ABOUT US TEENS

By ANGIE THORNTON

This week is very special. It reminds us of all our blessings as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

Lets get into what's going on.

The Thanksgiving "thing" by Kappa Alpha Psi is at the Dixie Ballroom on Nov. 25.

The guest band the "Sounds Experience," do their latest recording and many more.

The annual City vs. Poly Nov. 26 at Memorial Stadium.

This game will mean a lot to both teams. There's no need for anything bad to happen. Let's be cool no matter who wins.

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On Dec. 4, the Soul Reporters of WEBR will sponsor a variety Soul Food dinner. On the menu are chicken or pig feet, with potato salad and [illegible] beans, or with candy yams and collard greens.

The cost is $1.50. The dinner will be held at Mt. Hebron Church of God and Christ, North and Bentalou.

Carry out and delivery is offered.

For tickets call WEBB at 947-1245 or call Michael Harding at 367-5149 or call me at the number at the end of the column.

On Dec. 27 at Martin's West, the SOC's Sorority will sponsor the Annual Benefit Dance. The entertainment for this year will be the Sound Experience.

Tickets are $4 for more information on the dance, call 486-8340.

We can't forget the Roberta Flack Show at the Civic Center Dec. 5. Also on the show are Bill Withers, Dick Gregory, and Labelle and band. MC is Hot Rod.

Interesting things happened during the weekend on Nov. 19, at the Madison Ave. YWCA, the International Fair.

First place for program was the USA, Charmettes Club; 2nd place to Tanganika - Lake Clifton High Club, 3rd place, Nigeria, Pimlico Jr. High Club.

Winners for best exhibits were 1st place Nassau-Lake Houston Wood Jr. and Sr. High Club, 2nd USA — Charmettes, and 3rd, Tanganika-Lake Clifton Club.

The proceeds from the Y-Teens International Fair will be donated to World Fellowship to help the unfortunate in Africa, India, and other places.

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War invaded B-More on Nov. 19, at the Embassy Room. These young men of national acclaim did their thing at a Cabaret which benefited the Baltimore Scholarship Fund.

On Nov. 21, at the Embassy Room a teen dance was sponsored by the Now Generation to benefit the Baltimore Scholarship Fund.

Guests were the Relations, the Swordsmen, Monica, the Estavans, and the Soul Explosions.

The James Gang along with Light House "tore up" the Civic Center on Nov. 21.

The Speculations will hold a Pre-Christmas Dance on Dec. 18. Watch this column for more info.

Membership for the Ponderosa Twins Fan Club is still open. Call John Smithwick at 362-6240.

Congradulations to Gary Rodwell, who became an Eagle Scout on Nov. 21. He was presented with his beautiful medal at Union Baptist Church during their Men's Day Services.

Gary is a junior at Northwestern High School where he is a very active young man in sports and in clubs. He represented the East Coast at the Boy Scout Jamboree held in Japan this Summer.

In receiving the highest degree of scouting, Gary has proved to his scout leaders, friends and family that he is a capable young man. Congradulations to a deserving person.

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A Get Well wish, goes to Miss Barbara Manley, vice president of the Soul Reporters.

Hello to Deidra Willis, and all students in Columbia, Md. especially Gregory Scroggins.

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This week is my Anniversary week and marks my second year of writing for the AFRO.

It would not be right if I didn't say something to all the people responsible for the column.

First, "thank you" to all the people at the AFRO, especially those who had and still have confidence in me and gave me a chance to write this column.

Thanks to all of those people who call, write, and talk to me about their happenings and who give me their opinions.

Thank You to Hot Rod, Moon Man, Anthony, Eddie C., Miss Williams, Pam Widgeon, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Harmon, Mrs. E. M. Moss, Mrs. Irene Thornton, and many others.

All these people have been inspiring to me and when I thought of giving up they encouraged me to Keep On Keepin' On.

Because someone cared I have met the President of the U.S., The Jackson 5, the Unifics, the Delfonics, the Ponderosa Twins, the Moments, the Whatnots, Linda Jones, Kool and the Gang, the 5 Stairsteps, Angel, and many others.

It is very important to me that I say Thank You and give recognition where it is due. I can't end without telling you how great you are.

This column belongs to you, the young people, and it is because of you that this column exists. If in the past you haven't enjoyed this column, let me know about it.

If you like the column and you know of something that will improve it, tell me.

Till next week, let Love be your pass word. If you have any teen news or happenings please write to About Us Teens, care of AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203 or write or call Angie Thornton, 1102 Clendenin St. Baltimore, Md. 21217, 728-0567.

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The Drama Department of Bowie State Colege will present three one-act plays Dec. 8, 9, and 11 at 8:00 p.m., in the college auditorium, Robinson Hall, Presented for the public without charge, the production features Israel Horovitz's 'Rats", Douglas Turner Ward's "Happy Ending", and Ron Milner's "The Warning: A Theme for Linda".

Schaefer urged to back expressway plan

The Citizens Planning and Housing Association has urged Mayor-elect William Donald Schaefer to support a public forum on Baltimore's proposed expressway system in an effort to clear up misconceptions by neighborhood groups.

A letter to Schaefer signed by CPHA president, Thomas P. Perkins, III, says the transportation committee of the body views with concern apparent lack of consensus among government planning officials and consultants on the highway system.

"This has served to increase the existing level of confusion and to foster a growing resentment among neighborhood and civic groups throughout the metropolitan area."

The association says it is important that all such groups have a clear understanding of the design and objectives of the system as a whole.

"The CPHA feels that it would be timely and beneficial to all concerned for your adminstration to sponsor a public highway forum or series of forums at the earliest practicable date. The first goal of such a meeting would be a presentation in a clear-cut fashion and in sufficient detail of current status of planning and design of the entire system."

The association says it would assist in planning and organizing such public meetings so as to help in engaging in meaningful dialogue on the "essential highway system."

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Model Cities youths to perform new play

The Center Drama Group of the Model Cities Area "B" Cultural Arts Center will present an original play, "Ain't No Use", at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at the Johnston Square Elementary School, Valley and Biddle Streets.

Written by the Drama Workshop students of the Center, "Ain't No Use" depicts the problem and violence that often envelop inner city black families.

The play, directed by Mrs. Majorie Howard, involves a large-family situation that contributes to moral problems and leads to the violent death of two members of the family.

The mother is portrayed as a woman of poor judgment who puts her desires for a fling at life above the needs for positive guidance of her young ones.

In the end, after the father is killed, she sees the need for a different kind of life for herself and the remnants of her family.

Free tickets are available through the Model Cities Cultural Arts Project, phone 276-4649.

Handel Choir to sing 'Messiah,' Dec. 5

The Handel Choir of Baltimore, under the musical direction of Mr. Ronald Gretz, will open its 38th consecutive season of concerts with two performances of G. F. Handel's MESSIAH.

On Sunday, Dec. 5 the choir will sing at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, St. Paul at 20th Street, and the following Sunday, Dec. 12 at Towson Methodist Church, Hampton and Dulaney Valley Roads.

Both concerts will take place at 4:30 p.m. and are open to the public free of charge.

CAST OF "AIN'T NO USE" rehearses for production to be presented Monday, November 29, at Johnston Square Elementary School, Valley and Biddle Streets, at 7:30 p.m. Young actors are group from the Model Cities Area "B" Cultural Arts Center.

Housing Court has increased caseload

The Department of Housing and Community Development sent to Housing Court in October more than six times the number of cases it sent the same month last year.

Housing Commissioner Robert C. Embry, Jr., attributed the increase principally to improved inspectional procedures. These include a more direct system of supervision of each inspector's work, better record-keeping through use of the city's computer, and "unquestionably much more and better effort on the part of the individual inspector."

The 1971 total was 473 cases involving 3,117 charges, compared with 77 cases and 362 charges in 1970.

In September cases totaled 260, compared with 145 in 1970 and charges were 1,774, compared with 489 in 1970.

Fines were levied in 76 cases this October, as opposed to just 17 last year. In 41 more cases fines were suspended, and in 37, probation without verdict was given.

Another important factor, Mr. Embry said, is the addition of court time for housing cases. A year ago two morning sessions a week were the general rule. This has been increased to four sessions, and on a temporary basis to eight sessions, using two judges.

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Great Hymns Choir in 'Messiah' Sunday

Handel's 'Messiah" will be presented for the tenth successive year at Sharp Street United Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Streets, by the "Great Hymns" Choir of Baltimore, Sunday, November 28, at 5 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Ridout Sr., founder of the choir, will direct. Organist will be Spencer Hammond and the pianist will be Mrs. Audrey McCallum.

Dr. Ridout is now minister of music at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, and Mrs. McCallum and Mr. Hammond are both teachers of music in the city school system.

Soloists will be Mesdames Gloria Waller, Gloria Jones, Gwendolyn Daye, and Celestyne Hamlin, sopranos; Dorothy Lofton and Charlene Cooper, altos; Howard Wright, tenor, and Joseph Eubanks, bass.

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Youth gets second chance, must seek help

An 18-year-old youth, found deliquent in the theft of a portable television, has been given another chance if he follows a church program which aids drug addicts.

According to Juvenile Court Master Theodore Hayes, the youth would be placed on probation following the deliquent finding, if he enrolls in a Christian Outreach Home program as promised.

Testimony before the court showed the youth was willing to undergo the church program to "free himself from his drug problem."

According to a spokesman of the home, which is located in Carroll County, the youth would benefit from the "change in environment which gives kids another place to live and helps them adjust."

Judge Hayes advised the youth, "A whole lot of people are stretching out their necks to help you, if this doesn't work it may be your last chance to be treated like a juvenile."

Records show the youth became of legal adult age on his 18th birthday last month.

Student teachers party Dec. 7

Dr. James A. Sensenbaugh, the State Superintendent of Education, and Dr. Roland Patterson, Baltimore City Superintendent of Education, will be among the guests invited to attend an annual Informal Party at the College of Notre Dame.

The party will be given by the Student Education Association and all elementary and secondary student teachers of the College of Nortre Dame on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Doyle Lounge.

Each student teacher has invited her cooperating teachers from the Baltimore city and county public schools, her principals and supervisors.

Also attending will be representatives of the Education Departments of Johns Hopkins University, Goucher College, and Loyola College.

DEC. 2

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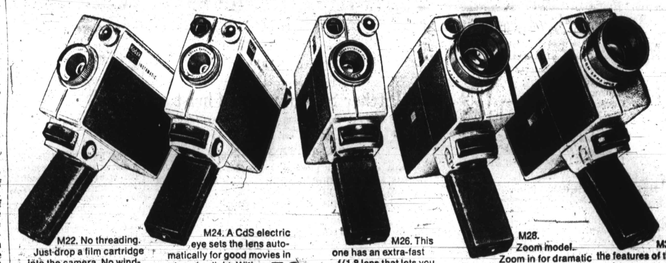

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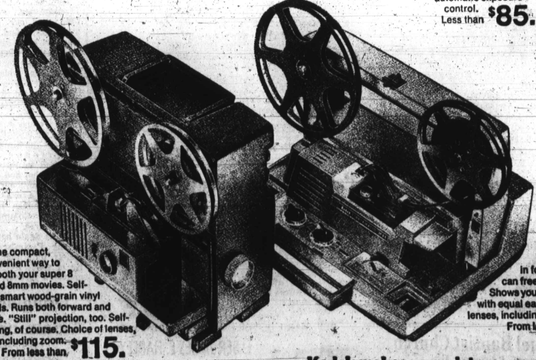

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