RECEIVING NURSING CAPS — Two black women were among 55 nursing students to receive nursing caps from the South Baltimore General Hospital School of Practical Nursing recently. Capping marks the successful completion of the students' first 14 weeks of training. Shown here are from (L), Barbara Morton of Ferndale Avenue and Barbara Johnson of North Washington Street, and Constance Kline, R.N., coordinator of the school.

NIH deputy director stresses opportunities for minorities

Dr. Thomas E. Malone, deputy director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) last week urged the Provident - Hospital staff to take advantage of federal efforts to link new research with community health.

Dr. Malone, who addressed the quarterly meeting of the hospital's staff, added that Provident should take advantage of research grants and government contracts that deal with the special problems of minorities and women.

In 1979, the National Institutes of Health funded 800 clinical trials that grew out of research, he said, adding that "this activity is going to continue even though other kinds of activity may regress."

Among the research projects he predicted would continue are juvenile diabetes, fetal monitoring, hypertension in the elderly, and therapy for glaucoma.

He said there were good opportunities for women and blacks in medical research largely because of government efforts to assure that agencies that get government contracts hire qualified women and minorities.

Dr. Thomas E. Malone
Deputy Director, NIH

"The government has a computerized file of all minority and female scientists in the country, so no one can say there is no one available for advice in a given area," Dr. Malone said.

NIH, in stressing the clinical application of research, works with Provident hospital to assess the results of its research and the value of various medical approaches.

In an interview before his address to the hospital staff, Dr. Malone told the AFRO that NIH wants to help Provident "deal with the problems of the community it serves . . . and to make research count in terms of people."

An example of this effort is Provident's hypertension project which is designed to implement NIH research results.

Ms. June Caldwell, a former Provident board member who now works as a liaison between NIH and the hospital, said NIH is trying to discover how to educate the community, practitioners, and patients on health issues.

A 25 year veteran of NIH, Ms. Caldwell said that Provident is trying to develop "models to be used in the rest of the country."

INSTEAD OF NURSING HOMES

Grant allows elderly to live in housing

A program to provide public housing for 33 low-income and handicapped residents who do not want to live in nursing homes has begun in Baltimore with a $100,000 federal grant.

The program, called the Congregate Housing Services Program and administrated by the Department of Housing and Community Development, will provide personal care, housekeeping, meals, escort and case management services.

Residents will live in McCulloh Homes, 1102 Druid Hill Ave. They will contribute on a sliding scale which allows them to retain at least $80 plus 10 percent of their monthly income.

A spokesman for HCD said the program will deal with social, psychological, physical and economic problems.

Public housing residents may be hired to staff the program.

More information is available by calling the Social Work Services Division of HCD at 396-4271.

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CALENDAR

Inexpensive holiday events and youth jobs

FANTASY AND FUN AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD - On Saturday, Dec. 22 at 2p.m., Imagimime brings the world of imagination and mime to the Top of the World, the 27th floor observation level of the World Trade Center. This creative children's performance is part of the holiday series, Fantasy and Fun for Little People and Their Parents.

On Sunday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m., the series continues with the singing wit of Barry Louis Polisar, a performer of songs for children and "other beings."

The Top of The World is a permanent celebration of Baltimore's past, present and future offering a breathtaking view, multi-media exhibits and an International Gift Shop. Admission is $1 for adults, 75 cents for children and senior citizens. Children under 5 are free. Hours are from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon - 5 p.m. Sundays. The Top of The World is a project sponsored by the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Tourism. For further information call 837-4515.

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THE HOMESPUN SHOT - The holidays are almost here and you may well need an unusual gift for that special someone. The Homespun Shot at 4901 Greenspring Avenue will be able to help you choose that gift.

The shop specializes in handmade items and offers a variety of merchandise including dolls, jewelry, pillows, needlepoints, wooden puzzles, dried flowers and much more.

All proceeds from the store will be used for the Ecology Program of the Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation for much needed programs.

The public is cordially invited to come to the Homespun Shop, Tuesday thru Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. While you are shopping, please enjoy a cup of her tea with us. You may call 396-2079 for further information or directions.

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EAGER TO WORK - At this time of year, do you find yourself with too little time and too much to do? The windows need washing, the leaves haven't been raked, and pretty soon the walk will need to be shoveled, too?

You could call the Baltimore County Youth Employment Service at 296-7884 and get help. Young workers could rescue you from household tasks. The Youth Employment Service has over 300 names on file of young people, ages 14 to 18, who are willing and anxious to work. We will refer you to those located in your neighborhood. All of the young people have references, and there is no charge to the prospective employer, or to the youth who use the service.

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THE FREDERICK BALLET PRESENTS NUTCRACKER DECEMBER 28 & 29 AT WEINBERG CENTER - The Frederick Ballet Company will present The Nutcracker on December 28 and 29 at the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick, Maryland. There will be two matinees and evening performances at 1:30 p.m. and 8:00p.m.

Tickets are available at the Weinberg Center, 20 W. Patrick St. (694-8585); Frederick Classical Ballet, 36 E. Patrick; and Chanticleer Shoes, Frederick Towne Mall. Special rates are available for students and children.

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THE CHILDREN'S ARTISTICS PROJECTS - The Children's Artistics Projects is presenting the First Annual Animated Film Festival at 4604 Liberty Heights Avenue. We have the opinion at Children's Artistics Projects that positive usage of time is an important factor in the growth of youth.

We will, on December 28, 1979 from 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., provide two and one half hours of 16 mm animated film showings and refreshments for youth in Baltimore City.

Tickets are $3 per individual and is tax deductible. Proceeds may be made payable to The Free Spirit Theatre, Inc. (a non-profit tax exempt organization) at the above address in care of the Baltimore Experimental High School.

For further information please call The Children's Artistics Projects at 291-0549.

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CHRISTMAS CRAFTS EXHIBITION - The first Annual "Christmas Crafts Exhibition", will be held in City Hall Courtyard Galleries through December 24th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Craftsmen will be selling their crafts each day, M-F, from 12 a.m. - 1 p.m. The crafts for sale are quilts, dolls, puppets, wooden toys, doll houses and furniture, Christmas tree ornaments, aprons, pillows, weaving and other items appropriate for home decoration, children's gifts and "Baltimore is Best" souvenir items.

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KWANZAA FAMILY AFFAIR - The Institute for the Growth of Development of the African - American Family, Inc. (a non-profit organization) will sponsor a Kwanzaa Family Affair on December 28, 1979, 7-11 p.m. at Saint Marks United Methodist Church, 3900 Garrison Boulevard.

The highlights of the celebration will include, African and Caribbean music; Poetry; Speakers; African dancers and drummers; a marketplace and special activities for children.

Admission is free and participants are encouraged to bring food to eat and share.

The Institute for the Growth and Development of the African-American Family is an organization of men, women and children who are concerned with developing a closer communication with a better understanding of the importance of the African - American Family.

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RSVP SEEKS WORK FOR VOLUNTEERS - Baltimore County's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.) is looking for work. The program currently has a need for "in-house" projects for their senior citizen volunteers, who are eager to get out into the community and help.

Any non-profit organization that needs ready hands to help with office work such as stuffing mailers, addressing or ZIP coding envelopes, stringing tags or assembling kits of any kind may take advantage of the no-charge service offered by this volunteer program.

For information or to line up volunteer helpers, contact Ms. Lichtenstein at the R.S.V.P. office Essex Community College, 682-6000, ext. 497.

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CCC HOSTS SENIOR ART SHOW - The Catonsville Community College Alumni Association is sponsoring a Christmas '79 Senior Citizen's Art Festival in the Lounge of the Humanities Building, 800 South Rolling Road through December 21.

The show is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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THE LIVING CHURCH

What does Christmas mean? A minister speaks out

By Rev. Douglas I. Miles
(Editor's note: The Rev. Miles is pastor of Brown Memorial Baptist Church)

"O Lord, it's almost Christmas." How often have you heard that expression or one similiar to it in the past few weeks? Christmas - that time of year when resources, patience and tempers are strained to the limit. Christmas - whining children, frustrated shoppers, over worked policemen, tired sales clerks and exhausted housewives.

What has happened to the joy we once know as children, to the great anticipation we held as children for that holiday of holidays? Perhaps that joy and anticipation have disappeared because they were not rooted in the true meaning of Christmas and what it is meant to do for mankind.

Christmas is not Christmas trees, office parties, decorations of holly and misteltoe, gift exchanging nor Santa Claus. But it is the unfolding of the greatest Love story known to human history. The Christmas season and its message is best summarized by the Apostle John in his Gospel account "For God so Loved the world that He gave His only begotten son..." The Christmas season comes each year to remind us of ultimate giving. It comes to remind us that we, as unholy and selfish as we act and are, are still worth something in God's eyes - worth so much that He was willing to give His best to show His love for us. Those words of John, "For God so loved the world...", should ring loudly to the depths of our souls causing us to re-evaluate the way we live, the values we hold and the thoughts that move us, in light of this God who loves us so.

Rev. Douglas Miles

Christmas is not intended to be a burden - but rather comes to lift burdens we cannot lift ourselves. It is not intended to bring despair and frustration - but rather a renewal of hope because we are reminded that God cares. It is not intended to bring fear and apprehension but rather, Christmas burst upon us to cast out fear by reminding us of the perfect love God holds towards us and for us. "For God so loved the world..."

This season of the year should bring us joy because we are the recipients of the greatest gift known in human history. God gives of himself to us that we may live - not exist but live; not tread water but live. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotton son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." One old saint stated it this way, "I'm going to live until I die, then I'm going to live forever." It's this kind of hope that Christmas brings - that no matter how dark the night - joy comes in the morning. That no matter how rough the road ahead may seem there is God walking beside us who knows by experience what it is to travel that road, that no matter how friendless one may - God cares, God loves to the Ultimate each of us.

If one's joy and anticipation is routed in such an understanding of Christmas, then it becomes a joy that circumstances, that men, that the principalities of darkness cannot take away. And instead of moaning with the mass of men "O Lord it's Almost Christmas," one can stand on the street corner and shout "Thank God, there is Christmas!"

As we rush madly about in the few days remaining before that day of celebration, take the time to think of the God who loved us enough to give his best and perchance we will decide to give him our best. Take the time to meditate upon the God who shares with the world and maybe our eyes will be opened to the needs that still prevail in the world and we'll be motivated to join with God and share ourselves and our resources with others. Then we too may come to appreciate the fact known always by God "That it's more blessed to give then receive."

THE WOMEN'S CHORUS of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2100 Baltimore St., were among participants at the ordination services for the Rev. Mrs. Cynthia Jones.

'God has a special purpose in my life'

First female minister ordained

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

"There has always been a discrimination against women ministers in the church. They would receive their license but not be ordained. Qualified persons whether a male or female are entitled to full recognition."

Those were the words of the Rev. Arthur Jones, pastor of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2100 West Baltimore St. His daughter, the Rev. Mrs. Cynthia Jones, 30, appeared before a major ordination council on Monday, Dec 17 at Jones Tabernacle Church. The Rev. Darnell Johnson, pastor of Wayland Baptist served as moderator and the 60 minute catechizing was done by the Rev. Lorenzo, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

Rev. Jones, is supervisor of the blood bank at Provident Hospital and administrative assistant at Jones Tabernacle. Rev. Graves stated, " "This is a historic occassion and it is the wish of this church to be catechized tonight. This is a most serious time for the entire Baptist family."

After being asked several questions concerning the Bible, the church and the Lord's supper, Rev. Jones received a score of 95. She told the ministers, she was converted when she was eight years old and baptized when she was nine, Seated facing the ordination council, Rev. Jones stated, "I felt I wanted to dedicate my life to Christ. God has a special purpose in my life. I heard the voice speak in me one day that I would stand beside my father as he stood beside his father. In November 1969, my father did not feel he wanted me to go forth. Two years later, I received my license from this church to preach."

Among questions Rev. Jones was asked were: "On each page of the Bible, what do we see?" Her answer was "Christ."

Rev. Graves also asked, "Whom did Adam blame for his sin?" Rev. Jones answered, "He blamed God."

Other questions asked were "How many ways are there out of the church?" What are the qualifications of the Bishop ? Would you baptized an infant? and Tell us what you know about the Lord's Supper.

Rev. Jones is a graduate of Morgan State University and the Baltimore Extension of Virginia Theology School. She also works with the chaplain program at Provident Hospital. Now that she is an ordained minister, Rev. Jones can do anything any other ordained minister can do such as conduct communion service, funerals, weddings, as well as become pastor of a church if appointed.

Her grandfather, the late Rev. Arthur D. Jones, was the founder of Jones Tabernacle Baptist and served as pastor from 1940 until 1956, when his son, the Rev. Jones, was appointed, son, Rev. Jones succeeded him. Rev. Mrs. Jones, mother, is Mrs. Clotelle Jones, and her brother, Jerome Jones, lives in Paris, France.

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PROUD DAD — The Rev. Arthur Jones, pastor of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church kisses his daughter, the Rev. Mrs. Cynthia Jones, following ordination services on Dec. 17 at the church.

AFRO photos by Mark Gail

ENJOYING THE SINGING — Local ministers were among guests attending the ordination services on Dec. 17. There was hand clapping and shouts of "amen" while choirs of Jones Tabernacle were singing gospel music.

A JOYFUL NOISE could be heard Monday night at Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, when local choirs were singing and shouting at ordination services for the Rev. Mrs. Cynthia Jones.

Jubilee Day is Jan. 6

Jubilee Day will be observed Jan 6, 3 p.m. at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 1301 Eutaw Place. The Rev. Quincy Cooper and the Rev. Benjamin Hooks are speakers.

Jubilee Day is being sponsored by the NAACP and will be a day of spiritual renewal and a time to commemorate our black heritage, also, a time to reflect, rededicate and revitalize our efforts.

Planning committee members are the Reverends Vernon Dobson, co-chairman; Marion C. Bascom, co-chairman; Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels, co-chairman.

Grace Presbyterian sponsors a prayer breakfast Jan. 5

The members of Grace United Presbyterian Church, 2604 Banister Rd., will begin a year long centennial celebration on Jan 5, 1980 with a prayer breakfast at the Regency Terrace at 9:30 a.m.

Formerly located at Dolphin and Etting Streets, the church was founded Oct. 12, 1880. The ministers serving the church were the Reverends Charles Hedges, founding pastor, 1880 - 1891; the Rev. Frank Eggleston, 1891- 1908; the Rev. Edward Williams, 1908-1916; the Rev. John T. Colbert, 1917- 1932; the Rev. Robert T. Newbold Jr., 1953-1968 and the Rev. William T. Peters Jr., who is now serving as pastor. Services were held at the original site until 1971 when the church moved to its present location.

A variety of activities has been planned for the year long celebration. Some of them are: the Rev. Lonnie Oliver speaking at the Jan. 5 prayer breakfast, proclamation Sunday, Easter sunrise service, Ecumenical service, centennial service and centennial banquet. Chairman of the centennial celebration committee is Mrs. Mebane and Rev. Peters.

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Metro church briefs

Deaconess Day will be observed Sunday, Dec. 23, 5 p.m. at New Refuge Deliverance Holiness Church. Deacon Carrol Jones of True Fellowship Church will be the speaker. Deaconess M. Ward is chairman and Deaconess M. Lucas is business manager. — —

A candlelight Christmas service will be held Dec. 23 at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Riggs Avenue and Gilmor Street. The Rev. James H. Smith will be the speaker. Barton Bond is organist and Mrs. Barbara Fields is chairman.

A prayer breakfast will be held Dec. 29, 8:30 a.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, 946 Denison St. with the Rev. Harlie Wilson of Israel Baptist Church as speaker.

The Rev. William McCoy is pastor of Friendship. — —

The' Rev. Harley Wilson, pastor of Israel Baptist Church will be the 3 p.m. speaker on Dec. 23 at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, Harford Road and Parkside Drive, where the Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor. — —

The Voices of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church will observe their 11th anniversary on Dec. 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. at 601 Cumberland St. Mrs. Mary Madden is president, Mrs. Laura Pye, secretary, Carter Robinson, director and the Rev. William King is pastor. — —

The Missionary Society of Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Clifton Blvd., will have Mrs. Betty L. Johnson, president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention as the speaker on Dec. 23, 4 p.m. at the church. Mrs. Evelyn Jackson is president and the Rev. Lorenzo Graves is pastor. — —

The nativity of our Lord will be celebrated on Christmas Eve at St. Luke's United Church of Christ, 1301 Fayette St., 9 p.m. with worship and sacrament of holy communion. Hymns and carols, a candlelight cermony with the gospel will highlight the celebration. The Rev. Bruce D. Wickkiser is minister.

Happy Holiday
We wish you all a holiday stocking filled to overflowing with happiness and smiles! Merry Christmas!