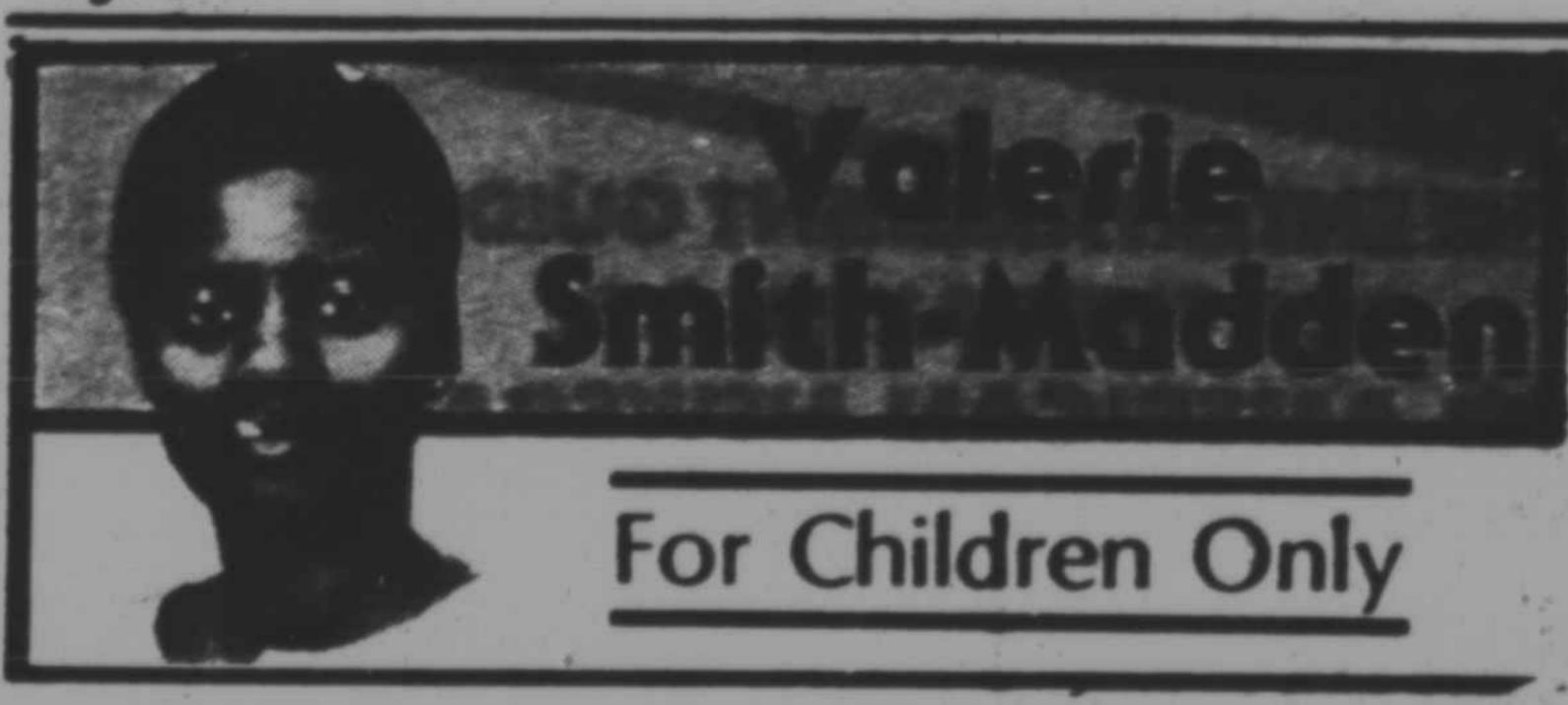
Norman, for those of you who

ghetto", as he describes it, has

most impressed.



The good people at the Univer- B. If you are divorced and have Special activities this wee sity of Maryland's Cooperative a reasonably talerable relation- Include; Extension Service have sent me ship with your ex-spouse, try to Make plans to enjoy a Colonial The Museum and Library of Forum, children can Raise a Rumsome information for Single discuss well in advance; who gets Christmas at Mount Clare Man- Maryland History is presenting a pus with Gallywampus at the Parents on how to make the holi- the kids when and what the sion, Washington Blvd., and Christmas Card-Making Cloister's Children's Museum in

interviewed members of Parents handle it.

to that plan. Schedule in little holiday activities. outings so that everyone will bored and sick of each other.

for your child.

Always remember that the Price for Agarium members is Baltimore City and surrounding \$6/child, \$8 adult. For non-County library systems offer members, it;s \$10/child, \$12 many after school activities for adult. your children. Take advantage of Children and their parents will Aquarium mascot, Puffin. Santa a few hours to unwind.

BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN.

For a rundown of activities at songs and an Aquarium tour is the library, please call the branch included. on december 14. For more infor-

day a more pleasurable one. children will receive as gifts and Monroe Street. Admission is \$3 Workshop on Saturday. Some old-timers suggest that how much you each will spend. for adults and .50 for children December 7 at 2 p.m. Children the first Christmas as a single C. Don't try to arrange joint ac- under 12. Students with school ID will learn the Pennsylvania Dutch parent is the warst — they get tivities with your ex-spouse get a discounted price. For more Art of schnerenschnitte (paperbetter after that. Max Gunther unless you're sure you can both Information, please call 837-3262. cutting) to produce a variety of Of course, what Christmas Christmas cards.

Without Partners and compiled D. If you have a close adult season would be complete. There is a \$15 registration fee audiences throughout the friend whom the children know without having breakfast with that includes the cost of Baltimore area, playing folk in-A. Plan a schedule for the holi- and enjoy, you might consider in- Santa? The National Aquarium materials. To register for the struments such as the dulcimer, day period, and stick pretty close cluding him or her in some of the provides an interesting workshop, call 685-3750, ext. backdrop, but a fun one 334.

The Maryland Committee for free to children; a \$2.00 donation have something to look forward. The week promises to be a Kids can break bread with San- Children (MCC) will host an after- is suggested for adults. The proto, and you won't all end up good one for Christmas activities to at either 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. In noon of entertainment as parthe Knott Harbor View Room. ticipants play games for kids at

will lead a sing-along of holiday

This activity will also be held

mation, please call 576-3830.

statewide efforts on behalf of children and families.

This event will be held at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Avenue on is \$21 and is tax-deductable.

reservations, please call 752-7588. There will be cord games and an auction of valuable gifts donated by local merchants.

While parents are at the

What's a Gallywampus? "My mother had a piano in the Legend says it's a beast that lives living room," Norman says, in treetops and makes noises "even though no one could play that sound tike its name. It's also it. It was considered a status a talented due that has charmed symbol at the time. "As the only child, I was given

the best of everything, including the opportunity to study at penny whistle and limber jack. Juilliard," Norman continued. Admission to the Cloisters is But it was the drums that cap-

tured the attention of this unspoiled talented boy at the age of five and when his mother took him to the Earle Theatre he knew he was hooked.

After watching the likes of Earl Hines, Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald, Norman knew exactly what direction his life was taking and as they say, "the rest is

Norman, who will be appearing at the 32nd Street Plahzo the request of his daughter Kelly, who is attending Morgan State





December 14-16, is doing so at Percussionist, composer and producer, Norman Connors, will perform at the 32nd Street Plahza, December 13, 14 and 15. He's expected to introduce two new talented artists. For information on tickets and performance times, call 366-8181.

Baltimore, Norman says, and my Saturday, December 7, for two daughter suggested two places I shows, 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. .... should look into. One was the I've been hearing a lot about a Plahza and the other was Ethel's young, aggressive promoter out Place."

brag about them, but, not only are they talented, they're Well, got to run. See you next physically beautiful."

Having left Arista Records because of creative differences, Norman is now negotiating with two other companies (artists consider it bad luck to name names before the deal is struck) and should have a new album out

So, if you want to be in on the CAB DRIVER'S NITE discovery of new talent and to hear a genius at work, I suggest you call the Plahza and reserve your space for this promises to be DUCK'S SEAFOOD NITE a sold out concert engagement.

Don't forget to check out the Sportsmen's Lounge. They still on Monday's with free food drinks 2-4-1 and live jazz with various artists sitting in.

Jennelle Fisher and Paradise are still on tap on Thursdays and Sundays and the Dave Ross Trio featuring Marlene Ross is on hand on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Temptations and the Four Tops will be holding forth at the

"I wanted to play a nightclub in Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall of Boston, Mass. named Al Haymon who has produced many "I will be introducing two new R and B concerts here. I hope to talents when I come to Baltimore, have more on this dynamic pro-Norman states proudly. I hate to moier in a future column.

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This reception is being hosted by the Director of the Armour J. Blackburn Center, Howard University and will take place i.. the Blackburn Center's Gallery Lounge (2400 Sixth St., NW. Washington, D.C.)

chase. For further information catt (202) 526-0052.

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## Auditions Scheduled

Theatre's March production, THE dience will also be treated to free. LION WHO WOULDN'T, are refreshments. scheduled for January 6 and 7. 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Church of the Brethren, 4615 396-4891. Roland Avenue at Oakidale Road. Performance times are during the day on March 7, 8, 9, and 15, 1986. For further information, call 426-6159 or 467-6484.

## "Block Hotivity"

Warren Street Productions is presenting the Langston Hughes production of "Black Nativity" on Saturday, December 14 and Sunday. December 15 at the College Auditorium, 4701 N. Charles St. The time is 8 p.m. with a special Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.

Appearing in the production will be The Allen Jones Chorale Gospel Choir and the Gideon Singers. For tickets and other information, contact the Upward Way Church, 962-5333, Music Liberated, 523-2330 and Moder Music, 669-7616.

The public is invited to attend at Broadway Market Square on' Wayne Cameron, and the I Tuesday, December 17, 1985, at Preparatory Symphony and

A variety of holiday entertainment will be featured, including performances by the Patterson

be highlighted by the arrival of Santa Claus by way of sleigh to AUDITIONS for Pumpkin the Foot of Broadway. The ou-

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during the Holidays A guide to the nighttime activities for 1985's most testive season HIGHLIGHTS:

- Entertainment appearing during the holidays
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