Firemen exam

It's that time of year again. The Baltimore city Fire Department has set examinations for new fire fighters for March 16.

Applications are available at headquarters, 410 E. Lexington St., or at the Civil Service Commission, 111 N. Calvert St.

Requirements:-Applicants must have high school diploma or equivalent, reside in the city, be in good physical health. There is no age limit. Starting pay is $15,999.

The Fire Board is on record for more minorities. At the January 15th meeting, Commission Chair Henry G. Parks, and fellow commissioners, Robert Bollinger and Rev. Montague J. Brackett, gave the following instruction to Fire Chief Pete O'Connor:—

"Do whatever you can to insure the recruitment of minorities....the broad participation of the community should be attained through the dissemination of pertinent information to all segments of the community . . . ."

Promotions

During the meeting, the board approved the promotion of Fire Pump Operator Karroll Parker to first lieutenant. He's assigned to Highlandtown Engine Co. 22.

Other blacks recently promoted:-To captain, Raymond Session, July 1984, assigned to Fire Academy; to lieutenant, Walter Dyson, Reisterstown Rd., and Carols Maddox, No. 12 box, both effective, Oct. 1984.

Recently named assistant executive secretary to James Fallon, is Tyrone Wallace.

The figures

Do these recent promotions reflect improvement in hiring and promotion practices in the fire department?

This is the question this column asked a fire department spokesman. He supplied statistics—as of April 21, 1984, which show total employees in all categories numbered 2,003, of which 422 or 21 percent were black.

A different picture is painted by Arthur C. Reynolds, president of the Vulcan Blazers, a black firemen's watchdog organization which has championed their cause for years, (including a court suit).

'Not enough'

Reynolds says: "I don't feel enough has been done. There has been a little window dressing, but not so far as getting minorities in position in relation to population."

Reynolds states his figures show a total of 2,014 employees in the fire department as of today, of which 420 are black. However, he says, only 313 of the black employees are in fire department career jobs. The rest are in support services.

The Vulcan Blazers, he noted, "have been cooperating with a training program" to help employees qualify for promotions. Twelve of the 31 on the last lieutenant list were promoted, but others should be promoted too, with vacancies occurring because of retirement."

Close the gap

President Reagan's cuts in federal funding have eliminated the government's labor recruitment program, but Reynolds said Vulcan Blazers "will do what we can, our share and our part, to help train for firemen jobs."

He contends the fire department itself should initiate a program which promotes blacks every time a white is upgraded in order to close the gap.

"We have a captain now who is qualified and eligible and there is a battalion chief vacancy, but if the fire department plays games it normally plays, and a scheduled retirement is delayed, there will not be this promotion. If there is ever going to be correction, there must be changes.

Where they are

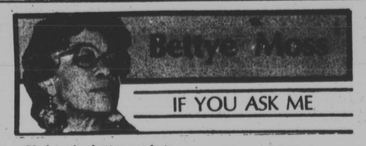
Here is the breakdown of fire employees by rank and race as supplied by Vulcan Blazers. These figures reflect 313 black career employees and, 1835 whites. (Not included here are the 117 black employees in support services.)

1. Firefighters, 1,063 — (200 black)
2. Emergency vehicle drivers — 228 — (30 black)
3. Fire pump operators — 181 — (28 black)
4. Lieutenants — 211 — (37 black)
5. Captains — 98 — (15 black)
6. Battalion chief — 44 — (1 black — Carl McDonald)
7. Deputy chief — 10 — (2 black — Clyde Smith, assigned headquarters and Henry Fowlkes, assigned medical bureau).

About people

Former Morgan State University president, Dr. Andrew Billingsley, and wife, Amy, are back in Maryland-from California. They're living in Silver Spring. He's sociology prof at University of Maryland. — —

On the mend:-William H. Coffey, the retired businessman, is out of the hospital, recuperating at his Ellicott City home. Happy about it, is his wife, Grace, the Morgan prof.



IF YOU ASK ME

Glad you're better cards to Mrs. Mabel Alleyne, whom many know as a good, good neighbor.

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Dr. I. Bradshaw Higgins, the veteran physician, has recently returned from visiting relatives in N.Y., and Jamaica.

These last few months have meant terrific adjustment. Since the July death of Hilda, his wife of fifty years, he has sold their spacious Powhatan Ave. residence, is now in a Charles St. apartment.

Dr. Higgins says he keeps busy serving as consultant to area physicians and hospitals.

Cuff note: New owner of the Higgins Powhatan residence is Joseph Aston, the Harbor Bank president.

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If you pass the corner of Reisterstown Rd. and Bryant Ave., and wonder whatever happened to Dr. James S. Davidson, the dentist who maintained offices there for years, you learn here he is now in his native Charlotte, N.C., and on the faculty of Barber Scotia College there.

New occupant of the old Davidson offices is Dr. Joseph Amar, the physician. who says he has been there two months.

More people

Thinking-of-you cards to the family of Mrs. Agnes Jones Morris, who was eulogized at the Church of Incarnation in Fairmount Heights on Saturday. She was the wife of Edward Morris Sr., pioneer resident of the area, and a retired contractor.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by daughters, Mrs. Essie Shipp, Mrs. Merle Hayes; sons, Edward Morris Jr. and Warren Morris, all of Fairmount Heights; and a sister, Mrs. Helen Gibson of Baltimore. Baltimore area cousin is Mrs. Edward Williams (Liz).

More sadness: Mrs. Constantia Simms 83, who died Tuesday at the home of her sister in Montgomery County, was the widow of George E. Simms, the Baltimore school principal.

Bailey Funeral Home is handling arrangements & Rites are Monday 11 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church here in Baltimore.

Survivors are, son, George E. Simms Jr., the sister, Mrs. Susie McKinley, Brookeville, Md., and five grands and 5 great-grands.

New Shiloh

New Shiloh Baptist Church at Fremont and Lanvale Sts., in West Baltimore, is a good place to be on Sunday mornings especially if you enjoy good singing and preaching.

The 100-voice choir was in good form this past Sunday. The packed church applauded frequently.

Extra added attraction here, the pastor Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter, joined in the singing. He has a melodious voice.

Glorious were "In Thy Mansions Above," "Have You Any Rivers". as well as the worship hymns like "Jesus Is All The World To Me."

Soloists were: Mrs. Sarah Prettyman and Mrs. Hattie Smith Shannon. Choir director was William Sydnor.

Special prayers were offered for Victor Myrick, minister of music, who was in the hospital.

Sermon

The pastor, Dr. Carter, gave a learned sermon entitled, "Watch and Pray". In it he mixed some good down-home advice. Excerpts: "The kingdom of God is right now..you are called to be servants..don't worry about giving up something for Lent..worry about taking on new service..helping others..".

And "Just because you have a Ph.D doesn't mean you're right with God . . . we are not called to glow over who we are but to be servants of God."

To emphasize another point, he brought laughter when he chided, "Shame on you who don't get happy until Super Bowl day...."

Cuff notes: New Shiloh pastor Carter flew in from Canada, where he had been attending a church convention, (and it was 40 degrees below zero), to conduct the Sunday services.

On Sunday evening, he and New Shiloh members were at the Religious Broadcasters' Convention in D.C., and on Monday, Dr. Carter was back in British Columbia for another church convention.

Sunday visitors at New Shiloh — members of Baltimore Chapter of Chums, Inc., and their husbands, who are called HUMS. National Chum president, Mrs. Ponjola Priest, is New Shiloh member. So is her husband, Dr. James Priest. Pastor Carter commended them for their service and support of the church.

Dave Glenn:

David L. Glenn, executive director of the Md. Human Relations Commission, tells of Meyerhoff's role in housing units and apartment complexes built by his real estate firm: "In the very beginning, one of his places was closed to colored. Later on, they were opened.

"In the 60's when we had an omnibus bill, (for open occupancy), he did a 180-degree turn, and was helpful with the real estate board, with the Greater Baltimore Committee. He turned the corner. He was a typical Baltimorean who had the good sense to change with the times."

Glenn recalls a visit from Meyerhoff's daughter, the late Peggy Pearlstone, which gave him some insight to the family's concern," I was with the Urban League at the time. She was writing a paper on open occupancy. She spent all morning with me and said she was getting all this information because the question was always a bone of contention at the dinner table. The family had very strong ties..there is no question about his impact on the community."

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Cuff notes: Joseph Meyerhoff was 7 years old in 1906 when his family migrated from Russia and settled in the 2000 block of Druid Hill Ave., where his father ran a grocery store. In those days, Druid Hill Ave., was all white.

This week, 79 years later, Baltimore area housing is open — Druid Hill Ave. is an all - black residential area.

Joseph Meyerhoff, who made his fortune in real estate and building, was estimated to have been worth over $100 million, He is credited with giving generously to many Jewish charities, as well as to a variety of community causes — most recent of which is the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's home, the $22 million hall at Preston and Cathedral Sts., which bears his name.

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Community Calendar

HENRY M. TURNER SOCIETY DAY

Come out and help the Henry McNeil Turner Society of Bethel A.M.E. church celebrate its Annual Day Tuesday, February 12, 1985, 1300 Druid Hill Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

The Reverend Floyd Flake of Allen A.M.E., Jamaica, NY will be the guest preacher. Baltimore's own Mary Carter-Smith will present songs and stories of the black American's african roots.

Music will be rendered by the hcoir of St. Abraham's, the Imani Messengers and the Vocal Choir of Bethel. Won't you come out and have a good time in the Lord! For further information contact Marie Givens at (301) 523-9325 in the evenings.

DEALING WITH A DYING PATIENT

Joy Ufema, R.N., nationally known expert in the field of Thanatology (death & dying), will speak on "Dealing With' the Dying Patient", Tuesday, February 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the Stella Maris Auditorium, located at the Cardinal Shehan Center for the Aging, 2300 Dulaney Valley Rd., in Towson. Admission is free of charge and open to the public. For more information call 252-4500 ext. 281.

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RUBY DEE

RUBY DEE in performance will be sponsored by The Black Students' Association of Goucher College in Kraushaar Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Feburary 9 th tickets: $5.00 students: $3.00

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10:50 a.m. — Morning Worship
MUSIC The Anthem — "The Lord is My Shepherd," Koschat
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Mr. James R. Peterson, Director
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11:00 Anthems
Miracle — Sue Ellen Page
All People That on Earth Do Dwell — Nancy M. Roberts

—Community Calendar—

FILM OBSERVER HISTORY MONTH

The Children's Services Department of the Howard County Library is offering a film program on Feb. 16 in observance of Afro-American History Month. This special program will be shown from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. in the Central Library Meeting Room for children in grades 1-4. No registration is necessary, but the seating capacity of the Meeting Room is limited. For information, call 997-8000 X253.

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TAXING PROBLEMS

The Howard County Library will offer a program covering changes affecting 1984 income taxes. The FREE program will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Central Library Meeting Room in Columbia.

H & R Block representative Arthur Ballant will answer specific questions from the audience as well as provide them with an overview of recent changes in income tax regulation.

Reservations are required as meeting room capacity is limited. To register, call the Library: 997-8000 X216.

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ZETA'S FOUNDER'S DAY

Alpha Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will observe Founder's Day on Sun., Feb. 10, at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Ave., at 2 p.m. The Awards Luncheon will honor those sorors who have been Zetas 40 years or more; the living presidents for their leadership; and eleven sorors who have given meritorious service to the chapter.

Theme of the luncheon is "Tribute To Zeta Leadership." Alma Garrett-Macer, noted soloist, will present the history and contributions of the sorority in song with narration by Dr. Elizabeth F. Johnson.

The event is open to the public. For tickets and information call 542-2791.

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CITY EDUCATION CLASSES

The spring session of the Baltimore City Public Schools Adult and Community Education Classes will begin on Feb. 9.

Interested adults may register for the day classes at the Calvert Adult Center, 200 E. North Ave., on Feb. 4, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Those interested in attending the Saturday School at Calvert Adult Center may register for classes on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Those interested in evening classes may register at any evening center on a scheduled class day and time.

For additional information call 396-1525 or 396-1536.

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HELP YOUR CHILD TO LEARN BETTER

"Helping Parents Become Effective Tutors," a course designed to give parents specific strategies to use when helping children with homework and other learning-related activities, will be offered during CCB's Spring Semester. Cost of course is $15.00. The course will be offered at CCB's Northeast Center at Glenmount, 6211 Walther Ave., beginning Monday, Feb. 25 and continuing weekly through March 18, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For additional information, please call 396-1554.

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COURSE ON COMPOSERS

Celebrate the 300th birthday of two well-loved classical composers, Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frederick Handel, in "Bach and Handel: An Anniversary Tribute", a non-credit course offered this spring by the Johns Hopkins School of Continuing Studies.

Other courses available include "Symphonic Masterpieces", "Jazz Masters and Their Music", "American Art Since World War II", and "Private Art Collections".

Classes, held at the Homewood campus in Baltimore, will feature lectures, slides, recordings, and field trips. Instructors include Baltimore area artists, music and art critics, composers, and conductors.

Non-credit registration is held from Jan. 2 to Feb. 21. For more information, or to obtain the spring bulletin of courses, call 338-6550.

DISABILITY AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Howard County Library, in cooperation with the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, will present a program titled "Disability Awareness: Overcoming Barriers to Serving the Blind and Handicapped" on Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Central Library Meeting Room in Columbia.

Anyone working with the public, human service providers and volunteers are encouraged to attend. As a major feature of the program, the loanable equipment recently purchased by the library for the handicapped will be displayed and demonstrated.

The program is free, but pre-registration is required. For more information and registration call Reuben Stollman at the library 997-8000 X244.

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FIREFIGHTERS DANCE

The Baltimore County Firefighter's Association, Local 1311, is sponsoring a dance on Feb. 22 to benefit the families of fallen Firefighters Kimbel, Bawroski and Rayner.

The dance will be held at the Steelworker's Hall, 540 Dundalk Ave., from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and included are beer and set-ups plus entertainment by two bands, "Cat and the Burglars" and "Half and Half."

The cost of tickets is $8.00 per person and may be obtained by calling 882-0120 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Steelworker's Local No. 261 for donated the hall and both bands have donated their time with all other expenses being paid by the firefighter's association so that all money collected will be given directly to the families.

NAACP, GOP HOST JOB FAIR

The Baltimore City NAACP Chapter will join with the Maryland Republican Party in sponsoring the Maryland Job Fair I at the downtown Omni International Hotel, 01 W. Fayette St., on Sunday, March 3, between 1 and 4 p.m.

The job fair, one of several planned for the 1985 calendar year, will "provide employment opportunities and information to adults seeking full-time permanent employment." Persons interested in obtaining additional information on the job fair event should contact George Buntin at 366-3300 on visit the local NAACP offices at 26 W. 25th St.

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WAGE COMMISSION ALERTS EMPLOYERS

The Wage Commission for Baltimore City wishes to draw the attention of all employers in Baltimore City to the provision of Ordinance 778 that requires each and every employer subject to this subtitle to keep records of time worked and rate of pay for his employees for a period of three years.

Failure to keep such records will result in the imposition of a penalty by the Wage Commission in the amount of $50 for a first violation, $250 for a second, and $500 for a third and subsequent violations.

For further information, contact the Wage Commission at 118 N. Howard St. or call 396-4835.

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FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Residents of the Govans and Northwood communities will be eligible to receive free income tax assistance on Saturdays beginning Feb. 2 and continuing through March 30 at the Govans Multi-Purpose Center.

Loyola College students participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, will help residents with both the federal and state tax forms.

Interested persons should call 396-6084 for an appointment and bring all relevant documents including W-2 forms, interest statements, etc. Walk-ins will also be accepted at the Govans Multi-Purpose Center, 5225 York Rd.

DIABETES PATIENT EDUCATION

The American Diabetes Association, Maryland Affiliate, Inc. will hold its third of three Mini-Series Patient Education Programs on Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 7:00 to :00 p.m. The location of this program will be the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge - 5701 Baltimore National Pike - Catonsville, Md.

This evening program which is entitled "Gambing on the Future", is designed to give all diabetics the opportunity to learn skills in diabetic management, at a time when almost everyone can attend. Registration fee is $5.00 perfamily. Snacks will be provided.

For more information, contact the American Diabetes Association 486-8515.

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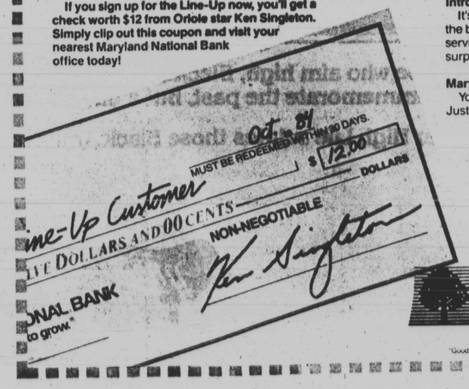

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