Gala event Aug. 13

as the AFRO heads for its 90th year of publication

The long and winding road

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89th Birthday Party at Memorial Plaza

August 13

Aug. 14 starts AFRO's 90th Year of Publication

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By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

You're going to love this.

Thursday, Aug. 13 marks the date of the AFRO's 89th Birthday Party downtown at 12 noon in War Memorial Plaza (opposite City Hall).

The celebration there complete with a cake and candles, bands and all the fine fanfare will also mark the 47th Annual AFRO Clean Block Awards Day.

And then, the next day, the AFRO masthead will state "WE ARE IN OUR 90TH YEAR" for 365 days.

Thus there are many highlights to the historic occasion which comes in just a few days from now.

The AFRO's Clean Block director, Mrs. Ida Murphy Peters and her staff welcome all Baltimore citizens to be present at the noon, Aug. 13 celebration.

Some 150 Baltimore beautiful, flowery and colorful blocks will receive AFRO - KOOL Honor Flags.

Prizes will be awarded for the best Marching Bands.

The annual AFRO Clean Block Parade will leave the AFRO home office at the foot of Druid Hill and Eutaw St. at 11 a.m. and proceed down Center Street to St. Paul Street to Lexington Street to War Memorial Plaza.

Each AFRO Clean Block is urged to enter cars or floats or both. Signs will be provided. Register now by calling Mrs. Peters, 728 -8205.

Remember Aug. 13 - the Birthday Party. Come and enjoy.

And then, get ready for a year - long celebration of the AFRO's 90th Year of Publication.

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A banner downtown near Harbor Place will stretch clear across the street for a year courtesy of Mayor William Donald Schaefer and the citizens of Baltimore and congratulating the AFRO on its 90 years of publication.

A Special AFRO 90th Year Edition, coming soon will carry colorful advertisements, special features on the AFRO's 90 years of publication.

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You will like it more if you and your family are in the AFRO's 90th Year Edition. Dig up your family history and photos. Let us have it so that you and yours may become a part of the historic edition which tells the years of our lives in Baltimore.

This is one time you can have your family ROOTS published free. We want to publish your proud heritage.

COMING SOON — Prizes will be given for the Baltimore family with mother, father and nine children.

AFRO NINE - OHH

The AFRO's Nine - Ohh (get it - 90th Year Family) Nine - Ohh **Family will be featured each week** and we hope we will get a lot of them. Mother, father and NINE children.

We will take the photo if you let us know about it.

Watch for the announcement in the next edition of the AFRO, on the Street Aug. 15.

The AFRO is searching for the AFRO's NINE - OHH FAMILY mother, father and nine children.

Now is your time to let the whole town see your beautiful family.

We're expecting you. All this will become an important part of our Special AFRO 90th Year Edition which we are preparing now.

IN BALTIMORE

Summer Place Happenings

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GARDEN PARTY MEETING held on the lawns of the Forest Park residence of Rev. and Mrs. Kelly Jackson marked the opening of the drive for 10,000 members for the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum Membership Committee. Youth awards and the booth at the City Fair highlight the present effort with Mrs. Ethel Gordon, chairman. Shown are committee members Viola Jackson, museum director; Johnnie Mae Thompson, - Francis Marshall, Juanita Williams, Nancy Johnson, Ethel Jones Durham, Lenora Wilson, Ann Davis, Marcella Holland, Rev. John Holand, Leslie Wood, Col. Michael Lorenzo, Judith Daniel, assistant to the director; Rev. Jackson; board member Jesse Gladden, chairman of the annual Awards Banquet which is set for November.

STUDENTS WHO PRESENTED art work to the court are shown with Orphans Court Judges Benjamin Foreman, Archie Williams, Warren Colgan; Attorney Michael Waring Lee, president of the Northwestern High School Alumni Association and James Lamar, Northwestern High principal. The students are Larry Ressin, artist and 1981 Northwestern High grad; Nathan Young, artist and 1981 graduate. David Daneken is president of the Baltimore Board of School Commissioners and Mrs. Marlene Mruck, the Northwestern High art instructor.

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Eastside $2.5 million Apostolic Faith Temple groundbreaking Sunday

Sunday Aug. 9 is the date set for the groundbreaking ceremonies for the First Apostolic Faith Institutional Church's new Apostolic Faith Temple.

The church center is to be located at Caroline and Lombard Streets. Official rites begin at 2 p.m. with the entire city invited to witness the historic Eastside event.

Construction is scheduled to begin by the end of August.

When completed the new edifice will be a focal point of a fully operative modern Church Center with a sanctuary to seat 2,000 worshippers, Christian education facilities, administration offices, dining facilities, a Founder's Memorial Chapel, a 60 - car parking lot, 500 - seat Assembly Hall, closed - circuit television, nursey, Christian bookstore, and library.

Recently the First Apostolic Faith Church completed the Apostolic Towers Center for the Elderly - a $6 million structure which houses 150 units for the elderly, disabled and handicapped. Other community - oriented projects are plannned and projected by the Church.

The First Apostolic Faith Church, pastored by Bishop Winfield A. Showell, vice Presiding Bishop of the Bible Way Churches of Our Lord Jesus Christ, World Wide, is the oldest and largest Pentecostal-Apostolic Church in the State of Maryland.

Beginning as a storefront church 1917 at Forest and Lexington Streets, it has grown to an active membership of over 1200.

Bishop Showell a noted Civic leader has been its pastor for 37 years.

SEPTEMBER WEDDING PLANNED for Miss Darlene Annette Canty, daughter of Otis J. Canty and Dwight C. Madison, son of Mrs. Harriett Madison and Haywood Madison.

Baby has 6 grandparents

Cornelius Lee Gordon III was welcomed home July 27 from Mercy Hospital by his parents, Cornelius Lee Gordon Jr., an X - ray technician at Provident Hospital and Christine Diane Kiah - Grodon.

Also quite proud of his arrival at his Charles Plaza residence were the lucky baby's six immediate grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Lee Gordon Sr. of Harford County and three great - grandmothers, Hazel Stewart, Rosie Kiah, Peicala Tillman and great grandfather William Pitts.

His godmothers are Mrs. Celeste Harris and Gwen Bryant of Atlanta, Ga. and godfather Melvin Kiah of Baltimore.

Cornelius III has another event of note in his young life. He was born four months prematurely on March 29 and weighed in at a mere two pounds.

After four months careful attention at Mercy Hospital, he showed steady progress and upon his arrival home weighed four and a half pounds.

Over 100 members of the family are gathering Sunday for a surprise birthday party for one of the youngster's four relatives at the Blue Crest North. Holding sleeping and mealtime as the things most important to him these days, Cornelius III will probably take naps between kisses from his many foreparents.

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CORNELIUS LEE GORDON III sleeps through photo taking session with his parents, Cornelius Lee Gordon Jr. and Christine Diane Kiah-Gordon.

Search for Miniature Miss

Little ladies between the ages of six through 12 are being sought to participate in the second annual Miniature Miss Pageant of Maryland under the direction of Diana Kane.

The pageant will take place Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel. The young set will show off their talent, poise and beauty. Prizes, surprises and trophies are in store for the top winners.

If you would like to enter a young Miss between the ages of 6 through 12 write: Miniature Miss Pageant, P.O. Box 4633, Baltimore, Maryland, 21212 - Phone (301) 455-9608.

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F.A.A.Y.R. Masons host Crab Feast-Dinner Dance

FEASTING ON CRABS during the Crab Feast and Dinner sponsored by the Free and Accepted York-Rite Masons of the Most Worshipful Maryland Grand Lodge Saturday, August 1 at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave. are (L to R): J. Tisdale, Eugene Williams and Ms. Mary Baldwin.

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LODGE OFFICIALS for FAAYR are (L to R): William Kimbrough, chair, Building Fund; Robert King, Grand Lodge Officer; John D. Jordan Sr., chair, Auditing Committee; Edgar Richardson, District Deputy Grand Master; Richard Weems, Grand Treasurer and Roy O. Davis, Sword Bearer.

PAST GRAND MASTER, FAAYR Wiley W. Bunn (far left), is pictured with Kateleen Franklin, Grand Matron and Hon. Robert L. Wade, Grand Master.

FAAYR MASONS pictured (L to R) are: Armstrong Miller, Grand Patron; Mrs. Desiree McLawhorn, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Alice Starks, Grand Associate Matron and Ms. Kateleen Franklin, Grand Matron.

By Pattie Hodges,
AFRO Staff Writer

On Saturday, August 1 the Free and Accepted York - Rite Masons of the Most Worshipful Maryland Grand Lodge (of Prince Hall Origin) sponsored a Crab Feast - Dinner - Dance at La Fontaine Bleu, 3107 Erdman Ave., for the benefit of their Building Fund.

It was fun time for all as 300 folks gathered for scrumptuous crabs and other delectable dinner goodies, cocktails, set-ups, party chit - chat and dancing.

Music was provided by Louis Bromley, a local disco/disc jockey and brothers and their guests kept the dance floor hot, enjoying themselves to the hilt.

The affair, which began at 10 p.m. and lasted until 2 a.m. was an unabashed success — with many staying for the last dance.

Honorable Brother Wade is the Maryland Most Worshipful Grand Master. Brother Anderson was chairperson for the affair. Brother Richard Weems, treasurer.

ON THE COMMITTEE for the Crab Feast - Dinner are (L to R): Mrs. Inez Tisdale, Curtis Anderson, Ms. Letitia Bruce and Richard Weems. Not pictured is committee member, Mrs. Desiree McLawhorn.

Art-Fashion Show-Concert held at Basilica

By Pattie Hodges AFRO Women's Editor

It was a panorama of performance-art-fashions and music all creatively and dramatically done on Thursday, July 30 at the ArtFashion Show Concert held at the New Basilica for senior citizens, 124 W. Franklin St.

Emcee was Arden Livingston, deacon, St. Winslow Catholic Church.

There was music by Christian Fletcher of the Peabody Institute doing opera selections, brilliant piano selections by Duke Buchanan, gospel selections by the soulful voice of Sylvia Hardison of the St. Francis Choir and by the Rev. Mother Wise, of the William March Funeral Home, who also played the piano and had her choir sing.

There were fashions most of the late Josephine Baker's wardrobe fantastically modeled by Andrea Bland, of Flair Studio.

And o-oh, that art-magnificent pastels of Josephine Baker and one of Marian Anderson done by Horace Lancaster, who coordinated the whole scenario.

Lancaster, who has been totally blind for the past 22 months, is a world-renowned artist and fabulous designer of clothes, having created fashions for many famous actresses through the years and for many first ladies.

Though he is only recently blind (due to diabetes) Lancaster says he feels "At peace with the world." Fo

Following his show, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, refreshments were provided for guests by Ms. Rose Hayden.

HORACE LANCASTER, famous blind designer, surveys the scenario at the Art Fashion Show - Concert he sponsored Thursday, July 30 at the New Basilica for Senior Citizens, 124 W. Franklin St.

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PERFORMANCE TIME — Sylvia Hardison (left), gospel singer from St. Francis Xavier Choir performs. Andrea Bland, of Flair Studio models an after-5 garment during the fashion segment.

Partyline

Nearly 100 attend 80th birthday celebration

By Pattie Hodges,
AFRO Women's Editor

The family of Mrs. Alma L. Carr of this city hosted a surprise 80th birthday celebration for her Saturday, Aug. 1. Her birthday was July 31.

Held at the lovely Rona Rd. home of the honoree's daughter, Ms. Shirley Carr McRae, the affair, which began at 1 p.m. and continued well into the evening hours, was a delight for both the birthday lady and the nearly 100 attending relatives and friends.

Mrs. Carr, who had thought she was just going out to visit Shirley, was so surprised when the patio draperies were drawn, revealing a lawn teeming with family and friends.

She cried (tears of joy) and exclaimed, "Oh . . . Look at all of my people . . . even here from Virginia." She was thrilled.

There were colorful unbrella tables scattered about, under which the honoree chatted happily with those who came out to celebrate with her.

There were tons of delicious food and sippables galore to which everyone helped themselves, while enjoying a background of continuous music.

There were three birthday cakes - lovely white, two trimmed with pink rosebuds and inscribed 'Mama,' 'Happy 80th Birthday' (the largest) and another with a single, long stemmed, decorative candy rose. All three had been made by daughter Ms. Yvonne Carr. Mrs. Carr received many, many beautiful gifts and cards, flowers and was literally showered with money.

There were four generations represented and the honoree was delighted. There were also many states represented.

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80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION held in honor of Mrs. Alma L. Carr (center, front) was hosted at the Rona Rd. home of Mrs. Shirley Carr McRae Saturday, Aug. 1. Pictured are the honoree's children (front row, L to R): William A. Carr Jr., Mrs. Carole Carr Armstead, Mrs. Carolyn Carr Brown, Miss Carlotta Carr and Ms. Shirley Carr McRae; (Back row, L to R): Mrs. Alma Carr Walker, Mrs. Ardella Carr Keith, Ms. Yvonne Carr, Ms. Cathy Carr and Mrs. Julia Carr Boswell. Not pictured are children, Raymond E. Carr and Mrs. Ruth Carr Jones.

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