MINI NEWS

Forum on 60's peace drive

A panel discussion featuring Baltimore people who were active in the peace movement of the 1960's will be held Thursday, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Bread and Roses Coffee House 426 E. 31st St. (near Greenmount Ave.).

Theme of the discussion is: "A Retrospective Look at the Anti-War and Peace Movement in Baltimore." For more information, call 366-6300.

Divorce advice for fathers

Fathers United for Equal Rights and Second Wives Coalition present a legal clinic for men, covering custody, alimony and divorce. The clinic will be conducted by an attorney at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Michael's and All angels Church, 2013 St. Paul St. For details, call 252-1808.

Talent show on March 3

John E. Howard Recreation Center, 2100 Brookfield Ave., is looking for persons to participate in a Talent Show on Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. For details, contact Charles Harrison at the center: 669-9521.

Suicide prevention forum

The Volunteer Chaplain's Corps of Provident Hospital will sponsor a workshop for the clergy on Saturday, Feb. 26 in the Emanuel Chambers Auditorium of the hospital, 2600 Liberty Heights Ave.

The program on "Self-destructive Behavior and Suicide Prevention" will be presented by Casandra H. Marshall, consultant in mental health, and assistant professor at the University of Maryland, University College.

Following registration at 9:30 a.m., the morning session will cover "Manifestations of Self-destructive Behaviors." After lunch, the topic will be "Counseling th Suicidal Person."

For registration call Rev. William E. Johnson, director of religious activities at Provident Hospital, 225-2421. Rev. Nathaniel Adams is chairman of the workshop. Dennis A. Gowles is executive director of Provident Hospital.

Indoor skating program

Take part in the Indoor Roller Skating Program thorugh the Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation at the C.C. Jackson Recreation Center, 4910 Park Heights Ave. on Friday and Saturdays.

The schedule is: Friday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 13 years old and under. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 13 years old and under and 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., 14 years old to 20 years old.

The cost is 50 cents with skates and $1 without skates. For further information, call 644-4100.

Cherry Hill Variety Show

The Cherry Hill Receration Adult Advisory Council will present its second annual city-wide Variety Show, Friday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. Can you sing? Can you dance? Recite poetry? Are you with a band? If you are interested, contact Mrs. Bailey at 354-1731, between 3 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The show will be held at 2700 Speiman Rd. Donation is $1.50.

Taxi rates up 10 cents

(UPI) — The Public Service Commission Nonday granted city cab drivers a rate hike which will cost customers 10 cents more for each mile.

The new fares are effective March 10.

The fares will be 60 cents for the first one-fifth of a mile and 10 cents for each additional one-fifth mile, according to Kirk J. Emge, the state hearing examiner who handled the taxicab rate case.

Current cab fares for the city's 1,815 taxicabs are based on quarter-mile increments at 60 cents for the first quarter-mile and a dime for each additional quarter-mile.

No refuse collection Sat.

No municipal refuse collections will be made in the city on Lincoln's Birthday, Sat. Feb. 12. The public is requested not to put refuse out for collection on that day: Materials will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

Ms. Barbara Mason named UF director

Miss Barbara I. Mason has been appointed director of special events for the Fund of Central Maryland, it was announced recently by James Snyder, associate executive director.

Mrs. Barbara Mason

A native Baltimorean, Miss Mason was formerly an intern with the Virginia based United Way of America. During her training she was assigned to the United Way of Camden, New Jersey and Bridgeport, Connecticut. She is a graduate in communications from the University of Maryland, College Park and an alumnus of Western High School.

Prior to joining the United Way, Miss Mason was an intern with the Coalition of Human Needs and Budget Priorities as well as with the National Council of Negro Women in Washington, D.C.

Santa anonymous tops $250,000

The Santa Claus Anonymous 1976 goal of $250,000 was achieved, thanks to a heavy appeal the week after Christmas reports R. Terence Farrell, the organization's president.

BALTIMORE RELATIVES OF MARYLAND'S FAMOUS LADY, "THE MOSES OF HER PEOPLE," HARRIET TUBMAN — In AFRO file photo of 1976 shown are: (l to r) Kevin Thomas, 5; Mrs. Marie Stewart (deceased), who was celebrating her 80th birthday; Marshall C. Booze III, 2; Vanise T. Joy, 4, and Miss Bertha M. Briscoe. BACK (l to r): Marshall C. Booze Jr., Corporal Jonathan L. Booze, Staff Sgt. Harold E. Stewart, Bertram Keene, Miss Anita Stewart, Harold Stewart Jr., 14 months; Mrs. Mamie L. Stewart, Mrs. Annabelle Cherry, Charles Keene, Anthony Booze, Louis Edward Keene, Miss Lucia Wright, Miss Constance Thomas and Mrs. Dorothy Booze.

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EXHIBITORS—As part of the Black History Month observation in the state, local historians Leroy Graham and Mrs. JoAnn Henry set up an exhibit honoring famed orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. The display is located at Maryland Commission on Afro-American history and Culture at 12 W. Madison St.

General Assembly study recommends five percent raise for state workers

(UPI) A study prepared for the General Assembly recommends a five per cent across-the-board pay increase for state employes rather than a sliding scale raise proposed by Gov. Marvin Mandel in his fiscal 1978 budget.

The study, released Sunday by the Maryland Classified Employes Association also said the state's "piecemeal" policy of adjusting pay scales for state employes has tended to inflate salaries for lower level positions at the expense of middle and higher level positions.

The study also recommended the state establish a commission to help draw up a "basic salary policy" for state workers.

The MCEA did not reveal who prepared the study for the legislature, but said it will be released this week. Copies of the report were released to the news media Sunday.

The study said the pay raises proposed in the Governor's budget are based on "affordability" and that under this concept "all employes should receive the same percentage increase, not a sliding percentage as presently proposed.."

The report said a five per cent across-the-board pay raise would "cost no more nor no less" than the amount of money provided for pay boosts in the Governor's budget — $23.5 million.

Mandel has proposed that most state employes get pay raises ranging from 3 per cent for higher grades to 6 per cent for lower grades, a trend in pay raises that began in 1972, according to the report.

"The effect of the state's salary policy since 1972 has been to compress middle and higher paid salary scales into closer proximity with the lower paid salary scales," said the report, adding that this is "tantamount to a preferential salary policy" that will lower morale.

Edward Kreiner, executive director of the 31,000-member MCEA, was ambivalent about the report. He said it "indicates" MCEA'S position that state employes should receive 15 per cent wage boost because salary increases have not kept pace with inflation.

On the other hand, Kreiner said the study "cop's out and uses the term, affordability, to explain why a true cost of living increase cannot be granted."

"TOGETHER LADY" — The Lady herself, Melba Moore, will star at the Baltimore Civic Center, Saturday night, 8 p.m., Feb. 12.

Your average Feb. gas bill may reach $25.46

The Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. has announced that the February electric bill of the average residential customer who uses 580 kilowatt hours a month will be $25.46.

This is $2.05 less than in January, and the lowest amount since December, 1975, even though the company has received two increases in base rates since that time. The reduction in the total bill is due to a sharp drop in the cost of fuel used to generate electricity.

Several factors are responsible:

Even though the first unit of BG and E's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant has been shut down for refueling and maintenance, the second unit, still under test, has been producing large volumes of power at a fuel cost much less than that of oil or coal.

Also, because of the recent severely cold weather, shortages of electricity have developed in other parts of the country. This trend is expected to continue. During these periods BG and E sells power to other utilities at a price which more than offsets the cost of production, further reducing fuel adjustment costs of customers.

The average cost of a kilowat hour of electricity has remained stable for over two and one-half years in spite of several increases in base rates. This is due to low cost of nuclear fuel and the high level of output of Calvert Cliffs. It is expected that in 1977 the Calvert Cliffs plant will generate about 60 per cent of all the electricity used by BG and E customers.

The February average unit cost of gas for residential customers with gas heating will be a little less than in January because of a slight decrease in the fuel adjustment.

GEN. DANIEL 'CHAPPIE' JAMES JR., commander-in-chief, North America Air Defense Command (NORAD), will address midshipmen and the public in Mitscher Hall at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Feb. 17 at 3:15 p.m. The well-known Air Force officer speaks at the academy as part of its observance of Black History Month.

Archbishop responds to Pope's 'no' on women's bid to become priests

The Most Rev. William D. Borders, archbishop of Baltimore, issued a statement in response to the decree from the Vatican that women are not to be ordained priests in the Roman Catholic Church.

In that statement the Archbishop said:

"Pope Paul has the responsibility to reflect where the church stands at particular moments in history. In his position, the Holy Father reflects global concerns, and he more than any one else suffers the difficulty of making unpopular but often necessary decisions.

"The statement issued in his name concerning women and the priesthood will cause disappointment and be the source of hurt for many people concerned with the cause of women's equality.

"These people will be hurt because they will feel that the church is not moving as quickly as they feel it should in the area of women's rights.

"But the process of discerning the spirit of God in the movements of the church is a difficult process. In the process of trying to understand how God wishes us to act in the church today, different people often arrive at different conclusions.

"It is unfortunately true that the church has not reflected the contribution that women have made to the church over the years. I can say, that in the work and in the priorities of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, we do and will continue to involve women in roles of responsibility. I am convinced that in the providence of God, as pastoral needs develop showing the need for women in ministry the Holy Spirit will make us aware of those needs, and present disciplines will be changed.

"I hope that the issuance of this document will lead us to explore new avenues for the ministry of women in the church. One area that would be very fruitful, here, would be discussion about women deacons in the Roman Catholic Church.

"Finally, I know that the Pope's present position on the ordination of women to the priesthood will create difficulties with our Episcopalian brothers and sisters here in the United States who have recently begun to ordain women priests. In our years of separation from one another we have overcome many difficulties in the search for unity in Jesus' name.

"I feel strongly that God will give us the wisdom to find solutions to the difficulty that the ordination of women presents to us at this time," he added.

The document to which Archbishop Borders is responding was issued last week in Rome by the Vatican's Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The document reaffirms that the Catholic Church "in fidelity to the example of the Lord, does not consider herself authorized" to ordain women to the priesthood.

The document deals only with the question of ordaining women to the priesthood. A commentary on the document, released at the same time by the congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, says that body has determined that the question of whether women can be ordained as deacons "should be kept for the future and not touched upon in the present document."

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Black calendar: OUR DAY IN HISTORY

History Notes for February, March

Feb. 1 — Langston Hughes, poet born in Missouri, 1902.

Feb. 2 — Laura Waring, portrait painter and founder of Black Arts Council, born 1887.

Feb. 3 — Three U.S. blacks elected to Congress, 1922.

Feb. 4 — Rev. J.P. Campbell A.M.E. Bishop born 1915.

Feb. 7 — Great Baltimore Fire, 1904.

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Charles Henry Turner, biologist, born 1867.

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Chester Webb, drummer and entertainer, born in East Baltimore, 1902.

Feb. 11 — Thomas Edison, inventor, born 1847.

Feb. 12 — Abraham Lincoln, emancipator, born 1809.

Feb. 12 — NAACP founded in New York, 1909.

Feb. 13 — Begin Black History Week.

Feb. 14 — Frederick Douglass, orator and abolitionist, born in Maryland, 1817.

Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill and Laurel, founded 1777.

Bishop Richard Allen, AME founder, born 1760.

Feb. 17 — Sir Isaac Newton, Black Scientist, co-founder, born Louisiana, 1942.

Feb. 19 — American Black Catholic Tribunal Newspaper founded in Chicago, 1972.

First Pan-African Congress, Paris, 1919.

Feb. 21 — George Washington Carver, born 1864.

El Hajj Malik El Shabbaz (Malcolm X), assassinated New York City, 1965.

Feb. 22 — Frederick Douglass, orator and abolitionist, born 1817.

Ash Wednesday.

Feb. 23 — William Boyd, black Mississippi U.S. senator, takes office, 1875.

Feb. 26 — Joshua Johnston, portrait painter, born in Maryland, 1765.

Feb. 27 — Charles Bar, first black woman lawyer, graduated Howard University, 1872.

Marian Anderson, singer, born 1900 Philadelphia.

March 2 — Howard University, Washington, D.C. chartered, 1867.

March 3 — Lucretia Dugmore, African Cardinal, elevated, 1976.

March 5 — First U.S. Congress convened, 1789.

March 5 — American Negro Academy formed, 1897.

Ashanti Empire, West Africa gets its Golden Stool, 1701.

Gabon on Africa Coast, flying independence, 1960.

Ida Wells Barnett, Journalist, born 1862.

Mt. Baker of Underground Railroad.

Cherokee H. Barth, Sr., Editor, Afro-American, 1893-1967.

Ward Jasper, Jack Johnson's

March 16 — Nat Turner leads revolt, North Carolina, 1831.

Freedom's Journal, First black U.S. newspaper founded, New York, 1827.

March 17 — Nat King Cole, singer and entertainer, born Alabama, 1919.

March 18 — Norbert Rillieux, inventor of sugar refining born Louisiana, 1806.

March 19 — Feast of St. Joseph, patron of the church.

March 20 — Andrew Billingsley, Morgan University president, born 1926.

March 21 — Walter White, longtime NAACP National Secretary.

March 22 — Patrick Henry's speech, "Give me liberty or give me death," 1775.

March 25 — Selma to Montgomery March for voting rights, 1965.

March 26 — William Hastie, first black Federal Judge, appointed 1937.

March 29 — Duke Ellington, musician, entertainer, born 1899.

March 30 — Benjamin Hanson of Baltimore first to reach North Pole, 1909.

April 1 — Billie Holiday, Baltimore singer, born Feb. 1915.

Television first exhibited 1928.

April 2 — Good Friday.

April 6 — Paul Robeson, athlete, singer, actor, scholar, born Princeton, N.J., 1898.

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