—Community Calendar—

Poly Alumni Bull Roast

The Poly Alumni Association will hold its 4th Annual Oyster Bull Roast and Dance, Saturday Evening, February 2, 1985, 7 p.m. until midnight.

Tickets are $19.00 per person and can be obtained by calling the school at 396-7026 or 337-0886.

The Bull Roast and Dance is open to all Poly Alumnus, students, teachers and the general public. Proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

For further information, contact Ken Wingate at (301) 669-2301.

Edward Albee TO SPEAK AT JHU

Pulitzer prize - winning playwright Edward Albee will give a talk, "The Playwright vs. the Theatre," on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the Johns Hopkins University. The event will begin at 8 p.m. in Shriver Hall on the university's Homewood campus and is open to the public without charge.

As a visiting professor for the month of January, Albee will conduct three workshops for Hopkins' students: playwriting, acting and directing. The workshops will conclude in the production of five plays written, acted and directed by the students.

Acclaimed as one of America's foremost living playwrights, Albee twice received the Pulitzer Prize, first for "A Delicate Balance," and again for "Seascape." His most famous play, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf?" won the New York Drama Critics' Award and a Tony for best play of the 1962-63 season.

Albee also has written "The Zoo Story," "The Sandbox," and "The American Dream."

For further information, call the Writing Seminars at 338-7562.

Winter Birdwatching

The Department of Recreation and Parks will sponsor a winter birdwatching tour of Cylburn Arboretum on Saturday, Jan. 26, 1985, starting at 9 a.m. The program will include a tour through Cylburn's Nature Trails, Cylburn Mansion, and will end at Cylburn's birdfeeding area.

For additional and inclement weather information, please call the department's WILDLIFE CENTRAL at 396-7839. This program is free to the public. Cylburn Arboretum is located at 4915 Greenspring Ave., just south of Northern Parkway.

Home Buying Classes

The Housing Advisory Service of the Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors will sponsor free home buying classes during January and February at 1501 West Mount Royal Ave.

The service, now in its eleventh year, provides the general public with information on the homebuying process that helps them become more intelligent buyers. Four sessions will be sponsored each covering the homebuying process from realtor services to contracts of sale to financing prospects.

The first general session will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be repeated on Feb. 16 during the same hours. Sessions totally on financing, covering topics such as conventional and FHA financing, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each repeat class will contain the same information.

Sessions are informal and seating is granted on a first come, first serve basis. No registration is necessary.

The Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors is the oldest existing real estate board in the nation, founded in 1858.

Cardiology open house

The Cardiology Department of Bon Secours Hospital will hold open house Thursday, Feb. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. in observance of National Cardiovascular Technologist Day. The public is invited to view a demonstration stress test and talk with cardiology department staff members.

For more information call 362-3096.

Blood pressure screenings

The Saint Joseph Hospital Outreach Team will offer free blood pressure and diabetes screenings from 9 a.m. - 12 noon, Feb. 20, 1985, in the hospital clinic, 7620 York Rd., Towson, with free parking. Please do not eat two hours prior to testing for the diabetes screening. For more information, call 337-1680 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Don Pullen in concert

Jazz composer, Don Pullen will play a solo concert for the benefit of the Baltimore Dance Theatre, at the Euble Blake Center, 409 North Charles St., on Friday night, Jan. 25, 1985, at eight p.m. The donation is $10.00, and includes the concert and champagne. For further information, please call 997-3899 or 669-9680.

Talk by Naval secretary

The Hon. John F. Lehman, Secretary of the Navy, will speak on "The Navy in the 1980s and Beyond: Strategies and Realities" before the Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1985. The address will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Tickets for members are free and for non - members are $10.00. Membership is open to the public. Membership and reservation information may be obtained by calling (301) 727-2150 or writing the Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs, Suite 2155, World Trade Center, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

Free skills training

The Neighborhood Progress Administration - Office of Manpower Resources is now registering unemployed Baltimore City residents ages 55 and older for a free Office Cleaning Training Program to begin on Jan. 28, 1985.

The 14 - week program will train participants in cleaning skills for offices, hotels, apartment buildings, shopping centers, hospitals and other institutions through both classroom and worksite training.

Trainees, who must be economically disadvantaged, will receive a "needs - based allowance" of $30 to $70 a week to help cover child care, transportation and other training - related expenses.

After successfully completing the program, which is funded under the Federal Job Training Partnership Act, trainees will receive free job placement assistance.

Those interested in this program should call Jane Wood at 396-1993 by Jan. 21.

Holiday Visits For Shut-ins

Volunteers from the Holiday Project of Baltimore will be visiting eight local institutions on Sunday, Feb. 10, in celebration of Valentine's Day. The Holiday Project is a non - profit, public - benefit corporation that coordinates volunteer visits to shut - ins on holidays.

The facilities to be visited are: Fort Howard VA Hospital, Ashburton Nursing Home, Key Circle Hospice, City Hospital (including the Arc House, Highland Health Facility,.

Theodore D. Long is dead

Evening funeral services for Theodore Davern Long, scheduled for Mon., Jan. 28 at Morningstar Baptist Church of Christ, 1063 W. Fayette St. A one - half hour family time will precede the 7:30 services. Interment will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Arlington Memorial Park. Viewing of the body is scheduled after 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Wainwright Funeral Home, 2700 Edmondson Ave.

Mr. Long died on Jan. 22. He was 72. His birthplace was Nanticoke, Md. where he was born on November 12, 1912. He was one of two sons of the late Preston and Georgianna Long and attended Nanticoke High School and the Funeral Director School of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Long was employed at the Maryland Drydock from where he retired as a supervisor in 1977. He was a member of Morningstar Church as well as a member of King David Lodge No. 6 under the Worshipful Derubbable Grand Lodge AF and AM Inc. for the State of Maryland.

Mr. Long was a licensed funeral director in Maryland and was a Grand Funeral Director for the Derubbable Grand Lodge AF and AM Inc. for the State of Maryland.

His hobbies were gardening and cooking.

He is survived by his wife, the former Catherine Wainwright; a daughter, Mrs. Thelma Russell; a brother, Benjamin Long; two grandchildren, Catherine P. Hawkins and Ivory N. Russell; and one great granddaughter, Taneisha Russell, all of Baltimore.

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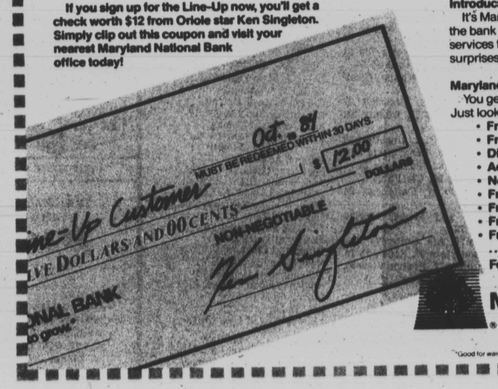

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Reception honors late aquarium benefactor

AT THE GALA RECEPTION held at the National Aquarium, Friday Jan. 18 to acquaint people with the newly-established Henry Hall Fund and enjoying each other's company are (from left): Larry Briscoe, Mrs. Mary Fields, James Filyaw and Mrs. Virginia Coleman.

BERNICE WHITE (L) and (L to R) George White, Myra Grey and Odyssey D. Grey said that they enjoyed viewing the Aquarium's exhibits.

STAN BRITT (L) and (L to R) Otis Warren and Dreck Wilson discuss the latest trends in the property development and real estate.

MRS. GRACE SMITH WATTS (L), her husband, Alfred Watts and Ms. Audrey E. Williams reminisce about their days at Morgan State University.

VINCE MICKENS (L), new to Baltimore from California, is seen with (from left) Mrs. Dorothy Brunson, Patrick W. Allender and Cecil Flamer as they get acquainted.

When the guests arrived at the gala reception held to inaugurate the Henry Hall Fund, they found the lobby of the National Aquarium in Baltimore abuzz with activity and were immediately bedazzled by a bubbling banquet buffet that boasted various kinds of pates, cheeses, liquers and wines.

Next on the agenda was a whirlwind tour of what goes on behind the scenes at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, an opportunity for those visiting the aquarium to find out what it takes to keep the facility filled to the brim with water that is healthy for amphibians and other sea life.

Visiting each level of the facility, visitors found a variety of experiences

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MR. AND MRS. QUENTIN LAWSON were among the stylishly dressed partygoers who came out to the festive reception.

MILDRED AND CHARLES OWENS seem to be enjoying being married to each other as much as they enjoyed participating in the reception and viewing the exhibits.

JACK SHALER and Ms. Rosalyn Lawson found that the reception provided them with an opportunity to unwind after a busy day.

JOHN THORNTON, who is widely renowned as the dean of black stationary engineers in Maryland and his wife, were present at the National Aquarium.

Pattie Hodges
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200 SALUTE MRS. MARION BANFIELD

One of the loveliest and warmest affairs held recently was the celebration hosted Sunday, Jan. 6 in honor of Mrs. Marion Banfield's 70th birthday by her family.

More than 200 friends and family members gathered at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave. at 3 p.m. for a sumptuous buffet and a program and to pay tribute to a lady who has served in many capacities prior to her retirement several years ago, and who though retired, still remains active in civic and social circles.

The emcee for the occasion, whose witty remarks drew many chuckles from the assemblage was Marjorie Costa, who called herself cousin Number One.

She began the afternoon with greetings and grace and with greetings extended on behalf of Sue and Howard Thurman of California. They had prepared a tape which congratulated Mrs. Banfield on her former position as the first ambassador for blacks in India on Education.

Mrs. Costa also read a moving poem entitled "You Never Know," and introduced the honoree's family which includes Dr. Gilbert Banfield, her husband, daughter Karen Evans and hubby Thelps Evans, Jr., daughter Adrienne Banfield Brown and hubby Warren Brown, Esq.; daughter Sondra Timoll and hubby Dr. Eli Anthony Timoll; son Gilbert Leslie Banfield, Jr. and wife Marsha; grandchildren Jason and Garth Timoll, Gilbert Leslie Banfield, II and Tiffany Jenkins, Brett Fox Alexander Evans and Jada K. Pinkett.

From her family Mrs. Banfield received remarks of love and gratitude and many pleasant and humorous reminisces of their childhood days, with daughter Sondra serving as main spokesperson.

Remarks of thanks to friends and honor to his wife were forthcoming from the honoree's hubby, Dr. Gilbert Banfield.

Readings of honor were done by Mrs. Banfield's grandchildren Jada Pinkett who gave personal thanks to her grandma with a kiss at the end and from Tiffany Jenkins and Jason Timoll, who did the open Abou Ben Adhem.

Family friend Mrs. Helena Wright gave highlights of the honoree's life—her education at Howard University and other institutions of Higher Learning, her career as a social worker, her extensive work nationwide for the U.S.O. centers, her performance as a talk show moderator, as an AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper columnist and her long stint as both a caseworker and supervisor for the Family and Children's Society.

Other tributes came from Paul Gezon of Family and Children's Society who described Mrs. Banfield as assertive and versatile; Charles Tildon, president, Community College of Baltimore, who spoke of her strength, intelligence and the guidance she had given him and who recited "Invictus" dedicated to her, as well as another poem.

Kurt Schmoke, Baltimore

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