Rain didn't dampen Soap Box Derby

130 students 'burn' down Hillen

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Rain clouds that loomed overhead and intermittent sprinkles were just not enough to put a damper on last Saturday's annual Soap Box Derby.

Standing with umbrellas, supportive parents, relatives and friends of the racers cheered when the 9 a.m. scheduled race was given the go - ahead at 9:25 after a test run.

Held just outside Mergenthaler High School on Hillen Road, the race was sponsored by the Office of Industrial Arts of the Baltimore City public schools, which is the only school system in the country to incorporate the construction of soap box derby cars into its Industrial Arts curriculum.

Some 130 students from public, private and parochial schools participated in the race which was kicked off by the annual grudge match between the mayor and the school superintendent.

However, Mayor William Donald Schaefer was unable to attend the race and his assistant, Quentin Lawson, filled in against Superintendent John Crew, who has beat the mayor the past two years.

Victory finally came to City Hall when Lawson in a very close call, stripped Crew of his previous winner title.

Only two minor accidents occurred when the soap box cars, which were all built by the students, hit the curb and toppled over. only the students' pride was injured in both mishaps.

Racers were grouped into two divisions, junior, including ages 10 to 12 and senior with ages 13 to 15. The Baltimore City champions will race in the national finals in Akron, Ohio on Aug. 11, 1979.

Winners in the junior division are James Stowers, School 218; Gregory Barnes, School 214 and Damon Johnson, School 36. The senior division winners are Calvin Dorsey, School 241; Kenneth Thomas, School 79 and Frank Carroll, School 241.

Among the sponsors are Russell T. Baker and Co., Potts and Callahan, Embassy Ice Cream, Crown Central Petroleum, Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Association, American Training and Production, Provident Savings Bank, Monumental Life Insurance and Commercial Credit.

The racers include:

Senior Division

Eddie Adams,, School St. Francis; Melvin Anderson, 56; Joseph Andrews; 82; Dana Bell, 77; Darren Berkley, 49; Joseph Black, 93; Phyllis Brooks, 75; William Brook, 255; Antonio Brown, 239.

Ronald Brown, 36; Anthony Carnochan, 49; Dvis Carries, 80; Frank Carroll, 241; Tommy Chapman, 95; Gene Claiborne, 162; Derrick Clinton, 241; Antonio Davis, 49.

Timothy Dawson, 233; Andrea Demby, 57; Alex Diene 241; Calvin Dorsey, 241; Daryle Dorsey, 77; James Douglas, 49; Linda Dressel, 49; Melvin Merritt, 49.

Keith Ferguson, 49; Davis Carries, 79; Rizzanne Ferrell, 79; Robin Files, 307; Milissa Francis, 46; James Peace, 82; John Gaskins, 49; Lazelle Glenn, 75; Robert Bond, 82.

Thomas Grave, 82; Sherman Gross, 159; Terry Hall, 222; Samuel Harris, 41; James Hawks, 181; Clifford Henson, 75; Jeffrey Hill, 49; Kenneth Howard, 77.

Jeffrey Jarriel, 230; Eric Jenkins, 49; Lionel Jenkins, 56; Rodney Johnson, 180; Garron Jones, 80; Brian Kelly, 49; Nick Kohlhepp, 41.

Scott Weatherly, St. Mary's; Scott Lease, 49; Roderick Lindsey, 95, Amos Livingston 79; Keith Mallory 78; Anthony Matthews, 79; Charles McCauley, 76.

Graves Moore, 230; Steven Morris, 240; Randy Mudock, 80; Bill Neill, 76; Kenny Novak, 49; Thomas Nuckles 78; Wayne Parker, 76; Bernard Pender 75.

Richardo Hilliard, 49; Futina Jones, 49; Antonie Pratt, 79; Eugene Pritt, 49; Doyle Rich, 49; Kevin Richardson, 49; Mark Roach, 255; Philip Robinson, 90.

Curtis Ross, 36; James Ross, 49; Daniel Schoettler, 241; Shawn Griffin, 75; Joe Simmons, 49; Earl Smith, 180; Timothy Smith, 95; Pete Sotirakes, 41.

David Spickard, 49; Dino Taylor, 57; Stanely Taylor 36; Christopher Thomas, Our Lady of Pompei; Kenneth Thomas, 79; Danny Tolliver, 42; Kevin Toppin, 79; Ricky Walls, 49.

George Washington, 49; Julius Wesson, 77; Anthony Williams, 79; Kevin Willams, 239; Melvin Williams 82; Dominic Wilson, 209; Michael Alston 181; Chuck Wolferman, 307; Antonio Jennings, 49; Lawrence Moore, 56.

Junior Divion

Milton Alcorn, 60; Steven Alford 139; Greogy Barnes, 214; Kimerly Barrera, 36; Donald Briscoe, 95; Lamont Brown, 67; William Colburn, 36; Carols Coles, 18.

Raynard Diggin, 139; Tonya Fields, 36; Ronald [illegible] 18; Adrian Gerry, 71; Sean Harrison, 71; Charlene Harrod, 95; Rodney Hawkins, 95; Jerome Hicks, 71.

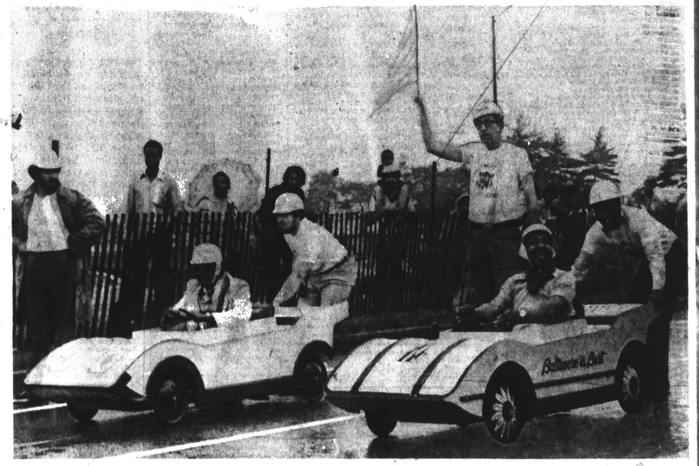
Percy Holmes, 160; Damon Johnson, 36; Lorian Johnson, 62; Raynard Diggins, 139; Donald Kiefner, 205; Bryant Mallory 71; Jerome Massey 26; Steven McCain, 68.

Stacey McCuller, 36; Marcus Moore, 159; Britt Mosley, 36; Troy Johnson, 204; William Pestridge, 34; Kevin Prestley, 69; Gregory Ramsey, 214.

Walter Robinson, 241, Antonio Sanbury, 214; Louis Shufford, 39; Christopher Slater, 225; Stevie Spencer, 60; James Stowers, 218; Tyrone Thomas, 36; Andre Tyler, 36.

Sean Wilcoxson, 233; Adrain Wright, 207; Jimmy Baker, 207; Eric Van Story, 22.

DON'T RAIN ON MY PARADE — Despite the rainy weather, the spirits of the soap box racers were not dampened as they set to march in the parade.



READY TO RACE and "burn up" Hillen Road, site of the Soap Box Derby, are racers John Crew, school superintendent and Quentin Lawson, special assistant to the mayor. Crew, who has won for the last two years, lost to Lawson by a very close call.

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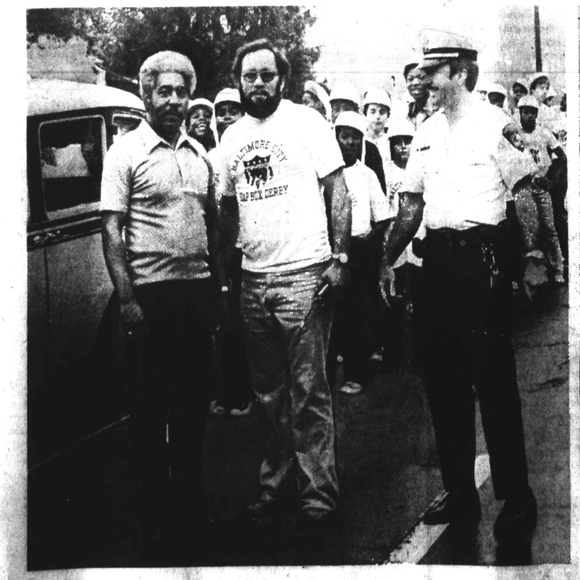
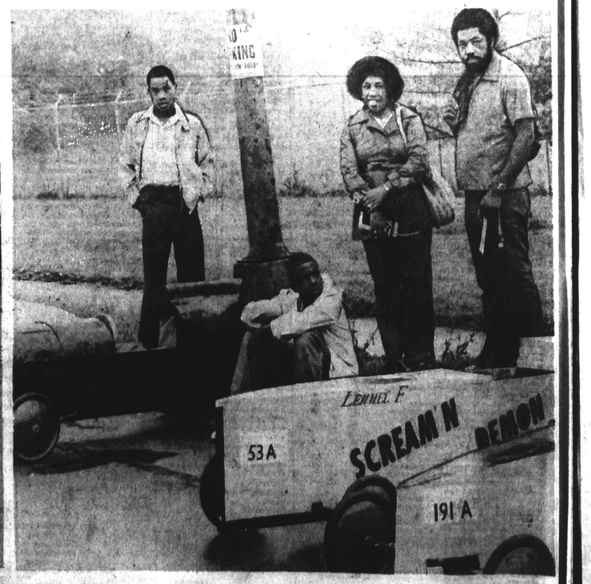


SOAP BOX DERBY director, Don Beck (C) joins Quentin Lawson and Baltimore City Police Officer J. Paper as they begin to start the parade down Hillen Road before the race begins.



FAMILY SUPPORTERS — Relatives of Gene Claiborne Jr. (not shown) stand near his car, entered for Diggs-Johnson School. They include Sheron Freeman, Scott Claiborne, Laura and Gene Claiborne Sr.

THE LIVING CHURCH

Year long activities planned

St. Pius celebrating 100 year existence

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz
GREETINGS — Father John Filippilli speaks to members as they leave the 12:15 mass on May 27. He is shown shaking hands with Horace Derricks and talking with his daughter, Miss Dawn Derricks.

As part of the 100th anniversary celebration at St. Pius V Catholic Church, Edmondson Avenue and Schroeder Street, many functions have been planned for the year including masses to honor those in the parish who have gone into the religious life and people who were active in the church's first 50 years. Mrs. Evelyn Curtis served as chairperson for the school reunion 12:15 mass on May 27.

St. Pius was built through the successive efforts of three Baltimore archbishops. Archbishop Martin J. Spalding proposed the church in 1871 as a memorial to the 25th anniversary of the pontificate of Pope Pius IX.

Father John Filippelli is pastor of St. Pius and Father Roland Washington is assistant pastor. Among those who participated in the May 27 mass were Gregory Case, Mrs. Catherine Arthur Jasmin, Mrs. Irene Jordan Spears, Sister Mary Paul Lee, former principal of St. Pius; Sister Mary Regis, George Connoley, Raymond Case, Gary Garner and Jimmie Turner.

Other events scheduled for the centennial celebration are a crab feast June 24; Sodality program for scholarships July 14; everybody's birthday party, Sept. 9; the anniversary ball Oct. 27; closing week's ceremonies Oct. 28 and the concelebrated anniversary mass on Nov. 4.

OLD CLASSMATES Richard Palmer and Donald Crawley are shown talking with friends at St. Pius IV Catholic Church. Palmer and Crawley attended St. Pius Catholic School when it was located at Harlem and Arlington Aves.

12:15 MASS — Father John Filippilli, pastor of St. Pius is shown serving communion to Ms. Madge Gough, an active member of the church.

HOLY COMMUNION — Mrs. Annette Foster and Mrs. Elizabeth Crawley are shown waiting to take communion, while Father John Filippilli serves communion to one of the younger members of the church

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A message to graduates baccalaureate or prom

By The Rev. Harold A. Carter

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Up and down the educational ladder, young ladies, young men, are excited with the prospects of moving from Junior High to High School to College. I want to be among the first to congratulate all of our Baltimore sons and daughters. I also want to be among the first to raise a serious question. What excited you the most as you come to the end of an academic dream, was it thanks to God or a night on the dance floor?

Before you turn this column off and say that I'm fighting the proms, think about why I raise this question. You may not know it, but your mothers and fathers who graduated from high school and college had to have a Baccaleaurate service.

That service was as important as the commencement itself. It was that service where the entire school gathered with parents and the distinguished graduating class, to thank God for the year's accomplishments and to request God's guidance upon the students' lives in days to come.

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Whether parents remember the preacher or speaker of the Baccalaureate service is not really important. What is important is that the holy service impacted their lives!

Now the average high school graduate gets all worked up over the prom which remains strong and alive, with no knowledge of the Baccalaureate which our secular world has taken from us. What has happened to our values?

Do we expect more from a dance floor than from the pulpit? Do we in 1979 receive more inspiration from mixing musical vibes than we do from touching hearts and lives in fellowship with God?

I believe if the schools no longer have Baccalaureates, then the individual churches ought to have them. Every church ought to find a space on its program to call its graduates up front, and let them hear the eternal Word of God. Graduates need to know that knowledge is not a tool to be controlled by the gifted but is a power to be shared with all in need.

Two things, Baccalaureate and prom tell us more about our society than we might expect. No cost is too high for the prom dress. No cost is too high for the rented suit. No hour is too late for the rhythmic dances. Is it too much to spend just one small hour with God?

Does it create too much confusion for our sons and daughters to hear God's word and hopefully respond to God's word? Where is the blame to be placed? Is it the principal, the teachers, the students, the parents, the churches or us all?

I close with these words to you. Think about it, Baccalaureate or prom, which will be the guiding force in your life? I know what my answer is: It's me it's me Oh Lord, standing in the need of Prayer!

Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, 1206 Etting St., will celebrate Women's Day on Sunday, June 10. The men of the church will serve the women breakfast and Mrs. Julia B. Woodland, principal of Paul Lawrence Dunbar Community Senior High School will be the 11 a.m. speaker. "Today's Children, The Church of Tomorrow," is the theme. Ms. Janice Tillman of Chicago will be guest soloist.

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In keeping with this year's theme International Year of the Child, the Children's Work Committee of Morning Star Baptist Church, 1063 Fayette St., will observe Children's Day with a program and parade on Sunday, June 10.

A program and skit and local Sunday School talent will be presented at 3 p.m. and the parade is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. This year the Baltimore Westsiders will be the marching band for the church. Refreshments will be served at the church following the parade.

Miss Robin Frazier

Mrs. Theressia Miller is chairman of Childrens Work Committee and Mrs. Joan Dudley is program coordinator. Other committee members are Mrs. Jackie Moses, Ms. Novella Burris and Mrs. Rosemarie Scott. The Rev. Samuel Ray is pastor.

The men of Macedonia Baptist Church, Fremont and Lafayette Avenue will sponsor a father and son banquet on June 9, 6 p.m. George Collins of WMAR-TV will preside and Johnnie Jowers, executive director of the Salvation Army and Boys Club will be the speaker. The Rev. W. L. Clayton is pastor.

Miss Robin Frazier, an active member of Wayland Baptist Church, 2200 Garrison Blvd. is chairperson for Youth Day on Sunday, June 10. Miss Kim McIntosh is co-chairman and the Rev. Quay Rich will be the 11 a.m. speaker. The Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr., is pastor of Wayland.

The mass choir for the pre - conventional musical of the Progressive Baptist Convention of Maryland will begin rehearsing on Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Harlem Park Community Baptist Church, 612-18 Gilmor St. All intereested choir members are invited to join this 100 voice choir. The Rev. Raymond Kelly Jr., is pastor of Harlem Park Church and director of the choir.

The Voices of Providence and the Chancel Ensemble of Wayland Baptist will have a recital at Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd., on June 10, 6 p.m. James Peterson and Jeffrey Heckstall are directors. The Rev. Darneal Johnson is pastor of Wayland and the Rev. Marcus G. Wood is pastor of Providence at 4200 Liberty Heights Ave.

The annual father and son breakfast sponsored by the Cherry Hill chapter of Presbyterian Men will be held June 17, 7 a.m. at the fellowship hall, 819 Cherry Hill Rd., John Johnson is president; Harry Oglesby, chairman; Benson Harpe, co-chairman and the Rev. William Hunt is minister.

Dr. Weptanomah W. Carter, wife of the Rev. Dr. Harold Carter of New Shiloh Baptist Church, will be the 3 p.m. speaker on June 10 for the annual Women's Day service at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska. She is the author of "The Black Ministers Wife and the "Christian Message For Women," now being published.

The Pastor's Aid Department of Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ will celebrate their 21st anniversary on June 16, 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. John M. Person is president.

Dr. Weptanomah W. Carter

The women of First Corinthian Baptist Church are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City on July 28. For tickets call Mrs. Blanche Turner 367-0213.

Mrs. Bernice Lewis will be the speaker on June 9, 9:30 a.m. for the Missionary prayer breakfast at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd is pastor.