THEATRE

'Beast of a Different Burden' "Beast of a Different Burden" will be the next production presented at the Encore Dinner Theatre of the Five Mile House. The production will run on Wednesdays only through December 17. It is a comedy directed by Percy Thomas and stars Kelly Ward, Carlton Coleman and Gordan Parks. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and the show will begin at 8. Tickets are \$16. For further information, call 358-4655.

'A Raisin in the Sun'

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Peforming Arts will extend the performance of Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" starring Esther Rolle. The production will run through December 13. Evening performances are at 7:30 and matinees are at 2 p.m. For further information, including exact show dates and times, cal (202) 872-0466.

'Happy Days' will present Samuel Beckett's "Happy Days" at St. John's in the Community College Church. The play will run through December 14, Wednesday pus. Call 396-1546 for exact show through Saturday. Performance time is 8 p.m. the church is located at 27th and St. Paul Streets. Tickets are \$8 genera admission, \$5 for students, artists and unemployed persons. Group rates are also available. For fur-

Petrucci's Dinner Theatre "Man of La Mancha" will be 433-8803. featured at Petrucci's Main Street Dinner Theatre now through January 4, 1987. For ticket information and information concerning exact dates and show times, call 792-7499.

ther information, call 235-5953

Pumpkin Theatre Creative drama and puppet classes will be held through March 28, 1987 for boys and girls ages 5 through 15. Classes are sponsored by the Pumpkin Theatre and will be held on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. For further information, call 467-6484.

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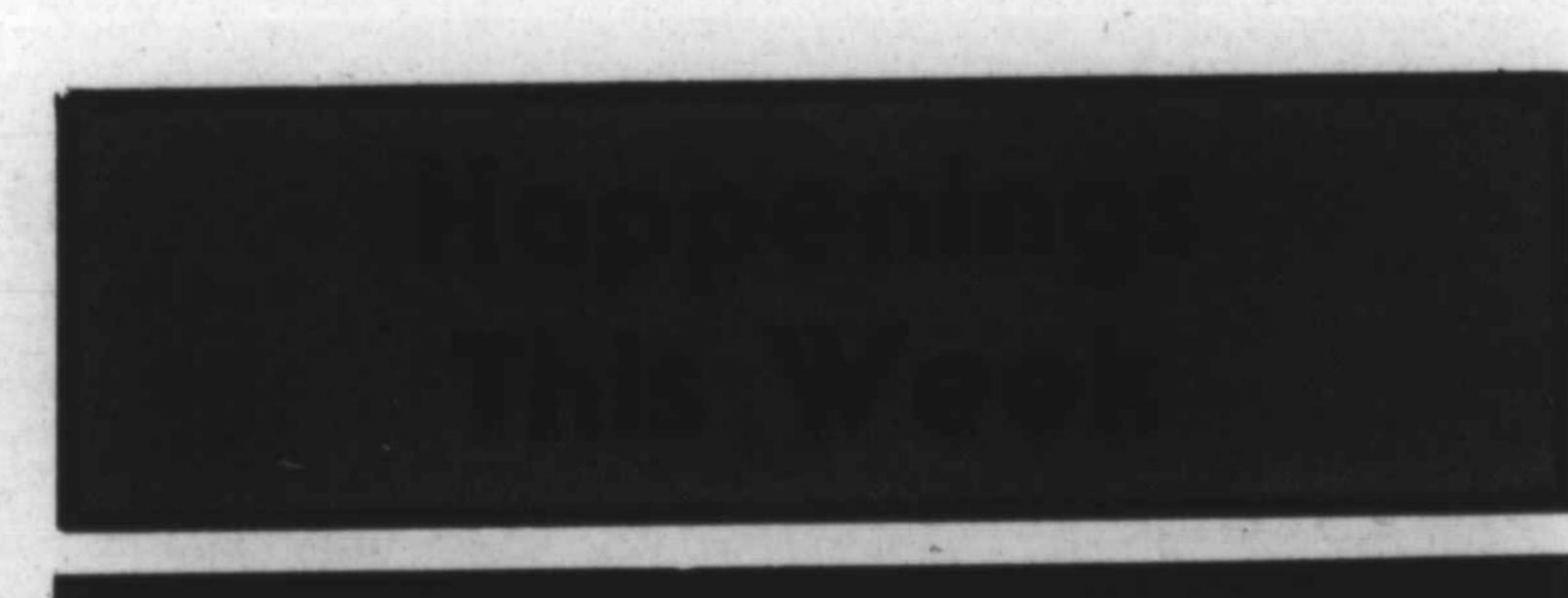
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CONCERTS

Morgan State Choir

The Morgan State University Choir and Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Nathan Carter will be presented in its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 14 at 8 p.m. in the Murphy Auditorium of the Morgan State University Campus. For ticket information,

Citizens Celebrating

Citizens Celebrating Baltimore will present its Christmas Extravaganza on December 17 and December 20th. The show features a 40-voice chorus of singers and dancers. The show will be held at the Forum located Baltimore's Inner Harbor Cam-

Cathedral Concert Series

The Cathedral Concert Series will present Grant Young, Bass-Baritone in concert on Sunday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. The program will feature the music of Handel and others. For

Chrysalis Singers

Peabody Brass Ensemble will perp.m. at the Old St. Paul's Carol with Mr. Magoo," 3:30 p.m. Episcopal Church. The two groups have planned an afternoon of Christmas music. For further information, call 235-4576.

EXHIBITS

Rockland Arts Center

The Maryland Museum

African Art will present an exhibition entitled "Art Out of Africa" from now through January, 1987. The exhibit includes prestige items from Nigeria, Kenya, Zaire, and Ghana; masks and textiles from Liberia, Cameroon and numerous artworks from other African nations will also be displayed. Museum hours are Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 1-4 p.m. and the first Sunday of each month 1-4 p.m. For further information call 465-6700.

Maryland's Best 1987

All visual artists age 18 and older are invited to enter the Maryland's Best 1987 statewide, juried multi-media visual arts exhibition. Artists are invited to enter up to three original art-

works in any media including oil, watercolor, photography, drawing, wood, metal, stone, glass, acrylic, and mixed media. The exhibit is scheduled to open February 15, 1987 and will run until April 1, 1987. For application and information, call 465-6700.

'Enoch Pratt's World'

"Enoch Pratt's World: A Centennial Exhibition," will be on display through December 1986 at Enoch Pratt Free Library. Photrographs, memorabilia, and newspaper articles recreate the life and times of the founder of the Enoch Pratt Free Librarx. For further in formation, call

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Enoch Pratt Library Friday, December 12, Brooklyn

Branch: Films-- "Mike Mulligar and his Steam Shovel" and "Puppets," 10 a.m. Saturday, December 13, Central Pratt Library: Film--"The Elec-

Brooklyn Branch: Films -- "Cosmic Christmas" and "Pinballs," 3 p.m. Central Pratt Library: Films--"Rip Van Winkle" and "Sleeping

Beauty " 3:30 p.m. Hamilton Branch: Films-- "Morris's Disappearing Bag" and "The Clown of God," 3:30 p.m.

Herring Run Branch: Films--"The Fir Tree" and "A Christmas Thursday, December 1 Hollins-Payson Branch: Films-- "A Christmas Story With Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids," "Pluto's

Christmas Deer," 3 p.m. For further information concerning these and other Enoch Pratt Events, call 396-5494.

Christmas Tree," and "A

SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas Benefit Party

The HUB Organization will hold its Annual Christmas Benefit Party on Wednesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. at the Forum. The admission is \$7 and one nonperisable food item or new toy. The proceeds and toys will go to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers Mrs. Santa Campaign, information, call 945-2454.

To have your event listed, send information at least 2 weeks in

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On The Cover: Morgan's Choir in Sunday concert

Time" will be performed in its en-The Morgan State University tirety by the choir with the New Choir and Chamber Orchestra Haven Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Nathan Carter will present its annual under the direction of Murry to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In evening, December 14 at 8:00 p.m. in Murphy Auditorium. return to Severance Hall to per-

The program will feature Part Lof Sir Michael Tippett's "A Child form with The Cleveland Symof Our Time." DeCormier's "Shout For Joy" and a series of solos with orchestra and chorus of familiar carols concluding with the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."

tification. For ticket information call 444-3168 or 444-3286 (87). Tippett's, "A Child of Our

By Marianne Meyer

If you haven't finished your holiday shopping yet, get rocking! Here are some home video suggestions for the music lovers on your list:

Teeny-boppers will delight in "Wham! In China: Foreign Skies" (CBS/Fox) as it follows the toothful twosome on their historic trip behind the Great Wall." "a-ha — Hunting High and Low" (Warner Reprise) collects For home-grown hitmakers, "The Hooters - Nervous Night" (CBS/Fox) is an in-concert visit with Philadelphia's favorite pop

For the head-bangers on hand, try "Hear 'n' Aid" (Sony), an allstar metal session for famine relief; "Live Without A Net" (Warner Reprise), the new Van



addition, the choir is scheduled to

phony Orchestra, also in

General admission for the con-

cert is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00

for students with proper iden-

James Brown

"The Ultimate Ozzy," (CBS/Fox), starring the inimitable Mr.

Mellow music lovers will love

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Whitney Houston

Quite often I am asked about the three columns that appear in Friday Plus under the bylines of Bob Matthews, Carl Matthews and Bonnie Matthews Butler. Decided this week to answer the curious.

Carl is my brother and Bob's my dad and I'm going to wish before they can say the same to

Since you also asked how my destination. . " and meditacolumn got its name, I thought I'd tion. . . " a discourse intended let you know that my column, to express its author's "Meanderings and Meditations," is an extension and has the same name that my dad authored many years ago in this paper when he was the Editor of the Magazine Section.

bots of folks approach me with: "Where in the world did you find ris A. Mechanic Theatre "Biggies"

part of my inheritance, Webster production, "The Tap Dance Kid."

me) highly recommends that you

Busles

Meanderings and

Meditation

reflections. . . ." With that in mind, let's wander casually and let's share some reflections and anticipations.

Reflections

Had a ball at the party the Morheld at the MANOR CLUB on Eutaw Place, this past Tuesday Since you now know it was a nite, for the cast of their current

This dynamite show is in town

treat yourselves.

Besides the entire cast (who arrived in busloads) and the ship Connection," (Sony), "James Mechanic honchos, seen amongst the crowd were: Donald Brown, Executive Producer "Weeknight Alive!", seen

nightly at 7 p.m. on Maryland might include "John Lennon Live Mode: Some Great Videos" Public Television; Margaret In New York City" (Sony); "Carl (Warner Reprise); or "The Best Of Sullivan, Associate Producer of Perkins: Blue Swede Shoes" Elvis Costello" (CBS/Fox), valuethe same show; Earnest Win- (MCA), with George Harrison's packed with 22 clever clips. borne, Producer of WJZ's "City first on-stage appearance in 15 Line;" Robert Ford, on-air per- years; "The Compleat Beatles"; viewing! sonality of WBJC; Bob Matthews, Executive Editor at the wander casually without urgent until Jenuary 4 and BMB (that's AFRO; and Br. Lenny Coldwell.

> Last Friday, stopped by the newly - renovated Society Hill Government House on Calvert St. Don't let the name fool you. It's 1. not a Smithsonian Institute.

Found it to be a tabulous city Fand a spot that should be on your

Four Tops concert at the Lyric was a gas. Only one problem; my favorite group of all time - The Four Tops didn't appear.

I was told that Levi Stubbs, the lead singer of the "Tops" was

Next day, there they were on the New York City Thanksgiving Oh well, guess you can walk

Dundalk Community Center Dundalk Community College will sponsor an essay contest for high school students. The contest is intended to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday. The theme, "The Dream Continues announced on January 15, 1987 at a reception to celebrate Dr. King's birthday at Dundalk Community College. Three of their choice. For further information, call 522-5689.

- Video gifts

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Video Hits" (MusicVision); a new Neil Diamond collection, "I'm Glad You're Here With Me Tonight" (Vestron); or vintage Barbra" or "My Name is Barbra" (both CBS/Fox).

Funky friends will appreciate "George Clinton with Parliament/Funkadelic — The Mother-Brown: Live in London" (Sony) or "The Fat Boys — Brrr, Watch 'em!" (MCAO).

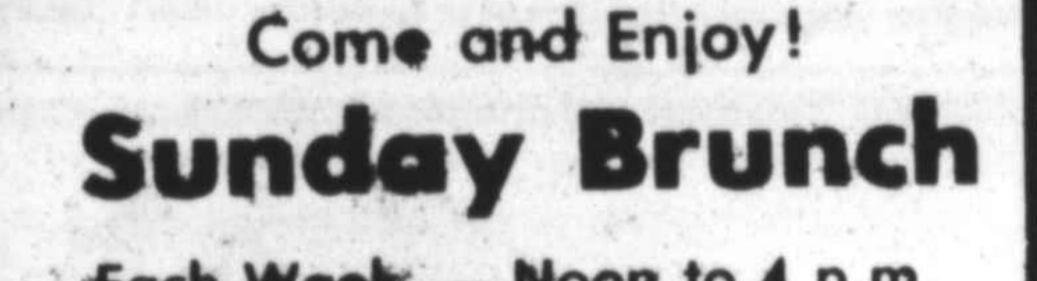
A. Beatlemaniac's wish-list

(MGM/UA) or the (finally available) classic Beatles romp,

Psychedelic '60s fans can get off on "MTV's Closet Classics" (MusicVideo) with The Who, Hen-"Don't Look Back," (Paramount), the classic Bob Dylan documentary; or the latest Dylan longform, "Hard To Handle" (CBS/ Fox), with special guests Tom

Petty and the Heartbreakers. New-wavers will rave over "The Cure: Staring At The Sea — The Images" (Elektra) from the enigmatic British band; "Depeche

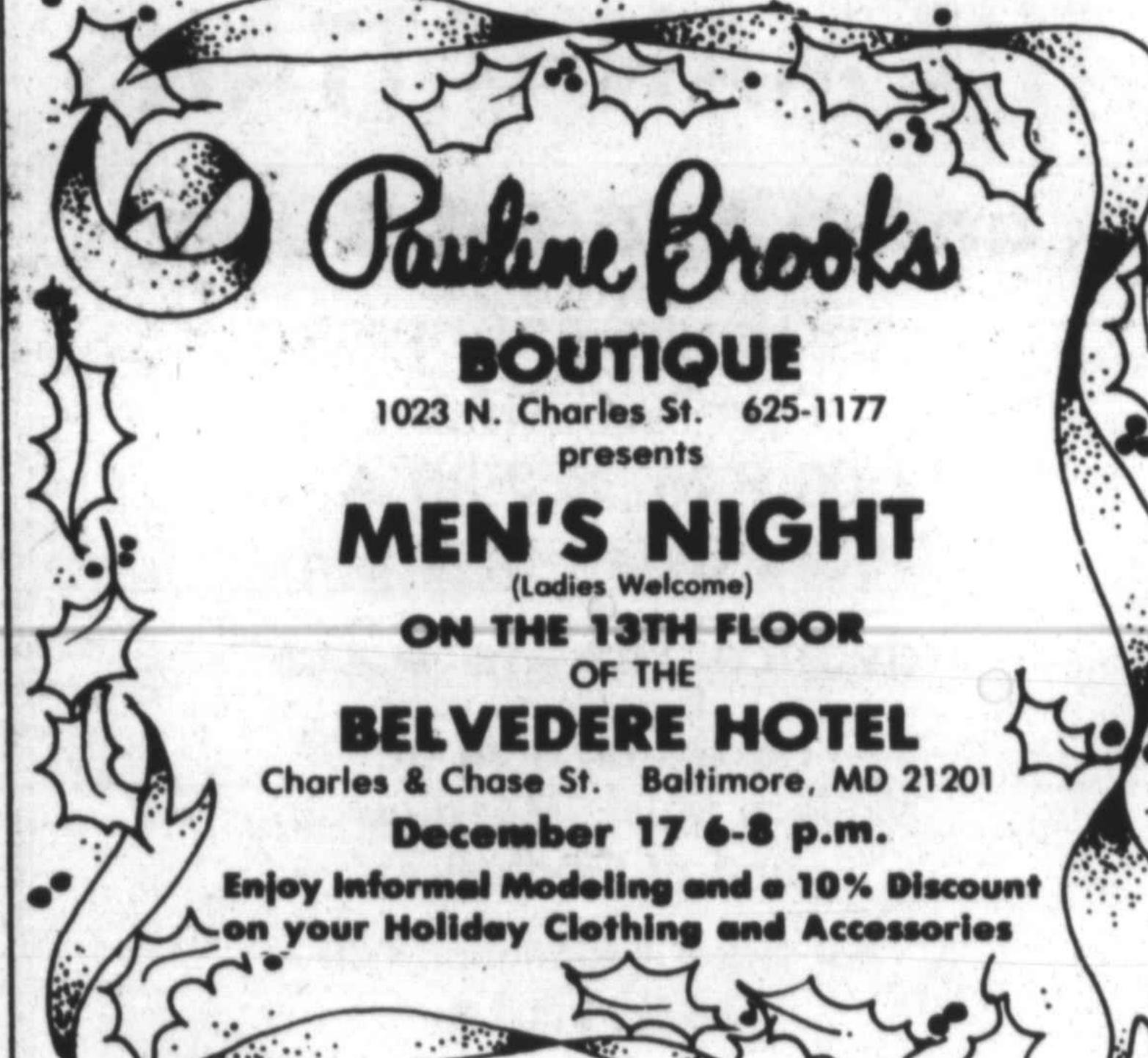
Happy gift-giving — and



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