—Community Calendar—

BENEFIT

On December 8 and 9 Green Spring Station will sponsor a weekend of holiday events to benefit the Maryland Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The schedule of activities which are open to the public, free of charge, includes a complimentary Breakfast with Santa, featuring gifts, entertainment and costumed characters Rainbow Brite and He-Man from the Science Center's Toy Festival on December 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from Noon to 2:00 p.m. Informal Modeling of holiday fashions by Valley Shoppe, Trillium, McAnbers Jewelers, and Craft Concepts. Both events will take place at Harvey's Restaurant at Green Spring Station.

Ongoing performances by community choral groups and special appearances by costumed characters from the Science Center and Santa will take place on Saturday, December 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 9 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society, Maryland Chapter is offering chances on a victorian doll house daily beginning December 3 at "Pleasure of Your Company" at Green Spring Station. The doll house stands 4x3x2 foot, boasts wood floors and a tiled roof and was donated by Peggy Ingram of Crofton, Maryland. The merchants of Green Spring Station are offering chances on a four foot Christmas stocking filled with more than $750.00 worth of gifts from each store also to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Chances for both the Christmas stocking and doll house are currently available for $1.00 at "The Pleasure of Your Company". Winners will be selected on December 9 at Green Spring Station and will be notified by mail and telephone.

For further information, call 542-5477.

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LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Lafayette Elementary school No. 202 will host its first reunion on Saturday Dec. 15, 1984. The school's reunion will take place at 2621 Winchester St., that's in the Central Rosemount Recreation Center. The time is from 8 p.m. to 12-midnight.

The school is now twenty-two (22 yrs) years old. It's one of the oldest and still looks great. The teachers and staff and children have shown great love for their school.

In order to obtain tickets to the school's reunion call 396-0519 during Mon. - Friday for ticket information, 396-0518 or 396-0519.

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THE BALTIMORE MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA

The Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra will present its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 16, 1984 at 3 p.m. in the Joseph Meyerhoff Auditorium at the Baltimore Museum of Art. The concert is free with a small entrance fee to the museum.

Included in this program will be selections by Bach-Gounod, Beethoven, and compositions by 19th and 20th century composers who have devoted their talents to the mandolin orchestra. The music will include music of the Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary Periods as well as novelties, dances and descriptive pieces of many parts of the world.

For further information call 668-5795.

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MAYOR'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Holiday ornaments, calendars, crafts, fine gift wrap and cards and much more will be featured at the Mayor's annual Holiday Bazaar to be held in the Rotunda area of City Hall weekdays, from December 7 through December 20, 1984.

One of the special features this year will be gift items from two of our Sister Cities; Luxor, Egypt and Kawasaki, Japan. All merchandise will be reasonably priced and will range from whimsical stocking stuffers to fine crafts Some secondhand collectables will also be available.

Visitors to Baltimore, local citizens and employees in the area are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to do their holiday shopping in festively decorated City Hall. Shoppers will also be able to see a display of antique toys, an exhibit of old photographs of Baltimore winter and holiday scenes, and a miniature train garden set in the late 19th century in the City Hall Courtyard Galleries.

Bazaar hours are 11 a.m. to 2 m. weekdays from December 7 through December 20, 1984.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS GARDEN

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Chief of Fire Department, and mmembers of Engine45-Truck 27 extend a most cordial invitation to one and all to view the Baltimore City Fire Department's new Christmas garden to be on display at: Station of Engine 45 and Truck 27, Cross Country Blvd. and Glen Avenue, Visiting Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Saturday, December 15, 1984 thru Monday, January 7, 1985.

For further information, contact Captain Patrick P. Flynn, Public Information Officer, at 396-5616.

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FILMS

The Reisterstown Road Branch, 6310 Reisterstown road, will present Parts 5 and 6 of "Heritage: Civilization and the Jews" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, and Parts 7 and 8 at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12.

At 6 p.m. on Monday, December 10, the Canton center, 1030 south Ellwood avenue, will present "Cattle Ranch," "Bluenose Ghost," "Alberta Sunshine," and "Bluenose in the Sun," four color travelogues on Canada.

On Wednesday, December 12, at 1 p.m., the Waverly Branch, 400 E. 33rd St., will show "Deccan," a BBC-TV film from the Great Railway Journeys of the World series. Writer Brian Thompson travels in south India from Bombay to the Nilgiri mountains.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, the Central Library, 400 Cathedral St., will present "Til the Clouds Roll By," an MGM musical based on the life of songwriter Jerome Kern.

Admission to all Pratt Library screenings is free.

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ENOCH PRATT CONCERT

A Christmas concert presented by students from Holliman's Music Studio under the direction of James Holliman, with vocal selections by members of the Wilson Park Community Church led by Mrs. Earleen Ferguson, will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, at the Broadway Branch, 301 North Broadway at Orleans. Free admission.

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TEAPOT OPENING

The public is invited to attend the Grand Opening of the McCormick "Gigantic Tea Pot" booth on Wednesday, December 12, 1984, at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater (located between the two pavilions).

Beginning at 12 noon, the Hamilton Junior High School Band will be on hand to provide holiday music and one of Baltimore's premier tea drinkers, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, will also be present to sample the first refreshment. Following the kick-off ceremony, free hot McCormick tea will be served to the public, courtesy of the McCormick & Company, Inc.

The booth will be in operation from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day, beginning Thursday, December 13th through Thursday, December

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Downtown Y needs funds to help renovate building

The YWCA of the Greater Baltimore Area, Inc. is nearing a deadline in its efforts to renovate its headquarters building downtown at Park and Franklin Streets.

Since last February, the YWCA has been involved with a $1.5 million capital campaign under the leadership of Mrs. Robert D. H. Harvey and Mrs. Beatrice H. Hall. As the end of 1984 nears, the YWCA remains $600,000 short of its goal.

According to Mrs. Harvey, "This is the YWCA's first major fund - raising effort in over thirty years. Only 20 percent of our budget is funded by the United Way, and the United Way money is ued for programs which serve those in need, with none left over for major repairs.

"The Kresge Foundation has made a challenge grant of $100,000 which we could lose if we do not meet our goal by February 15, 1985."

The Kresge Foundation, an independent private foundation not affiliated with any corporation or organization, annually awards grants for construction or renovation of facilities on a challenge basis to insure that funds are available for project completion.

The YWCA serves over 20,000 people in Central Maryland each year through shelters for homeless families, day care for over 600 children, health programs for women, programs for handicapped citizens, adolescent pregnancy prevention programs, English and citizenship classes for the foreign born, human relations programs, job training and an array of fitness, dance and swimming programs. The downtown facility is also used by groups and individuals for meetings and social events.

In order to keep its doors open, the 68 year old Franklin St. facility urgently needs repairs. Original pipes, radiators, electrical wiring, plumbing and fixtures must be replaced. New windows and a new roof are needed, and the exterior must be cleaned and the bricks repointed. Many of the interior spaces must be completely refinished.

Says Mrs. Hall, "After 101 years, it would be a tragedy, but if renovations are not made soon to the existing facility the city could lose the YWCA as a downtown resource for community service.

In 1979, when the Board of Directors made the decision to stay downtown and renovate, the decision was based on the future need of the downtown area for YWCA services. The YW is the only non - profit agency now providing on - site activities and programs to people living and working downtown."

Mrs. Hall adds, "The City helped the renovation begin, with a Community Development Block Grant. Many businesses and foundations have been generous. We have applied for an Urban Development Action Grant and are investigating other sources for help, but the help we need most is from the public."

Almost 300 corporations, partnerships, foundations and individuals have given to the YW's Second Century Campaign so far.

The YWCA is now appealing to the general public for contributions to help save the downtown location. Tax - deductible contributions may be sent to YWCA Second Century Campaign, 135 West Franklin Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201.

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Viet Nam vets have until Jan. 2 to file Agent Organge claims

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Third District Congresswoman Barbara A. Mikulski said recently that Vietnam veterans and their families have only until January 2, 1985 to file a benefits claim for themselves and their families under the Agent Orange litigation for present or past disabilities.

"Veterans must file now to protect their rights under the settlement," said Ms. Mikulski. "The claim is not the final presentation of a case. It merely starts the process."

The massive Agent Orange litigation is the largest product liability case in history. The case has been tentatively settled, pending final approval by the court.

Under the settlement, a $180 million trust fund will be established to aid Vietnam veterans and their families.

Ms. Mikulski said that Vietnam veterans can receive a copy of the claims form needed to file under the settlement, plus a booklet explaining the litigation by writing the Vietnam Veterans of America, Box 3499A Washington, D.C. 20010.

Under the settlement, veterans must file by January 2 for present and past disabilities. For disabilities that first appear after January 2, veterans can file later but they must file within four months of the development of the disabilities.

Ms. Mikulski noted that under the settlement, benefits can be awarded for disabilities suffered by a veteran and for birth defects believed to be related to exposure. Next of kin can file for death benefits.

Congresswoman
Barbara Mikulski
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Red Cross needs blood

Red has scheduled a number of special holiday blood drives throughout the region, and is requesting eligible donors to donate blood during the holidays.

Traditionally, blood supplies are low at this time of year, due to two factors: heavy usage and a significant decrease in the number of donations, according to Dale MacKinnon, director of Donor Resources for the Chesapeake Region.

He urges healthy people between the ages of 17 and 66 who weigh at least 110 pounds to give blood as soon as possible to ensure the availability of an adequate blood supply for the patients in the Baltimore Region.

In addition to the special blood drives, the Red Cross Donor Center at Charles and 27th Streets is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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