—Youth Entitlement Activities

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painting murals, tires, curbs and flower boxes.

Neighbors in the community point out trouble which needs special attention and contact the worksite. The enrollees are then attached to these various areas.

Each year the worksite, under the coordination of Mrs. Johnson, gives an annual excursion. This year the group goes to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va.

With the help of the nighbors in the community and the cooperation of enrollees, it is no wonder that this community is considered one of Baltimore's Best.

SECOND LEVEL TEACHERS — Mrs. Elaine Wells, Mrs. Connie Frederick, Ms. June Hankins, Mrs. Susan Sirkis, Mrs. Chrys Inskeep, Ms. Lois Smith, Mrs. Regina Patterson, Mrs. Geraldine Shephard

THIRD GRADE CLASS — Benson Bell, Latanya Tucker, Joseph Myers, Donnell Wilson, Kim Brown, Allissa Clarke, Tiara Hayes, Dominique Rayne, Sherry Scott, Patrina Klinglehofer, Troy Dorsey, Rudolph White, Michael Coleman, Willie Lawson, Lawrence Russoe, Leroy Whiting, Rodney Seward, Robyn Christian, Diane Oliver, Teressa Spell, Sammy Debra, Robert Pelham, Tony Bryant, Marcia Brown, Charlene Colvin, Ericka Jackson, Kijana Powell, Rose Hall, Tammy Ross, Rodney Dowery, Jerald Wicks, Louis Davenport, Sean Nelson, Vernon Seward, Lawrence Wilson, Samuel Thomas, Evette Cummings, Nghanghia Peaker, Kevin Elliott, Charles Jobes, Shawn Scott, Roland Brandon, Lashon Buckner, Nadine Davis, Lorena Mackey, Sheila Ray, Felicia Jenkins, Myron Brooks, Linwood Gibbs, Michael Black, Samuel Flint, Corey Phillip, Michael Smith, Ryan Wright, Nathaniel Oliver, Audrey Dansbury, Michelle Roberts, Trina Seldon, Antoneo Mattison, Maurice Simms, Lisa Barr, Patricia Clarke, Tara Grant, Pamela Mears, Irene Rogers, Chon Bunch, Robert Savoy, Robert Chapman, Brian Hall, Darryl Robinson, Tyrone West, Charles Simmons, Yvette Bunn, Yvette Green, Pricilla Southers.

RETIRED TEACHER VOLUNTEER — Jesse L. Green.

BASKETBALL TEAM — Nathaniel Mason, Kelvin Paige, Aaron K. Crudup, Purnell Wilson, Antoin Garrison, Gregory Smith, James Jennings, Paul Mears, Adrien Garrison, Marvin Brown, Mr. Marvin Demb, Physical Education teacher.

CONTINUUM TEAM — (L-R) Mrs. Evelyn Block, speech teacher; Ms. Millicent Yates, Mrs. Esther Williams, senior teacher; Ms. Gloria Hill, Mr. Earl Howard.

MATH CLUB — Sabrina Williams, Sharon Blount, Valerie Hunter, Kim Spease, Crystal Roberts, Lawanda Mvei, Audrea Downey, Helen Jones, Michael Redd, Audrea Curtis, Michael Smith, Tonya Hatchett, Tracey Causion, Mrs. Chrys Inskeep, teacher.

Sen. Verda Welcome

REUNITED
and it feels so good — maybe

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

After years of bitter political conflict, Sen. Verda Welcome and William L. "Little Willie" Adams, may finally be as songbirds Peaches and Herb proclaim "reunited and it feels so good."

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William L. Adams

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Mom awarded $1.5 million

The Avenue explodes!

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EXPLOSION AFTERMATH — City firefighters stand amid smoke and rubble, all that was left of four stores in the 1700 block of Pennsylvania Ave. after a gas explosion and fire ripped through them above a subway construction site June 7. Firefighters worked for four hours to control the blaze. See story on Page 3, editorial cartoon, Page 4.

Jury grant largest ever

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

A 29 - year - old unemployed mother has been awarded $1.5 million, the largest medical malpractice award in Maryland history, after being subjected to a complete hysterectomy operation without her permission, which left her unable to ever bear children again.

Ms. Belinda C. Chambers, of the 700 block Mulberry St., was awarded $1.5 million by a city court jury which reached its verdict June 7 after four hours deliberation.

After this precedent - making decision in her favor, Ms. Chambers told the AFRO, "I would rather have another baby and not the money. I have always wanted a girl." She has two sons, Lagant, 11 and Damon, 7.

Prior to her operation at Lutheran Hospital on Jan. 5, 1976 Ms. Chambers had made plans to get married. However, she told the seven men and five women jurors, "I feel like half a woman and I don't think it would be fair to the man."

Ms. Chambers filed suit on June 17, 1977 through attorneys Marvin Ellin and William H. Murphy Jr., stating that the doctor failed to provide her with proper medical care between Dec. 16, 1975 and Jan. 4, 1976.

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MS. BELINDA CHAMBERS

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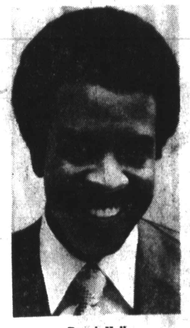
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AWARD — Marvin Ellin (L) is shown with his client Ms. Belinda Chambers who was awarded $1.5 million by a jury that decided her doctor performed a hysterectomy without her permission. William H. Murphy Jr., assisted Ellin in the 2½ week trial.

Newsman off the tube since March

Where is TV's Dennis Holly?



Dennis Holly

Where is Dennis Holly?

You remember him, the black television anchorman for WMAR - TV Channel 2 News. The last time Baltimoreans saw him on the air was on March 1.

Well, officially Holly is at home on sick leave recovering from massive reconstruction surgery performed on his knee injured two years ago during a Christmas benefit football game.

But reliable sources suggest that Holly is no longer a part of the Channel 2 News team although nothing official has yet been released.

Channel 2 officials won't comment and Holly could not be reached for comment.

The injury which landed the newsman in the hospital came during a Santa Clause Anonymous Benefit football game on Nov. 13, 1977. Surgery was performed that December and Holly was out for several weeks.

The second operation was performed after he was admitted to St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. on March 6.

While station officials are mum, reports reveal that Holly's association with the station is stalemated because of disputes about sick leave.

Dave Emory, spokesman for the station, refused to comment on whether Holly was being paid sick time.

"I think information like that should come from personnel and anything of that nature is confidential," he said.

Emory further refused to comment on how Holly faired following a recent consultant's review of the Channel 2 news department pointing out ""whatever we get from the consultant on somebody is confidential."

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He still won't tell what he did with kids

It's been nine months since Cassandra Turner last saw her two children, Lynette and Keith James.

This mother's nights are bad and her days no better. She doesn't know where her children are but she is quite sure that their father does.

And he's not talking.

"Nobody but him knows where they are," she said. "Unless I get a lot of money and hire a detective or take some time off and look for them myself I'm never going to find out where the kids are."

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Black Peoples Assembly June 16, 'just the beginning'

At press conference this week, Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D-Md. dramatizing the urgency of developing strategies for the black community, stated that the Maryland Black Peoples Assembly set for June 16 "is justing the beginning."

Although the assembly, the first of its kind, will not be held for another five years, Mitchell said that the planning sessions would continue after the one-day event and that a book would be complied of all the recommendations.

The assembly scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Morgan State University, will include workshops in the areas of affirmative action, communications media, community development, criminal justice, cultural arts, economic developments, education, health, housing, political education and the electoral process and social insurance.

Featured speakers are Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Ia.

Among the workshop chairpersons are Anthony Robinson, Kweisi Mfume, Salima Marriott, Edward Smith, Dr. Walter Lee, Leslie Lewis, Dr. Cathy Smith, Dr. H. Garland Chissell, Major Clark, Dr. Alvin Thornton and Freida Coleman.

The assembly, which was organized by Mitchell and a staff of volunteers, will differ from a conference because it will be a working session where people can participate in the workshops, according to its planners.

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100-year-old volunteer honored

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Some people when they get older do not like to talk about their age or if they do, it's usually changed by a few years . . . Jack Benny for example, was always 39 years old.

But Parker B. Douglass Jr. has reached such a significant age in life that not only is it worth talking about but celebrating over and over and over again.

Mr. Douglass observed his 100th birthday on May 12 and hasn't stopped celebrating yet.

At a party this week, he was honored by the staff and students of Robert Poole Junior where he has served as a volunteer for the past two years.

Working with students and teachers on an oral history project, Mr. Douglass with his almost instant recall, has been able to share his vast knowledge of Baltimore's history.

This history has been depicted through poems and artwork done by the junior high pupils who spent countless hours during and after school and on Saturdays listening to the "living history book" as Mr. Douglass can aptly be called.

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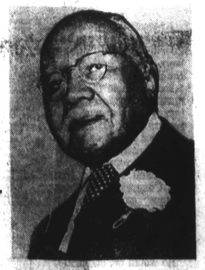
Beginning next Friday Mr. Douglass tells AFRO about 100 years in Baltimore



Parker B. Douglass

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