JOHN WILSON'S DIALOGUE painting now hangs in the Morgan University gallery.

Morgan University Gallery of Art gets famed painting

Dialogue," a painting by John Wilson, has been presented to the Morgan State University Gallery of Art in Baltimore by the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

The Maryland gallery is among 20 institutions across the country receiving works by contemporary American artists this year as gifts of the Academy-Institute's Hassam and Speicher Purchase Funds.

A native of Boston, Mass., Wilson was graduated from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and received a B.S. in education from Tufts University. He also

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Carters entertain famous artists

Washington — President and Mrs. Carter held a reception last week at the White House for a select group of Afro - American artists all of whom were over 65 years of age and some of them were honored posthumously.

The ten artists are Richmond Barthe, Romare Bearden, Margaret Burroughs, Ernest Crichlow, Lois M. Jones, Jacob Lawrence, Archibald J. Motely, James L. Wells, Charles White and Hale Woodruff.

The event April 2 came during the three - day meeting of the National Conference of Artists, a body of black American Visual Artists which held sessions at tte International Inn.

Among invited guests was Dr. James E. Lewis, the director of the Gallery of Art at Morgan University in Baltimore and himself a distinguished painter and sculptor.

WHITE HOUSE GUEST on the occasion of the April 2 National Conference of Artists and received by President and Mrs. Jimmie Carter was James E. Lewis, director of the Gallery of Art of Morgan State University shown here with Mrs. Carter. Mr. Lewis is distinguished nationally as one of the greatest artists of his times.

ONE PASTOR'S FAMILY — Guest speaker at the Ebenezer Baptist Church Senior Missionary Society's 80th anniversary recently were the Rev. H. L. Hendricks, pastor of Zion Union Church, Kenbridge, Va., and his wife, Mrs. Virginia Hendricks; Mrs. Ruth Donahue, daughter and her sons, Troy E. Todd of Seat Pleasant, Md.; Elwood K. Callahan Sr., his wife, Mrs. Darlene Callahan and daughters, Roslyn and Marcia, all of Oxen Hill, Md.; Oracle Reese, granddaughter, Kenbridge, Va.; Mrs. Gail Price, a close friend, Landover, Md.

LADIES GUILD, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, sponsors of a recent fashion show banquet are Mesdames Thelma Williams, president; Marguerite Daniels, vice-president; Madie Rucker, secretary; Dorothy Lewis, treasurer; Alma Stubbs, hospitality; Pearl Green, parliamentarian; Blanche Lindsay, Edmonia Miller, Ida Wiggins, Adelaide Clark, Norma Bracy and M. Dameron were committee members.

LEADERS of the session during which Rosemont Elementary pupils learned about the Middle East and foreign lands were Albert Harrison, Charles Barnes, Saundra Smith, Michelle Mooring and Shanta Jeffries shown here with the school principal, Mrs. Dorothy F. Bennett.

ROSEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS — Mesdames Georgiania Ratliff, Catherine Frazier, Ola M. Wheeler, Bernice Watson, Lillie Matthews, Roberta Cooper, Mary White, Lorraine Robinson, Beverly Johnson, Colleen Finwich and Shirley Smith.

Rosemont pupils visit far-away land at assembly

Some 800 pupilssof Rosemont Elementary School, the third largest elementary school in Baltimore, made an exciting visit to the Middle East Arabic countries, Jerusalem and the Holy Land, China and Japan last week.

Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, principal, members of her staff, Mesdames Edith Redmond, Asalee Portee, Anethia Williams, Deborah Jordan and Messers Lee Moody, Patrick Reed, served as models to show garments worn by natives of the far-away lands.

The model of garments from Damascus and Jerusalem was Mrs. Ardelle Vessells, a retired teacher and wife of the noted pianist Lawson Vessells, who had travelled there recently.

AFRO City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver lectured on her visit to the Middle East last winter. Mrs. Williams' dresses from Africa and the East added to the interest as all the models paraded the auditorium and visited each classroom.

Albert Harrison gave greetings and welcome as the youngsters put on their own program. Sharon Davis introduced Ms. Oliver who was extended appreciation by Anthony Bacon on behalf of the school.

Teachers who directed the Easter Parade performed by the first graders were Mesdames Cynthia Day, Levolie Jackson, Judith Sparks, and Sharon Walker. Mrs. Frances M. Parks, the school's vice - principal extended words of gratitude to the speakers, models, and pupils.

The program, which was attended by scores of parents, ended with the singing of the school's official song, "Happiness is Rosemont."

BIRTHDAY PARTY which marked the natal date of Del. Frank M. Conaway was a gala affair at his home. Among guests and family members were Bobby Wallace, Doris Goode, Charlene Wicks, Beverly Wallace, Trudi McGowan, Abner Lee, Frances Gonzales, Frederick Johnson, Earl Koger, Harry Peaker, Andrew Mallory Jr., Johnnie Clark, Cecil Cooper. (3rd, L-R) Jerome Jones, Eve Jones, William Jones, Ruth Ellen, Carol Holly, Hilda Tomlinson, Gloria Peaker, Gloria Mallory, Betty Clark, James Brown. (2nd, L-R) Joseph Obey, Alice Press, Bennie Keene, Mary Conaway, Frank Conaway, Jennifer Bennett, Betty West, Sara Macklin, William Maklin. (1st, L-R) Patricia Bulluck, Sheila Shelton, Alice Dodson, Armstead Jenkins, West Ivy and Ernestine Wright.

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Sen. Douglass stands firm

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Flack, Chisholm here for women's conference

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Man charged in 2 fire deaths

Douglass takes hard-line stand on Brailey

By James M. Abraham
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State Sen. Robert Douglass, outgoing head of the General Assembly's Legislative Black Caucus, has adopted a hard-line stance toward the resignation of one of the senior members of that body, Troy Brailey.

Brailey, whose resignation from the 12-year-old body shocked the state political community a week ago, stated in his letter of resignation that he felt the caucus was losing sight of its original goals and was failing to champion the cause of poor blacks.

But Douglass, in a firmly-worded letter to caucus members denounced Brailey's resignation and labelled the move as purely selfish and political."

Douglass added that Brailey's resignation was "motivated by 40th District politics, and should not be characterized as nothing more than that."

State Sen. Tommie Broadwater also felt that Brailey's actions were inappropiate, and added that he doubts that Brailey will be able to accomplish much on his own. (In an earlier AFRO story, Brailey stated that he would be able to work more effectively on behalf of black people through other organizations.)

"If he thinks that he alone can do a job for the poor and black people of Maryland, then he's mistaken," said the Prince George's County legislator. "I hope he realizes just what he is doing and stops it."

Broadwater also added that the reason Brailey resigned is because he did not win the recent Caucus Chairmanship election.

"It's just a case of sour grapes," added the senator.

Some political observers feel that Brailey, who is a steering member of the Fourth District Democratic Organization, was upset because Delegate Frank Conaway, D-40, is a head of the rival Metro Democrats, an organization whose titular head is long-time West Baltimore political kingpin William Adams.

The two organizations, (Metro is an offshoot of FDDO), have fueded since the early '60s and the latest conflict, which took place during the summer of 1979, left many in both organizations with fresh battle scars.

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Violence erupts at main library

AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz

LIBRARY STABBING — Charles Bennett, 29, was stabbed with a hunting knife in the neck, chest, back, arms and legs following an argument with a co-worker, Thursday, April 17, at Enoch Pratt Free Library, Cathedral and Franklin Sts. A security guard at the library said the two men had been quarreling since Wednesday. See story page 3.

He is also prime suspect in 3rd fatal house blaze

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

"Someone is going to die," is what an unidentified male said by phone to a tenant who lived at 2215 Aisquith St., on April 16.

Police report three hours after the woman received the phone call, the house was set on fire with a flammable liquid. Mrs. Yvonne Von Hendricks, 35, dropped her daughter, Mika, 4, into the arms of a neighbor. She then jumped from the third floor of the four unit rowhouse.

She was seven months pregnant and her baby was still-born five minutes before she died at Johns Hopkins Hospital of injuries suffered in jumping from the window. Ten other residents of the apartment house escaped unharmed.

Ronald Epps, 20, who had been charged with murder by arson in a March 6 fire that killed two persons is being held without bail and questioned about the Aisquith Street fire. Epps was arrested at his Fenwick Avenue home 9 m. April 17.

He is being held without bail and is charged with killing Miss Paulette Preddy, 13 and Waddell Burroughs, 42, of the 1500 block Homestead St. Mrs. Sandra Thompson, 42, mother of Miss Preddy moved to the Aisquith Street apartment after her home was destroyed in the March 6 fire. She told police she received an anonymous phone call shortly before the fire started.

At AFRO presstime, police were questioning Epps about the phone call and the Aisquith Street fire. Damage to the apartments was estimated at $31,500.

The AFRO learned the first report on the Aisquith Street blaze was listed as "possible careless smoking" as cause of the fire. However, after talking with residents of the apartment, investigators on Wednesday decided arson was the cause.

Mrs. Hendrick was employed as a nurse at Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital. The family will receive friends today (Friday) 7 p.m. at Church of the Holy Covenant, 600 East Broadway. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, April 19.

Mrs. Hendrick was a 1964 graduate of Eastern High School. She attended Morgan State, Essex Community College and Baltimore City Hospital nursing school. She is survived by her husband, Antonia Hendrick, one daughter, Mika; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert (Doris) Wilson; one sister, Miss Shelia Wilson and a brother Andrea Wilson.

Seek 'hit-run' driver in jogger's death

Rodney Cousin

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Jeffrey Tabb, a senior at Carver High School told the AFRO, "I will continue to jog but never jog again in Druid Hill Park. The area where we were hit is a dangerous spot and I will jog at the high school track near my home."

Tabb, 18, of the 2200 block Roslyn Ave. and his cousin, Rodney Cousin, 17, of the 9100 block Flamepool Way in Columbia were jogging around the reservoir in Druid Hill Park April 15, around 6:30 p.m. when the driver of a yellow dump truck struck and killed Mr. Cousin and injured Tabb during a hit and run accident.

Police report the truck sped off and Mr. Cousin was pronounced dead at Sinai Hospital. Tabb is in satisfactory condition at Provident Hospital.

Police report a warrant has been issued for Willie Dee McClam, 32, of the 3900 block Garrison Ave., He is wanted for driving without a license and leaving the scene of a accident. He also faces a manslaughter charge, police report. The truck was found about 6 a.m. Wednesday on a parking lot on Reisterstown Road.

Tabb stated he had been jogging for two years and his cousin would join him occasionally. Tabb would jog two or three times a week after school.

Relatives state the youths were like brothers. Funeral services for Mr. Cousin will be held today (Friday) 11 a.m. at Interfaith Center in Columbia.

Mr. Cousin is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David (Ann) Cousin Sr.; two sisters, Misses Kim and Sherrie Cousin; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cousin and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cunningham.

Police issue warrant

Jeffrey Tabb

2 Baltimore commissioners firm on minority participation

Blacks can cash in on cable TV if...

By Ann Sagi
AFRO Staff Writer

There is a lot of money to be made in the cable TV business for franchise owners, installers, repair and maintenance persons, and, ultimately, singers, dancers, writers, actors.

Baltimore's black community can obtain a substantial hunk of the bounty, but, according to a cable TV committee member who helped formulate Pittsburgh's cable TV statute, it is going to take considerable effort.

"There is no reason why blacks in Baltimore can't participate, but they have to work at it. The powers that be aren't giving up anything," said Dennis Schatzman, city editor of the Pittsburgh Courier and member of that city's cable TV commission.

A Baltimore panel recently recommended the city develop a cable TV system but will not award a franchise until a decision is made next February on the type of system the city should develop.

Schatzman repeatedly emphasized that black Baltimoreans must be aggressive to insure inclusion in all phases of cable TV.

"Black committee members should know more about cable than the white folks on the committee. And they should understand that politics play the most important role.

"You have to keep on top of the situation all the way along the line," Schatzman said.

He also advised Baltimore to proceed slowly as they consider cable companies and options. "You have to be careful. It is advisable to proceed cautiously."

Schatzman also suggests Baltimore study Pittsburgh's cable network before they get too far along on local planning.

The Pittsburgh cable TV system has not been completely without snags, though. Initially discussed in 1973, blacks were not included in the planning process until 1976.

The contract was finally awarded in February 1980.

Schatzman said no blacks were named to the cable commission until he "bitched about it," at which time he and two other blacks joined the committee.

It was through his experience on the committee that Schatzman learned first-hand the lesson he feels Baltimoreans must learn: show the city minorities are very much involved in cable television.

Relying on federal minority set-aside regulations simply is not enough, he said, because they are easy to circumvent.

Four cable companies submitted bids in Pittsburgh and all included provisions for minority participation.

Before the selection was made, Schatzman said the committee submitted more than 100 amendments to provide for privacy, redress for residents if property is damaged during installation, etc.

When the franchise was finally approved, 20 percent of the franchise was awarded to 17 black churches and organizations. Three people vote for the member groups.

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The Deltas are here!

(For more Delta see What's Happening)

By Ida Peters

The 1980 Eastern Regional Conference of Delta Sigma Theta Inc., a public service sorority, moved into high gear today at the Hilton Hotel.

Hundreds of delegates representing 95 chapters in the Eastern Region are meeting on the theme "Delta's Impact on the '80s: Black Women, Black Youth".

"Today, more than ever, a sorority is need for supportive adequacy and mobilization for the advancement of blacks" said Mrs. Chapelle Armstead of Baltimore, Eastern Regional director.

Mrs. Mona Bailey, national president of Seattle, Wash. was met at Baltimore - Washington International Airport today (Friday) by Mrs. Laura Knight, president of Baltimore Alumnae, the hostess chapter; Mrs. Mae Wright Peck, past - national president and Mrs. Ida Peters, daughter of Delta founder Vashti Turley Murphy.

A police escort was arranged to greet Mrs. Bailey who represents 100,000 members in 650 chapters in the United States grouped in seven regions.

Mrs. Armstead said that the regional conference being held from April 17 - 19 will give each chapter on the East Coast a chance to report on the sorority's five - point program which includes Educational Development; Economic Development; Community and International Development; Housing and Urban Development; and Mental Health.

Thursday's highlights included a progressive dinner party to Little Italy, a tour of Baltimore and a reception for the Eastern Regional Director, Mrs. Chapelle Armstead.

Today, Friday, a Regional Conference Model Initiation was held at 7:30 a.m. The opening plenary session and formal opening of the convention was held at 9 a.m.

A major address by Mrs. Mona Bailey, national president will be held tonight (Friday) following a memorial service.

A closing banquet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday will climax a full day of public meetings. Dr. Bernard C. Watson, vice president for academic affairs at Temple University is the speaker at the luncheon Saturday which is open to the public.

ENTER OUR NEWEST CONTEST!

Your mom—AFRO mother of the year?

The Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN 'Mother of the Year Contest' now underway is your chance to tell us what your mother means to you and to possibly have her chosen as 'AFRO Mother of the Year - 1980.'

The winner will receive many honors and prizes: among them a gift certificate from the In Outlet, Pauline Brooks' Fashion Salon, Act I and Act II Boutique (owned by Pinnie Ross), Mr. Baker's Beauty Salon, 4 tickets to the Arena Player's production of "The Amorous Flea", dinner for two at the Ritz, dinner for two at D'Joint, flowers and other fashion and entertainment awards.

Anyone can enter. It's free to all. To compete simply write a letter telling us the thoughtful, kind, helpful, considerate, encouraging things your mother has done for you, your family and others.

Spell out her 'motherly' deeds and show us why she deserves the 'Isn't She Lovely? AFRO Mother of the Year' title.

She could be your mother, your grandmother, your foster mother or whoever has fulfilled the need in your life for a 'Mother figure.'

Send all entries to: AFRO Mother of the Year Contest, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. Deadline date for ef1tries is Friday, May 2.

Winners will be chosen at The Ritz on Saturday, May 10. For further details see the Our World section of the paper. Make your mom a winner.

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