Urban Services holds fun-filled festival

IN CONCERT — Vernon Wolst, supervisor of Youth Services Unit of the Urban Services Agency, performed with his musical group, the Big Blues Band, at last weekend's City - Wide Youth Festival sponsored by Urban Services.

RAIN WATER ON THE PLANTS — Al Frisby (L) and Gary Jenkins try to stay dry and sell plants at Urban Services Day held last weekend at Lake Clifton High School.

AFRO photos by Mark Gail

HOLD THAT POSE — Millard DeLuison Jr. (R) sketches a portrait of Darryl Mitchell at Urban Services City - wide Youth Festival held at Lake Clifton High School last weekend. The theme for the festival was "A Happy Youth is an Achiever."

Many family groups were among the thousands who attended the Urban Services Agency (USA) City-wide Youth Festival held last weekend at Lake Clifton High and the grounds of Clifton Park.

The theme for this year, "A Happy Youth is an Achiever," was designed to highlight the creativity of youth educationally, athletically, culturally and socially.

Despite the rain the festivities got underway with a parade at Old Town Mall complete with the City-wide Youth Council float, female members of the Moorish Elite Drill Team and Colors, resplendent in their blue pantalons, white Arabian shirts and red turbans;

Also, Miss Inner City Queen, Leslie Williams; Columbia's Junior Drum and Bugle Corps; Camp Fire Youth, Schools 101 and 16; Silver Eagles, Perkins Home Youth Council, Perkins Home Scout Troop, No. 62; Perkins Marching Band Company, Baltimore City Fire Department, Engine 6 and the Camp Fire Girls.

Because the weatherman was not cooperative Saturday, several events were cancelled, including opening ceremonies with remarks by Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Coach Earl Banks.

Also, the workshop for secondary students, entitled "Dialogue on Youth Education," by Dr Cathy Pope Smith. However, Dr. Smith did engage in a dialogue with several elementary students from the Fairfield Center.

Sports activities cancelled were boxing and karate and the lacrosse game between the Maryland LaCrosse Club and Morgan State University.

Despite the rain a crowd gathered to see the Baltimore Rams play the Dundalk Eagles.

Also cancelled was a poetry reading, a Baltimore Prep Program; modern dancing by the Ava and Perkins Dance Companies and music by the Chocolate Rain Band, all planned for Clifton Park's Main Stage.

However, in Lake Clifton's beautiful, air-conditioned auditorium, it was evident that the spirits of the crowd were not dampened as they thrilled to the music of Richard "Groove" Holmes and his organ trio.

The auditorium also was the setting for a mini fashion show for teenagers, models from Flair Studio; John Lampkin, concert jazz ensemble and Vernon Wolst and the Big Blues Band.

Paintings, arts and crafts were on display in the school cafeteria. Contributors included Valerie Brandon, Bryant Cooper, Millard Develson, Leticia Ellerbe, Nathaniel Gibbs, Lyneile Lynche, John M. Nelson, Lynette Ryce and William Stackhouse.

On Sunday, the main stage in Clifton Park came alive with modern dance, jazz and rock, featuring the sounds of Brother Gould, Fabulous Ladies.

The Amazing Josine delighted the audience with his puppet and colorful jokes.

About Our Father's Business and the Nu-Bert Singers provided gospel music.

Sports events included track and a round robin tennis tournament. Project - Survival Basketball League's final tournament games were played Saturday and all-star games were played Sunday. More than 2,000 persons filled the gym for these events. Winners received their trophies at the City-wide Youth Awards Banquet held Aug. 23.

The last group to perform on the main stage were the fabulous Atmospheres, who held the crowd captive until a sudden thunderstorm sent everyone scampering for shelter. Once again Lake Clifton's auditorium became a haven for the rain dodgers to join the throng already thrilling to the sounds of the Young Emperors.

"This is our first attempt at having a two-day affair. All the USA agencies and their party contracts were very cooperative.

"The festival demonstrated that our youth of today have both talent and ability. Too long we have had the idea that today's youth are not interested but they have shown that they can contribute," said chairperson Lenora Johnson.

Vernon Wolst, supervisor of the Youth Services United said, "Our first attempt had a few bugs, but if this is any indication of what next year will be, 1980's festival will be out of sight.

"Our team worked many long and tedious hours planning this festival and all of the dedicated workers have been here both days from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"Our chief of Neighborhood Services, Wendell Wright, spent all day Sunday taking care of tickets. We really have a great team and I am proud of all of them.

"This is a good example of a public school and a city agency working together for the benefit of the community. Splendid cooperation was displayed by the principal, Dr. Herbert Stanley, Josephus Willis, engineer and the maintenance staff."

"We would be remiss if we failed to mention the conduct of the persons attending the festival. The crowd was simply beautiful, no unpleasant incidents whatsoever," said Alvin Steele.

USA Centers 1, 2, 18, 17 and Girl Scouts served the swelling crowds continuously with hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, sweet potato pies, pizzas, corn on the cob and sticky apples. Other vendors provided sno-balls, watermelon, chicken and french fries.

Project saga sold leather goods and crocheted pillows. The St. James Youth Development booth sported a spin wheel with attractive stuffed dolls as prizes and beautiful plants. Personalized T-shirts were sold by the City-Wide Youth Council. Jerry Bullock is the adviser.

Spotted in the crowds were Lenwood Ivey, director of USA and his two children; Lester Buster, deputy director of Neighborhood Services; Mel Watts, chief of Neighborhood Services; and many youth advisors on USA Center staffs, who came both days to bring their neighborhood youth. Elva Edwards, associate director, is on vacation.

The Moorish American's Security Force under the direction of Elihue N. Pleasant-Bey, were on the scene to enforce the law, which fortunately was not necessary. The Mayor's Office of Tele-Communication supplied walkie talkies, used to call ambulances and rescue squads for the injured football and basketball players.

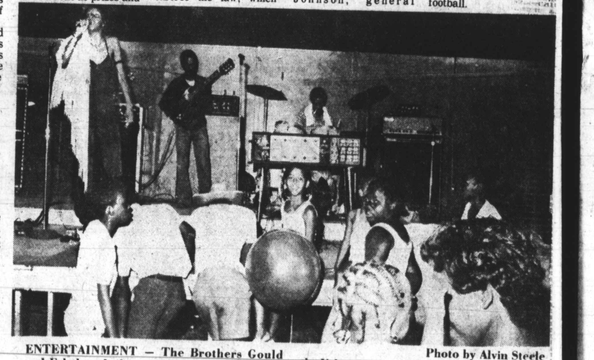
Operation Champ set up recreational equipment to assure that the tiny tots enjoyed themselves.

Many of the festival goers were attracted to sand-lot football, played by both "pee-wees" and young adults.

Members of the Youth Services Unit are Lenora Johnson, general chairperson and in charge of entertainment; Bernice Walker, awards banquet; Jean Morris, arts; Claudette Costin, Betty Brinkley, the Rev. Albertus Martin, parade;

Dr. Cathy P. Smith, Sharon Snyder, Alvin Steele, education; Bessie Gray, Dorothy Bishop, food; Vernon Wolst, jazz; Dell Edwards, Alvin Steele, publicity; Wilbert Adams, transportation.

Coordinating the sports events were Bryan Crockett, track; Toni Buckson, tennis; John Murdock, basketball; Sharon Ellis, boxing and karate and Hakim Ali, football.



ENTERTAINMENT — The Brothers Gould and Fabulous Ladies entertained the crowd at the Urban Services City - wide Youth Festival.

Photo by Alvin Steele

IN D.C. AUGUST 27-31

5,000 delegates expected for Lott Carey Convention

Washingtonians will play a major part in the program of the 82nd annual session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and its allied bodies, meeting here Aug. 27 - 31.

Headquarters will be the Shoreham - Americana Hotel, 2500 Calvert St., N.W., with Rev. John D. Bussey, pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church, 1808 Capitol St., N.E. as host.

The feature address at the Friday night, Aug. 31, closing session will be made by former D.C. Mayor Walter E. Washington, a Baptist himself, and longtime friend and supporter of the Lott Carey operation.

His wife, Dr. Bennetta B. Washington, will serve as an instructor at one of the Women's Auxiliary study sessions. At the Mayor Washington spotlight affair, music will be provided by Gospel Chorus of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Arlington. Michael Murray is director and Rodney Guilford, organist.

On Wednesday morning, greetings will be extended by Rev. Dr. L. W. White, president of the Baptist Convention of D.C. and Vicinity.

At the same session, the Rev. Dr. Wendell C. Somerville of Washington, the association's executive secretary - treasurer will make his report. So will Rev. R. G. Williams of Washington, chairman of the executive board.

At the Wednesday afternoon meeting, speaker will be Rev. Jeremiah W. Walker, superintendent of the Lott Carey Mission in Breweville, Liberia. Music will feature the Caroline Missionary Baptist Church Youth Ensemble of Washington.

Dr. Bussey is president of the convention. When he makes his annual address on Wednesday evening, choirs from Bethesda Church will sing. An address on the "Challenge of Africa" will be presented at 3 p.m. Friday by Dr. Beverlee Bruce of Washington.

Organized here in 1897 at Shiloh Baptist Church, Lott Carey has over two million members representing 2,000 black Baptist churches. More than 5,000 persons are expected to participate in this year's homecoming to the District of Columbia.

This year's session will mark the third time that President Bussey has presided and he is expected to be succeeded by the Rev. George L. Bodwick of the Rodman Street Baptist Church, Pittsburgh. No contest is expected in keeping with the rule of tenure as is adopted by the convention.

According to Dr. W. C. Sommerville of Washington, executive secretary of Lott Carey, a total of 230 black ministers have led their congregations in contributing $1,000 each for missions. Several have given over $5,000, his report shows. This is a record for black Baptist in mission giving, Sommerville said.

Lott Carey is the oldest black foreign mission convention in America whose work is distinctively foreign missions. With headquarters here in Washington at 1501 11th Street, N.W., the activities of the organization extends to Liberia, Nigeria, Ghana and India.

Dr. R. G. Williams will preside over the executive board Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Dr W C Sommerville

at 3. Other convention activities will include: pre-convention musical directed by Mrs. Juanita David of new York City on Monday evening in the Regency Room at the Pa.; James Oliver, New York; and Mrs. Doris Griffin, Norfolk.

A special worship service has been arranged for the Woman's Auxiliary that is to be directed by Mrs. Bessie H. Mason of Baltimore and Mrs. Mattie Brown, Washington. Mrs. Virginia Young, Richmond, Va. will direct music for worship.

Move to avoid black-Jewish battle

Andrew Young's resignation as U.N. Ambassador has once again brought to the fore tensions between blacks and Jews, traditionally liberal allies who have been seeing things differently in recent years.

Black and Jewish leaders moved quickly to heal the Young rift, but it's unlikely they can patch relations between the two groups that in the past rallied together to protect themselves from discrimination.

The split goes beyond Young's unauthorized meeting with the Palestine Liberation Organization to issues that have festered since the late - 1960s and in some instances beyond that.

Jewish support of cases challenging affirmative action programs that give job and educational preference to blacks and anti - Semitism among young blacks have split the two groups.

It was the civil rights movement which brought them together, but as its focus moved from a biracial, non - violent one to a cause increasingly concerned with economics things began to change.

As the emphasis shifted to black political and economic power, white, including Jews, were increasingly excluded by young black militants such as H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael.

These spokesmen identified the civil rights movement with guerrilla causes in Africa and Latin America, including the PLO. Often they became U.S. spokesmen for the Palestinian cause.

Causing concern among Jews is growing black anti - Semitism, especially among young and urban blacks, who — in their quest to gain greater control over their own affairs have invariably come in conflict with white authorities, including Jews.

Heightening tensions has been Jewish support of challenges to programs where blacks are given preference for jobs and schooling. Jews — as a group better educated and more affluent than the average American — view such programs as a threat to their well - being.

First there was the 1971 case of Marco Defunis, a Jewish student rejected by the University of Washington Law School despite charges he ranked higher than all the minority applicants admitted.

The Supreme Court sidestepped the case, but it opened up several similar suits in which blacks and Jews found themselves on opposite sides.

Asked whether his resignation would polarize black American - Jewish relations, Young replied, "No. I don't think there will be a polarization but I do think there will be something of a confrontation as friends."

"The issue is not between Jews and blacks. It's the Middle East. As long as tension and crises exist in the Middle East, it's going to have an economic impact on the United States," he said in apparent reference to the specter of Arab oil sanctions against the United States.

Palestinian in a way that it hasn't been before," Young said.

Young held a 45 - minute conference telephone call Wednesday night, Aug. 15, with the black mayors of Los Angeles, Atlanta, Detroit, Newark, New Orleans, Oakland and Washington. Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles said Young asked city leaders to help "see there was no schism" between blacks and Jews because of his resignation.

Young reiterated he had "no regrets" over his clandestine meeting with Zehdi Labib Terzi, the Palestine Liberation Organization observer at the United Nations.

And he hinted that he may again see Terzi if the PLO observer came to him not as the U.S. delegate but as the president of the Security Council, a rotating post which Young holds this month.

"It would be unconscionable for me not to receive anyone" in the Security Council office, Young said.

Young said he attended the fateful July 26 meeting, with Terzi to get the PLO to consent to a postponement of the Security Council debate on Palestinian political rights.

"My job is to serve U.S. interests at the United Nations," Young said.

Young said he planned to visit black African countries. "Before my resignation is finalized" — to assure them U.S. foreign policy will not change and to clear up their "initial confusion and possibly resentment."

Should Orioles leave town?

Telina Jenkins

This week the AFRO asked shoppers at Mondawmin if the Orioles should leave Baltimore. Here are their answers.

TELINA JENKINS, 9, 1800 block of Presstman St., student — "No, I don't want them to leave. I don't go to games, but I watch them on TV all the time. I would miss them."

JOHN GRAY, 33, 2200 block of Garrison Blvd., Bethlehem Steel worker — "Well, I think they should stay here. They've been here all this time. It's the money factor. I think that Mayor Schaefer should buy the team for the city. It's bad that some outsider can come in and take the team out of the city."

More opinions on page 32.

John Gray

Heavy voter turn-out would turn tide in 5th

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Straight through his heart!

Police speeding to the scene found a man on the ground with a steak knife through his heart.

This is the story.

A woman paroled two months ago after serving time for assault with intent to murder and use of a handgun in commission of a felony has been charged again, this time for the crime of murder itself.

Ms. Daisy Lee Nixon, 35, was arrested and charged with killing her 27 - year - old boy friend on Aug. 27 during a violent street fight.

Residents of the 4800 block Park Heights Ave., told police Leslie Willie, 27, was sitting on a neighbor's porch talking when a woman crossed the street and walked up the steps.

The neighbor stated he observed the woman holding her right hand down near her side as she approached Willie. The couple began fighting on the porch and fell down five steps to the pavement, according to police.

Before police arrived on the scene, neighbors state while Willie and the woman were fighting on the sidewalk, they observed the woman push something in Willie's chest and then saw him place both hands on his chest.

No one could tell investigators why Willie and the woman had been arguing. However, the AFRO learned that the couple lived together in the 4800 block Park Heights Ave., and worked together at Leon's Pig Pen restaurant on Park Heights Ave.

Willie had been employed as a truck driver and Ms. Nixon assisted in the kitchen of Leon's Pig Pen.

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8,000 youth jobs available

There are after-school jobs available under the city's Youth Incentive Entitlement Program, known as "Youthworks," according to Jay Harrison, information officer of the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources.

"We can guarantee a job to any youngster who meets the eligibility requirements," Harrison told the AFRO on Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Those requirements include that the applicant be between 14 and 19 years of age, still in school or willing to return to school, and economically disadvantaged under Manpower guidelines.

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Wabash-Sequoia war on rats

SATISFIED WITH RESULTS — Sam Johnson, manager of the Wabash - Sequoia Manor Apartments stands outside the complex after his successful "clean-up battle" with the city administration and the Western Maryland Railroad.

(AFRO Photo by Mark Gail)

Watkins retirement official

Lt. Col. James H. Watkins says he does not have any bitter feelings against the police department and has not decided what he will do since he retired on Aug. 29.

A Criminal Court jury found Watkins not guilty of corruption charges in June. After 28 years with the department, Watkins decided to retire. "I have had a couple of offers and I am thinking about them," he said.

At this time Watkins is just enjoying life and taking it easy. He plans to return to court soon but this time the shoe will be on someone else's foot. He will be plaintiff not defendant.

His attorney George L. Russell told the AFRO this week that "We are now taking depositions on the libel lawsuit filed by Colonel Watkins against television station WJZ - TV, Channel 13 for a story aired on alleged corruption activities of Watkins."

No trial date has been set for this case. Watkins is seeking $8 million in damages.

White candidate proposes 'black' English in schools

Joseph Abraham, a white candidate in the 5th councilmanic district believes 'black' English should be taught in the Baltimore City public schools.

What is more he said this last week at a candidates' night sponsored by the NAACP.

"Educating a child can be compared to building a house." said Abraham. "Part of reaching children is through language. The school system has traditionally been geared to the Caucasian child while neglecting the needs of all others."

"Perhaps the most viable alternative is to teach standard English, as a second language, to those who need it," he went on, "and to teach the vitally needed basic skills in the language they understand.

Reeves blasts idea as 'insult to black community'

"In plain English," said Abraham, "what I'm calling for is the use of 'black' English as a teaching tool in the public school system."

Norman Reeves, also on the platform was the only candidate to react to Abraham's proposal. He said the proposal was "a blatant example of being out of touch with the times."

"He is insulting the black people in the community," Reeves said angrily.

Dept. of Ag. seeks minority contractors

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

More than $20 million has been allocated by the Science and Education Administration (SEA) of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to increase minority business contracts in Maryland. More than $80 million has been set aside nationwide.

To help minority businesses take advantage of this USDA opportunity, Robert L. Green, small and minority business coordinator for SEA, will be speaking at meetings in various cities with key minority business leaders.

He will appear in Baltimore Wednesday, Sept. 5, at Morgan State University at 7 p.m. in Jenkins Hall.

Joining him will be Leslie Lewis, Equitable Trust Bank, E. Joe Smith, Small Business Administration, Robert E. Blount, Minority Purchasing Council, Douglass Sands, Minority Business Enterprises of Maryland and Ben Mason, Council of Equal Business Opportunity.

Green, who has worked with USDA since 1963, said, "This meeting is an effort to demonstrate SEA's commitment to minority businesses. To do this, we will match what SEA buys with that which minority firms supply."

The meeting is being hosted by the Morgan State University Ownership Development Institute.

He pointed out that although his department was responsible for the food and agricultural sciences, the daily operation of USDA requires such services as data processing, office supplies and furniture, office machines, repair and maintenance services, automobiles, light trucks, and metal working machinery.

"We have no track record with minority businesses. We can't say black firms can't perform because we've never really hired that many before," asserted Green.

Green pointed out that while USDA is beefing up its contracts with minority firms, only five percent of its 86,000 employees are minority.

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Federal official to outline opportunities

Robert L. Green

Notice

All offices of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers will be closed Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day.

Offices will reopen Tuesday, September 4 at 8:30 a.m.

The Tuesday September 4 edition of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN will be published as usual.

Deadline for classified ads for that edition is 1:30 p.m. Friday, August 31.

—POLITICS— No bi-racial ticket in 6th District

There will be no bi-racial ticket in the 6th councilmanic District.

Negotiations between two top black candidates and one white candidate to form such a ticket fell through last week when the white candidate Joseph DiBlasi, refused to join forces with Marguerite Campbell and Peggy Jackson in the final weeks of the campaign.

The three camps had been talking for the last several weeks about the possibility for forming a ticket which would include joint campaiging across the district, election day coverage and possible pooling of campaign funds.

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Welcome drops Adams

The 4th District Democratic Club has dropped its endorsement of incumbent 4th District Councilwoman Victorine Adams and has thrown its support behind the candidacy of Agnes Welch, the AFRO has learned.

The move, according to reliable sources, was made by the organization's executive committee Tuesday. It is the first time since she was first elected that Mrs. Adams, who is a member of the rival Metro Democratic Club, was not carried on a 4th District ticket.

Sen. Verda Welcome, head of the group, was unavailable for comment but John Thornton, organization president, confirmed that Welch would be on his organization's ticket.

"It was decided at this extraordinary meeting that the ticket would include Kweisi Mfume, Michael Mitchell and Agnes Welch," he said but did not provide any further details.

The organization did not alter the top of its ticket of William Schaefer, Walter Orlinksy and John Douglass.

Political observers feel the switchover was partly the result of the 40th legislative Democratic district state central committee meeting held Aug. 7 where Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Mary B. Adams, committee chairman and also a Metro member, picked Western "West" Ivey to replace the late Dr. Henry C. Welcome on the committee rather than Sen. Welcome. Mrs. Mary B. Adams is also a council candidate.

Ivey, who is also a member of Metro, had been tapped as Dr.

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