What's Happening

by IDA Peters

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

There is no charge for listing your non-com-mercial community events in this column. All announcements should be printed or typed double-space, on one side of paper.

"SOYLENT GREEN"

In some cities like Houston, Chicago and Philadelphia . . . MGM has Charlton Heston on tour promoting the new movie "Soylent Green" coming soon to our area.

This is a drama of survival in a world where man has destroyed his own environment. Other stars are Leigh Taylor-Young, Edward G. Robinson, Brock Peters, Paula Kelly, Chuck Connors and Joseph Cotton.

Set in New York City in the year 2022, 41,000,000 hungry and abused citizens live in subway trains, abandoned autos, filthy hallways as well as plush apartments reserved for the rich and powerful with permanent mistresses called "furniture."

What we got in Baltimore for lunch the other day was the "furniture" . . . . four charming young Ladies — Cheri Howell, Elizabeth Owen, Marion Charles and Royce Milne.

Don Davidson, the MGM biggie had them in tow . . . but the two lovely black girls were missing. Beverly

Gill . . . you'll see her in "Soylent Green" . . . got picked up for another job and Joyce Williams . . . bless her heart . . . checked into the Hilton . . . sat down in a lobby armchair . . sat back and almost got knocked out by a protruding ash tray.

So . . . she was rushed to Mercy Hospital and forced into bed . . . with a bad headache. The other girls report that they have been to Denver, St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, Philly, Baltimore, D.C. and are on their way to New York. They are about half-way on their tour and report they all get along swell.

Joyce Williams, our missing beauty, tells us she is a native of Los Angeles now but she was born in Dallas, Texas. She's the daughter of Fred and Gertrude Johnson, attended Compton High School, Compton Junior High and USC with a major in Nursing.

She was a Playboy Bunny in Los Angeles when she was discovered for her first role in "Pretty Maids All In a Row" with Rock Hudson. She is in "Sunshine Ladies" and has done three TV pilots.

Highlight of the tour for her, so far, was the four-day stop-over in Chicago. She was at a cocktail party for the press and an ad agency man for Ultra Sheen spotted her . . . told her how pretty she was . . . and booked her for voice-over commercials for Ultra Sheen.

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"BEST OF BROADWAY"

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Chapter with present Clyde Turner's "The Best of Broadway" on Sunday, May 6 at 5 p.m. at Polytechnic Institute.

Sorors Ruth Marshall and Thelma Rice are co-chairmen. Excerpts will be presented from "Lost In the Stars," "Carousel," "Two Gentlemen of Verona" and special hot songs "Broadway Seventies."

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THIRDWORLD

Baltimore's only black arts museum, Thirdworld, 1767 Carswell St., is in immediate need of financial help. They are urging active and inactive members to contribute membership subscriptions to sustain them until applications for grants and government funds are approved.

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"AUCTION-ON-THE-AIR"

Beginning Monday, April 16, the Baltimore Museum of Art and the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting will co-sponsor a three-week exhibition of selected crafts which have been donated to Channel 67 for its Auction-On-the-Air. The week-long auction officially begins May 7, and the crafts featured in the exhibition will be auctioned on the evening of Wednesday, May 9, which has been designated "Maryland Crafts Night."

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UMES

Productions of "The Petrified Forest" and "Mimes and Pantomimes," to be staged at UMES, Princess Anne, Md. April 23-25, mark the first time in Center Stage's history that it has toured one of its regular mainstage productions, as well as its mime company, from its Baltimore theater to communities in the Middle Atlantic states.

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AFRICAN MINIATURES AT MUSEUM

An exhibition of over 1100 small African works selected from private collections, The Museum of Primitive Art, New York, and The University Museum, Philadelphia is currently on view through May 13 at The Baltimore Museum of Art.

Organized by guest curator James E. Lewis, chairman of the Art Department and director of the Art Gallery of Morgan State College, the show is entitled "The Monumentality of Miniature African Sculpture" and includes ivory objects, Ashanti gold weights, wood carvings and miniature masks.

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MD. INSTITUTE

An exhibition of art by four students of the Hoffberger School of Painting of The Maryland Institute College of Art will be held through April 29 at Falls Point Gallery located at 811 South Broadway. The exhibition "21,052 hoffberger at falls point" will include work by Robert Aeslage, Douglas Hessler, Jeanne Lowinger and Michael Morwitz.

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"IN CONCERT"

The Bee Gees, Focus, J. Geils Band and Steely Dan are headliners on the "In Concert" program of tonight, Friday, April 13 (11:30 p.m.-1:00 a.m., PST) as the ABC Television Network's "Wide World of Entertainment" continues to provide the best in rock performance on this innovative bi-monthly series.

Taped at Brooklyn's Bananafish Gardens before a live audience, the program ranges the rock spectrum from the soft sounds of the popular Bee Gees to the boogie-rock, rhythm and blues music of the J. Geils Band.

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WOLVES

Corner Theatre, 891 N. Howard St., presents "WOLVES," a series of four one-act plays by Baltimore's Gordon Porterfield through April 22. Performances are on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9:00 p.m.

"WOLVES" is directed by C. R. Gillespie with mime direction by Maravene Loeschke. Dr. Gillespie and Ms. Loeschke are affiliated with the Drama Department of Towson State College. The cast includes Brigitte Bentele, Susan Gilbert, David Forthuber, Carolyn Eisenberg, Sanford Kramer, Mort Lubitz, Brad Mays, Sandy Mae Donsld, John Peccetto, Yogi Savetman, Angelique Shuey and Judith Thornton.

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JACKSON 5

The Jackson 5, who broke every existing attendance record when they toured the United Kingdom late last year, have been scheduled to make their first tour of Japan beginning April 27 with a concert at the prestigious Imperial Theatre across the street from the Imperial Palace moat.

To tie in with the tour, Tamla-Motown will be releasing "Hallelujah Day" from the group's soon to be released "Skywriter" album.

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"BLACK OMNIBUS"

Blues artist Taj Mahal, soundtrack composer of the film "Sounder," will join host James Earl Jones on WBAL-TV's "Black Omnibus," Sunday, April 15 at 11 p.m.-midnight on TV 11.

Using a steel-body guitar, harmonica and down-South blues sound, Taj Mahal demonstrates the history of blues and differences between rural and urban blues.

Ahmad Jamal, well-known jazz pianist, contributes his unique musical stylings to this funky jazz and blues show.

Song stylist and composer Abbey Lincoln performs "Blue Monk," a song she wrote to music by Thelonius Monk.

Also featured is Jimmy Witherspoon, an urban blues singer who does "Soonsful" and "Nothing's Changed."

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"SOUL UNLIMITED"

Ronnie Dyson and Malo (a musical group) are Buster Jones' guests on the third outing of the ABC Television Network's "Soul Unlimited" Saturday, April 14 (1:00-2:00 p.m., EST).

Rosey Grier is the subject of a film interview with fashion/news commentator Vicki Donaldson, who will also introduce some more soul fashions. Malo will perform their songs, "Merengue" and "I Don't Know." Ronnie Dyson sings "One Man Band" and "I Think I'll Tell Her."

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"NORTH STAR"

Since 1968 the Baltimore Garden Block Association has been planting flowers each spring with the help of city neighborhood associations. Their 1973 spring beautification program will be spotlighted on WBAL-TV's "North Star," Sunday, April 15 at 6-7 p.m. on TV 11.

The Garden Association is looking for interested neighborhoods to participate in their program this year. The project involves sponsorship of a city block for two years by the Garden Association, followed by purchase and maintenance of the flowers by the block itself.

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NORTHERN HIGH

An antique and flea market sponsored by the Northern Senior High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 12, 1973 at the school, 2201 Pinewood Avenue, Beltway exit 30, Perring Parkway South, to McClean Blvd., to Pinewood Avenue.

Raymond St. Jacques as Blueboy Harris in "Book of Number."

DAVID RUFFIN

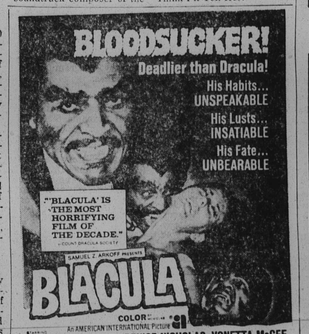
David Ruffin, former lead singer with The Temptations, makes a brilliant return to the recording scene with the recent release of his latest Motown album, "David Ruffin," produced by Bobby Miller with arrangements by David Van Pitte.

For Ruffin's return, producer Miller delivered a tremely exciting collection of songs that cover the entire spectrum of the music scene from pop rock to rhythm and blues. "David Ruffin," features practically all new original material that includes one song, "A Day In The Life of A Working Man," which he co-authored with Miller.

The album is soul, not polished, pretentious and glittery, just raw gut, which isn't surprising from the man who shared lead on such Temptation hits as "Beauty Is Only Skin Deep," "The Way You Do The Things You Do," "Get Ready," "My Girl" and others too numerous to mention.

Eddie Kendricks paid tribute to his former group mate by singing special background on "I Miss You."

His driving, pulsating beat in "Blood Donors Needed," the single released from the album, is a trip vocally and instrumentally and is worth the price of the album alone.



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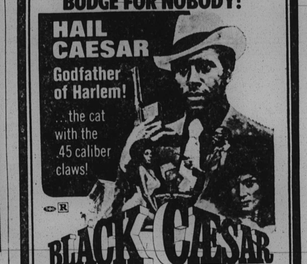
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"SOUNDER"

JOHN TAYLOR, Associate Director of the Columbia Dance Theatre, emerges from the tangle of the company in their performance this past Sunday at the Baltimore Museum of Art. They welcomed visitors to the African Exhibit with an authentic Nigerian dance of welcome called the "Fungi".

More What's Happening

"FAT ALBERT"

"Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids," the Saturday-morning children's series starring actor-comedian Bill Cosby, will present Saturdays, 12:30-1:00 p.m., EST, April 14: The Cosby Kids prove that even the know-it-all in class can learn a thing or two.

April 21: The kids find that with a little creativity, they can form their own special junkyard band.

April 28: The kids have mixed feelings about being away from home for the first time when they go to summer camp.

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WMAR-TV

WMAR-TV admitted at a press conference recently that they received hundreds of calls re their dropping of "Secret Storm." Series will be now seen at 10 a.m. One nice lady called to complain that 10 a.m. was her bath time . . . was told to postpone or don't take one.

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NEWS

WBAL Radio presents "Exploring the News" every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Jesse Wagner, director of Urban Affairs for WBAL Radio will host Saturday, April 14th state's attorney, Milton Allen. The discussion will deal with the criminal justice system in Baltimore City.

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'SUPER FLY' GAL WEDS

Sheila Frazier, the "Super Fly" beauty who repeats her romantic role opposite Ron O'Neal in "Super Fly Two" has revealed her marriage of three months to a member of the William Morris Booking Agency.

The lovely Sheila said this week she married Samuel E. McKeith on January 2, the day before she flew to Rome to begin shooting "Super Fly Two." the movie sequel in which she reveals her role of Georgia, the girl in love with the super-cool Priest. Location filming in Rome and Senegal was completed last month.

McKeith, she revealed is employed in the Rock Department at the William Morris Agency and is a native of Macon, Georgia. Sheila is a native New Yorker of the lower East Side. The couple has just moved into a new West End Avenue apartment.

Sheila, a former secretary, studied acting with the Negro Ensemble Company and at the New Federal Theatre. In the summer of 1971 she met Richard Roundtree socially. The star of "Shaft" befriended and encouraged her to attend a casting call for "Super Fly." The rest is history.

WHERE TO GO

CIVIC CENTER

Dog Show, Associated Specialty Dog Clubs of Maryland, Sat., April 14, 1973, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Track Meet, International Track Assn., Sat. ,April 14, 1973 ,7 p.m.

Humble Pie Concert, National Attractions, Inc., Sun., April 15, 1973, 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Bloodmobile, The Red Cross, Mon., April 16, 1973, 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Roller Games, National Skating Derby, Inc., Mon., April 16, 1973, 8 p.m.

Convention Meetings, Md. Conference of Social Welfare, Tours, April 19, 1973 7:30 p.m., Fri., April 20, 1973 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

High School Basketball Tournament , Poets Athletic Club, Sat., April 21, 1973, 12 noon - 4:30 p.m.

Uriah Heep Concert, National Attractions, Inc., Sun., April 22, 1973, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

ENOCH PRATT

A variety of entertaining programs planned especially for children will be held during the week of April 15-21 at the central Enoch Pratt Free Library and six branches.

The timetable has been arranged as follows:

Monday, April 16, 4 p.m. at the Canton library center, Elwood Avenue and O'Donnell Street — Filmstrips, "Sabrina," "The Little Circle," "A Boy, a Dog and a Frog," and "Out! Out! Out!."

Tuesday, April 17, 3 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Avenue branch, North and Pennsylvania Avenues — Drawing day.

Tuesday, April 17, 3:30 p.m. at the Hollins-Payson branch, 31 South Payson Street — "Life in the Desert: North America," "The Marvellous March of Jean Francois," and "Paddle to the Sea."

Tuesday, April 17, 4 p.m. at the Central library, children's department, 400 Cathedral Street — "Five Weeks Island" (Part 2).

Wednesday, April 18, 3 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Avenue branch, North and Pennsylvania Avenues — Game day.

Wednesday, April 18, 3:30 p.m. at the Dundalk Avenue branch, Dundalk Avenue and Bushey Street — "White Mane."

Wednesday, April 18, 3:30 p.m. at the Forest Park branch, Garrison Boulevard and Callaway Avenue — "Arctica Franklin, Soul Singer."

Thursday ,April 19, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Forest Park branch, Garrison Boulevard and Callaway Avenue — "Curious George Rides a Bike" and "Make Way for Ducklings."

Thursday, April 19, 3 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Avenue branch, North and Pennsylvania Avenues — Filmstrip day.

Thursday, April 19 4 p.m. at the Edmondson Avenue branch, Edmondson Avenue and Woodridge Road — "The Red Balloon."

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