Best Bets

FILMS

"The First Three Georges"

Wednesday, March 26 at 1 p.m., "The First Three Georges" a BBC-TV film on notable buildings and art collections of England will be shown at the Waverly Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

"The Glorious 1880's"

The Central Library, 400 Cathedral Street, continues its Centennial film series, "The Glorious 1880's" with a screening of "Jesse James" to be held on Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. For further details, call 396-5494.

For Children

Wednesday, March 26 Brooklyn Branch, 300 East Patapsco Avenue: "Bim," 3:30 p.m.

Hamilton Branch 5910 Harford Road: "The Gold Bug," "Tap Dance Kid," and "Ben and Me," 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 27 Dundalk Avenue Branch, 912 Dundalk Avenue: "The Jumping Frog" and "Just An Overnight Guest," 3:30 p.m.

EXHIBITS

"Enoch Pratt's World"

"Enoch Pratt's World: A Centennial Exhibition," on display at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, central location. Exhibit features photographs, memorabilia, documents and newspaper articles which recreate the life and times of the library since 1886. Open to the public through December, 1986. For more details, call 396-5494.

CONCERTS

On Sunday, March 29 at 8:00 p.m. the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra performs with Guest Conductor Walter Noona in the "Pops" Series Concert. For more details, call 727-7300.

THEATRE

"A Minute Too Late"

Theatre Project's 1986 World Theatre Season presents "A Minute Too Late" until March 30. Showtimes are at 8:00 p.m. with additional 3:00 p.m. matinees on Sundays. This is the second show in the Theatre Project's subscription series, but individual tickets are available and can be ordered by calling the box office at 752-8558.

"Songs in Time"

The 1840 House and the Baltimore School for the Arts presents a series of dramatic scenes depicting everyday life in 1840 Baltimore. Production runs through May 17. For more information call 396-3523.

"Annie" Returns

"Annie" opens at the Lyric Opera House for a one-week engagement Tuesday, April 1 and runs through Sunday, April 6th. For reservations and ticket information, call 625-4230.

"Kuumba" at St. John's

KUUMBA, will open on March 22nd at Theatre at St. John's, and will run April 5 and April 12. The production is directed by Patricia Cate and it is an original music mystery drama with music. For more details, call 243-5844.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The public is invited to attend the City's Bicentennial Kick-Off Ceremony on Friday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Rotunda of City Hall. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call [illegible]

Valerie Smith-Madden

For Children Only

One of my very favorite places to spend a Sunday afternoon is the central branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

To me, the library is more than a place that houses books; its a ticket distant lands, an invitation to times long past. I know it sounds like a commercial, but it's true.

For school-aged children, the library is as good a place as any to teach them about researching information, a skill that is certain to come in handy later on.

In the reference room, every book there is as precious as gold, yielding a wealth of information.

For my tastes, the best reference book of all is the "Readers Guide To Periodical Literature," which indexes information contained in many magazines. This guide is indispensible because, if you're looking, for example, to compile information on black female athletes, that is the book that can help.

There is little information written on black female athletes, via books and with the newest crop of competitors; Zina Garrison (tennis), the late Flo Hyman (Volleyball), Debi Thomas (figure skating), Valerie Brisco-Hooks and Evelyn Ashford (track), Leslie Allen (tennis), and Sandra [illegible]

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[illegible] recreate the life and times of Enoch Pratt, founder of the [illegible]

It's certain to bring back some memories for you and let your child know that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Right now, the children's department of the central library is undergoing renovations. With its vast array of titles, you can introduce your child to the joy of reading by sharing such wonderful stories as "The Velveteen Rabbit," "The Little Prince," (in one of several languages), and "Curious George," doing whatever he likes to do.

The library can help you give your child a sense of black history; it can connect him or her to Frederick Douglass, Madame C.J. Walker and some lesser known, but equally important people in black history.

There are books on art to stimulate the young artist, on drawing, photography, sculpture. There is history! black American, American, the Civil War, Vietnam, hippies, ancient. The library also lends recordings and videos. They offer a multitude of programs to entertain and educate. And sometimes, its the best place to go just to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Even kids need some solitude.

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EXHIBIT

"The Image of the Black in Western Art"

A photographic display from the Smithsonian Institute Travelling Exhibition Service entitled "The Image of the Black in Western Art," will be on view at Morgan State University through March 24th. The exhibit traces [illegible]

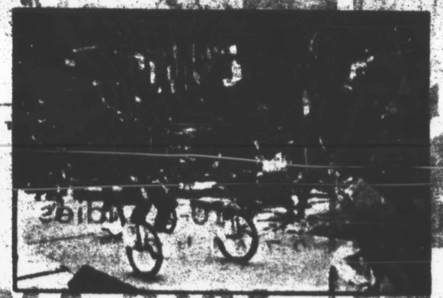
Baltimore Science Fiction Society, Inc.

The Baltimore Science Fiction Society announces their March schedule of films. All shows will begin at 8:00 and will be shown at 2233 St. Paul Street. Admission is free. For further information, please call 889-3290.

March 26: "The Little Shop of Horrors"

Photography Exhibition at UMBC

Women photographers are invited to submit photographs of women and issues related to women for a juried exhibition titled "Women and Representation" to be held at the UMBC Library from April 1-26. There is a submission fee of $10 and all entries must be in by March 10. For further information, call 782-0165.



The World [illegible] Kids Charter [illegible] Bailey Circus. (Here, on "Kids Night At The Farm" at Ringling Brothers and Barnum and "Circus" on page 3).

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Bonnie Matthews Butler

Meanderings and Meditation

If you missed us last week fellow Plusses, it's because we decided to be naughty and jetted off to Europe for a visit with relatives.

Our travels took us through France, the Netherlands and Germany and we had a ball. More details on our escapades at a later date.

Ali and **Sherron Rahmaan**, owners of the UTOPIA Nightclub and businessman and P.R. consultant **Norman Patterson** really pulled out all of the stops for the "Night Out On The Town with Friday Plus" winner, **Anthony K. Bullock** and three of his friends at UTOPIA in Landover, Md.

For those of you who haven't been following us closely, Anthony was the winner of the random survey drawing held recently and received a trip to UTOPIA, Best Nightclub of 1985.

Anthony's night started with a limousine ride, courtesy of the MANOR CLUB to UTOPIA with his friends **Antone Lee, Denise Street** and **Terry Beverly.**

After whisking them off to the club, they immediately were seated in a balcony overlooking the spacious and crowded glitter palace where they were treated to all of the champagne they could drink and a live performance by Polygram recording artists Rene' and Angela.

Before the show got started, Anthony and the owners of UTOPIA received their awards from **Friday Plus** while the over 1,000 people attending applauded.

It was a fun night and we'd like to thank **Ernest Jones** and **Sandy Dobson** of the MANOR CLUB for the use of their limousine and all of the staff at UTOPIA for making that night special.

The other winners in the 1985 Best in Entertainment Survey will be receiving their awards in similiar fashion. Watch this space for details.

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Stopped by the VIP reception for the opening of the FIVE MILE HOUSE and must say, this place has all of the makings of a successful nightclub.

We were asked to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony along with City Councilwoman **Iris Reeves, Ron Kreiner** of the Mayor's Office, with **Jean Ross** as mistress of ceremonies and **Sandy Crawford** and **Mel Harris** supplying the music.

Spotted hobnobing were: State's Attorney **Kurt Schmoke**, WJZ-TV's **Harold Anthony**, Harbor Banks's **Joe Astin, Gobert Wainwright**, AFRO's **Elyn Garrett**, WWIN's **Dell Edwards, Ella Campbell, Jim Johnson, Fred** and **Beverly Douglas, Richard Arthur, Charlie Brown, Sandy Mallory** of V-103 and **Tessa Hill.**

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Don't want to forget to thank the students and teachers of Hilton Elementary School, Waverly Elementary School, Walbrook Senior High School, George Kelson Elementary School, Greenspring Middle School, Collington Square Elementary School for inviting us to speak there recently.

During the course of our talks, we told the students about the "AFRO Night at the Circus Coloring Contest" and over 300 "children of all ages" responded.

Our Night at the Circus with talented 12 year old **Quinn Mister**, our Grand Prize winner, was alot of fun.

Again, we offer our congratulations to our Grand Prize winner **Quinn Mister** as well as the runners-up, **Robert Crown, Calvin Gaynor, Alachiae Kease** and **Danielle Avent** and honorable mentions **Marquis Collins, Lewis Horne, Jr.** and **Walter Barham.**

All of the drawings we received were creative. Look forward to seeing your work next year.

Special thanks to **Connie Friedman** of the WOLFEE Co., **Fred Lang** of MARYLAND LIMOUSINE SERVICE (who incidentally went beyond the call of duty), **Joe Gold**, Marketing and Sales Manager of Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus and SABATINO's in Little Italy and Mildred of the Civic Center Security Force.

An extra special, super duper kiss goes out to **The King Charles Troupe** members **Leslie Lynch, George Rivera** and **Chico Santiago** for their patience in teaching our winners (and me) to ride a unicycle (or attempt to).

This unicycle troupe is celebrating their 18th year with the circus and were a hit with the audience.

Last, and certainly not least, we want to give **Huel Speight** and **Christopher Allison** a great big hug for dressing our winners as a clown and teaching them how to juggle.

Everything they showed us looked easy enough, but, when we tried it, we were able to see why Ringling Brother and Barnum and Bailey is easily called the **GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH.**

It was great. Thanks, fellas!

Winners Sherron Rahmaan (l) and Anthony K. Bullock (r) accept their awards from Bonnie Matthews Butler at Utopia, winner of the Best Night Club for 1985.

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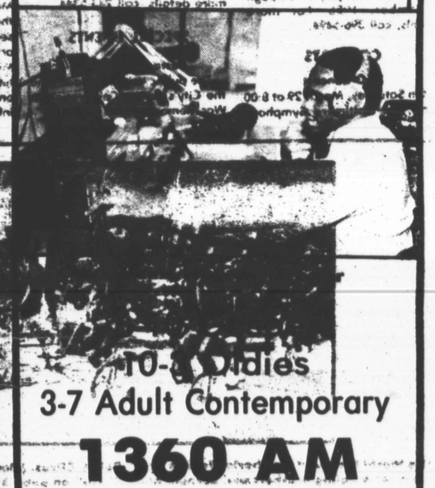

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