of checks and a 32 percent increase in the amount deposited, compared with last year.

"Getting that large amount of money in the bank becomes a top priority in the days immediately following the filing deadline and the staff of the Income Tax Division worked extra hours each day, including two Saturdays, to get the funds deposited."

"Our check encoding equipment and depositing procedures allow the State of Maryland to earn an entire day's interest on each day's deposit, which is made about 3:30 p.m., the comptroller said. "When you're dealing with hundreds of millions of dollars in that brief a time period, the interest earnings can be considerable."

The comptroller noted that, while interest earned on deposits of state income tax revenue goes into the state's general fund, the efficiency of the office's depositing procedures earns more than enough interest each year to pay for the entire operating cost of the Income Tax Division.

"With the money deposited in the bank, I have directed that all available resources be put into issuing the remaining refund checks," Comptroller Goldstein said. "Except for those returns which contain some kind of error, we expect to have all remaining refunds out by May 24, 1985."

As of April 29, 1985, a total of 957,363 refund checks had been issued to Maryland taxpayers, with a total value of $248,654,681. The average Maryland refund check is $259.73, nearly $20 more than the average check at this time last year.

Mr. Goldstein noted that returns filed by taxpayers under the last minute pressure of the April 15 deadline often contain mistakes of omission, such as not enclosing the W-2 statement or the check for additional tax. "In these cases, we must contact the taxpayer, which further delays the processing of the return," he said.

Other common last-minute errors include mathematical mistakes and writing figures on the wrong line. "Many of these mistakes are corrected automatically here in Annapolis, but correcting the error still takes additional time," Mr. Goldstein noted.

Commenting on the recent filing season, the comptroller said, "This was an unusual filing season from start to finish, with the slow filing activity in January because of the emergency exemption for social security income enacted by the General Assembly and the record number of last minute returns."

"I appreciate the cooperation of taxpayers, the media and the staff of the Income Tax Division in making it a successful filing season," Mr. Goldstein stated.

FOR ALL YOU DO — Henry H. Brown (2nd from right), vice president of Marketing Developing and Affairs at Anheuser—Busch, Inc., receives the Howard University Milton Wilson Award for outstanding accomplishments in the field of business and public administration. The presentation was made at an awards luncheon during the 1985 Graduate Symposium sponsored by the Graduate Students Association of Howard University School of Business and Public Administration. From left are Dr. Lenneal Henderson, dean of public administration; Dr. Otis Thomas, associate dean of the School of Business; Brown; and Stephen Baker, president of the Graduate Students Association. The event was held recently at Howard University.

Banquet to benefit Neighborhood Basketball Program

Parks and People. The Foundation for Baltimore Recreation and Parks, in conjunction with the City Department of Recreation and Parks, is sponsoring a "Hall of Fame" Banquet for the Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball Program on Thursday, June 20 at Martin's West.

This program, recognized as one of the finest organized recreation programs in the nation, has produced fine athletes, many of whom have received scholarships from major colleges and universities. Guest speakers at the Banquet will include Coach John Thompson of Georgetown and Coach Bob Wade of Dunbar High School.

Also expected to attend are Marvin Webster of the New York Knicks and representatives of the Washington Bullets.

Among the players being inducted into the "Hall of Fame" at the banquet are Reggie Williams of Georgetown, David Wingate of Georgetown and Tyrone Bogues of Wake Forest. The proceeds from the banquet will be used to sponsor some of the BNBL players' participation in the Baltimore Outward Bound Leadership Program, a wilderness adventure-leadership training program located on Hurricane Island, Maine.

Tickets can be purchased through the foundation at 396-0927 or by contacting the Division of Amateur Athletics at 396-9786. Tickets are on sale now at a cost of $250 per table or $25 per ticket, which includes dinner and open bar.

Important facts on Kids' Line

What is Kids' Line?
Kids Line is a telephone counseling service for children, operated by the Community College of Baltimore, with support from the Mayor's Office of Human Development and private foundations.

Why Do Kids Need Kids' Line?
There are times when children are at home alone without adult supervision and need guidance, direction or information. Sometimes day care is not available in the community or parents cannot afford it.

Why Not Call Their Parents For Help?
Often parents are in work situations where phone calls are considered disruptive to normal business procedures or they cannot be reached at all times.

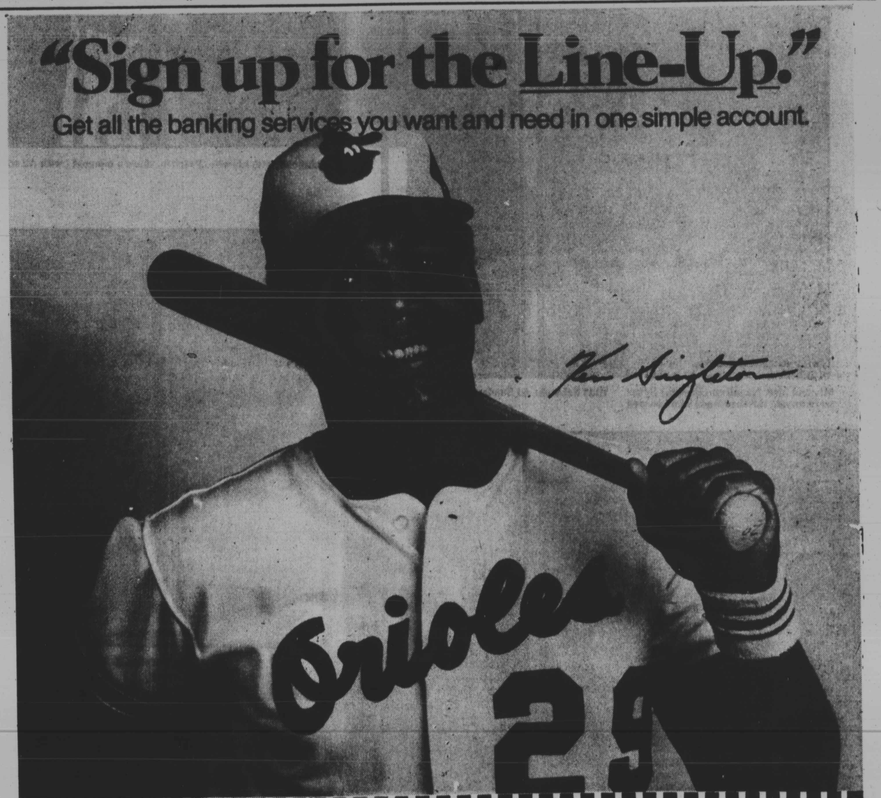
What Sort of Problems Do Kids Have?
Children are sometimes scared when they are at home alone, especially during a storm or when they hear strange noises. Sibling fights, lost pets, minor accidents, wet clothing are some of the concerns children may have. Sometimes children just need to hear a warm friendly voice.

Who Will Answer Kids' Line?
Professionally-trained volunteers will answer the phones. They will provide information (such as what to do about minor accidents) and they will make referrals or intervene if necessary (for example, if the police or fire department needs to be contacted).

Is the Service Confidential?
Confidentiality is always respected unless someone's life is in danger. Volunteers are trained to ask for the child's first name only.

When Can Kids Call Kids' Line?
Kids' Line volunteers are available from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday on regular school days and 10:00 to 6:00 holidays or snow days when parents are working.

For further information, contact Mrs. Evelyn Slaght at 396-5870 or 727-KEYS!!



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City's 911 emergency system is latest in sophistication

The city's 911 Emergency Telephone System represents the state of the art, utilizing the most sophisticated equipment available on the market today.

The 911 system required by Maryland State law, affords residents and visitors in Baltimore City the opportunity to obtain emergency assistance by dialing the universally accepted 911 emergency number. This call carries no charge and can be made from pay telephones without inserting coins.

The advanced system, used by the police and fire departments, has features which are designed to allow the public to acquire EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE more quickly than under the old emergency system. When a call is received by the 911 Operator, the caller is asked what type of assistance they need — POLICE, FIRE or AMBULANCE. The call is then immediately switched to the appropriate personnel in either the fire or police department.

the operator who will handle the call will see a visual display on a computer screen which is built into the phone system. That display will give the operator the name of the person to whom the phone is billed and will display the exact street address in which the telephone is located. Pay telephones will also appear in the computer screen along with their exact locations.

Police will also receive a visual display of certain administrative information which will speed up the dispatch of a police unit. The post number and a police location identifier will automatically appear on the visual display, eliminating the need for the operator to search through a thick directory to obtain this type of information.

The 911 Emergency Telephone System is the result of a cooperative effort among city government, the police and fire departments and the C&P Telephone Company. The system is expected to receive more than 2 million calls during its first 12 months of operation.

In addition to providing quicker service, the 911 EMERGENCY SYSTEM will gradually eliminate the number of false calls which have been historically received by the police and fire departments. Since the locations from which false calls are being made will be known to police, investigators will be able to respond and asertain who was responsible. Violators will be prosecuted.

The 911 Emergency System is to be used for EMERGENCY calls only. Calls for information or other services which cannot be considered an emergency will not be taken. Calls of this type should continue to be placed as they have in the past.

Asbestos discovered at Md. Training School for Boys

The State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene today announced that Asbestos has been discovered in one of the school buildings and several cottages on the grounds of the Maryland Training School for Boys.

Immediate action is being taken to correct the situation, and residents and staff members are not exposed to a health hazard, according to Dr. Thomas Krajewski, Assistant Secretary for Health and the Department's Medical Advisor.

Parents and guardians of the students, as well as all staff members, have been notified of the situation by James M. Dean, Superintendent of the Training School, as required by the Environmental Protection Agency. Approximately 250 students and staff members are affected by this action.

The discovery of the asbestos came during a survey by an Industrial Hygienist prior to renovations in four cottages. It is confined to the attic areas, which have been sealed off from the living quarters.

Asbestos was also found in the attic of one of the school buildings, where all activities have been curtailed. Classes are being conducted in the living areas.

"Every effort is being made to prevent any contact between the building occupants and the materials," said Mr. Dean.

Annual Preakness balloon race is scheduled for May 11

The 13th Annual Great Preakness Festival Balloon Race will lift off on Saturday, May 11, at 8:00 a.m. from Patterson Park in Baltimore.

The race will kick off a two-day festival, which will include continuous entertainment, cthnic music and dancing, arts and crafts displays, a flea market, community and information booths and culinary delights.

Balloon race media sponsors are WJZ-TV, WBAL-AM and The News American. The Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Inner Harobor is this year's official balloon race headquarters.

This year's race will be the first balloon race ever to use telephones in the balloons in order to determine the winner. Every balloon will be equipped with a phone provided by Cellular One. As soon as the balloon lands, the pilot will call Balloon Race Headquarters at Patterson Park to report his location.

This allows for quicker results and prevents the pilot from searching for the nearest phone which could be miles away. The cellular telephones will also aid the balloon race officials in arranging for the balloon pilots and their passengers to be picked up by the chase trucks.

Another special addition to this year's race is an essay contest being held in conjunction with Baltimore City Schools. Third, fourth and fifth graders entering the contest must write an essay describing what it would be like to fly in a hot air balloon in 240 words or less. The essay can be poetry or prose. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for all three grade levels participating. First place prize will be a $50 bond; second place prize will be a sports bag; and third place prize will be tickets to a local cultural attraction. The winners will receive their prizes at the balloon race press conference on Friday, May 10 at Pimlico Race Track.

Companies sponsoring balloons in the race include French-Bray, Epic Residential Network, Garron's Ethan Allan Gallery, Amoco—Certicare Dealers, Cellular One, Hyatt Hotel, WJZ-TV, WBAL Radio, Cameo Caterers, News American, First National Bank of Maryland, Oldsmobile, United Van Lines and AT&T.

The day's events will begin at dawn as crowds of thousands gather to watch some of the country's top professional aeronauts. At approximately 7:30 a.m., the balloon pilots will begin the ritual of unfurling the colorful, six-story balloons. At 8 a.m., the balloon pilots will enter the wicker gondolas and await the signal for lift—off. In case of inclement weather, the race will be held on Sunday, May 12 at the same location.

The balloons will fly across the Chesapeake Bay and land on the Eastern Shore. The Hare Balloon will lift-off first. This year's Hare Balloon will be the First National Bank of Maryland, which was last year's balloon race winner. The winner of the race is the balloon that lands closest to the Hare Balloon.

This year's winner will receive a trophy called the Mayor's Cup on Preakness Day, May 10 at the Winner's Circle at Pimlico Race Track.

One of the major highlights of Preakness Week, this balloon race is considered the middle jewel in ballooning's triple crown. Similar races are scheduled as part of the festivities connected with the Kentucky Derby in Louisville, Kentucky and in Belmont Park, New York, in conjunction with the Belmont Stakes.

For information about the Balloon Race, contact Margie Rubenstein at Concepts & Communications in Baltimore at (301) 484-4690.

For information about the festival, contact Sandy Ewing at the Highlandtown Merchant's Association at (301) 276-4780.

Baltimore's Best Sports Festival is coming soon

Athletes from the Baltimore metropolitan area and other locales are being challenged by Mayor Schaefer to compete in the upcoming Baltimore's Best Sports Festival. Schaefer, who is honorary chairman for the festival, today declared June 7-10 as Baltimore's Best Sports Festival Weekend at a press conference in City Hall.

This citywide extravaganza of physical fitness and sports will feature a complete line-up of team, individual and endurance competitions for all age groups (teenagers to masters divisions) as well as a schedule of educational fitness and sports medicine seminars and clinics.

The main event of the Sports Festival will be Golf Festival 85, on Monday, June 10. More than 1,000 golfers (men, women and juniors) are expected to participate in eight separate and diversified competitions with two shotgun individual tournaments. Golf Festival 85 will be held at four different city golf courses: Pine Ridge, Mt. Pleasant, Clifton Park and Forest Park.

Baltimore's Great Subway Race, last held in 1983, will be renewed as part of the Sports Festival on Sunday, June 9. More than 1,000 runners will begin the course at 8 a.m. at the Reisterstown Plaza Metro Station and will cross the finish line at the Charles Street Metro Station on Baltimore Street.

Featured Sports Festival individual competitions will be a metropolitan area tennis tournament June 8 - 16 at Clifton Park, a novice bicycle event on June 8 (location yet to be determined) and a metropolitan area track and field meet held after Sports Festival weekend on June 14 at Walbrook Senior High School.

Thirty-two of the area's top softball teams will compete in a 3-day, double elimination men's slow pitch softball tournament on June 7-9 at Patterson Park.

The Sports Festival will culminate on Sunday, June 30 with the exciting Bud Light United States Triathalon Series-Baltimore,. More than 1,000 triathletes are expected to enter the competition which will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the swimming segment at Gunpowder State Park. A 25-mile bike race will then be held from the state park to the Inner Harbor, where the triathletes will finish the competition with a 6.2 mile road race to Fort McHenry and back to the Inner Harbor.

Athletes may register for all Sports Festival competitions through the Mayor's Office of Adventures in Fun, 355 City Hall; 396-4891.

Sports Festival competitors will benefit from a variety of fitness lectures & seminars held by the Union Memorial Sports Medicine Center on Thursday evening, June 6. The lecture topics will cover important physical fitness issues such as "Is Eating to Win the Answer?" and "Running Injuries." In addition, a special Sports Festival Junior Oriole clinic will be held for younger athletes at Memorial Stadium on Saturday, June 8.

The 1985 Baltimore's Best Sports Festival is endorsed by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the Maryland Commission on Physical Fitness and the city of Baltimore.

Proceeds from the Sports Festival will be given to Project Shelter to benefit the homeless of Central Maryland. For more information on the Baltimore's Best Sports Festival, call the Mayor's Office of Adventures in Fun; 396-4981.

Third annual Baltimore's Best Neighborhood Projects

Is your neighborhood "Baltimore's Best?" Let us know about it! The Third Annual "Baltimore's Best Neighborhoods" Project, sponsored by the "Baltimore is Best" Program, Mayor's Office, will recognize and thank city neighborhoods for their community improvement projects and their pride in Baltimore.

Neighborhood associations are invited to enter their civic and community oriented projects in the contest. Applications have been available since April 10th at all city recreation centers, libraries, fire and police stations, Mayor's Stations, Health Department centers, Urban Service Centers, and through the "Baltimore is Best" Program office, 396-5785. All rules and guidelines are explained in the application form. Applications must be filed by July 16, 1985.

Winning neighborhood projects will be chosen by a Steering Committee composed of community and business leaders. The neighborhoods selected will be awarded resource prizes for furthering or expanding their projects at a Luncheon to be held in the Fall at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Further information for neighborhoods who have applied or are interested in applying to enter the 1985 contest will be available at a city-wide forum to be held on Thursday, May 9, in the Board of Estimates Room, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

"The overwhelming success of the previous two "Baltimore's Best Neighborhoods" projects exemplifies the fact that our neighborhoods are a vital part of our city. This year we anticipate even more involvement from our neighborhood associations, and I urge all Baltimoreans to participate," said Mayor Schaefer.

For more information, call 346-5785.

Historic Baltimore Day tour

Mayor Schaefer has announced that 18 small museums and historic sites will be open to the public on Sunday, May 5 from noon to 5 p.m. This special day, Historic Baltimore Day, is an annual occasion when young people from city schools act as costumed guides at the sites.

Shuttle bus service is also provided between the sites.

Included in this year's itinerary are: The Peale Museum, The Carroll Mansion, the H.L. Mencken House, the Baltimore Center for Urban Archaeology, the Baltimore Public Works Museum, the Edgar Allan Poe House, the Star Spangled Flag House, Babe Ruth's Birthplace and the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

Also, the Baltimore Streetcar Museum, Mount Clare, Lloyd Street Synagogue, 9 Front Street, Old St. Paul's Church, Old Otterbein Church, the USF CONSTELLATION, Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum, and the Cloisters Children's Museum.

Tickets are available in advance at the "Top of the World" and all branches of the Bank of Baltimore. Tickets may be purchased on Historic Baltimore Day at participating sites. Admission prices are $2 for adults and $1 for children.

—Pinderhughes

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cle, is that she understands Baltimore — and the city appreciates her. When she was named to the superintendency, for example, the Baltimore News American wrote that, even without the "right" credentials, Pinderhughes had the necessary ingredients to be a good school chief: "She is straightforward and pragmatic. She knows what has to be done but also understands what it costs . . . Toughness and experience are more important than a master's degree."

Pinderhughes has put her stamp on the school system in two short years, says **The Executive Educator**, decentralizing school management by offering principals more responsibility in their schools and bringing new blood into the system's top administrative positions. In addition, the article states, Baltimore teachers are pleased with the superintendent's emphasis on improving students' reading and mathematics skills.

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