'Afro Mother Of The Year—1980'

Do you want your mother to receive this honor? Do you want to bring a smile to her face and happiness into her heart?

Do you want to watch her take that 'Isn't She Lovely?' walk into the spotlight at the Ritz on Saturday, May 10 to receive her prizes?

If so, write in 100 words or less why you think your mother (or the mother figure in your life) deserves this honor and the accolades. Send entries to the AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. All entries will be judged on the basis of the exceptional qualities of 'Mothering' or 'Motherliness' which you point up in your entry that your mother or mother figure has exhibited. Deadline for entries is Friday, May 2. The culminating activity at which your mother will be formally presented as 'AFRO Mother of the Year - 1980' and receive her prizes will be hosted at The Ritz Supper Club, 28 Light St. on Saturday, May 10.

So hurry! Get your entry in.

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CONCERTED BENEFIT — Nathan Carter, director of the Morgan State University Choir, goes over plans with Mrs. Connie Butler, member of the Baltimore Continentals' committee, and Mrs. Louise Mapp, Continentals' president, for the choir concert to be held 8:15 p.m., Sunday, May 4 at the Lyric. The concert is being jointly sponsored by the President's Committee for the Morgan Choir and the Baltimore Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc. Mesdames Sevilla Carroll and Phyllis Thompson are Continental chairpersons for the affair.

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Mesdames Louise Mapp, president, Frances Branch, Lillie Branch, Zelma Brown, Constance Butler, Mae Chamberlain, Odessa Dyson, Katherine Gross and Audrey Harden.

Also, Serena Holmes, Priscilla Marshall, Marlene Mohamed, Mattie Mumby, Helen Quarles, Doris Smith, Delores Sykes, Mary Tucker, Margaret Turner, Elmira Washington, Delores Young, Misses Daisy King and Emily Peck.

For ticket information call 342-2924 or 383-9891.

Les Gemmes

In anticipation of Spring, the month of April promises to be an exciting one for many but particularly for the Baltimore Chapter of Les Gemmes, Inc.

Les Gemmes, Inc. is a national organization of professional women. There are eight chapters in existence in Baltimore, Md.; Norfolk, Va., Washington, D.C., Suffolk, Va., Chesapeake, Va., Virginia Beach, Va., Portsmouth, Va., and most recently a chapter has been established in Oxford, N.C.

National officers include Evelyn Harris, president; Bessie Vinson, vice president, Brookie Thomas, secretary, and Elizabeth Alston, treasurer. All are from Virginia.

The Baltimore chapter, organized in $974, will be the Hostess sorority for this year's bi annual conclave.

Officers include Brenda Thorington, president; Doris Nelson, vice president; Mary Anderson, secretary; Celeste Fennell, assistant secretary; Genet Fulwood, treasurer; Elizabeth Elliott, financial secretary; Loretta Hill, parliamentarian, and Geraldine Smith, chaplain.

Other members are Reta Chainey Jones, Peggy Neal, Mary Tate, Betty Randolph, Connie Whittington and Deborah Johns.

During the weekend of April 18 - 20, 1980 Gemmes will be meeting together from all parts of the country at the Holiday Inn - Downtown for one of the largest conclaves ever celebrated.

The theme for the entire conclave is "Les Gemmes — Love, A Conclave Experience, 1980".

The keynote speaker will be the noted educator from Baltimore, Dr Rebecca Carroll.

The primary purpose of Les Gemmes, Inc. is to stimulate, foster, and provide varied levels of activities among members and the community.

40th Wedding Anniversary

Mr and Mrs. James Shields of this city recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant, on Liberty Rd.

The couple and their family members enjoyed sumptuous Chinese cuisine and beverages.

A white cake, trimmed with blue was inscribed "Happy 40th Anniversary to Mom and Dad".

This cake as well as money gifts and cards were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Shields by their five daughters and their husbands. Mrs. Shields was also pinned with a white orchid corsage.

Attending were: Mrs. Brenda Shields Wade and hubby, John; Miss Marguerite Shields; Mrs. Ilean Shields Forman and hubby Johnny; Mrs. Elaine Shields Range and hubby, Jim; and Mrs. Sandra Shields Ringgold and hubby, Curtis.

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Columbia Capers

Kevin Young tagged for Detroit Tigers

COLUMBIA CAPERS
By Pinnie L. Ross

Kevin Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl (Ruthie) Young has been drafted by the Detroit Tigers, and now is in Spring Training at Lakeland, Florida. The young 5'8" Columbian was the 3rd draft choice for the Tigers.

Mr. and Mrs. Young, like most parents are proud of their 20-year-old son, Kevin.

"I am proud for many reasons" said his lovely mother (Ruthie). "He is doing what he has always wanted to do, so few people get that opportunity and most of all, he is humble, I am happy when anybody gets a chance to do what he really wants to do."

Baseball runs in the family but not one of the talented Youngs had the opportunity their son Kevin had.

A very proud father, the dad is, Earl Young. "Baseball is in my family" said Mr. Young. "My father played with the Black Barons, and before that my grandfather played for the Chattanooga Lookouts," one of the premier teams in the Negro League in 1912, about the same time his two uncles were playing for the Kansas City Monarchs.

The 54 year old deputy director in the Office of Security and Program Integrity at Social Security is a former semi-professional baseball player himself, like father, grandfather and two uncles, it just runs in the family.

I can remember about 10 years ago when Kevin was small, playing in the league of basketball, Ruthie and the family would attend all of the games and what a cheering squad the Young family had, cheering for Kevin.

There were oldest sister Kathy, now senior at Oakland Mills High School, where mother is Media Secretary, and cute 10-year-old Kelly, and the father with his strong voice.

There was not a difference at other times. The same action took place at the baseball games. The greatest thrill will come when they see him, their son, play in Tiger Stadium.

It all started years ago with Kevin in elementary and high school. In 1977 he was chosen to be the male outstanding athlete at Oakland Mills High School and named to several All County Teams.

During his high school days, the Yankees and the Orioles were interested in him along with many more leagues. It gave the Tigers more reason to draft Kevin, since the outfielder Ron Le Flore has gone to the Expos.

His speed on the base paths is excellent and has attracted the interest of many scouts other than the previous scouts mentioned. Atlanta team was one of the earlier scouters.

The calm, unemotional, handsome outfielder feels that blacks are not drafted as much as whites even though they have the ability. "Two summers ago I was one of six blacks in a Cape Cod League for College players, the same ratio repeated in the Harrison, Virginia league," Kevin said.

Kevin was the recipient of a four year scholarship to Howard University two years ago, but felt that he was not progressing the way he should have been.

Last fall, Kevin went to Valencia Community College in Orlando, Florida. He was highly recommended by two young men.

Prior to the recommendation since he was 16, he had been with the National Tryouts Bureau in Annapolis, Maryland. While at Valencia during the fall season, Valencia played 100 games.

The season in which championship titles are awarded is in the spring. In the fall the games are "just for the coaches and scouts" he said. They look for the potential, not the batting averages, stolen bases, etc.

Kevin feels that he is not a power hitter, comparing himself with the Baltimore Orioles Al Bumbry, but feels he is a streak hitter. "When I am in a streak I'll hit the ball all over." He hits the ball with mostly singles and doubles.

He recalled one of the "hitting highlights" of his young career. "It happened at Howard" "It went 500, even 600 feet," "It went over the lights — they are 310 feet from home plate and over the street — and over the next street."

Still another highlight came last spring when Howard squared off against the University of Maryland. That time, Columbia's 20-year-old talented young man went four to five, including two home runs and two doubles.

The confident young Kevin said "The Tigers were the last team that I imagined I would get picked by, but its no big thing, it doesn't matter which team, I just want to get there," he said.

If he hadn't been picked by the Tigers in the third round, I am sure another one would have picked him for sure, because he is a super athlete.

The proud father had this to say "I didn't know when he would be drafted, but I knew it would soon happen." Scouts from the major league had been watching Kevin for four or five years.

Like most fathers he did some checking out of Frank Skoff, the scout who signed Kevin. He feels very comfortable, his findings were very impressive.

Kevin has high hopes for his future. He hopes to reach the majors in three years, in a very quiet voice, he said "I'd be very happy with that timetable, but if it takes more time, that's what it will take."

We hope to see Kevin's face on the front of a card later in years. When told this, he laughed and said, "It will read, simply 'I made it.'"

With young Kevin's talent, energy, dedication and hard work, he can't miss his picture on baseball cards, because it will be there.

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