## —Diana, a no-show

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He said although he had been corresponding with Motown since early last year and has receipts for the correspondence it is still possible his name did not know she was invited.

"I sort of felt that way," Parker said. "It really humiliated me. I purposely took her awards to the benefit, I can't say she didn't know. But it's quite possible."

Lewis Logan, finance director of the Civic Center, said that Parker had reserved the center since May 1978. Logan said the group was only charged $960 to rent the center because they were not doing it for a profit.

"I wonder if people really understood what it was for," Logan said. "I was embarrassed by the poor turnout because it was for a worthy cause."

But Parker was successful in bringing in national models and entertainers to strengthen the program. They included model Sylvia Mackey and entertainers Dwan Smith, Ray Vitte, Ji - Tu Cumbuka and Jean Johnson, all from California.

He also had the written support of United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young and President Jimmy Carter.

National designers Jack Fuller, Stephen Burrows, James Daugherty, Willi Smith and Scott Barrie sent some of their creations to Parker from New York City to be displayed in the show.

Local designers Guy Chandler, Selena Thomas, Mary Buster, Ken Carter, Barbara Hall, Hyman and Hyman, Ekello Harrid, Gloria Jennings, Joyce Patterson and Jessie Darnes were also among the supporters of the benefit.

Upon first being interviewed by the AFRO, Parker said Baltimoreans were to blame for the program not being a success.

"I have no other alternative but to publicly shame the people of Baltimore for not supporting this important cause, Parker said.

"Baltimoreans can only appreciate those things that have been somewhere else first. Therefore, the 'Show of Stars' will be hosted out - of - town first next year and brought to Baltimore on tour."

But he later said that not having dependable people to work on various committees was one of the reasons the show did not come off as well as it could have.

"For instance, Francine Waters and I ended up being the PR (public relations) committee. We started out being a committee of 13 people," Parker said. "I also ended up being the souvenir committee."

Parker said he estimated that the total cost of the show was $15,000 - plus and that he could break even once all the money is in for ticket sales and for the sale of the souvenir book.

He said next year the show will benefit Sickle Cell Anemia.

He did not say if he would invite Diana Ross next time.

LAWRENCE PARKER
Producer-Coordinator
"Anniversary Show of Stars"

## Dr. Nakazawa named president of St. Agnes

Dr. Hiroshi Nakazawa, a member of the Department of Surgery and the Department of Emergency Medical Services at St. Agnes Hospital, assumed the presidency of the hospital's medical staff last month. He replaces the 1978 Medical Staff president, Dr. Anthony Hammond.

Dr. Nakazawa received his medical degree from Chiba University School of Medicine in 1955. Following service as an intern at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Japan, he began additional intern training at St. Agnes Hospital, obtaining a residency in surgery which included a year of training at Bon Secours Hospital.

His involvement in medical and community affairs includes his president position as member of the board of directors, Maryland Foundation Health Care Inc., of which Charles Wu, Faculty of Maryland, vice president of Emergency Physician Service, P.A., and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore City Medical Society.

He also served as chairman of the Committee of Urban Medical Practice, Baltimore City Medical Society.

He is currently a member of the American Medical Association, Medical Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, the Baltimore City Medical Society and American College of Emergency Physicians.

## —School

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In the new process schools will be arranged in identifiable geographical clusters.

Each new cluster or region will have 28,000 to 30,000 pupils and the clusters are Northeast, Central West, Southwest, Northeast, Central East and Southeast.

The former regional administrative structure was formed in 1973 for community input and participation. Originally, there were nine regions and in 1976 the regions were reorganized to eight.

Unemployment and the economy will be the highlight of the ninth annual convention of the National Association of Black Manufacturers scheduled in Washington on May 29 through June 1, at the Shoreham Americana Hotel.

## —Teen seized

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Ashley was employed at the hospital through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act program and was an assistant mail clerk. He was a part - time worker who worked from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Colfield, was employed as a mental health technician and worked with handicapped children. Police report they have no motive for the killing and relatives said they did not know the suspect.

A member of the Baltimore Civic Interest Group, Citizens for Fair Play and Coalition of New Breed, Colfield was described as a "friendly person" by relatives.

He was found lying on the floor near a dresser with a pillow beside him and shirt covered with blood.

The unidentified male who discovered his body told police he used his key to enter the apartment.

James Rufus Colfield

Funeral services for Colfield were held Feb. 1 at Russ Funeral Home. He is survived by father, James Colfield and four sisters. A spokesman for the homicide department said Ashley has been charged as an adult.

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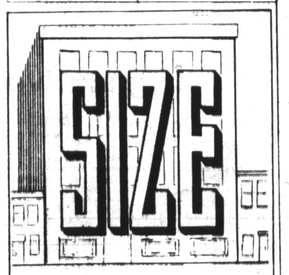


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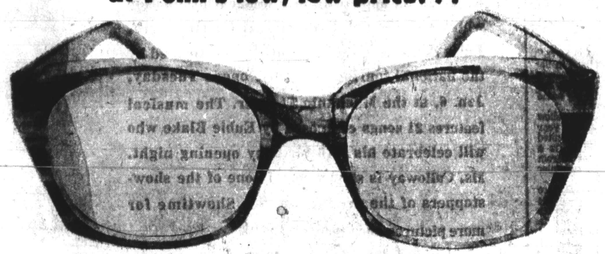

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His daughter slain on door step

## 'I tried to talk with him,' says bereaved dad

George A. Smith says he pleaded with his daughter's boyfriend to take another road and leave her alone.

"I tried to talk with him like he was my own son and he would always tell me, 'Mr. Smith, you are a great old man'."

Miss Beverly E. Smith, 22, was Mr. Smith's youngest daughter and the only child who still lived at home. For nearly two years, she had dated a 35 - year - old man.

The couple began having problems and her father says, "He began hitting my daughter and I told him don't ever hit her again."

Seated in the kitchen of his North Payson Street home, Mr. Smith, 61, said the "problem began to get worse and he broke her nose around Nov. 15 on a parking lot.

George A. Smith

"I don't understand these young people," said Mr. Smith. "Beverly told me if she could get pass the first of the new year she would be all right.

"My daughter was afraid to go to work and sometimes I would have to ride downtown with her."

When Miss Smith left her home around 7:30 a.m. Jan. 9 for work, she was shot and pronounced dead on arrival at Bon Secours Hospital.

Her former boyfriend has been charged with murder and is now being held without bail at City Jail. No trial date has been set.

"I have no grudge against him. All I am asking is that something be done with him so he won't come out and try to hurt me.

"I have had too many opportunities to kill him but that is not the answer.

I was afraid to go out of the house but the fear has gone."

Miss Smith was employed as a secretary with the Municipal Employees Credit Union.

"I prayed about my daughter and now I thank God I don't have to be afraid or worry anymore," said her father. "It still hurts when I think about it, but I know Beverly does not have to be afraid anymore. When I think about it, I just grab my Bible and read," said Mr. Smith.

## OMBE denies contract

The regional branch of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE); based in Washington, D.C., recently decided not to renew a contract with a Maryland company that provided technical assistance to small firms in the state.

The problem occurred when the contract came up for bids. The Ceda Corporation (the firm that previously held the contract) and other companies that competed for it were all asking for more than OMBE was willing to pay.

So the regional office decided to give the Maryland OMBE the contract money (about $94,000) in the form of a grant that will be used to hire two or three people. Two persons have already been hired.

"When we realized that we were going to terminate the contract, we added money to the fund of the Maryland State OMBE who will pick up the slack," said John Inglehart, OMBE regional deputy director.

According to Inglehart, about 250 small businesses of the Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland areas were serviced who could not afford the kind of technical and management assistance provided.

The Ceda Corporation, an Annapolis based small business counseling, research and assistance organization, had held the contract for six years.

Leonard A. Blackshear, executive director for the Ceda Corporation, said he regretted "that the services could not afford the kind of technical and management assistance provided to the many disadvantaged businesses in the area."

John Jacobs, deputy director of Ceda, said the organization was serving at least 600 small businesses, 95 percent of which were minorities and most of whom were black.

Jacobs added that when Ceda had the contract it was for $133,000.

Inglehart disagreed with the figures given by Jacobs, adding that Ceda was servicing only 250 companies, 30 percent of whom were non - minorities.

"The only problem we had was with non - minority clients," Inglehart said. "The number was increasing and we sent them a memo to that effect."

Inglehart added that the regional office of OMBE has not decided whether or not it would continue to give the Maryland State OMBE in future years or open the funds up for bidding next year.

## Fleming to address conference

Dr. Arthur Fleming, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, will be the keynote speaker on Monday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m. at the 19th annual Interfaith Institute to be held at the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

The topic for the address will be "The Interfaith Movement: What Opportunities Confront Us in 1979?"

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