1986 NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS are (front row, L to R) Veta Boothe, Julia Medley, Myra Curtis, Alice Cooper-Lee, Regional Hostess; Vivien Gardner, basileus; Valerie Bell and Sandre Mitchell; (Second row, L to R) Patelle G. Harris, Patria Hill, Betty Jo Cashier, Patricia Mosley, Hortense Franklin, Martha Allen and Geraldine Dobson.

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SORORITY'S N.E. REGIONAL CONF. TO CONVENE IN BALTO.

From April 25 - 27, 1986 the undergraduate and alumnae chapters of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority in Baltimore, MD will host the 44th Northeast Regional Conference at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore. Approximately 400 women and their families will visit the city and state.

The Conference will be led by Regional Syntaktes Mynora Bryant of Washington, DC. Mrs. Vivien Gardner, Baltimore City Public Schools educator is alumnae chapter basileus, and Mrs. Alice Cooper-Lee, Baltimore County Public Schools educators, is regional hostess.

The underlying conference theme is "A Commitment to Excellence through Quality Service. Among the noted speakers will be The Honorable Kurt Schmoke, States Attorney for Baltimore City who will address the banquet audience.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, a national collegiate sorority, is an affiliate of the National Pan Hellenic Council. This non profit organization was founded in November, 1922 on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana by seven young black teachers. The sorority is committed to community service, both on the national and local levels.

Alpha Alpha Sigma the Baltimore alumnae chapter is comprised of persons currently employed in or retired from positions in the areas of education, nutrition, social services and private enterprise.

The sorority engages in cooperative networking projects and other endeavors for the primary purpose of improving the quality of life for others. Such activities as scholarship assistance, including an ongoing commitment to the Peabody Conservatory; representative financial support to approved organizations and charities; supportive activities for young persons and individually provided volunteer services are among those in which the sorority is engaged. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority was a co-sponsor of the Maryland Commission of Women's Briefing on the Nairobi Conference.

The initial public session of the Northeast Regional Conference will be held the morning of April 26th during which time public officials and community leaders have been invited to participate. The conference will conclude with a Reflection Breakfast. Local actress and sorority member, Mary West Miller, will be the featured performer.

Jayne T. Baines to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Baines announce the engagement of their daughter Jayne Towanda Baines, Baltimore, to Howard B. Coles, Jr. (Baltimore), son of Mrs. Marie Coles, also of Baltimore.

the bride-to-be is a graduate of Northern High School and The Data Processing Institute. She also attended Community College of Baltimore.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of graduate of Frederick Douglass High School, Community College of Baltimore and Baltimore City Police Department Academy.

The wedding will take place at New Shiloh Baptist Church on May 24 at 2 p.m.

Kelly Hill

SINGLE PARENTING

THAT FIRST DATE

What's a single parent suppose to do on the first date? Its been a such a long time since you have been out on a date, it may take you back a few years to your high school dating days.

One of the problems that a lot of single parents make in dating is falling into a general routine. The spice of any relationship is the intrigue and mystery of not knowing your partner's every move.

Pitfall number 2-is the creation of the married type. Somehow, someway, one person loses his or her identity and begins to adopt the habits of the dominant one. If you let this happen, later on in the relationship you will kick yourself for not being yourself...

Pitfall number 3-Insecurity. Have you every been to a social function where two partners act as though they are stuck to each other? A good solid relationship creates harmony between each other. There is no need to let everybody know that this is your man or this is your woman. If you have developed this type of relationship you may be headed for disaster.

Pitfall number 4-Jealousy. Casual jealousy is ok if you know your limit. Extreme jealousy will kill any relationshop. Not only is it unhealthy, but will eventually push your partner away from you.

Pitfall number 5-How well-dressed are you? For the single parent, change those old habits. Don't dress up in that 1950's dress or suit. Don't try the latest fad if it doesn't suit you. Change that old hair style, and for Pete's sake dress according to your age.

Pitfall number 6-The Younger Mate Syndrome. The older man looking for the younger woman, watch out, you may get your feelings hurt. If you want a younger woman, try to find someone who acts your age even if they aren't.

Pitfall number 7-The Younger-Man-and Older Woman Syndrome. Older women, don't smother the man to death. It is a known fact that younger men will cater to the needs of the older woman automatically, but you want to keep the relationship fresh cheerful and full of romance.

Pitfall number 8-Don't tell all your business about negative aspects of your past relationships'. Too many single parents want to share their past relationships with the new one. They usually start off by telling them what they liked and disliked about the past relationship and this isn't necessary. What you are trying to build is a solid relationship filled with a good sense of humor and a flow of communication. There is nothing wrong with saying what you do like and don't like, but keep your past bad experiences to yourself.

Pitfall number 9-Chasing After Your Man.....chasing after your woman. By now I am sure that you have had a relationship where you got so involved, you followed your partner just to be sure that he/she isn't cheating on you. What difference does it make whether you know or not? If your partner is going to cheat on you, he/she will find other ways to do it without you finding out. Don't make the big scene. If you know he or she is cheating on you, let your partner know you know and ask him or her what he or she wants to do about it. In this day and age there are many different kinds of relationships and it is up to you to find out what type you are getting into.

Pitfall number 10-The Look-Alike Dress Syndrome. If you like looking like a set of twins, then be my guest. Its ok occasionally, but don't run it into the hole.

Pitfall number 11-Forgetting About Your Family. Once you have been swept off your feet by this wonderful guy or girl, come back down to earth and talk to your children. Your kids may feel threatened or neglected. Include your children in some of your activities. Let them plan some activities together with you and your partners.

If you take all of the above pitfalls and put them in a nice neat bag and be guided by them, I guarantee you will have the makings for a meaningful and long lasting relationship.

Diane P. Freeman to wed

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Diane Patricia Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Freeman of Ruxton Ave. to Thomas Andrew Wilson, Jr., son of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas A. Wilson, Sr. of Hilton St.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Goucher College and is employed by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Morgan State University and is a National Bank Examiner for the Comptroller of the Currency.

Miss Freeman is the granddaughter of Harriet Freeman of Newburgh, and the late Leonard Freeman, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Hall.

Wilson is the grandson of Mrs. Agnes Stokes of Druid Hill Ave., and the late Milton Stokes, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson. A May wedding is planned.

Diane P. Freeman
Engaged

Thank you . . .

The Women's City-Wide Committee for Delinquency Prevention wishes to thank all supporters of the 42nd Annual Blue Ribbon Tea of the Eastside Community Committee, Inc. The Blue Ribbon Tea was held Sunday, March 2, 1986 at the Dunbar Community High School.

1986 Women's City-Wide Committee:

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Income tax information

Automated refund information

If ten weeks have passed since you filed your 1985 Federal Income Tax return, you can call a toll-free number to check on the status of your refund.

Tele-Tax, an Automated Refund Information System, is available from 6:30 to 10 p.m., seven days a week if you have a touch-tone phone, or 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday if you have a rotary dial phone. The telephone numbers to call are 244-7306 in Baltimore; 628-2929 in Washington, D.C., Prince George's and Montgomery Counties; or 1-800-554-4477 elsewhere in Maryland and Northern Virginia.

Last year approximately four million taxpayers used the Automated Refund Information System, and the IRS expects to service even more taxpayers this year.

Simple how-to-use directions for Tele-Tax are contained in your 1985 federal tax instruction package.

IRS offers additional taxpayer assistance hours

Maryland and District of Columbia taxpayers will be able to obtain assistance beyond normal operating hours as the April 15 filing deadline draws near.

Ted Kern, IRS district director for Maryland and the District of Columbia, said today that the telephone call-in sites will be operating Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be operational Monday, April 14, and Tuesday, April 15 until 6:45 p.m. to answer taxpayers' questions. The telephone numbers are 962-2590 in Baltimore; 488-3100 in Washington, D.C.; Prince George's and Montgomery Counties; and 1-800-424-1040 elsewhere in Maryland.

The walk-in taxpayer assistance areas at the IRS offices in the Fallon Federal Building, 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore; 1201 E Street, Washington, D.C., and at the Wheaton Plaza Shopping Center, Wheaton will also extend their hours from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 15.

In addition, taxpayer service personnel will be at the Main Post Offices at 900 E. Fayette St. in Baltimore and Union Station, at North Capitol and Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. in Washington, D.C. the night of April 15, to answer questions and offer last-minute assistance. "We will be there till midnight if need be," said Kern. "We are doing everything we can to help taxpayers meet the deadline," he added.

Filers can get an extension for filing

Taxpayers who file federal tax Form 1040 or 1040A can request an automatic four-month extension to file their federal income tax returns. The Internal Revenue Services stresses that the extension to file tax returns is not an extension of time to pay any tax due.

To obtain the four-month extension beyond the April 15 deadline, you must complete Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," and forward it to the Philadelphia Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255. Form 4868 must be filed on or before April 15.

On form 4868, you should make a tentative estimate of the year's taxes and submit any balance due with the form. A penalty of one-half of one percent per month on the unpaid balance is assessed for late payment. Interest is also assessed on the unpaid balance. If you do not file a tax return or extension form, there is also a failure to file penalty of five percent per month to a maximum of twenty-five percent on the unpaid balance.

Form 4868 can be obtained at your local Maryland or District of Columbia IRS office, at your post office or community library.

Last-minute filers can make more errors

The image is a classic: cars lined up at the post office, midnight on April 15, individuals rushing to mail their federal income tax returns before the deadline.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, many of those last-minute filers are due refunds they would receive sooner if they filed earlier.

Filing before the last minute can also have an extra benefit. Returns filed late in the season are often completed hastily and under pressure; the chance of errors increases dramatically in such a situation. Even filing a few days before the deadline could make a big difference, especially as it relates to filing a complete and accurate return, according to the IRS.

If you're expecting a tax refund this year, the Internal Revenue Service says a quick check for accuracy can help speed things up quite a bit.

Carefully prepared, easy-to-read returns can be processed faster, thus enabling a quicker refund, the IRS advises. Once you complete your return, the IRS suggests you consult the following check list:

— Have you attached all your Forms W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement"?

— Have you attached all the supporting schedules to your Form 1040?

— Is your arithmetic correct?

— If you rounded your numbers, did you round consistently?

— When you used the Tax Table, did you follow the line across to the correct column for your filing status?

—Did you sign and date your return? Remember, if it's a joint return, your spouse must sign too.

— Did you remember to put a stamp on the pre-addressed envelope?

Calendar

Series for dislocated workers

The Thomas M. Bradley, Sr. Worker Assistance Center will hold a special series of workshops to assist dislocated workers in finding jobs beginning in Monday, April 21. The workshops will be held at the center, located at 118 N. Howard St. in downtown Baltimore.

Tthe workshops are free to unemployed persons who have lost jobs due to plant closings or slowdowns or persons who have been unemployed for at least 15 weeks and who are unlikely to return to their previous employment.

The Bradley Center is a joint venture of the Neighborhood Progress Administration's Office of Manpower Resources, Maryland New Directions, the Maryland State Department and the Metropolitan Council of AFL-CIO unions.

For registration or further information, contact the Bradley Center at 396 - 1343.

Community Health screening

The Saint Joseph Hospital Outreach Team will sponsor a free community health screening on April 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Calvery Lutheran Chuch, Northern Parkway and Harford Road. Parking in is free.

The tests will include height, weight, blood pressure, pulse, hearing and vision testing, blood glucose (diabetes testing), and hemoccult (a take-home rectum/colon cancer test). In addition dietary consultation will be available. Please do not eat two hours prior to diabetes testing.

For more information, call 337-1680 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Final extra tax aid available

Maryland State Comptroller stated that taxpayers still working on their Maryland income tax returns can take advantage of extra free help over the weekend and up to the April 15 filing deadline. He also noted many taxpayers are filing state returns when they aren't required to do so.

All 15 Maryland income tax offices will offer extra taxpayer assistance as follows:

Saturday, April 12: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Monday, April 14: 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE ONLY)

Filing deadline, Tuesday, April 15: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Goldstein added that the regular hours for all state income tax poffices are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30, Monday through Friday.

"We've spotted more than 20,000 returns from taxpayers who didn't have to file in the first place. Remember, if your income level falls within the gray shaded area in the tax tables, you generally don't have to file. Check the filing requirements on page 13 of the instructions in the state tax packet for your specific situation," the comptroller said.

Noting that some taxpayers may need more time to finish their return because of delays in retrieving certain documents, Mr. Goldstein explained the two-step process for extending your deadline, if necessary. "First, get a copy of federal Form 4868 and file it with the IRS. This is called a Request for an Automatic Extension.

"Next, send us a copy of federal Form 4868, along with an estimated amount of state tax due. Be sure to file these forms by the April 15 deadline," he said.

By filing the Form 4868, taxpayers are granted up to four months to file a completed federal return to the Internal Revenue Service and a state return to the Maryland Income Tax Division.

"Remember to include your estimated tax due. The extension is an extension of time to file-not an extension of time to pay," Mr. Goldstein added.

The comptroller reminded taxpayers that even though the April 15 deadline is approaching, haste can indeed make waste. "Don't panic and hurry through your return. It's easy to make a mistake when you're in a rush. One good way to file a complete return without errors is to complete your returns, then set them aside for a few hours before double checking them," he said.

Mr. Goldstein added that state tax experts will be glad to answer questions, provide the necessary forms, double-check your figures, or even complete your state return free of charge - as long as you bring a completed copy of your federal return and all W-2 statements.

The addresses and telephone numbers of all state income tax offices are listed on the back of the state tax packet and in most local telephone directories. The statewide toll-free number for free assistance is 1-800-MD TAXES.

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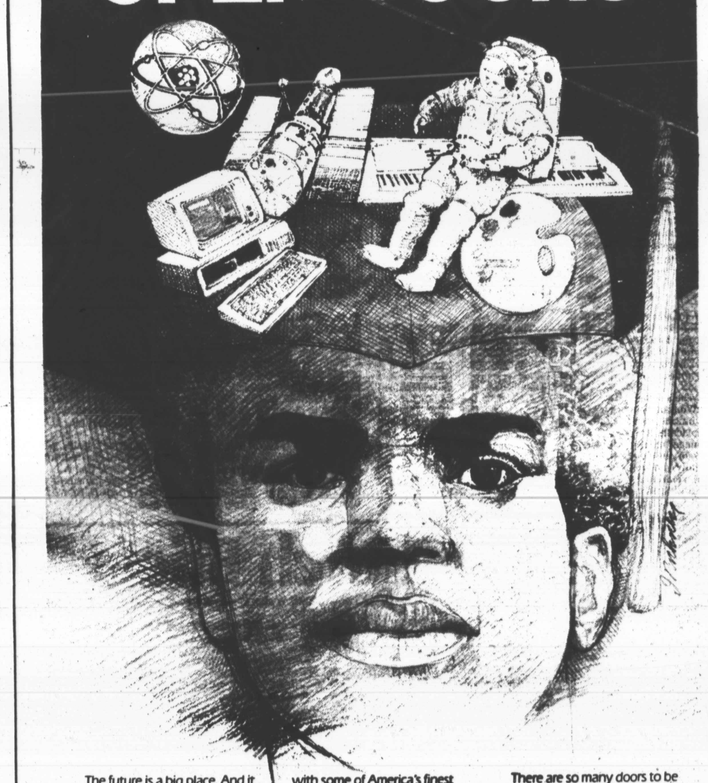

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