YWCA announces plans for summer day camping

Three day camps will be conducted by the YWCA in locations near Baltimore. The Central YWCA Day Camp will be held at the Central YWCA and at Patapsco State Park; the YW-Cross Keys Day Camp will be at The Village of Cross Keys; Camp Wim-Aa-Waa will be held at Bee Tree Retreat, north of Baltimore.

The Central YWCA day camp periods extend for six weeks, five days per week, from June 22 to July 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for girls, seven to fourteen years of age.

Two days each week will be spent at the Central YWCA for swimming in the pool, playing in the gym and on the trampoline; singing; and participating in arts and crafts.

Two days each week the children will be bussed to Patapsco State Park for the enjoyment of hiking, cook outs, and nature lore. One day each week will be "Trip" day.

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Trips have been planned to Annapolis, Ft. McHenry, the submarine in the port of Baltimore, a radio station in Frederick, Maryland, and to Washington D.C. where the campers will visit The FBI, the mint and the zoo. Fee will be $15 per week. To register, call the YWCA at 128 West Franklin Street; 685-1460.

The YW-Cross Keys Day Camp will be open for four two-week sessions from June 22 to August 13 for four days per week from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for girls and boys, 6 to 11 years of age.

Activities will take place at The Village of Cross Keys, 5100 Falls Road.

A pool of Olympic size, two art rooms, covered pavillion and playground areas will be used by the campers.

Instructors will include Miss Louise Fowler, swimming instructor, who has been elected to the Red Cross Hall of Fame and Mrs. Martha Scott, recognized artist and expert in children's art. One bus trip is planned for each two-week session. Fee will be $40 for two weeks.

Another camping program, "Kiddie Kampers," designed for four and five year olds, will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cross Keys site. Fee for this program will be $10 per week. Call the Towson YWCA, 21 West Susquehanna Avenue; 823-0911.

Camp Wim-Aa Waa will be in session for four weeks from June 22 through July 17, five days per week, for boys and girls, 7 to 12 years of age. Children will board busses at six pick up points in the city and travel to Bee Tree Retreat, a camping area in northern Maryland.

The program will consist of swimming, baseball, cook-outs, arts and crafts, and nature lore. Fee will be $15 per week.

In addition, Kiddie Camp, a program for boys and girls six to ten years of age will be conducted at the YWCA at 1912 Madison Avenue. Fee will be $7 per week. To register, call the YWCA, 1912 Madison Avenue; 669-1881.

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It is one of the most poignant social commentaries I have ever heard, and utilizes blues lyrics with jazz accompaniment (one could say it the other way around and still be just as accurate.

The song is taken from the album by Les McCann called "Swiss Movement."

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Les brought his quartet to the Patous Ballroom last Sunday, for four hours of pianistic wizardry.

His group performed ilkt a well-balanced, well-oiled, precision time-piece with a "swiss movement," each member efficiently doing his job, yet contributing to the whole.

The quartet consisted of Les, on piano, Donald Dean, drums, Jimmy Rowser, bass and Buck Clarke, Conga drums (sometimes tambourine).

All of the men were outstanding soloists. Iowser was an extrefely inventive improvisor on the bass, as was Buck on the congas.

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Les McCann was, of course, the catalyst for the whole thing. He has that unique style that reminds this writer of the kind of music he used to hear at a sanitified church right around the corner.

It has that insistent beat that practically commands you to clap your hands, tap your foot or do something.

The concert was superb, from the foot-stomping blues to the chillingly beautiful ballad "Poopi Magoochi" with its Africanesque theme.

As a fatter of fact, several of his original compositions had this African flavor initially, but they always percolated into hand-clapping foot-stomping groove.

All in all the LBJS brought, to Baltimore another Sunday afternoon of magnificent jazz and Les McCann made it real ... compared to anything.

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The Jazz show and Picnic, held at the Glenwood Country Inst Saturday was an unqualified success, considering that it threatened to rain almost all day.

Jimmie Wells and his quartet were never better and Rik Johnson's quintet stoked all afternoon with Rick's driving drrms setting the pace.

Everybody brought food and other goodies, and to use an old cliche, a good time was had by all.

Those guys, who sponsor the Saturday afternoon Jam Sessions are now hold ding them at the new James Brown Motor Inn in one of the cocktail lounges. Hours are unchanged, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Ruby Glover, Baltimore's Queen of Jazz, received a plaque and a bouquet of roses Saturday at the Jazz Picnic. She has been the premier jazz vocalist in Baltifore for a number of years.

She is retiring from the music scene to pursue a career in Medical Administration. Good luck Ruby, but please don't stop singing.

Speaking of female vocalists, there were only two in town that really turned us on. Of course Ruby was one. Jody Myers is the other.

She, along with Danny Brown and the Dynamics, are holding fort out Eastside way. They have a very nice group. Thomas Hurley preides at the organ. Ronald Arnold is on tenor, Morris Dow, guitar and the leader, Danny, is the drummer. Jody Myers handles the vocal chores, and quite ably I might add.

This is Jazz at its best, and it's here, right under your nose.

Revamped 'Sesame Street' schedule is announced

In respone to hundreds of telephone calls from concerned viewers of "Sesame Street," WETA/Channel 26 would like to make clear the following information:

(1) The second season the series will premiere Monday, November 9, not as previously announced, Monday, October 19.

(2) The summer repeats of "Sesame Street" began on June 1, with Program No. 51 and will continue in sequence through Program No. 125, which will air on Friday, September 11. These will be the afternoon network feeds at 4 p.m. on weekdays. There will be no morning or Saturday broadcasts during the summer months.

(3) The morning broadcasts will resume on September 14. During the period from September 14 through October 23, repeats offered will be Programs No. 21-No. 50.

(4) There will be a two-week hiatus between October 23 and the season premiere on November 9 to insure, in the words of Executive Director Joan Ganz Cooney, "that our second season effectively builds on the experience and evaluation of the first season ... The interim period will provide the (Children's Television) Workshop with enough time to meet research obligations which require a 'clean' start in the fall."

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