AFRO readers share in 83rd birthday celebration

Pretty Miss Deborah Davis and young Elijah Davis are just two of the many persons celebrating birthdays along with the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers. (See page one photos.)

We have received many cards and letters from readers with their special day in August or those just wishing to say Happy Birthday!

This coming Wednesday, August 13, the AFRO will begin its 84th year delivering news and enlightenment to the entire community.

If you will be celebrating a birthday this month, let us know.

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Readers who submit a photo and information on themselves will win special cash prizes.

Writers should include how long they've been AFRO readers, what columns and features they like or dislike, and what it is they'd like to see in this.

Address all letters to their community newspaper, AFRO 84, P.O. Box 1657, Baltimore 21203.

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Among our new birthday friends are:

Terry W. Veney who will be 11 years old on August 13.

A sixth-grader at the Chinquapin Middle School, he enjoys baseball and sold AFRO's for a year and a half.

Terry has been an avid reader since he was 9 and enjoys the history page, pen pals, and the hit record list.

He says, "There is nothing in the AFRO that I dislike, but I would like to see a mini page for children."

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Miss Deborah Davis writes, "I am a lioness from West Baltimore and my birthday is Aug. 12, 1960. I am a 1975 graduate of Gwynns Falls Jr. High and will attend Southwestern in the fall.

"I am currently working with NYC at School 91 for the summer."

Deborah believes that the AFRO has articles of interest to everyone, but says that the first thing she reads on Tuesdays is "Dear Jan."

She says, "Jan answers one girl's problem and she is really answering the problems that many girls have, including myself."

She lives in the 1900 block Vine St.

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Mrs. Jessie S. Brooks, 2300 block Bryant Ave., celebrates her 64th birthday August 17, and has been an AFRO reader for over half a century!

Her favorite feature through the years has been the recipes section.

A mother of seven and grandmother of 11, Mrs. Brooks would like to see more evidence of people getting along in her community newspaper.

She states, "I wish that people would stop hurting each other and stop so much killing."

Mrs. Mary L. Simmons, 5500 block Bowleys Lane, enjoys the AFRO history page showing things of past and present, but wants to see more articles stating hopes for our future.

She celebrated her 48th birthday August 2, and has a son, Terrence, who will be 21 on August 30.

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Miss Lisa Spriggs, born Aug. 13, 1962, also shares the AFRO birthday.

A girl scout, she enjoys playing ball, jacks, and "everything else a girl my age likes."

Not too young to remember the fabulous "Mr. Bumble," Lisa enjoyed his column and contests and wishes that he would come back.

In the meantime, she satisfies herself by reading the black history section and Clean Block news.

Lisa closes her letter, "I am glad now more than ever that my birthday is August 13."

She lives in the 3800 block Park Heights Ave.

Mrs. Ruth Elliott, 500 block Robert St., describes the AFRO as "a pretty alright paper."

Although she was not born in August, Mrs. Elliott has a son, daughter, and grandson who were.

Her grandson, Elijah Davis, born Aug. 9, 1970 is pictured on our front page.

Other family members celebrating this month are Miss Annie Elliott, Aug. 21, 1947 and William Elliott, Aug. 8, 1948.

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Miss Ella M. Johnson, a student at the Hampstead Hill Jr. High School, has been selling AFRO's in her East Baltimore community for the past five years.

She was born Aug. 10, 1960.

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An avid AFRO fan, Ella writes, "I have always been a reader of the AFRO, which I feel has helped improve my reading ability and helped in my school progress.

"One of my favorite columns is "Tell It To Jan," and I feel that if more of our young people would read this column, it would help a lot of them since many of us have similar problems.

"I hope that more and more people in the Baltimore area will continue to read the AFRO."

Mrs. Celestine Talton, 2800 block Windsor Ave., finds the AFRO to be a very interesting paper and wishes us another happy 83 years.

A substitute teacher, Mrs. Talton celebrates her birthday on the same day as the paper. Others in her family have birthdays on August 17, 20, 23, and 24.

Mrs. Talton doesn't dislike any section of the AFRO, but the women's page and fashions are her favorite.

One who has followed the AFRO through the years, she says, "I lived in New Jersey before coming to Baltimore, and we could only get the AFRO once a week, but it was worth the wait."

MISS LISA SPRIGGS
August 13, 1962

MRS. MARY L. SIMMONS AND SON, TERRENCE
Aug. 3, 1927 and Aug. 30, 1954

MRS. CELESTINE TALTON
Aug. 13

TERRY W. VENEY
August 13, 1963

ALL-DAY GALA AT ORCHARD AND DRUID HILL

Fresh vegetables for sale Sat. at Orchard Church Fair

Citizens who attend the all-day Fair for the Benefit of Restoring Old Orchard Street Church will not have to go to market Saturday.

City Councilwoman Mary Adams, Fair committee chairman, announces there will be plenty fresh vegetables on sale in addition to full slate of events.

The place is the lot beside the church at Druid Hill Ave. and Orchard St., tomorrow, Saturday, Aug. 9.

Highlighting the Fair, called "Hot Dog Saturday" will be the variety of foods including hot dog sandwiches.

Tables and chairs for comfortable eating and booths for the Flea Market sale add to the color of the event.

A TOUR of the church constructed nearly 150 years ago by slaves while their wives held torches for light, will also be a highlight.

History reveals there is a secret tunnel the slaves dug from the church to the old Mt. Royal Station as an escape route to freedom.

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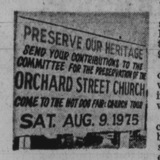
Mrs. W. A. C. Hughes is president of the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard Street Church, Inc.; Norma Ross, coordinator and Mrs. Elizabeth Newman, historian.

The church is slated to go on the National Record of Historic Places, a first in the history of Baltimore.

Contributions for restoration funds are tax-free and may be made to the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard Street Church, Post Office Box No. 3534, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

NEXT EVENTS scheduled for fund-raising are the ones by the Baltimore Campus University of Maryland and a banquet soon to be announced.



PASSERSBY see this sign at Druid Hill Ave. and Orchard St. historic site.

FACING DRUID HILL AVE., just off Orchard St., is the Orchard Street Church soon to go on the National Record of Historic Places. A tour is planned during the Saturday Orchard Street Church Fair.

Workshop sponsored by CRC-Justice Dept.

The Baltimore Community Relations Commission held a workshop yesterday (Thursday) title "Working with the Community and the Police," at the Sheraton-Baltimore Inn.

The all-day training session featured presentatins by outstanding local resource people and staff members of the U.S. Department of Justice.

The CRC sponsored the workshop in cooperation with the department.

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Community-police relations were the subject of a recent study by the commission headed by John B. Ferrone.

The commission assessed the situation as "discouraging," stating that relations between readily identifiable ethnic neighborhoods and the department have never been good and are not good now.

The report listed 20 recommendations which, if implemented, would hopefully improve relations between the two.

Mrs. Lillian Jones, chief of the commission's Community Division said, "As was expected, the workshop greatly increased staff sophistication in the subtleties of community relations and police-community relations."

A number of individuals from varying ethnic backgrounds, participated.

They include Auerlio Golcochea, Hispanic-American; Del. Hattie Harrison, 45th District, Afro-American; Eartle Hunt, Native American; Ms. Antonia Keane, Ango-American, and Pastor Lee Sodowsky, of Appalachia.

Also making presentations were Edmond Haywood, Henry Mitchum, and Roscoe Nix of the Justice Department.

A GOOD CITIZEN is registered and prepared to vote. Do so today so you can help elect the next mayor and City Council representatives. August 11 is deadline to register for September 9 Primary.

-Julian-Adams

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'Cannonball' still critical

GARY, Ind. — Alto saxophonist Julian (Cannonball) Adderley was still reported in critical condition Thursday at St. Mary Mercy Medical Center here nearly one month after suffering a paralyzing stroke.

According to Dominic Bay, director of public relations at the center, doctors could not give any prognosis as to Adderley's chances for recovery.

He noted the jazz great was still in a coma in the intensive care unit and was using a respirator which he said was "really keeping him going."

Adderley is allowed visitors for five minutes each hour, he said.

1st row—Dr. Fuss, Optometrist, Dr. Boskin, Optometrist, Marsha Tolson, Theresa Smith, Joanne Stewart, Devona Harris, June Horton, Cathy Hayes, Celestia Grays, Fred Champion, Willie Edwards, 2nd row — Norma Parker, Alice Oliver, Barbara Harris, Irene Butts.

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Morgan U answers audit report

By Robert M. Matthews IV

Morgan State University President Dr. Andrew Billingsley, said that 'adequate controls' have been established by the new Board of Trustees over non-budget funds, after a Legislative auditor revealed inadequate and improper accounting procedures.

Department of Fiscal Services Auditor Pierce J. Lambdin, C.P.A., listed more than 40 instances of improper and inadequate accounting record keeping, weaknesses in internal controls, and non-compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

His 12 page report of May 28, 1975, spans a period from Feb. 18, 1972 to June 26, 1974 when Dr. King V. Cheek, and Dr. Thomas P. Fraser were in the president's chair.

A spokesman for Dr. Billingsley told the AFRO he does not think it proper to comment on any actions of his predecessors.

He said he feels part of the problem was caused by Morgan's bookkeeping and accounting work being done outside of the university.

Improvements in the computer system currently being implemented will rectify many prior faults in accounting.

The spokesman said the contents of the auditors reports were known two months ago.

"Firm steps have been taken to insure that violations will not be repeated", the spokesman said.

Mrs. Enolia V. McMillan, NAACP director and new president of the Morgan Board of Trustees gave the following statement to the AFRO:

"I think it is unfortunate that (General Fund) money would be spent on parties and entertainment. I feel that it could have been spent more wisely.

"I have not seen the report of the auditor but I will except all expenditures to be fully justified in the future."

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Alfred P. Ramsey, chairman of the Morgan Board of Trustees' Finance and Budget committee, told the AFRO he will discuss the problems found in the auditors' reports at board meetings.

Dr. Thomas Fraser, former Morgan interim president, is on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

Below are portions of the auditors' comments, exceptions and recommendations.

Morgan's response to the auditors' comments, in a letter to the state comptroller dated July 28, 1975, also follows below:

The auditors received an anonymous letter charging that a Morgan student was being paid for time not worked at the school.

The letter alleges that the student's supervisor originated the payment to the student as compensation for 'personal' services rendered.

The Maryland State Police opened an investigation and discussed their findings with an Assistant Attorney General who concluded that there was no provable criminal case.

The results of the auditors' findings and of the State Police investigation were directed to the attention of the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges, with the recommendation that appropriate action be taken with respect to the employee involved.

Investigation by the auditors was hampered, because the college had failed to require student employees to indicate time-in and time-out on their

REPLY

In view of the audit exception, the Financial Aid Office, in conjunction with the Finance Office, is restructuring the time and attendance format to enable students to enter in and out time of a daily basis.

In the name of economy and considering time necessary to get new forms printed, the first day of the first pay period, the month of September, 1975 has been established as the effective date of change over to the new time and attendance system.

ATHLETIC BOARD

The auditors note that starting with fiscal year 1974, the finance office discontinued exercising effective financial control over the operations of the Morgan State College Athletic Board Inc.

Detail accounts previously maintained by the finance office were discontinued. Because of the lack of such records, the auditors state that they were ubne la to satisfactorily evaluate the finan- operations of the Board.

On Nov. 10, 1973, the Athletic Board sponsored a jazz concert. The inadequate records of the Board indicated that the event lost about $9,800.

However, no accountability was made for tickets printed and approximately 6,800 tickets could not be accounted for.

There were delays by the Board's business office in depositing collections with the college cashier.

There was no accountability for the pre-numbered tickets used by the Board as a means to control receipts from sporting events.

The above unsatisfactory comments were discussed with administrative personnel of the College with the recommendation that immediate corrective action be taken, the auditor stated.

MORGAN'S REPLY

The Finance Office has recieved procedures and feels that financial controls have not been discontinued.

On July 1, 1974, the Finance Office established controlling accounts to

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