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9. **Porcelain Trinket Box:** 1 7/8" cube is white with colored porcelain ribbon and a bow.
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A star is born: Gene began his acting career at age 4

By Michele L. McRae

"I want to be an actor and a pro-football player just like O.J. Simpson," says 8-year-old, Eugene Williams Jr., with a determined voice.

And I bet he will be just about Gene, as he is professionally referred to got off to an early start at the tender age of 4 when he began appearing on Safeway Stores commercials. Since then its been one promotion after another.

Like appearing with well-known comedian-actor, Bill Cosby in Jello pudding commericals. Gene's also done advertisements for Scope mouthwash, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Ryders Truck Rental, Parks Sausage and Fruit of the Loom. There are others, but far too numerous to mention.

A third grade student at McDonough School in Baltimore County, Gene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Helen M.) Williams Sr. Day is coordinator of secondary education at Howard University and Mom is an English teacher in one of Columbia's high schools.

How does one so young begin planning his career so early? Well, "It was all a mistake," says Gene.

My Day was talking to a tax consultant and I picked-up the brochure and began asking very intelligent questions about it. The consultant looked at my father in amazement and told him he had a friend that was looking for a young actor," says Gene.

Now Gene is starring on the popular daytime soap box opera, "Search for Tommorrow". He's playing the role of a 8-year old orphan, Jamie Lawrence who was accidentally hit by a car and rushed to the hospital.

Gene has been contracted for six episodes of the program, but hopes that he will be picked-up for additional series.

During his career the young actor has starred in documentary films which include, "The Life of A.G. Gaspon," where Gene played A.G. Gaspon and "The Man Who Loved the Stars," a story about Benjamin Banneker, where he played Isaac, Ben's little friend.

Gene has co-hosted talk shows, participated in the Bicentennial Parade, the Cherry Blossom Parade and was one of the millions of guests personally invited by President Jimmy Carter to his Inaugural Ball.

A member of the Columbian Junior Young Columbiansn a singing and dancing group that entertains along the east coast, Gene and his family are members of St. Johns Baptist Church.

Also a member of the Columbia Chapter of Tota and Teens, Gene's favorite hobbies and playing football, basegall basketball and reading books.

ACTOR AND PARENTS — Gene Williams Jr. is pictured with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams Sr. (Helen) in their Columbia, Md. home.

tattle-tales

..ONE OF OUR GOOD PUBLIC SERVICE sisters, Ms. Michele Bland, program coordinator of the Baltimore NAACP has worked so hard during the past few months raising membership funds that she had to slow down in the midst of winter for a vacation.

..THE SCHOOL WORLD is buzzing about the tragedy that befell a lady educator in the county. Just after her main man had dropped by to show her his new Caddy and had driven off produly, Gabriel blew his horn, and a fatal accident followed.

No one returns from the grave so she is without keys to the Seville or retirement cash he had intended to transfer to her account.

And so we understand that as secret lovers must, said lady had to hold a separate wake with a few close friends and settle for a back bench at the funeral.

His wife keeps everything and left the cemetery smiling.

..VIVACIOUS Marie Henderson has figured out a way to beat inflation. Her new job with dear lovable County Exec. Teddy Venetoulis is closer to her Pikesville home and she makes several grand more than she did in her job as aide to the mayor.

Don, according to Linwood Ivey, a member of Mayor's cabinet told the AFRO that Marie was only making a stingy $14,000 a year as a city worker. Don't forget to come back in town once in a while to see us.

..ANOTHER MAN ABOUT TOWN recently departed would have been saddened to see his number two woman literally hurled off the porch of his home, blonde hair flying in the wind, when she came to pay her respects. Baltimore widows do not play, y'all!

Register for YWCA first leader luncheon by Feb. 1

As a salute to women, the Baltimore Metropolitan YWCA will hold its first leader Luncheon on Tuesday, April 4, noon, in the Grand Ballroom of the Belvedere Hotel.

For the occasion the YWCA will invite business people in the Baltimore area to select women who have achieved upper and middle management level positions in their firms to be honored at the luncheon. A reception will be held preceding the luncheon for each honoree, who will receive an award and a special gift. Tickets are $40 per person.

In order to participate, you must:

1. Reserve places for all representing your firm. (whole tables seating 10 persons are available)
2. Designate women who are decision makers in your organization to be honored at the luncheon.

They will have:
public recognition
certificates of achievement
listing in souvenir program with the name of your organization.

Jane Christie, Executive Director of the YWCA, explained: "Untold numbers of women are making major contributions to the business community. As an organization dedicated to the interests and support of contemporary women, we welcome this opportunity to have women recognized for their accomplishments.

Thirty four women from the Greater Baltimore area have consented to serve on the Leader Luncheon Council, the volunteer group responsible for the project. The council is headed by two experienced YWCA volunteers, Mrs. Mary Hymen of Stevenson, and Mrs. Marjorie Vogele of Timonium.

Other members include:

Pauline Brooks, Edna Campbell, Shoshana Cardin, Mary Caulfield, Sharon Christopher, Dorothy Clapp, Marie Cooke, Janet Covington, Rita Goetze, Christine Hall, Sandy Hillman, Diane Hoffman, Eleanor Kunkel, Naomi Levinson, Bettye Moss, Jo Ann Orlinsky, Patricia Page, Ann Pearlstone, Ruth Pratt, Hope Quackenbush, DeVera Redmond, Bernice Robinson, Mary Robinson, Alice Russell, Phyllis Shelton, Elizabeth Shipley, Catherine Valsecchi, Pat Wheeler and Bernice White.

Proceeds from the Leader Luncheon will be used to further the work of the YWCA, a United Fund agency supported partly by membership dues and donations.

For further information, or to receive invitations to the Leader Luncheon, business and industry representatives may call the YWCA Executive Offices at 685-1460.

LOCAL CLUB NOTES

James A. Joseph is speaker for Sigmas Founder's Day

The metropolitan chapters of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. will celebrate their National Founders Day at Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville, Saturday, Jan. 14, 1 p.m.

James A. Joseph, undersecretary of the Department of the Interior, is the keynote speaker. He will address his remarks to the fraternity's national theme — "Sigma: Building Bridges into the Eighties".

Joseph is a graduate of Southern University and received a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University and an LHD degree from Shaw University. He was ordained a minister in 1963.

Joseph has served on the faculties of Stillman College (Alabama), Pitzer College (California) and The Claremont School of Theology (California).

He has received many awards, including a Distinguished Service Award, Yale Alumni Association of Afro - Americans.

The organization will feature its three national programs: education, social action and bigger - better business. An award will be given for outstanding contributions in each category.

The education award will be given to Dr. Percy V. Williams, Maryland State Department of Education. Brother John Bland of Columbia will receive the social action award and Richard G. Thomas Sr., president of Thomas Motor Cross, Lothian, Md., will receive the bigger - better business award.

Theta Chi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi will present their second annual art exhibit, "Art Behind Bars", featuring art work by Baltimore City Jail inmates.

James A. Joseph

The exhibit opens Jan. 16 at University of Maryland, Baltimore County, library, second floor exhibit hall. The exhibit runs through Feb. 12.

Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma chapter, and the Morgan State University Office of Laboratory and Field Experience are sponsoring the 26th annual seminar. The topic of this year's seminar is "Helping Today's Youth Face Problems in Today's Society". The seminar will be held in the Martin Jenkins building lecture hall, Saturday, Jan. 14 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Grover McCrea, city school commissioner, is the keynote speaker.

For more information call 396-0636.

The Kappa Phi Lambda chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will hold its Third Annual Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast at the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center, the Meeting House, Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast is given annually to commemorate Dr. King's birthday and to raise money for the Kappa Phi Lamda chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha scholarship fund.

James A. Joseph, undersecretary of the Department of Interior, will be the keynote speaker.

Ticket information can be obtained by calling 730-4520, 730-7120, 596-6217 or 730-4324.

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The Pacesetters

Baltimoreans doing things in business, the professions and community service

Bass, Bridge and Salzman, a general partnership specializing in planning and coordinating life insurance, health insurance and employee fringe benefits announces the opening of their new offices.

Shepherd L. McDuffie

The partnership offices are located in Columbia, Md., and business is conducted in principal cities along the Eastern Seaboard.

The principals at the Columbia offices are: Charles M. Bass, - Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU); Larry S. Bridge and Kenneth M. Salzman (CLU).

Associated with Bass, Bridge and Salzman is Shepherd L. McDuffie, special agent. Prior to McDuffie's association with Bass, Bridge and Salzman he served as controller for the East Baltimore Community Corporation.

McDuffie's financial experience stems from his work as an auditor for Ernst and Ernst, Certified Public Accountants. He is presently director of placement for the National Association of Black Accountants.

Ms. Judith Y. Johnson, Waldorf, Md., senior at Ball State University, Muncie, Ind., is president of the Student Center Governing Board for the 1977-78 school year.

Ms. Judith Y. Johnson

Ms. Johnson served on the board's special events committee last year and was selected as president after being interviewed by the 11-member board.

The board brings speakers to campus, plans recreational activities at the Student Center, sponsors a film series and co-sponsors some functions with the dining service.

A psychology major, Ms. Johnson entered Ball State with a Martin Luther King scholarship awarded by the university. She has been on the Honors Program for four years and is working on an honors thesis dealing with motivation, emotion and humor. She plans to go to graduate school at the University of Michigan or University of North Dakota prior to going into counseling.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Johnson, 2307 Just Place, Waldorf, Md. and the late Francis Johnson.