MINI NEWS

Poster contest scheduled

The Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation will again coordinate a poster contest whose purpose is to encourage awareness of our environmental needs and corrective behavior on the part of all Baltimore's citizens for the good of the city and each of her residents.

The program is sponsored through the generosity of the Contental Can Company Company, U.S. A.which contributes ten $25 United States Bonds; Exxon, U.S.A. who contributes the ten $10 second prizes and by Keep Maryland Beautiful, Inc., school groups, church groups, clubs and individuals are encouraged to participate and competitors may live anywhere in the state.

CPHA plans theatre party

The CITIZENS PLANNING AND HOUSING ASSOCIATION PRESENTS the Arena Players in "IT'S SHOWDOWN TIME" on Thursday, MARCH 3rd at the ARENA PLAYHOUSE, 801 McCulloh Street.

CPHA invites the public to attend a special presentation of "IT'S SHOWDOWN TIME" and a Pre-Play Champagne Party beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Theatre Party will be held in the exciting and newly renovated Arena Playhouse which serves as home for the Arena Players.

The Arena Players is one of the oldest theatre groups of its kind in the country. It is managed and staffed by volunteers and has become an increasingly significant force in theater in Batimore since its founding in 1953 at Coppin State College.

History month at Ft. Meade

Black History Month is currently being celebrated at Ft. Meade. Surrounding communities are cordially invited to participate in and attend concerts, art shows, tours, and films as part of a cultural experience sponsored by the post.

The following events are open to the public:

Black Musician Talent Show, featuring artists from surrounding communities is scheduled to be held on Feb. 13, 2 to 5 p.m., at the Fort Meade Music and Theatre Center, Bldg 2817 Chisholm Ave. Admission is free.

Five Baltimore-area black artists will display their work, to include jewelry, pottery, prints, soft sculptures and wall hangings, on Feb. 12, 2 to 6 p.m., at Recreation Center One, Bldg. 8452, Zimbrosky Ave. Admission is free.

Also, Recreation Center One will show a series of films depicting the history of the black culture. Showtimes are at 8 p.m. Films are scheduled from Feb. 13 through 17. Admission is free.

A tour to the African Art Museum of the Old Frederick Douglas Homestead on Feb. 12, and a tour to a black nightclub-restaurant in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 17, will be open to the public on a space available basis. More information may be obtained by calling Recreation Center Two, 677-4707.

New location for walk

For those who look forward to the March of Dimes 25 mile Walk-A-Thon every spring, Chairman Hyman Aaron Pressman has announced the event will have a new location for the start and finish on Sunday, April 17. The committee, comprised of 47 business and civic leaders, unanimously selected Baltimore's progressive Inner Harbor because the area provides an exciting and unique concept.

Funds raised are applied to the March of Dimes goal of protecting the unborn and new born from Birth Defects.

Since its inception in 1970, Baltimore has had the number one Walk out of 1300 others held throughout the nation both in dollars raised and walker participation. The theme for 1977 is "Keep Baltimore a Step Ahead."

MSU prof's work in Paris

MRS. LOLA AMIS JONES, assistant professor of English at Morgan State University has recently had one of her short stories, "Till Fen Comes Back!," translated into French and presented by one of her Johns Hopkins Professors, Dr. Jean Paris, at the annual POETRY AND LANGUAGE READINGS OF THE AMERICANS on Jan. 16-17 of this year at the LA CULTURE DU HAVRE, Paris.

Legal aid lawyers sue to close prison

Two Legal Aid Bureau attorneys have filed suit in U.S. District Court seeking to close the Maryland Penitentiary and its diagnostic center until conditions at the over-crowded complex are improved.

"There is no space available for any meaningful rehabilitative, recreational, educational or vocational training programs," said the 30-page suit, which was filed on behalf of two inmates.

Attorneys Charles F. Morgan and Sandra D. Boteler seek an injunction prohibiting the state from confining persons in the penitentiary diagnostic center until the facilities are "populated, maintained and operated in a manner which protects the federal constitutional rights of the plaintiffs and the prisoners they represent. . ."

Although the suit contends not more than 700 prisoners should be confined at the facility, it asserts "The population is now about 1,500.

Gov. Marvin Mandel has made overcrowded prisons one of his top legislative priorities this year.

The penitentiary and diagnostic center "are in a state of general disrepair, uncleanliness, deterioration and neglect," the suit alleged.

It also claimed there was a lack of soap and other cleaning supplies for prisoners to maintain a "decent level of hygiene" and rats, mice, roaches, other insects, bats and pigeons infest the prison complex.

The suit contends the facility's medical department is understaffed and inmates showing signs of mental or emotional instability often "do not receive the treatment they require."

Boteler and Morgan, of the bureau's prisoner assistance project, filed the suit on behalf of inmates Warren C. Nelson and Earl A. Curreri. (UPI)

PRESENTATION — King David Lodge No. 18, Free and Accepted Prince Hall Masons, recently sponsored the "Town Choir," directed by William H. Wright, in a Benefit Concert for the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Balind. In picture Ernest Saunders, worshipful master of KingDavid Lodge, (second on right) presents $1000 check to James Duckett (in white), at the Anna Mae Hunter Home. Calvin Thomas (left), senior warden of the lodge and Clarence Ferguson, committee chairman, look on.

Area superintendents meeting at Hopkins

Newly appointed school superintendents from Baltimore City and four counties in Maryland will discuss their concerns and objectives for public education at a dinner meeting on Friday, Feb. 18 at The Johns Hopkins University.

Sponsored by the Johns Hopkins chapter of Phi Delta Kappa — an honorary professional fraternity for men and women in education — the dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Garrett Room of the Milton S. Eisenhower Library on the university's Homewood campus, following a reception at 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend for the entire evening or only for the program, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations for the dinner, at $10 per person for non-members and $8 for members and their guests, can be made by calling David Greenwood at 377-0428.

The participating school superintendents include John Crew Sr., Baltimore City; Robert Dubel, Baltimore County; Olin Adams Jr., Carroll County; Gorden Anderson, Frederick County, and Edward Feeney, Prince George's County.

The program will also include the presentation of several hundred books in the area of early childhood education to the Milton S. Eisenhower Library. The books are being donated by Kenneth Rabben; a freelance journalist and president of Lawyer's Assistant, Inc., in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Rabben is a member of the Johns Hopkins chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. Alan Taylor, associate librarian, will accept on behalf of the university.

A former education editor, editorial page editor and chief editorial writer for the Baltimore News-American, Mr. Rabben also wrote the nationally syndicated column, "Education Notebook," for the past five years.

Central Md. Health Systems have five-year plan for all

The Central Maryland Health Systems Agency has set forth a series of key health care planning and development goals to be achieved during the next five years.

The goals are aimed at providing the building blocks for a comprehensive health care system accessible to everyone.

Established under the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act passed by Congress in 1974, the Central Maryland Health Systems Agency (CMHSA) serves the residents of Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties.

The agency is governed by a board chosen from among consumers of health services, providers and public officials. The 101-member governing body has 55 members representing consumers and 46 representing providers. Local elected officials or their appointees comprise approximately one-third of the membership.

The CMHSA has been built upon previous health care planning and resource development organizations that have been phased out under the new law. The organizations were the Maryland Regional Medical Program and Citizens Health Council.

CMHSA represents an unprecedented effort to provide a system of health services which is responsive to individual needs. It is a departure from the traditional way health services have been organized.

State juvenile crime rate continued to climb in '76

(UPI) — The juvenile crime rate continued climbing in Maryland last year but by a much smaller percentage than in 1975.

A total of 58,004 youths were taken to the state Department of Juvenile Services in 1976, compared to 57,162 in 1975, an increase of 1.5 per cent. The increase from 1974 to 1975 was 19.3 per cent.

Department Director Robert Hilson said he was wary about reading too much into the 1976 figures.

"Certainly a reduction in the rate of increase of cases as experienced in fiscal year 1976 does not establish a trend," Hilson wrote in the department's annual report.

"It can, however, become the beginning of a trend toward decreasing juvenile delinquency," he said.

But Hilson said there are more younger juveniles being brought to the department.

"What is really frightening is the number of kids under the age of 10 who were involved in burglaries last year," he said.

In fiscal 1976, he said, the department processed 146 burglaries involving children under 10, compared to 121 during 1975.

He said that other juvenile crimes committed by children under 10 included assault, vandalism and shoplifting.

Hilson suggested the overall slowdown was due to "some of the new programs we started five years ago which might be beginning to take effect."

He said the declining birth rate might also be a factor.

Hilson said police are better equipped to deal with juvenile delinquents than in the past. In Baltimore County, for example, the Police Department has 27 officers trained to deal with juveniles.

"The officers are better trained now and more aware of other resources out there to help," he said.

'ROOT'S' WRITER — Alex Haley, the author and celebrity, who dramatically re-traced the voyage of blacks from Africa to slavery to freedom in the United States, will sepak at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County campus, Monday, Feb. 28, in the Fieldhouse at 8 p.m. His lecture is open to the public free-of-charge.

Young Soloist Auditions at Park School in April

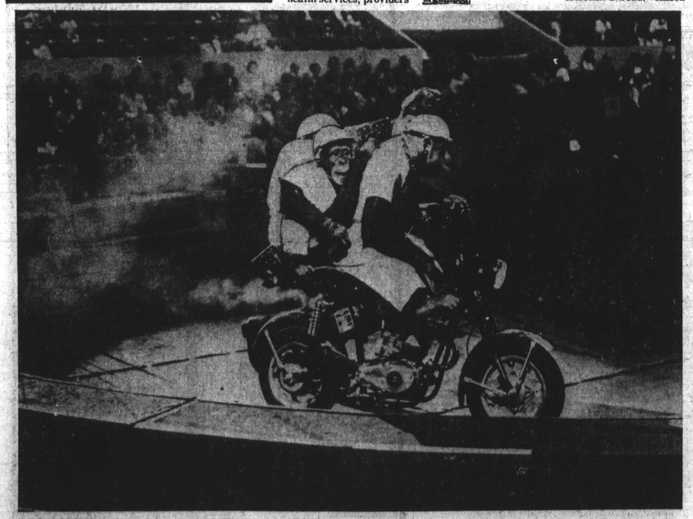
The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's 1977 Young Soloist Auditions will be held at the Park School, April 30 (Saturday) and May 1 (Sunday).

Applications are invited from interested young musicians currently enrolled as regular students in public, private, or parochial schools throughout the state.

Candidates, who are eligible through their senior year in high school, may perform on string instruments, brass, woodwinds, piano, or percussion, and will be asked to play a movement from a concerto or concert piece with orchestral accompaniment. The Park School is located on Old Court Rd. in Brooklandville.

The winning soloists will be given an opportunity to perform with the Baltimore Symphony at Mid-Week Youth Concerts in the Lyric Theatre and at area youth concerts.

The deadline for application is March 20. For more information please call Mrs. James W. Broadfoot, chairman, Young Soloist Auditions, at (332-7755 or Mrs. Harvey C. Landay, co-chairman, at (653-0097)



MOTORIZED MONKEYSHINES — Mickey Antalek's super chimps are featured animal entertainers in the dazzling new 10th Edition of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. The AFRO-Ringling Bros. and Barnum &Bailey Cricus Newsboy Contest Kicks-off today. See inside for details. The show opens at the Civic Center, Tuesday, March 15 through Sunday, March 27.

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'Do it till death,' says Alpha Kappa Alpha luncheon speaker

Oldest black sorority marks 66th year Sat.

By Marie Phillips-Cooke
Reflections Editor

For those several hundred women of color who attended, not expecting to leave there with a greater sense of awareness and commitment, are the ones who were most benefited. But for those who went "looking for a blessing" — more than what they came in with — were not disappointed . . . their spirits were truly what I'd like to term "revived."

It was almost like a service — the 66th Annual Founders' Day celebration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, recognized here by three chapters at a luncheon on last Saturday.

Three local basili opened the afternoon's activities: Soror Idell Pugh, basileus, Epsilon Omega Chapter, the alumni chapter; Soror Windy Deese, basileus, Alpha Delta Chapter, located on the campus of Morgan State University, and Soror Sharon Satchel, of the Epsilon Kappa Chapter, Coppin State College.

Program highlights leading up to the keynote address were:

— February 12, 1977 was Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day in Baltimore, proclaimed by Mayor William D. Schaefer. His administrative assistant Marguerite Campbell read the citation.

— The occasion was presented by Evelena Henderson, who told the audience, "We are here to pay homage to our family tree." Soror Henderson outlined AKA's projects on the national and local scales.

— Past Supreme Basileus Edna Over Campbell, who has also headed the local chapter, cited the past basili, most of whom were present: Virginia Vauls, Mildred Seabourne, Anita Wheatley, Emma Bright, Flossie Demond, Flozella Clark, Elsie Sessoms and Bernice Hunley.

Not present were: Lillian Murphy, Mabel Frisby and Vernice Reynolds.

— Soror Campbell recognized new officers and all of those sorors who have held office.

— Soror Pugh gave special recognition to the retiring basileus Vauls who had made "an in-

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DR. GWENDOLYN G. GRANT- gave keynote address

VIRGINIA VAULS retiring basileus

IDELL PUGH new basileus

EDNA CAMPBELL past supreme basileus

FLOSSIE DEDMOND past basileus

BERNICE HUNLEY past basileus

ELSIE SESSOMS past basileus

EMMA BRIGHT past basileus

ANITA WHEATLEY past basileus

MILDRED SEABOURNE past basileus

FLOZELLA CLARK past basileus

Pan-African Weekend was a 'first' for state

The Pan - African Liberation Weekend in Baltimore, sponsored by the Henry McNeil Turner Society of the Bethel African Methodist Church made history in this country.

One HMTS member commented that the series of events "represented a realization of the people here of the common struggle — their willingness to get involved in the struggle."

It was significant because it was the first to be held in the State of Maryland and city of Baltimore."

Some four activities highlighted the weekend, beginning on last Friday evening and ending on Sunday morning. They were: the showing of two South African revolution films at Coppin State College on Friday where producer-director was present.

On Saturday — all day a Pan-African Liberation Conference was held at Bethel where representatives from various African and Caribbean countries lead panel discussions.

Later that evening, some 12 African and West Indian ambassadors were feted at two receptions held on the campus of Morgan State University.

And on Sunday, the weekend culminated with a special Umoja (Unity) worship service at Bethel. The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor, gave the sermon.

ABOUT TURNER

The Henry McNeil Turner Society's own "roots" go back to Henry McNeil Turner, an AME minister from 1858 to 1880, and a bishop of the AME Church from 1880 to 1915. (Turner was Senior Bishop from 1895 until his

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President and Mrs. Andrew T. Billingsley hosted a reception at their Morgan State University residence for the African and Caribbean ambassadors on Saturday evening. The President's reception was followed by a public gathering held at the Morgan Refectory. Both affairs were held in conjunction with the Pan-African Weekend, sponsored by the Henry McNeil Turner Society of Bethel AME Church where the Rev. John R. Bryant, shown here with wife, Cecelia, is pastor.

AFRO staff photos by Benjamin M. Phillips

The Hon. Parren J. Mitchell, left, lended his support to Henry McNeil Turner Society by extending the invitations to the guest ambassadors from the various embassies housed in Washington, D.C. Congressman Mitchell is shown here with Jamaican Ambassador Alfred Rattmay, center, and Maryland Senator Robert Douglass.

Nigerian Ambassador Olu Sanu, center, is greeted by Attorney David Allen, president, Henry McNeil Turner Society, and Dr. Paulette Coleman, coordinator of the Pan-African Weekend, at a reception given for some 12 African and Caribbean ambassadors on Saturday at Morgan State University.

Coming to Reflections

"WEAA Radio: Mahogany Message Media"
"House-hunting? Consider," homesteading"
By Benjamin M. Phillips

"Correcting some of damages winter did to your figure."
By Marie Phillips Cooke

Speaking of women

(A look at what black women are doing locally.)

Ms. Bland selected NAACP program head

Michele Bland has been named to the newly created post of program director for the Baltimore branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP.)

She ranked No. 1 among a group of 12 persons who applied for the job, and was selected by an interviewing panel of the board on Friday.

Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, branch president, said of the appointment: "I am very happy she came out on top. We had an excellent group of 12 applicants, 6 of whom the committee invited for interviews.

Ms. Bland will be responsible for general program of the branch, working closely with board committees and community groups to develop positive action programs and establishing priorities. In addition, she will be responsible for developing fund-raising programs.

The 29-year-old Ms. Bland is an honor graduate of Morgan State University, where she majored in speech communication. She had previously worked with the Department of Parole and Probation, the Baltimore summer corps and in private industry.

This past fall, she was coordinator of the branch's annual membership drive which raised over $110,000 in local memberships. This was in additon to the $160,000 Baltimore raised for the NAACP Mississippi crisis under the direction of Allen Quilie.

Members of the selection committee were Ms. Marie Henderson, chairperson; Ms. Ida Russell, Norman Watkins Jr., and Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Moss. The post pays $11,500.

Michele Bland

Ms. Colom is Political Caucus Head

Audrey Colom is Chairwoman of the National Women's Political Caucus and will participate in the Women's Fair, Feb. 21, 1 to 9 p.m. at Polytechnic Institute.

Prior to her election to this position, she served as National Vice-Chairperson and as President of the D.C. Women's Political Caucus. She was appointed by former President Ford to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year and chairs its Committee on Child Development.

She studied the effects of classification of children in education and other institutions for the Children's Defense Fund, a public interest law firm and research group, and she has written and co-authored handbooks for parents and lay advocates on placements for children with special needs in the District of Columbia.

Ms. Colon also has develop and directed reading programs for black children in both New York City and Washington, has taught in the D.C. Public Schools, and helped develop the first high school equivalency program for women incarcerated in the D.C. Women's Detention Center.

Audrey R. Colom

She has received numerous awards for her dedicated service to improving the quality of life in our society.

Ms. Colom is currently employed at the Corporation For Public Broadcasting as Director of Women's Activities.

Community calendar

Feb. 18

University of Baltimore Homecoming Dance entitled "Las Vegas Night," at Martins Champagne Room, 2701 W. Patapsco Ave., 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Call: 727-6350 ext. 250.

Hanlon Improvement Association holds monthly meeting. Topic: "Consumer Survival Kit," 2525 N. Ellamont St., 8-10 p.m.

Feb. 19

Public forum entitled Voices of American Indian Resistance, Johns Hopkins Hopkins University campus, Levering Hall at 8 p.m. Call: 435-7995 — 426-1273.

Spinoza Inc., sponsors a Valentine Carbaret, Martin's West, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Feb. 20

Annual Men's Day, Garrison Blvd. United Methodist Church, Garrison Blvd. and Alto Rd., 11 a.m.

Druid Action Association, Inc. holds second annual membership drive meeting, St. Katherine's Church, Presstman and Division Sts., 2 p.m.

Annual meeting of the Mid-West Inner City Federal Credit Union, St. Peter Clavers' hall, Carey and Presstman St., 3 p.m.

Tri-State Association of Md., Del. and D.C. IPOE of W will hold a Bull and Oyster Roast at Union Hall, 305 W. Monument St. Call: 624-4794.

Women of Christ United Methodist Church, Chase and Washington Streets will present the Majestics, 5 p.m.

192nd Anniversary Banquet Committee of Bethel AME presents the Arena Players in "Showcase" at the Playhouse, McCulloh Street, 7:30 p.m. Call: Francina Waters, 669-8247 or church office, 523-4273.

Feb. 19-20

Northeast Craft Fair Ltd., is sponsoring a Winter Market of American Crafts at Baltimore Civic Center, noon-8 p.m. Call: 837-0903.

Feb. 21

Roller Skating Party, sponsored by Urban Services Teen Centers Project, Painters Mills Skating Rink, 6 p.m.

Feb. 22

Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society will meet at Heritage United Church of Christ, Liberty Heights and Denlyn Rd., 8 p.m.

Feb. 23

Baltimore Chapter of the National Black Political Assembly sponsors a community forum, "The Life and Historical Impact of Malcolm X," Enoch Pratt Library, North and Pennsylvania Ave., 6 p.m.

Feb. 24

"Arthritis," an informational program co-sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation and Enoch Pratt Free Library, at Enoch Pratt Northwood Branch, 7 p.m.

Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Urban Services Teen Centers Project, Guild Hall, Lafayette and Arlington Ave., 7 p.m.

Feb. 25

Testimonial for Mrs. Geraldine D. Baker after 31 years as a school teacher, at Meushaw's Restaurant, Security Blvd., 7 p.m.

Feb. 26

Annual Benefit Card and Bingo Party by the Peal Museum Task Force Committee, Madison Ave. YWCA, 4-7 p.m.

Association of Black Media Workers holds media workshop in northeast community, City College Campus, 3220 Alameda, Music and Industrial Bldg. 10 a.m.

Feb. 27

Auxiliary of Provident Hospital holds Annual Dinner Dance at La Fontaine Rouge, 3407 Belair Rd., 5-9 p.m. Call: 945-1058.

Howard University Alumni Baltimore Chapter celebrates its 100th Charter Day at the Sheraton Inn, Broadway and Orleans St. Guest speaker: Dr. W. Montague Cobb, first vice-president of NAACP, Call: 947-2424.

Zeta chapter of Theta Nu Sigma Sorority held its Annual Hair and Fashion Extravaganza, at La Fontaine Bleu, 3120 Erdman Ave. Call: 726-6886.

Woman Power holds annual membership tea, Enon Baptist Edmondson and Schroeder Street, 3-6 p.m. Chairperson, Virginia Synch, Betty Shelton and Beatrice Carroll, Call 233-2878.

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