Nominations open for outstanding volunteers

William Russell, executive director of the Voluntary Action Center of Central Maryland invites individuals and organizations to nominate volunteers for the Central Maryland Volunteer Awards.

Sponsored by the Carnation Corporation and local businesses.

Outstanding volunteers will be recognized for their service and accomplishments.

"Volunteers make a tremendous contribution in all facets of community life," said Russell. The Center, a United Way agency charged with recruiting volunteers and helping volunteer programs develop, believes the awards program can illustrate the unique ways volunteers have helped solve difficult community problems.

Russell explained that any volunteer, or voluntary group (a service club or social group, for example) which, during 1979, assisted any non-profit private or public organization in Central Maryland may be nominated.

A panel of community leaders in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties will review all nominations from their respective areas to select the 12 recipients. The awards will be distributed so that each area will have at least one nominee selected.

The 10-inch engraved silver bowl awards will be presented at a special ceremony during National Volunteer Week, April 20-26, 1980.

Nomination forms and further information are available by contacting the Voluntary Action Center, Suite 317, 711 West 40th St., Baltimore, Maryland 21222, 467-1600.

The deadline for nominations is January 31, 1980.

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County police chief wants 100 more cops

Baltimore County Police Chief Cornelius J. Behan has asked for an additional 100 policemen in his $37.8 million budget request for 1981.

Behan's request for additional officers is the second in two years. The department's current $30.3 million budget added 60 policement.

Behan also asked the county council to approve a $5.1 million expenditure to build a new police station in the Dundalk-Edgmere area and expand the police headquarters building in Towson.

Good and bad news for local homeseekers

The good news for Baltimore homebuyers last month was that mortgage interest rates declined slightly for the first time in six weeks.

The bad news, an industry spokesman said, is that the rates probably won't drop much lower and could possibly climb before the year is up.

Walter Preston, the editor of Builders, Bankers and Realtors, a weekly trade publication, said interest rates dropped slightly last month because of a decline in demand. The average interest rate for loans with a 20 percent down payment went from 13.3 percent on Dec. 14 to 13.16 percent last Friday.

"Lenders are lowering their rates now to be more competitive to get rid of funds that are available," he said. "They've (rates) continued to decline in the face of slack demand."

More banks have also entered the market, and potential buyers with lower incomes should benefit, Preston said. In recent months, lenders would not grant mortgages without a minimum of 10 percent down.

But Preston had little more good news.

Interest rates may go up another half-percent because as demand increases inflation continues, he said. But there should be enough mortgage money available for anyone who wants to pay the price.

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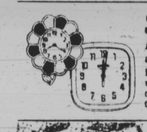

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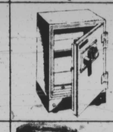

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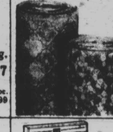

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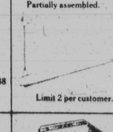

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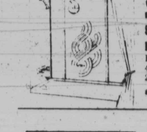

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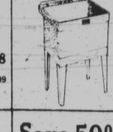

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The AFRO is giving away two free tickets to 25 readers. See the WWIN DJs play some of your favorite Orioles in a benefit basketball game at the Civic Center, Saturday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from this performance will go to Provident Hospital and the United Way of Central Maryland.

On hand to greet you will be "Wild Bill" Hagy, Oriole cheerleader, and the Oriole bird.

Meet WWIN DJs Eric Henain, Don Brooks, Mary Claybourne, Curtis Anderson, Harold Pompey, Lee Cross, Billy Taylor and other staff members.

You'll see Oriole stars Eddie Murray, Jim Palmer, Al Bumbry, Mark Belanger, Terry Crowley and Brooks Robinson, who is coming out of retirement to play in this game. Other Orioles will also be there.

Here's how to win:

Write a letter telling us your favorite Oriole player and why.

Send letter to AFRO, Oriole Contest, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

All letters must be in by Wednesday, Jan. 16. The first 25 letters will be the winners. Please include your phone number.

Tickets for this game can be purchased at the Civic Center or any Ticketron outlet.

For the price of one ticket, you can have a fun-filled evening with WWIN DJs and some of the Orioles and family style disco dancing.

...or dinner in Hollywood

There is still time to win an all-expense paid weekend trip to Hollywood and a special dinner with Natalie Cole and Peabo Bryson in Radio WWIN's "We're the Best of Friends" contest.

It's easy to qualify for the grand prize. Just stay tuned to WWIN. When the DJ says he is taking caller 14, dial 481-0030. If you are caller 14, just name Natalie and Peabo's smash duet album. The record is yours and you could be the grand prize winner.

WWIN is giving away at least 12 "We're the Best of Friends" albums each day. But don't delay—the contest ends Saturday, Jan. 12.

The grand prize drawing will be held at the Ritz, 28 Light St., Wednesday, Jan. 16.

The winner and a guest will receive an all-expense paid weekend trip to Hollywood for a special dinner with Natalie and Peabo at a top restaurant on Saturday, Feb. 2. While in the Los Angeles area, the contest winners will be provided round-trip limousine service between Los Angeles International Airport, their hotels and the restaurant. Winners will return home Sunday, Feb. 3.

The contest is co-sponsored by Capitol Records and stations WBLS, New York; WDAS, Philadelphia; WOOK-FM, Washington, D.C.; WIGO, Atlanta; WBMX, Chicago; KMJQ, Houston; WBOK, New Orleans; KDAY, Los Angeles; KDIA, Oakland, and WJLB, Detroit.

The duet album, "We're the Best of Friends," which pairs Natalie and Peabo for the first time, is a striking collection of love songs. "Gimme Some Time," the advance single, has already rocketed into the Soul Top 15, as has the album.

On the Pop charts, the LP is into the Top 50.

BEST OF FRIENDS — Eleven radio stations, including Baltimore's WWIN, are offering free copies of Natalie Cole's and Peabo Bryson's duet album, "We're the Best of Friends," until Jan. 21.

YOUNG PHYSICIAN — Donald Russell Owens appears as Dr. Jim Tennyson in "Dr. Cook's Garden," at the Arena Playhouse through Jan. 20.

'Dr. Cook's Garden' now at Arena Playhouse

"Dr. Cook's Garden," the highly acclaimed melodrama by Ira Levin is currently being performed at the Arena Playhouse.

The play is set in the Vermont village of Greenfield Center. The residents are fine, wholesome people, and it appears that civic virtue is rewarded by the Powers That Be — only the wicked at heart die.

The town physician is a benevolent, widely-loved older doctor who has much community pride.

Kindly Dr. Cook, played by Peter Valletutti, who willingly goes out on house calls at any hour of night or day, is determined that the good in Greenfield Center be rewarded.

When a young doctor, played by Donald Russell Owens, who has known and loved Dr. Cook for years, returns to visit the village, he is thrilled to be reunited with his friends.

But a problem of medical ethics begins to torture him. He concedes it may be excusable for a doctor to kill incurable patients and the hopelessly deformed. However, he must drawn the line when it comes to eliminating disagreeable people who happen to be considered a blot on the fair community.

It is the young physician's attempt to make his mentor see reason on this point which brings the young and old doctors into suspenful conflict.

"Dr. Cook's Garden" will run at the Arena Playhouse, 801 McCulloh St., weekends through Jan. 20. Showtimes are Fridays, 8:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Pauline Brooks Boutique in Mondawmin Mall (728-1011) or at the theater. Many dates are still available for bookings and parties.

For further information, call 728-6500.

At the Mechanic

'Filumena' is 'excellent' despite early doldrums

By Bob Matthews

The Broadway-bound play "Filumena" opened at the Mechanic Theatre this week, and Baltimore theatre-goers got a chance to simper and fawn over the presence of one of the greats of the theatre.

The opening night curtain was about 10-minutes late going up, which has become almost standard, but this time, it seemed to be waiting for a special event.

It occurred when a slim, greyhaired man sidled down the aisle to take a seat in the second row. Before he arrived at his seat, a ripple of applause started—then swelled, until the audience was on its feet according a standing ovation to the renowned British actor, Sir Laurence Olivier.

This done, the house lights dimmed, the curtains parted, and the play began. It is billed as a comedy, and perhaps the classic definition applies in this case: "a light, amusing story with a happy ending."

"Filumena" is the story of a prostitute, whose admirer, Demenico, has been supporting and living with her for 25 years. As the play opens, she has successfully tricked Demenico into marrying her, feigning a near- death scene (which is note shown) with marriage, the dying wish.

But, she doesn't die, and later confesses that she has three sons, with Demenico the father of one of them. She refuses to say which is his son and this becomes one of the focal points in the plot line.

In fact, the scene in Act II of the play in which Demenico attempts to learn which of the three is his son, strikes a proper farcial note and provides one of the few genuinely funny sequences.

The first act is given over to stilted dialogue, with interminable passages. The action is miniscule, and the entire proceeding will probably be speeded prior to the play's debut on Broadway, which is scheduled to occur on Feb. 3.

By the third act, the play is rolling along, all the characters have been introduced, the plot lines established, with the wedding of the central characters at the apex.

At once, the final act forces a tear from the eyes, and puts a smile on the face as the resolution, in true class comedic style, occurs in time for the final curtain.

The play is good, in fact it is excellent. The acting is exquisite, although in the case of Filumena, played by Joan Plowright (Mrs. Laurence Olivier) she seems just a smidgeon too cultivated for a woman of the back- ground portrayed in the play.

The scintillating work of supporting actress Miriam Phillips is truly a delight to behold. A seasoned performer—she was in a repertory company as early as 1925—she lent a proper salacious touch to the proceedings.

Frank Finlay, as Demenico is properly blustering, and uses the mannerisms we have learned to associate with Napolitan behavior. It is especially effective, since the locale of the play is Naples, and all of the actors and actresses effect Italian accents.

The play is not new. It was performed in the United States under the title: "The Best House in Naples" in 1956. It was not successful.

It later was converted into a movie entitled "Marriage Italian Style" which starred Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni. Of more recent date, "Filumena" ran successfully for two years in London, with the two stars, Joan Plowright and Frank FFinlay, winning "Best Play of the Year" awards.

Miss Plowright was accorded "Best Actress of the Year" for her portrayal of Filumena.

Production of the play was by Franco Zeffirelli, who directed the Eduardo DeFilippo treatment. Franco was the original director for the Boston run, prior to the Baltimore opening, where Sir Olivier took over.

The play is good theatre. It is in three acts, and employs a stunning one-set staging. Included is a ceiling, upon which hangs a 1940s chandelier. The set is extremely well done, with little classic touches such as a lighted liquor cabinet, and small tapestries on the walls.

Baltimoreans should take advantage of the opportunity to see this play as it is honed, for it stands an excellent chance of making it on Broadway. It will be slightly revised to sharpen up the action, and provide more animation.

Our advice, don't let the first act inaction throw you—the play is worth waiting for the second and third segments.

Museum of Art to present reading

Mary Carter Smith

Mary Carter Smith will present a selection of readings for children, "Storytelling — Pass it On," at the Baltimore Museum of Art, Jan. 27, 2 p.m.

Ms. Smith, a poet and griot, has been entertaining audiences with her interpretations of folk tales of many lands since 1969.

Her extensive repertoire of stories, poems and dramatic sketches has been developed through experiences in her native Birmingham, Ala., towns in Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio, as well as Baltimore, where she currently resides.

A founding member of the Baltimore Arena Players, Ms. Smith is part of the Artists in Schools Program.

The event will be held in the Museum's auditorium and is free and open to the public.

Night Scene

By Bob Matthews

When Night Sceners are out doing their thing, one thing assumes paramount importance before the night ends—what to eat?

Not talking about trying to satisfy the "munchies" with which a lot of night people are familiar, but a desire for some real food long about one or two o'clock in the morning. (Sound familiar?)

Hot foods are usually high on the agenda during this period—hot with pepper as well as fire—and naturally barbecued ribs occupy a prominent place in the thinking.

In our particular case, we search the world for the perfect barbecued ribs, much in the same manner as that man searched for the perfect steak.

Out in the midwest—Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, etc.—barbecue means only one thing pork ribs. In fact, there is a premium charge for the "small end" of the slab.

So, where does one find ribs that qualify in the Baltimore area. It is a difficult task. There has been a proliferation of Leon's Pig Pen outlets, but sadly these pork dishes are cooked over electricity.

To qualify, the ribs must be cooked over a natural fire—which narrows down the choices immensely. It eliminates such places as The Red Rooster which we are told prepares excellent ribs; Sess's, and Sampson's and all the other places which fix ribs in the "soul" style—baked in the oven.

Unfortunately, the Number One ribs, in our estimation, are not currently available, and won't be until the weather changes. Then, a little screened-in square building on the lot which contains the Dotson's nightclub will be serving ribs on weekends.

This traditional spot features a sunken pit on which slabs of ribs are slowly smoked, all the while being basted in a special sauce until the ribs are completely done, tender and succulent.

Our number two choice is in Northwest Baltimore at a place called Pee Wee's which is open on weekends, and stays open until after three o'clock in the morning.

Pee Wee has a rotisserie, which is visible through the front window, on which ribs are slowly revolved in front of burning wood to impart that true smoky taste. Also features is an excellent minced barbecue, but just a word of warning—if you tell Pee Wee you want it hot—it is H-O-T!!

William (Woo) Faison
The Ritz

The place, located on Baker St., just above Fulton Ave., is open Thursdays through Sundays.

Next in order would have to be the Matthew's barbecue (no relation) out on Dorsey Rd. near Rt. 3. The specialty here is chopped barbecue, although ribs are available in limited quantities.

What is known as North Carolina barbecue is available here, which in essence is whole pork loins slow smoked over an oak and hickory wood fire, then chopped. Sauce is added before it is made into a sandwich.

The place is open the year round, and over the past year or so, has added an additional eating facility down the hill on the same property. During the warm-weather months, there are picnic tables and Japanese lanterns on the spacious grounds.

Continuing the list, we next place the Queenstown, Md., barbecue place which has been in constant operation since about 1923. Queenstown is a small community nestled about a quarter mile off Dorsey Rd. near Hollins Ferry Rd.

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