People in the news

Murphy heads Mfume campaign

Arthur W. Murphy

Arthur W. Murphy will serve as General Chairperson of the "Mfume for Congress" campaign it was announced today (Friday). Murphy will head the campaign's planning and policy committees and supervise its staff and fund-raising activities.

He has supervised the political campaigns of his father, William H. Murphy, Sr. for Municipal Court Judge (1970); the late Norman V.A. Reeves for Baltimore City Council (1979); the late Patricia Harris for Mayor of Washington, D.C. (1982), and served as Deputy Director of the Charles R. Robb for Governor of Virginia campaign in (1981).

Gray advises census on blacks

Frederick D. Gray

Frederick D. Gray, of Prince Georges County, has been appointed to the Census Advisory Committee on the Black Population for the 1990 census. The committee has been established to provide a channel of communication between the black population and the U.S. Census Bureau. The special need for this interchange arises from the fact that the coverage of the decennial census statistics for the black population remains poorer than for the population as a whole.

Gray, a Republican since 1984, said that his priority in this post is to make sure that the black population in his area is properly represented and calculated.

A Democrat since 1946, he said that he became disenchanted with the welfare mentality of the Democratic party.

They seemed to give blacks a few crumbs, taking concerns of black people for granted.

The Republican philosophy means hard work, but the gold is out there for you to get. It doesn't come easy, but what worthwhile does?" he asked.

Gray has also been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the National Defense Executive Reserve. As a member of this organization, he will be kept informed of U.S. industrial mobilization readiness plans and will be given appropriate training to enable him to serve effectively in a national emergency, he said.

Gray worked in broadcasting during the Reagan-Bush Campaign in September, 1984. He fed actualities into radio stations throughout the United States. He was dispatched to Baltimore on election day to serve as a poll-watcher for the Reagan-Bush team.

He received strong White House endorsement to become a member of both committees. The nine-member census committee will represent the entire United States.

Doctors to offer free eye care for elderly poor

As part of a nationwide volunteer program, Maryland ophthamologists will begin in June to offer free eye care service to the state's low-income elderly who do not have insurance, U.S. Sen. Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R.-Md.) has announced.

The National Eye Care Project will provide free professional medical and surgical eye care to persons 65 and older who do not have Medicare or health insurance. By calling a toll-free number, a patient will be screened for eligibility by an operator and put in touch with a nearby eye doctor who is participating in the program.

"The number of senior citizens, who are so vulnerable to eye afflictions, has grown 10.3 percent in Maryland from 1980 to 1984 and has now reached 447,000," Mathias said. "This program will service approximately 2200 people in the state who do not have Medicare or some other form of insurance."

Mathias commended the National Eye Care Project, sponsored by the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Maryland Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, stating that it "exemplifies the type of self-supported and volunteer-operated program needed as we face domestic program budget cuts. The program will be entirely operated by donations and the efforts of volunteers and ophthamologists."

Mathias noted that eye doctors are donating half the estimated $3 million needed for the program nationwide in 1986. The remainder is being donated by concerned individuals and organizations, the Academy of Ophthalmology, and corporations.

The program began in the state of Washington in January and will be available throughout the United States by mid-summer, 1986. The toll-free number in Maryland, available starting June 2, is 1-800-222-EYES.

For more information, please contact the Maryland Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons at (301) 458-2986 in Lanham, Maryland.

Work for welfare recipients does make difference

A study of eleven state Work-Welfare Initiatives, including the Maryland Employment Initiatives projects, has concluded that programs designed to increase employment among welfare recipients can and do make a difference, and that they can be cost effective.

The results of the three-year study, conducted by the Manpower Development Research Corporation (MDRC), the New York based, well-known evaluator of new ideas in the field of social policy, cited the successful impact of Maryland's Employment Initiatives in Baltimore City (OPTIONS) and Wicomico County (BET) on participants employment and earnings.

In three years of operation, approximately 1600 welfare recipients who participated in OPTIONS and BET were able to obtain employment, receiving an average wage in excess of $4 per hour.

"While we are at a time when job training programs for those receiving welfare are suffering nationally due to already inadequate funding and the threat of additional cuts, Maryland's Employment Initiatives have shown their contribution to the economic self-sufficiency of our clients and has enabled society as well to realize positive gains," said Ruth Massinga, secretary of Human Resources.

"Despite our efforts and our successes, we cannot, however, keep pace with the increasing need to provide those temporarily in need of public assistance with self-sufficiency services. It is further distressing since we know our clients want to work but need services to enable them to increase their employability potential."

According to the study, Maryland's approach anticipated the multi-component design that states such as Massachusetts are trying. The approach provided a range of activities selected in conjunction with the client to match their needs and included a strong emphasis on educational enhancement.

In fact, the participation levels in both projects in the education component was higher than in other employment programs studied by MDRC. In addition, the study noted that the increases in employment and earnings for participants in OPTIONS appeared to continue and increase after a short-term observation period and were stronger for those who appeared to be the most disadvantaged since they lacked recent work experience or higher educational attainment.

"While many AFDC recipients may require limited services to enable them to become self-sufficient, there are some, those with little prior employment experience, who require a full array of services," noted David Siegel, director of DHR's Office of Welfare Employment Policy, which administers the OPTIONS and BET projects in addition to eight other projects throughout the state. "We've learned that it is this latter group that gains the most from a program like Employment Initiatives. The services help the client reduce what might have been a longer-term need for public assistance.

We also learned that the success of any program depends on local labor market conditions. The best employment and training programs will have only limited success in a local economy where jobs and transportation are limited," he added.

Why Are You a Poor Talker?

A noted publisher reports a simple technique of everyday conversation which can pay you real dividends in social and business advancement and works like magic to give you poise, self-confidence and greater popularity.

According to this publisher, many people do not realize how much they could influence others simply by what they say and how they say it. Whether in business, at social functions, or even in casual conversations with new acquaintances there are ways to make a good impression every time you talk.

To acquaint the readers of this paper with the easy-to-follow rules for developing skill in everyday conversation, the publishers have printed full details of their intresting self-training method in a new booklet, "Adventures in Conversation," which will be mailed free to anyone who requests it. No obligation. Send your name, address, and zip code to: Conversation, Career Institute, Dept. No. 445-106, 425 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

Transportation authority seeking temporary help

The Maryland Transportation Authority, the public agency which manages and operates the state's seven toll facilities, is seeking temporary employees to conduct traffic surveys at several of its toll projects.

The work involves interviewing motorists and truckers using a toll facility and coding the data collected for input into a computer. The salary range is $3.70 to $4.46 per hour.

The employees are needed to conduct the traffic surveys between March 4 and March 30. In addition, the surveys will also be carried out between late-May and mid-August of this year.

Those interested in applying for the temporary positions should contact the Transportation Authority's Personnel Office at the Francis Scott Key Bridge, telephone (301) 563-7158.

The Maryland Transportation Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Community Calendar

New Directions Orientation

Maryland New Directions will hold evening sessions for orientation to New Directions services on Monday, April 7 and Monday, April 21. The sessions will begin at 6 p.m. each evening. Orientation sessions will also be held each Wednesday afternoon at 12:45 p.m.

These FREE orientation sessions will be held at the New Directions Career Resource Center, 12 E. 25th St. to inform interested persons of the broad range of career counseling and life planning services offered by New Directions, a member of the National Network of Career Resource Centers. No pre-registration is necessary; for further information, contact the Career Resource Center at 235-8600.

Volunteer reading tutors needed

The Office of Adult Education of the Baltimore County Public Schools is seeking volunteer aides and tutors to help teach adults to read — or to help foreign-born adults learn English.

The only qualification required of volunteers is a sincere interest in helping adults learn to read or to speak English. Orientation and training of volunteers is provided.

For information about volunteering in adult education, telephone the Office of Adult Education at 494-4064.

UM benefit series

The University of Maryland Artist Scholarship Benefit Series will present tenor George Shirley in concert on Saturday, April 5, at 8 p.m. in the Tawes Recital Hall, College Park campus. He will be assisted by many faculty members in performance of works by Lawrence Moss, Vally Weigl, Messiaen, Vaughan Williams, and others. Admission is $8 general; $5 for students and senior citizens. For information, call 454-6669.

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OOPS!OOPS! CORRECTIONS: It was the effervescent tunes of Bobby Felder heard at the recent Omega Mardi Gras, and...Elyn Garrett was the photographer for the AFRO.

BSP HOSTS POST VALENTINE DANCE

BSP hosts Black Single Parents Post Valentine's Dance, held at the beautiful Rose Price mansion in Columbia on Friday, February 28, was well-attended and festive.

Columbians and Washingtonians attended, as well as Baltimore City residents.

The Committee's Chairperson's-Gwen Reaves, Zetha Wofford and Laura McClean truly planned an enjoyable evening with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, salads, and dancing by the fireplace.

Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres were served while BSP members and guests danced by the fireplace. Herb James, a Baltimore City police officer, provided taped music for the entire evening.

Dayna Marie Gibson

Chairperson Gwen Reaves, a computer technician for Fidelity and Deposit along with Zetha Wofford, Real Estate Agent, and Laura McClean a Nurse Practitioner, were committee planners for all BSP events for 1986.

Barry Evans, Resident Professor at Towson State University provided some soulful sounds over the microphone.

Keith Thompson, part owner of the Monetary Development Corporation in Columbia, is also a committee member of the Marketing committee for BSP.

Kelly Hill, President and Founder of BSP for the Baltimore Chapter invited everyone to her upcoming birthday party, along with encouraging the single parents to become more active within the organization.

She pointed out that times have changed and "blacks" must begin to pave the way for their children and the only way that it can be done is if they stick together in the effort.

Ms. Hill also encouraged all to attend their membership meetings which are held the first Thursday of every month at 4903 Liberty Heights Ave. from 7-9 p.m.

DAYNA M. GIBSON GRADUATES

Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson, Sr., (Audrey) proudly announce the recent graduation of their daughter, Dayna Marie, from Towson State University with a B.S. Degree in Business Administration, along with having taken a course in Accounting.

A former employee of Hutzler's, Towson, Dayna is now employed for the Baltimore Post Office where a brother, two sisters and a close friend are also employed.

With much to offer from broadened job experiences while attending high school and college, Dayna will eventually inquire about the Post Office's Administrative Training Program, in which she has expressed interest.

HU ALUMNI CHARTER DAY

The Howard University Alumni Club of Baltimore will sponsor a Charter Day observance at 9:30 a.m. March 16 at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory, 3412 Dennison Road, at Liberty Heights Avenue.

All Howardites and their families are invited. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 358-4786.

LINKS PLAN 'SPRING SPLENDOR'

The Baltimore Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, proudly announces its "SPRING SPLENDOR," a Luncheon Fashion Fundraiser on Monday, March 31, 1986 at Martin's West. It is a pleasure to share with you information about their service organization and solicit your support.

The Links, Inc., a national organizationwith 206 chapters across the nation, has a total membership of 5,978 women. Since its inception in 1946, the organization has been totally committed to education, cultural and civic activities.

They have contributed over ONE MILLION DOLLARS to the United Negro College Fund, the NAACP and its Legal Defense Fund, Sickle Cell Research, National Urban League, Africare, Famine Relief Fund and other special projects. During this past summer, they participated in the U.N. Decade for Women's Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.

As a local chapter, they point out with pride that countless volunteer hours and contributions have been donated, including, the Afro, American Charities, United Way, Provident Hospital, House of Ruth, Maryland Food Bank, Constant Care Medical Center and the Florence Crittenton Home. In addition they have sponsored young artists" and supported the Morgan University Scholarship Fund and Arts Program, Sojourner-Douglass College Jazz Heritage Concert and the Baltimore School of the Arts.

Their present program — Services to Youth — A Drug and

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Scenes from 'We Wives' holiday party

CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA before she could take her glasses off is Zelma Thompson (R), as she poses happily with (from left) Gwendolyn Seaborne (seated) and Wilfred Seaborne (standing) during the recent holiday party hosted by the We Wives at the Regency Terrace. The dinner featured a sit-down dinner, music for dancing by the Dennis Fisher Band and Open Bar.

WE WIVES MEMBER PRISCILLA LANSEY (R) is seen with Al to R): Mable Byrd (standing) and Liza Lindsey (seated). Co-chairs for the affair, were Agnes Reaves and Iris Lloyd. Other committee members included Josephine Brown, Margaret Hythe and Adell Foreman. Other club members are Lillian Bell, Iona Collins, Mae Dyson, Ivy Grimage, Roberta Keets, Priscilla Lansey, Bettye Moss, Ida Peters, Marjorie Prout, Verniece Reynolds, Gwendolyn Tarlee and Ada Weaver.

WE WIVES GUESTS on the scene along with the nearly 200 attending were (from L): Frances Mitchell and Mattie Mumby.

OTHERS SEEN HAVING FUN were (from left): Courtney Valentine and Vashtie Jude.

Flair hosts Sweetheart Ball–Fashion Show

AIRING LOOKS FOR SPRING during the recent Sweetheart Dance and fashion show hosted by Flair Studio are (L to R): Models Donnyelle Dorsey, Brenda Lane, Gail Williams and Valerie Seabrooks. Photos by Pace

ENJOYING THE SCENARIO are (L to R): Leola Liggins, Angela Liggins, "Cha-Cha" and Lenora H. Epps.

OTHER GUESTS (from left) are: Kelly Renee Armstrong, Dr. Ernestine Maben, Ramona Maker, Tanya Dorsey Diggs and Betty and Bill Dorsey.

The annual Flair Models Valentine Dance and Spring Fashion Show provided something for everyone — dining, dancing for the romantics, and luscious new spring fashions for all who couldn't wait to get through the gloom and snows of winter.

As spring fashion concentrates on lines that follow the wearer's body, the shape you're in suddenly becomes important again. However, even as the body conscious shapes flow from the designer's show-rooms, last season's oversized shirt and jacket look still persists. There's a whole range of shapes in between these two. Take your pick — this was the major message as Flair models unveiled great new designer looks for the new season at Martin's West on Sunday, February 16.

Happy colors and shapes of spring into summer were seen in garments from Designer "Lady Dar." Landley who used bold floral and animal prints in her collection.

Sabrina St. Clair, whose New Gay Street designer fabric store has become the mecca for the

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WINNING POSTER for Baltimore Links' Project LEAD is shown off by (L to R): Judges Link Shirley Kane, James Lewis, artist and Director of the Morgan U Gallery and Link Barbara Owens, chairperson of the Arts Committee. Winning Poster was by Morgan Hall, student, Baltimore School for the Arts.

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