AFRAM Expo '78 draws 200,000

AFRAM ENTERTAINMENT — Jimmy Heath and his musicians performed at AFRAM Expo '78.

STRUTTING DOWN HOWARD STREET — Many city marching groups and majorettes participated in the AFRAM parade held last Sunday.

Pressman endorses Venetoulis

Baltimore City Comptroller Hyman A. Pressman endorsed the Democratic campaign for Governor of Theodore Venetoulis and at the same time lashed out at Acting Gov. Blair Lee III for his "lack of initiative."

"If Lee had showed some performance in office, he would have run away from the pack in the race for governor," Pressman said. "But his refusal to discuss issues shows that he holds himself above the peasants and has contempt for common people."

Pressman made his endorsement of the Baltimore County Executive and his running mate, Ann Stockett, at a news conference in Baltimore's War Memorial Plaza.

Pressman, who said Venetoulis had an "excellent chance of winning," recited a poem in making his endorsement.

"I know one thing about Ted Venetoulis. You can be sure that he will never fool us," Pressman said.

"I perceive this election as a horse race. The horse who comes from the back and is moving fatest will win," said Pressman.

Benetoulis welcomed the endorsement.

"Hyman Pressman's support of our campaign for governor gives us a real boost," he said. "It is just the sort of quality endorsement that we look for in this campaign."

Both politicians then went off to a meeting with Baltimore Mayor William D. Schaefer, who greeted Venetoulis by saying, "this is the next governor. I have been wanting to have a word with the next governor."

Schaefer declined to say if he would endorse Venetoulis, telling reporters, "you are guests today and if you'd like to stay guests . . ."

Venetoulis described his 15 - minute meeting with Schaefer as "nice and informal. The mayor is an old personal friend of mine."

Benetoulis served as Schaefer's campaign manager when Schaefer ran for mayor in 1971.

Sen. Mathias sponsores amendment to stop Social Security transfers

The Senate appropriations committee adopted Wednesday an amendment by Sen. Charles Mathias, R-Md., that would stop funding for a planned transfer of 300 Social Security Administration employees from Woodlawn, Md., to Washington.

The amendment would be part of the fiscal 1978 appropriations bills for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Labor Department.

To be adopted, the amendment must be approved by the Appropriations Committee and a joint House-Senate conference committee.

"To the extent that the move is designed to increase HEW control over the SSA, it is gravely in error," he said.

Mathias said he proposed the amendment because moving 300 employees from Woodlawn, a suburb of Baltimore, would be "devastating" to the morale of the remaining employees and because of the "effect it willhave on the strength and independence of the Social Security Administration.

Mathias said the amendment is intended to reinforce a 1955 amendment thatprohibited the old Bureau of Old Age and Survivors Benefits from moving to Washington.

The Maryland congressional delegation has sent a letter to HEW Secretary Joseph Califano proteeling the planned transfer and asking for a meeting with him.

Meanwhile, the General Accounting Office has begun investigatiing the financial and administrative effects of the transfer at the order of Rep. James A. Burke, D-Mass., chairman of the Social Security subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The investigation also concerns the proposed transfer of about 850 employees of the health care finance administration from Washington to Woodlawn.

Webster, Ms. Marriott vying for Park Heights endorsment

A political power strugle is currently going on in the 40th legislative district between Ms. Salima Marriott and Del. Kenneth Webster.

Ms. Marriott, a candidate for the state central committee on Sen. Verda Welcome's slate, and Del. Webster, who is running for re - election to the House of Delegates, are vying for the endorsement of the Park Heights Community Corp.

Both candidates are active members of the organization.

According to poltical sources, the two candidates are jockeying for the endorsement because the group can deliver a good portion of the votes in the district.

Park Heights is the largest and most active community group in the district.

For Ms. Marriott the endorsement would not only help her ticket and her won pvlitical future but she could guarentee the Fourth Distict the group's help in getting the votes to elect Howard "Pete " Rawlings to the House of Delegates.

Sources say Rawlings is Sen. Verda Welcome's heir - apparent for the Senate seat in 1982.

The Park Heights endorsement for Webster would help his own campaign which suffered a setback after he was dropped from the Metro Democratic Organization's slate.

Webster also wants the endorsement so he too can deliver the votes Rawlings needs to win a seat in the House.

Sources close to the Webster camp believe Del. Troy Brailey will win one seat and Webster the other, leaving the third for Rawlings.

It would also prove Webster can win a House seat without any major political backing.

Attorney General candidates disagree

Stephen Sachs and Jon Oster, two candidates for the democratic Attorney General nomination next month, continue to differ on the role of the office.

Sachs, a former U.S. Attorney, contends that the Attorney General's office should prosecute political corruption rather than rely on the U.S. Attorney's office.

Oster, presently the Deputy Attorney General, says the office should have no part in such activity.

"He is flat-out wrong," Oster said. "The Attorney General is no place for a supercop indeed, the Attorney General plays and should play almost no role in prosecuting political corruption. This is the one thing that Maryland Democrats must realize before they step into voting booths Sept. 12 .

"Prosecuting political corruption properly belongs to the state's attorneys and the state prosecutor — and not the Attorney General," he said. "It is vital that the job of Attorney General is understood because to do the job you have to know the job."

Oster said that the Attorney General's power to prosecute was transferred to local state's attorney in 1850. The 1977 General Assembly created the office of state special prosecutor to prosecute white collar crime and political corruption. That position was filled by gerald glass.

Oster said the study commission that recommended creating glass's office did so because the Attorney General's office has no experience or tradition as a prosecutor and because it felt the chief state prosecutor should be free or partisan politics.

Disagreement over UMES, Salisbury cooperation

The president os Salisbury State College denied Thursday that he agreed to cooperate with the University of Maryland's plans to pool research programs at Salisbury and the UM's Eastern Shore Campus at Princess Anne.

Norman Crawford said he never talked about a plan between the two schools, which UM President John Toll announced Tuesday in Salisbury.

Toll said he talked with Crawford about faculty exchanges, faculty meetings to share intersts and cooperation in research programs.

But Crawford said he only met with Toll three times in July and such a plan was never detailed.

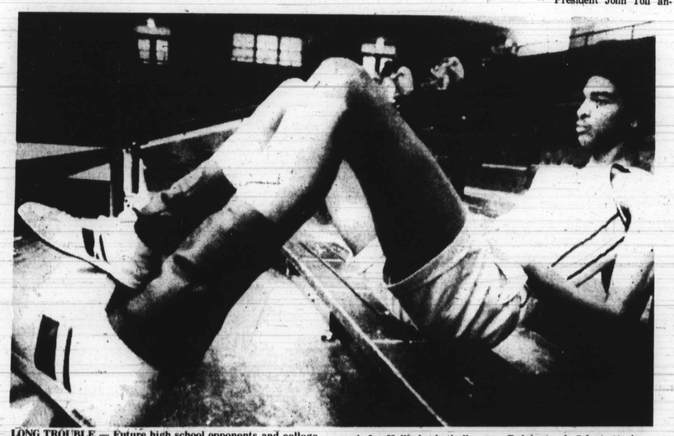
"I never discussed with him, or had any conversation with him, concerning the region," Crawford said. "I only said, 'Hello' to him and shook his hand. I did tell him that I would be happy to cooperate with him, but he did not discuss region."

Crawford said he has received a copy of Toll's UMES plan, which calls for boosting declining enrollment at the school by adding programs.

But Toll reiterated that he had discussed the matter with Crawford.

"We have discussed faculty exchanges and are open to all forms of cooperation," he said.

Toll said he talked to Crawford at a July 11 State Board of Universities and Colleges meeting and that Crawford had assured him he was intrested in cooperation.



LONG TROUBLE — Future high school opponents and college or pro foes could be in real trouble when Ralph Sampson finishes growing and filling out. The 18-year-old senior at Harrisonburg (Va.) High School is shown relaxing at Kentucky coach Joe Hall's basketball camp. Ralph stands 7 feet, 1½ inches and appears headed for a Wildcat guint that already is the national champion.

Subway may get federal $

State Transportation Secretary Hermann K. Intemann says he thinks a Maryland request for an $11 million federal transit design grant will be approved over requests from other states because "we're the cheapest."

The state is vying for federal dollars against an Atlanta request for $1 billion for its rapid transit system and a $353 million request from Washington's Metro for Glenmont subway line in Maryland's Montgomery County.

The $11 million grant is to be used to design an extension of Baltimore's rapid transit line to Owings Mills, state transportation officials said.

The federal Urban Mass Transit Administration has asked cities to complete the final design of transit projects so total costs can be more accurately calculated.

The design grant is also required before the state can apply for a multi - million dollar construction grant for the six - mile extension to Owings Mills, a northwestern suburg of Baltimore.

Intemann said he would ask the 1980 General Assembly to approve the state's 20 percent portion of the Owings Mills line construction costs.

Total cost of the project has been estimated between $140 and $160 million, he said.

The first eight - mile segment of the Baltimore System, to run from Charles Center to Reisterstown Road Plaza, is scheduled to open in 1982.

Construction of the Owings Mills line could begin as early as 1981, said Larry Saben, a Transportation Department transit planner.

7plication for the $11 million grant is expected to be submitted to the federal transit office within the next few months.

The state's portion of the design work would amount to $2.2 million, a figure expected to be included in next year's transportation department budget request.

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U.S. debt forces halt of savings bond sales

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department has suspended savings bond sales for only the third time in history because inflation and a decade of federal deficits have pushed the U.S. debt above three-quarters of a trillion dollars.

A department spokeswoman said the suspension was imposed because the government has reached its debt limit of $752 billion. Legislation to raise the ceiling to $798 billion has passed the house and awaits approval of the senate.

The department sent notices to 40,000 banks, corporations and other issuing agents to stop new sales of bonds immediately.

Baltimore Afro-American BACK TO SCHOOL

Goal of Baltimore's public schools: To prepare students to win in life

Good year seen despite problems with the budget

By Dr. John L. Crew Sr.
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Running a large urban school system is a great deal like managing a national league football team.

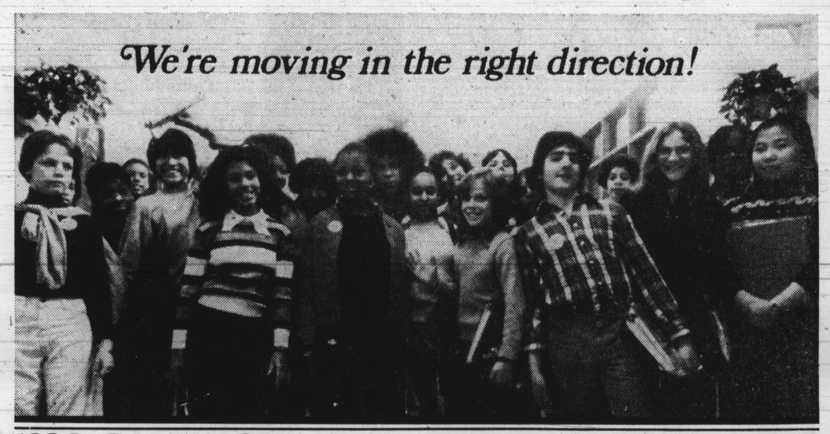
Excitement runs high when you're gearing up for the fall season and the anticipation is particularly keen when it follows intense and thoughtful planning to improve your team's record.

However, my consuming interest lies not in the game of football, but in education, and our goal is not just to score touchdowns, but to prepare youngsters for winning at life.

On both fields of endeavor, a highly coordinated teamwork is absolutely essential to produce a championship season.

In our educational game, the team players are called students, the coaches are teachers, referees are administrators, and our cheerleaders come in both sexes, and are most often called parents.

Of course, there are other similarities between the two activities: both football and education need special places to play in — stadiums, schools;



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Dr. John L. Crew

equipment to play with — balls, books; and rules to play by, whether established by the NFL or the Board of School Commissioners.

And both activities are controlled in the area of funding by the owner or the city government who decides how much money will be spent in training and supplies each year.

Long before football became the national fall sport, the Baltimore City Public Schools have been educating and training city youngsters for the game of life — helping the children of Baltimore to become informed and useful citizens and to lead happy and productive lives.

Although educational methods and practices have changed over the years, the purpose of the school system has always been to prepare young people to succeed.

My own personal mission, summed up in the motto "Educational Excellence," is to provide the best educational program possible for the youth of this city, and in the process to make the Baltimore City Public Schools one of the leading public school systems in the nation.

Even with the budgetary constraints imposed upon us for the next year, I am confident that the 1978-79 school year will be another very successful and productive year for the Department of Education.

In the coming year, there will be a continuing emphasis on the basic skills — reading, writing and mathematics, because we know from experience that successful individuals must acquire competence in these basic skill areas.

Staying in school key to success in life

Employers do not want to hire employees who cannot read, write or speak coherently.

By 1982, students will have to pass minimum reading tests in order to graduate from high school in Maryland.

Unfortunately, some students in junior and senior high school think that they don't need to go to school, that their classes are boring or unrelated to their lives, and that they know enough to get along in a job.

What they don't realize is that people without sufficient education often get trapped in dead-end jobs or worse still, no jobs at all.

What we as administrators, teachers and parents need to stress to all our youngsters is that success later on in life often depends upon staying in school, developing your talents, and stretching your mind, so that you can choose what you want to do with your life.

Sometimes students feel as if they're playing third or fourth string on a football team, always sitting on the bench waiting to be put in the game. They have to go to practice every day, work out hard, listen to the coach, memorize plays, and they wonder if they'll ever really get on the field.

But then one day, when the first string is out, and the coach is looking for replacements to send in, he's going to pick those who have been to practice faithfully, who are in top physical and mental shape, and who know the plays.

He's never going to select the players who have dropped out or who have stopped trying.

In the past years, we have made great strides in improving the quality of education in Baltimore City. Our standardized achievement tests have shown improvement, and in an effort to meet the needs of all students, we have introduced challenging new programs at every level.

One accomplishment I am particularly proud of is the reopneing of 149-year-old City College. This fall, City College will offer "A" and "B" courses in the humanities and social sciences to over 300 qualified male and female students.

A further innovation is the citywide academic junior high school program which will begin at Roland Park in September for 175 seventh graders.

There were so many qualified applicants for this new program that next year we will open another advanced citywide junior high center.

Still another "A" course will open at Northwestern High School in response to student needs. It is clear that there is growing student and parental interest in the more rigorous academic programs.

In this tight labor market, employers are demanding competence, parents want their children to achieve and to be self-sufficient, and students themselves are eager to be challenged and to grow in their abilities.

For students who prefer more specific and immediate career preparation, the vocational-technical

What you do with brain is really what counts

high school programs at Carver and Mergenthaler offer a variety of intense career training programs designed to equip young people to enter the job arena with marketable skills upon graduation.

Everyone is born with slightly different natural abilities, aptitudes and interests, but everyone is also born with a potential for growth and achievement, a potential which must be nurtured and encouraged.

It's not the size of your brain that counts, but what you do with it. Determination is the single most important quality for success. As the tortoise found out when he raced the hare, the key to winning the race is sticking to it, not cutting in early or getting discoraged by the length and the difficulty of the course.

As I contemplate the approaching school year in the Baltimore City Public Schools, I am confident that we are indeed moving in the right direction, and that with the concerted help and commitment of staff, parents, and the business community, we will again succeed in improving our team's record.

I believe, "If we can conceive it and believe it, we can achieve it."

ACADEMIC SUPERSTARS — These young people are really among Baltimore's Best. They won medals and scholarships in the NAACP ACT-SO (acronym for Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics) program at the NAACP's national convention in Portland. The young scholars are (fromleft): Amy Neal, Rhonda Lynch, Steven Savage, Pamela Taylor and Cindy Gross. Charles P. Howard, not pictured, also was a winner. (See story on Page 26)

City schools' calendar

The following is the Baltimore City Public Schools' calendar for the 1978 - '79 school year.

Registration of Pupils: Thursday, Aug. 24; Friday, Aug. 25.

Professional Activities in the Schools: Friday, Sept. 1.

Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 4. Schools closed.

Professional Activities in the Schools: Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Schools Open for Pupils: Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Primary Election: Tuesday, Sept. 12. Schools closed.

Meetings of Statewide Professional Organization: Schools closed for students half day on Thursday, Oct. 19, and full day on Friday, Oct. 20. Teachers will report to a MSTA session or to school.

General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 7. Schools closed.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24. Schools closed.

Winter Holiday: Schools closed Monday, Dec. 25; reopen Monday, Jan. 1.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; Monday, Jan. 15, Schools closed.

Professional Activities in the Schools: Monday, Jan. 29. Schools closed for students.

Washington's Birthday: Monday, February 19. Schools closed.

Spring Holiday: Schools closed Friday, April 13; reopen Tuesday, April 17.

Memorial Day: Monday, May 28. Schools closed.

Last Day for Pupils: Tuesday, June 19.

Last Day for Teachers: Wednesday, June 20.

(June 20 will be used for students to make up a snow day, if necessary.)

This calendar provides for 188 days for teachers and 184 days attendance for pupils.