GROUNDBREAKING was held recently for the new East Baltimore Medical Center. Among those who participated shown are Mrs. Elizabeth Ward, Sen Robert L. Douglass, Del. Joe Chester, Del. Hattie Harrison, Councilman Clarence Burns and Nathaniel McFadden.

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Groundbreaking held for medical center

East Baltimore will have a new medical center.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held recently at the future site of the facility. City officials who attended the ceremony were Mayor Schaefer; Clarence Burns, vice president of the City Council; State Senator Robert L. Douglas and City Councilman Nathan Irby.

The Dunbar Senior High School Band performed and Rev. Willie Chambers gave the invocation. Rev. Phillip Campbell read the benediction.

The new East Baltimore Medical Center is a medical program offering comprehensive medical care services to residents of the East Baltimore Community. The center now serves some 14,000 enrollees.

The Center will provide approximately 30,000 sq.ft. of floor space. The cost for the new facility is $1,762,074.

The Center is an outgrowth of concern by community leaders and neighbors to bring quality medical care at the lowest possible cost.

The architect, Sultan and Campbell Associates, chartered, is a minority-owned architectural firm, originally established as a partnership in 1964, in Washington, D.C.

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Weekend TV watching

By Vanessa Johnson

Friday: June 24

Sanford and Son: After a minor hearing problem is remedied, Fred decides to keep the cure a secret and milk the ailment for more of Donna's attention. 8-8:30 p.m.-NBC.

CBS Movie: "West Side Story"—Hollywood's most honored musical which earned a near-record of 10 Academy Awards 8-11 p.m.-CBS.

Quincy: The death of a woman writing a sizzling romana clef about Hollywood is attributed to alcoholism until inconsistencies crop up. 9:30-11:00 p.m.-NBC

Barretta: A dying mobster entrusts his young fiancee with a note book avidly sought by both the police and other gangsters. 11:33-12:30 a.m.-ABC.

Midnight Special: Gregg Allman, Jennifer Warnes, Elvin Bishop Bad Company, Jerry Lee Lewis, Booker T. and The MG's and Little Richard. 1:00-2:00 a.m.-NBC.

Don Krishner's Rock Concert: Numbers by Labelle include "Lady Marmalade," "Chameleon" and "Come in to My Life." 2:30-4:30 a.m.-ABC.

Saturday: June 25

The Irish Sweeps Derby from Dublin, Ireland, to be broadcast on a delayed basis, and highlights of the finals in the eighth annual "World Series of Poker," held in Las Vegas, Nevada. 5:00-6:00 p.m. - CBS.

Wonder Woman. Enemy agents are waiting when Steve Trevor, with Diana Prince, arrives in Hollywood to star in a movie about war heroes. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-ABC.

All In The Family: The Bunker home is ravaged by fire — and then by Archie. 9:00-9:30 p.m.-CBS.

Starsky and Hutch — Detectives Starsky and Hutch spend a frenzied Sunday afternoon in pursuit of two homicidal robbers who don't know their stolen car contains a powerful time bomb set to explode late that day. 9:00-10:00 p.m.-ABC.

Sunday: June 26

Hardy Boys - Nancy Drew Mysteries — "The Mystery of the Whispering Walls" (R). An unseen intruder breaks into the Drew home stealing documents relating to the sale of Nancy's Aunt's property, which takes Nancy off to their country home where she is confronted by clanging chains, secret panels and eccentric people. 7:00-8:00 p.m.-ABC.

Brothers Johnson . . . got the funk out

By Frederick I. Douglass

The Brothers Johnson, one of the nation's hottest attractions got all the funk out of the people who ventured to the Capital Center Friday night to see them in concert with Eastchantment and Graham Central Station.

More than 15,000 enthusiastic brothers and sisters as well as a smattering of Europeans made the mean scene wherein sounds rebounded around until the wee hours of the morning. The Brothers Johnson did it all, lambasting the crowd with extended versions of hit material from their albums "Look Out for Number One" and "Right on Time."

The Brothers played tribute to their mentor Quincy Jones by belting out a mellow up tempo instrumental jam titled "Q," which really evokes the man's personality. The tune is a beautiful original composition that started the groove on the move. Next they swung into the title track of their latest album "Right on Time" and set the people to dancing and heartily partying.

The show was Festival Style which means that there were no seats on the floor or the Capital Center. It also means that more than 2,000 people crammed the area and did some lively stepping. It was a beautiful vibration because there were no fights or hassle. The pungent smell of herb permeated the air and overpriced soft drinks and junk food were being sold to long lines of people in the lobby.

No matter which way you turned there was a show going on, from both the stage and out in the thundering crowd. The latest fashions cling to the torsos of lovely ladies who strolled about, rhythmically jiggling to the beat. People were hanging out in the lobby greeting old friends and meeting new ones.

The crowd came from Baltimore, Washington and the surrounding area and were here to hear the Johnson's play.

Brothers Johnson gave them their money's worth as they wailed away on tunes like Runn'n' for Your Lovin'" and "Free Yourself, Be Yourself" which served as appetizers for hard core phonograph recordings like "Land of Ladies, "Thunder Thumbs and Lightnin' Licks," "The Devil" and "I'll be Good to You" from their first album.

These jams whipped the crowd up to a fever pitch and when the Brothers Johnson got around to playing their latest hit Strawberry Letter 23," the people went berserk, hollering and screaming while those on the floor got into a heavy revival bag and danced the shout.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Rosalie) Hooks, co-founder of Negro Ensemble of New York and D. C. Repertory Co. with Ronald (Smokey) Stevens, who plays Time Man and Emcee in "Bubbling". Right, Kiki Sheppard. Stevens and Vikki Baltimore who plays Helen are protegees of Mr. Hooks.

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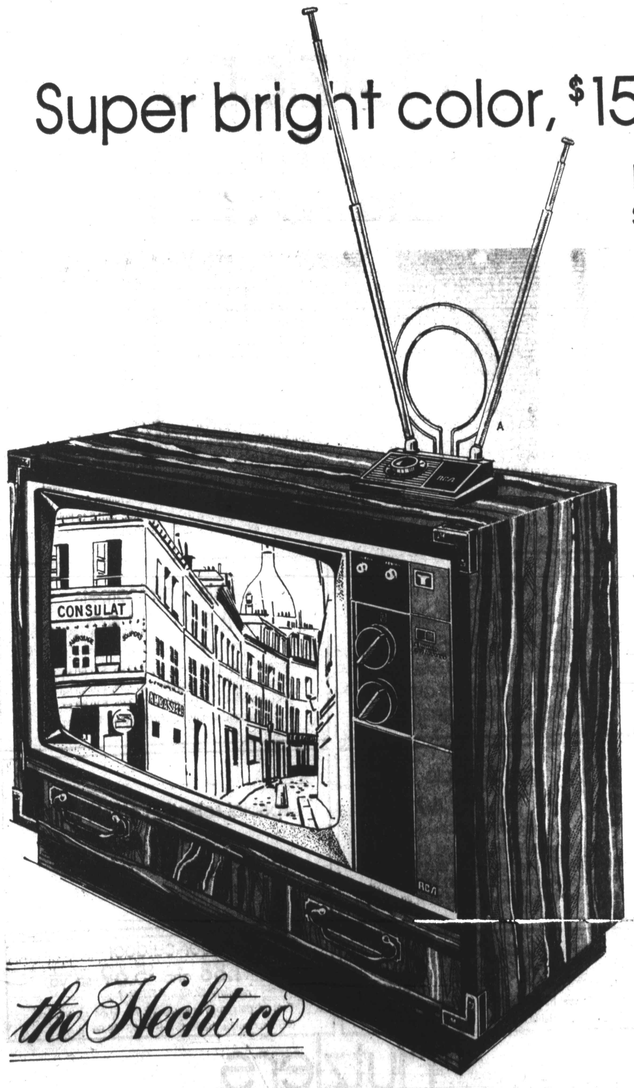

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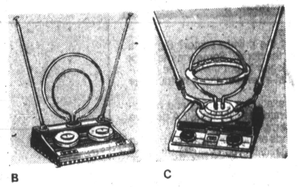

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