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TWILAH SAYS. . .

CARVER—VOCATIONAL—TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By Twilah Scarborough

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! A school distinguished by its ability to motivate students to opportunities and careers has etched a deserving niche in the annals of "Baltimore's Great-Black History." Upon entering the great edifice of learning recently, I had the pleasure of meeting with the school's principal, Luther Day, the principal, stated that the faculty, students and administrators are excited about the school's 60th anniversary. At Carver, education is everybody's business. We are one big happy family here at good ole Carver. That is what it is all about. Carver Vocational Technical High School has been in continuous operation since 1925 and will be commemorating its 60th anniversary with a week-long celebration from Apr. 6 through Apr. 12.

Carver's Alumni Association, the administration, and faculty are collaborating to acknowledge the achievements of Carver's graduates over these 60 years. Mr. Day went on to say that everyone here at "Carver is walking on clouds and waiting for the big celebration." He discussed the activities planned for this celebration. The plans include: a luncheon for Carver supporters; the establishment of a Hall of Fame; a Carver Fair and Open House; a musical performance by Carver's choir and band; an all-classes reunion; a commemorative dinner dance; and a souvenir booklet. It is anticipated that several thousand Carverites will participate in these royal activities and celebrations.

Carver was one of the first Voc-Tech high schools in the nation to be accredited (1935). The "Family of Carver" treasure and value their accreditation. Their constant objective is to improve the quality of the instruction and motivate the many young people who come to Carver No. 454.

The name "Carver" stands for achievement. The name George Washington Carver exemplifies achievement above the ordinary. Workers in simple occupations and others in the professions find encouragement and inspiration in the success and the international acclaim of Dr. Carver.

Through the halls of Carver and the school studies, the students learn the concept of American Democracy as it relates to the worth of the individual. The curriculum of the school includes vocational courses leading to employment in business, industrial and trade occupations.

The academic culture and related subjects lead to a standard high school diploma. Upon successful completion of their chosen curriculum, an increasing number of Carver students are continuing their education in apprenticeship programs, technical institutes, junior colleges, colleges, and various branches of the armed forces.

Again and again this is what it is all about. A school united, a school of togetherness; Carver—a school with 100 percent of strong participation—full of history." The school seal, vocational - technical education, involves the development of sound minds and skilled hands and the acquisition of technical knowledge and technical skills. This symbol which represents the education of Carver is self-expressed. The book is the means by which one gains not only knowledge of the past and present, but also insight into the future. Knowledge and insight are components of a sound mind. A hand equipped with skill and reinforced with a sound mind has in its grasp power for gainful employment and responsible citizenship. From the electric bolt on the seal come the current needed to propel today's automated world. From man's technical knowledge and technical skills come the ability to harness that current nto channels of productivity.

Carver Voc Tech high school—a school of plenty and 60 years of service to the community. To the steering committee, members, the faculty, the students, the administration, CONGRATULATIONS to you and much luck and success for the week-long dedicated celebration.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS INPUT

As we progressed through the winter months, we continued to hear reports of persons losing their lives as a result of dwelling fires. I am certain we all like to feel that we are practicing good fire prevention in our homes. "Fire spreads very quickly." Spread these words around your household, your friends, your neighbors and area communities. We need to be more aware and careful of our lives and the prices we have to pay for careless behavior of fires resulting from matches, heaters, stoves, etc.

THREE USA DAY CARE CENTERS MERGE

Three day care centers have been merged into one large center: the Urban Services Child Development Center. An Open House celebration for parents, children, city officials, and the press is being held on Thursday, Mar. 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (It is suggested that press attend early if possible.) The opening ceremony and balloon lift will take palce at 11 a.m.

The center is located at 2803 N. Dukeland St. To find it, the directions are:

Heading north on Liberty Heights, pass CCB Campus on the left, then make a left turn at Holt Florist on Wabash and Dukeland and continue left on winding Dukeland Street about ¼ mile to the first building on the left (across from Lemmel Middle School).

Join us for an enjoyable informative day which will include refreshments and entertainment.

THE ANNUAL DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Dinner Dance Saturday, Apr. 19, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at The Palladium, Liberty Heights Avenue and Druid Park Drive. Tickets sales call Milton R. Brown-624-3513 or Howard Contee-265-7450. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW. Contributions to scholarship fund payable to: Douglass High School Alumni Association, 2301 Gwynns Falls Pkwy., Baltimore, MD 21217. The alumni meet the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Douglass High School.

FOR TOMORROW:

Never alone—the truth is that we are never alone. What joy we feel in knowing that our union with God is indivisible. See Ya!

Carver High School 60th anniversary week

Tentative Schedule of Events

60th Anniversary

Week of April 6-13, 1986

SUNDAY, APRIL 6
Religious Observance—a.m.
Honoring George Washington Carver
Macedonia Baptist Church

MONDAY, APRIL 7
Kick-off Luncheon for Carver Supporters
Carver Library

TUESDAY, APRIL 8
Hall of Fame Induction Assembly
8:30 a.m.
Honoring Distinguished Alumni, ~~Faculty~~
Carver Auditorium (Upper classes/Alumni)
Faculty Recognition Reception
Carver Cafeteria—7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9
Carver Fair/Open House
Gymnasium (all day)
Exhibits, sales of shop projects, etc.
Music Extravaganza
Auditorium—7:00 p.m.
(Proceeds to Music Department)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Carver Fair/Open House
Gymnasium (all day)
Exhibits, sales of shop projects, etc.
All Classes Reunion
Selected Classrooms—7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11
Alumni Sponsored
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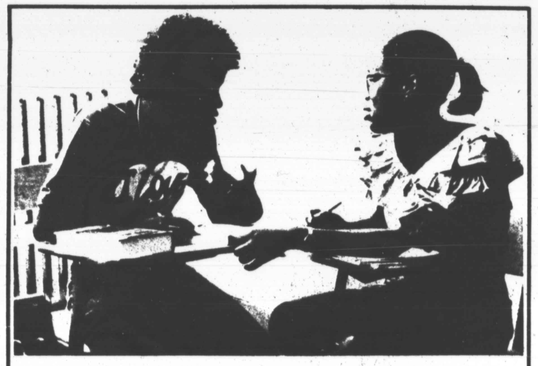

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Clown Chris Allison applies the finishing touches on AFRO Night at the Circus contest winner, Alachiae Keese.

Freeze planned on housing applications

By Racine S. Winborne

The revelation that there are 41,770 low-income and elderly city residents waiting on rolls for public housing has prompted a call to place a one-year moratorium on accepting any future housing applications.

Baltimore Welfare Rights, a peoples' rights advocacy organization, has asked Neighborhood Progress Administration Commissioner Marion Pines to impose the one year ban to allow her staff to process the volumes of application already received.

On any given day during the week, 100 applicants come to 231 E. Baltimore St. to apply for public housing, Section 8 housing or elderly housing.

They may wait for as long as eight years for notification of a housing vacancy, according to NPA housing officials. They say the problem is that there is only a limited amount of available housing for the poor and those who do have it are reluctant to move on once their economic situation has improved.

"To just say no, there's absolutely no place else to go, there's no hope, is just devastating, especially to the homeless, so we take the applications and screen them," explained Barbara Dungee, Assistant Director of Housing Management at NPA.

Mrs. Dungee says her agency is not have a problem processing the applications there's just no place to put the people.

"It has been said that the problem with housing in Baltimore is not limited housing but affordable housing. There is no income limit now (and) today people are fearful of moving out with the job market so unstable. They

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POLITICS '86

BOB CHEEKS ENTERS POLITICAL RACE

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Political Writer

Unless God or the people convince him not to, Bob Cheeks will enter a political race for only the second time in his adult life.

The State Senate seat in the 39th District is the plum this time around. Cheeks feels that either a politician who has been duly elected by a particular constituent group works in harmony with them to promote their goodwill, or goes off to catch fly balls and sign autographs in left field.

He chooses not to get angry at the ones who prefer baseball to lobbying or passing substantive bills. "My differences with any black elected officials are not personal. I (just) feel some of us can do a better job because of our interests and our priorities."

Cheek's political activism dates back to his days with the Model Cities and CEP (Concentrated Employment Program) and before that to a tragic story he read in the AFRO when he was 14.

Emmett Till, a young teenager from Chicago, was brutally beaten, kidnapped and lynched by a group of whites because he whistled at a white woman in Money, Mississippi.

"It always stays on my mind, "the 47-year-old coordinator of the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization, a volunteer advocacy group for peoples' rights, explains thoughtfully.

Still other sad thoughts linger in his head like the fact that the 39th is the poorest district in the city with the largest number of welfare recipients and single female heads of households.

"I know there is more that can be done here. I think it's a shame people don't know what to tell these people.

As the song goes . . . THE HEAT IS ON. . . .

BLACKS UNITED FOR SCHAEFER ANNOUNCEMENT

Steve Sachs picked up a key political endorsement from a powerful black minister' alliance a couple of weeks ago triggering some indiscriminant buzzings.

Was Sach's likely opponent Mayor William Donald Schaefer in danger of losing that support among the black community which he has been able to count on over the years ?

Not to worry. So as not to be outdone or upstaged, a group of blacks who are part of the social/professional hierarchy in this town have merged and formed "Blacks United for

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Freeze planned on housing applications (See column one)

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Patti LaBelle loses $10,000, real diamonds, shoes to thugs

Luxurious penthouse broken into while she was on stage at theatre

By Elizabeth Oliver

Singer Patti LaBelle, the mega star who appeared last week at the Minskoff Theatre at Broadway and 45th Street in New York, lost $10,000 in cash and over $40,000 in jewels and clothing to robbers. No one has been apprehended by police.

Det. Bernard Kleger of the Manhattan N.Y. South Precinct, told the AFRO that the assorted jewelry included pearls and diamonds, "real, ones" and clothing including numerous sweaters and shoes.

Stating that he interviewed Miss LaBelle herself, Det. Kleger revealed that she told him she was also missing four pieces of luggage and three credit cards.

He told the AFRO that "numerous pairs of shoes" were taken. Asked if the robbers carted away the items in the four pieces of luggage, Det. Kleger replied, "I can't say."

The robbery is reported to have occurred between 7:20 p.m. March 14 when Miss LaBelle left the hotel for the theatre and 1 a.m. when she returned March 15 after the show.

Miss LaBelle was staying at the New Morgan Hotel on Madison Avenue between 37th and 38th Streets. Det. Kleger told the AFRO she was staying in a penthouse on the 19th floor, a place he described as "very fine."

The New Morgan Hotel Manager Steven Quinn refused to tell the AFRO more than that the robbery did occur.

Miss LaBelle who is described as extremely popular the world around was at the Minskoff Theatre for a month-long engagement. She completed standing room only shows on Sunday, March 16.

Miss LaBelle began a new engagement at The Tropicana in Atlantic City Thursday night, March 20 and is booked, according to the Tropicana entertainment authorities, through Easter Sunday, March 30.

When the AFRO tried to reach Miss LaBelle at The Tropicana Thursday afternoon, we learned that neither she nor her manager, Ted Cammans, had checked in although they both were expected to arrive "momentarily."

Patti LaBelle

Urban Services Agency head rebuts union position on cuts

By N.B. Jones

Lenwood Ivey, head of the city's Urban Services Agency sees himself as a man beset on all sides by unfair critics who reward his 25 years of service to the poor with abuse that no other city department head has to endure.

Some of the workers in his agency see him as part of a bureacratic system that is aloof from the workers and indifferent to the poor people his agency is supposed to serve.

Recent layoffs in the Urban Services Agency have rekindled debates about the way the agency is run and its commitment to the poor.

"I'm a caring person. I'm not some unfeeling SOB who gets enjoyment from laying people off. It hurts me when I'm portrayed that way. The people that we were forced to layoff because of budget cuts were people I hired and trained and it hurts me when they have to be put out of work," said Ivey in a phone interview with the AFRO this week.

"I've been a lot fairer than other department heads when it comes to layoffs, yet I get criticized. Marion Pines over at Neighborhood Progress Administration laid off whole divisions of people, but the union (AFSCME) didn't say one word about that. I'm very close to the people in the neighborhood centers," declared Ivey.

He added, "The union is dividing this agency between former CAA and Model Cities people. I view this agency as one but they have tried to divide. I've worked hard to see that there is no separation in the UrbanServices Agency."

However the union representing the laid-off neighborhood services workers disagrees vehemently. "The administratin is the one causing the division in the agency," declared Naomi Harvel, president.

"The way they decided on the layoffs through this unit system which nobody has defined for us. They moved people and programs around at will so we don't know what makes up an organizational unit.

"With this unit structure, they are able to move people with

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LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP:

House passes seatbelt bill

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

ANNAPOLIS — To buckle or not to buckle, that was the question.

On Tuesday, the House Judiciary Committee, perhaps bowing to election year pressure, approved legislation requiring drivers and their front seat passengers to wear seat-belts.

Early on, the debate raged over whether the government, in its state, local or federal form, has the right to tell motorists to buckle up.

Civil libertarians and other loves of free choice shuddered over the thought of now having to strap themselves in their cars because the state said so.

Buckling up would now take its place alongside of other governmental mandates, charges such as filing your taxes by April 15, driving 55 MPH and putting children, three and under, in car seats.

The House panel voted 12-9 in favor of a mandatory seat-belt measure, joining the Senate, which had already passed its version.

The House version of the measure had several amendments attached to it, perhaps making it more palatable to the entire legislative.

The amendments are:

—Maximum penalties for all violators would be $25 fine and one point against their drivers' licenses.

—A passenger without a seat belt would get a ticket, not the driver. If the passenger is a minor (under 16), the ticket would go to the driver.

—Failure to wear seat-belts would be a "secondary offense" which a police officer could enforce only if he or she stopped a motorist first for some other primary vehicular violation such as speeding or running a red light.

—Police could not stop a motorist simply for a suspected seat-belt violation, and

—Failure to wear a seat-belt could not be used as evidence that an injured motorist contributed to his own accident.

Three members of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus sit on the Judiciary committee. Two voted for the bill and

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Brock charged with narcotics possession

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Eric Brock, 20, 5900 block Leewood Ave., and David Dorsey, 22, 2900 block Windsor Avenue, were apprehended by police before dawn on March 19 while driving west on Franklin Street at a high rate of speed.

Police have charged both men with numerous violations of narcotics laws.

Brock has been released on bail while Dorsey remains in jail unable to make $25,000 bail.

Officers John Howe and Sgt. Russell Shea report that they were patroling behind the hatchback 1983 car and finally pulled it over at 3:30 a.m. in the 1200 block W. Mulberry Street.

Brock who was driving has been charged with seven violations including possession of cocaine, marijuana, paraphanalia with intent to distribute each illegal narcotic drug.

He is also charged with possession of an open container of an alcoholic liquid.

Dorsey, a passenger is charged with having cocaine in his possession, marijuana and having a 40 ounce bottle of Colt 45 malt liquor in a brown bag between his knees. Arresting officers report he had $210 in cash while Brock had 87 currency.

RESCUE MISSION:

Blessing or a blot?

By LaMONT X. CURRY
AFRO Staff Writer

The American Rescue Workers Adult Rehabilitation Center for Socially and Physically Handicapped Men, "is a mission, somewhere you can go until you can do better," said Captain Earl Adkins, director of the Baltimore operation.

Critics describe the system as a neo-slavery operation that takes advantage of people in need and beats them over the head with religious fervor.

"We try to share God's love.

"We teach salvation.

"The men are free to believe if they want to. They can stay or leave, but services are mandatory. We teach the Bible but we don't teach religion.

"I'm protestant but I don't condemn Catholics. I know a lot of good Catholics that are going to heaven," said Adkins.

According to the organizations brochure, RW's purpose is to minister to the needs of men: spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally and materially.

It states its plan as to assist the homeless, handicapped, socially maladjusted, alcoholics, men on probation and family dropouts.

Bruce is 35 years old. He wouldn't give his last name. He works in one of two thrift stores owned and opeated by ARW.

"It's an all right organization. It looks but for the hungry and the homeless. It'll give you a place to stay," he said.

Bruce works 40 hours a week for $20. He earns top dollar. He used to make $5 a week but he got a raise.

"They call it work therapy fulfillment.

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