—Health officials

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from the grapevine.

He also stated that when the agency submits its budget proposals to his committee for review, any requests would be closely scrutinized.

"Even if they did remove all of the assistant secretaries, the secretary offered no clarity about the future and whether blacks sould occupy any of the significant topmost positions," Rawlings said.

—'Rot' beneath

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trends continue, the report also offers suggestions for change: more blue-collar jobs, strengthening the city's educational system and more state aid.

Roger Williams, chairman of the economics department of Morgan State University, said the encouragement of more entrepreneurship among blacks could provide a firmer foundation for economic growth in the city.

"I would strongly urge more blacks to study economics," he said.

Williams said he agreed with Szanton's suggestions that Baltimore should offer more financial incentives to attract new businesses as well as upgrade its educational facilities, "but," he said, "there must be more private initiative (in the black community)."

Whitney Houston

—Whitney Houston

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duo, also won two awards for the single "Grandpa."

"Two years ago when we came to these awards we felt too square to roll out of bed in the morning," said Naomi Judd, the mother in the mother-daughter duo. "Now I think finally country music has come to Hollywood."

The Judds and the Jordanaires sang "Don't Be Cruel" as part of a tribute to the late Elvis Presley, the first artist posthumously honored with a special Award of Merit. Cindy Lauper, Mac Davis, Anne Murray and Lewis reminisced about the king of rock 'n' roll.

A pyramid-shaped plexiglass trophy was inscribed to Presley for his "unforgettable legacy of music, memories and magic" and will be displayed at Graceland, Presley's estate in Memphis, Tenn.

The star-studded show opened with an extravaganza featuring jugglers, Caribbean dancers and percussionists accompanying Ross on "Touch By Touch," and closed with a rendition of "That's What Friends Are For," with Gladys Knight, Janet Jackson, Ross, Tina Turner and many others.

Nominations for American Music Awards are in three categories — pop-rock, country and soul. There are nine awards in each category — favorite male and female vocalist, favorite group, favorite album and single, favorite male and female video artist, favorite video group and favorite video single.

Winners were determined by votes cast by 20,000 record-buying Americans polled by Herbert Altman Communications Research Inc. The nominees were chosen on the basis of record sales.

Performers and presenters included Houston, Turner and Genesis, a nominee for favorite group, which was seen live by satellite from Cleveland.

Run-D.M.C., nominated as favorite video duo or group and favorite video single for "Walk this Way," made a prime-time network debut singing the hit.

Others on the program included Anita Baker, nominated as favorite female vocalist, along with Stephen Bishop, Belinda Carlisle, Chubby Checker, Billy Davis, Jr., the Monkees, Sheena Easton, Exile, Bob Geldof, Kenny Loggins, Gloria Loring, Marilyn McCoo, Reba McEntire, Meatloaf, Lou Rawls, Stephen Stills, Luther Vandross and Ray Parker, Jr.

The special was a Dick Clark Television Production.

Winners in Monday night's awards program were:

DUO, GROUP, or CHORUS — SOUL—RHYTHM & BLUES MUSIC: New Edition

DUO, GROUP or CHORUS — COUNTRY: Alabama

DUO, GROUP or CHORUS — POP: Huey Lewis & the News

VIDEO SINGLE — COUNTRY: "Grandpa," The Judds

VIDEO SINGLE — SOUL: "Greatest Love of All," Whitney Houston

VIDEO SINGLE — POP: "Dancing on the Ceiling," Lionel Richie

ALBUM — POP: "Whitney Houston," Whitney Houston

ALBUM — COUNTRY: "Greatest Hits," Alabama

ALBUM — SOUL: "Whitney Houston," Whitney Houston

MALE VIDEO ARTIST — POP: Billy Ocean

MALE VIDEO ARTIST — SOUL: Lionel Richie

MALE VIDEO ARTIST — COUNTRY: George Jones

SINGLE — SOUL: "Nasty," Janet Jackson

SINGLE — COUNTRY: "Grandpa," The Judds

SINGLE — POP: "There'll Be Sad Songs," Billy Ocean

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FEMALE VOCALIST — POP: Whitney Houston

—First black

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Broker, a General Securities Principle, a chief money managing designation in the Securities Industty, a Financial and Operations Principle, a chief accounting designation, a registered municipal principle.

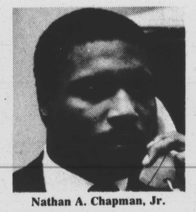
According to the National Association of Securities Dealers, he is the only black in the country to have those titles.

Each day, Chapman starts his day at 5 a.m., watching a televised business program and reading the Wall Street Journal and New York Times newspapers.

Chapman's clients range from busboys to large corporations of black and white people.

When he started in the investment business he called 100 people a day, but now he gets most of his clients from referral or people calling him directly.

Even though the majority of Chapman's clients are white, he believes there are plenty of investment opportunities for blacks.



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—Law

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He was also charged with unlawfully billing the Medicaid program for inflating the cost of funeral services for four medical assistance patients.

In addition, Law will also have to pay the Comptroller of the State Treasury $2,537.75. He was charged with falsely claiming to have paid taxes for a deceased person.

Black History Month
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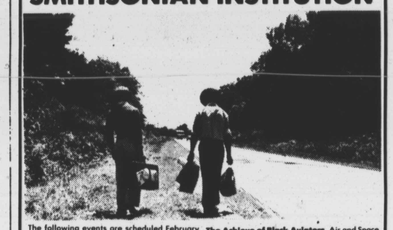

The following events are scheduled February 1-5. For a full calendar of **lectures, films, tours, music and conferences** during Black History Month at the Smithsonian. Call 357-2700.

Opening lecture by the Hon. Shirley Chisholm on this year's national theme. Then Afro-American and Constitution: Colonial Times to the Present. Museum of American History. (Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. Free)

Jazz In the Palm Court. Blues, Rag and Jazz 1890 - 1930. Composer Akbar Ali demonstrates violin technique used between 1890-1920. Museum of American History. (Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. Free)

The Achieve of Black Aviators. Air and Space Museum Lecture on **Combat Experience** in the all-black 99th Fighter Squadron, by Louis R. Fernell. (Feb. 4 at noon Free)

Field of Factory. Afro-American Migration. 1915-1940. This major exhibit depicts the journey from tenant farms of the South to factories of the north, using hundreds of objects, photographs and audio-visuals. (Photo, above, courtesy of the Library of Congress). Museum of American History. (Feb. 5 through February 1988).

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Other Loans	153,862
Real Estate Owned	121,580
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	165,500
Cash on Hand and in Banks	820,235
Investments and Securities	6,894,886
Other Investments	175,761
Property and Equipment, At Cost	138,382
Other Assets	537,709
TOTAL ASSETS	$32,501,378

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Savings Accounts	$28,144,966
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	NONE
Advance Payments by Borrowers	798,937
Other Liabilities	411,496
TOTAL LIABILITIES	29,355,399
NET WORTH	3,145,979
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	$32,501,378

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

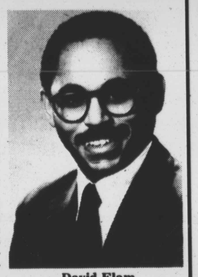
Market Center Corp. promotes David Elam

Richard N. Stein, chairman of Market Center Development Corporation, announced the promotion of David Elam to vice president, finance and administration. Mr. Elam joined MCDC in October, 1985 as treasurer. His new duties will now include corporate administration along with his previous financial responsibilities.

He holds a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelors of Arts from Hampton University.

Previously, Mr. Elam held the position of community and economic development representative for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development where he remained for five years.

As an active member in the Baltimore community, Mr. Elam serves on the board of directors of the Baltimore Marketing Association and he is the treasurer for the Greater Northwood Convenant Association, and a member of the Junior Association of Commerce.



David Elam

Ms. Little is named placement specialist

Shelia A. Little has been named placement specialist at Starters, a non-profit job placement and training service to match city residents with entry-level job openings.

Ms. Little was formerly marketing specialist at the Thomas M. Bradley Sr. Worker Assistance Center, a joint project of the State of Maryland and Baltimore City to prepare and place city residents in jobs after being displaced from local industries.

A native of North Carolina, she was training coordinator for the state's job placement and training service in Stanly County. Upon relocating in Baltimore, she was career counselor for Maryland New Directions and training coordinator at the Howard County Employment and Training Center.

She earned her bachelor's degree in business adminstration at Livingstone College in North Carolina. Ms. Little resides in Bolton Hill.

Starters is operated by the Baltimore Metropolitan Private Industry Council and the Baltimore City Neighborhood Progress Administration/Office of Manpower Resources. To date, the service has placed more than 7,000 city residents in local firms.

Sheila Little

City native gets his message across

ABOARD THE USS AMERICA — The Navy taught Michael Truesdale to communicate without uttering a sound—now he teaches 17 others to do the same.

The 34-year-old son of Mrs. Gwendolyn Truesdale of Baltimore is a Navy Signalman stationed aboard the USS America, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

The 1048-foot-long aircraft carrier recently returned from a six-month Mediterranean deployment where signalmen drilled continuously using flashing lights, semaphore, and, occasionally, flag hoist.

"We maintain a heavy training schedule because in other than a peacetime situation, the Navy really depends upon signalmen because there's a need for the silence that visual communications provides," explains the Petty Officer First Class.

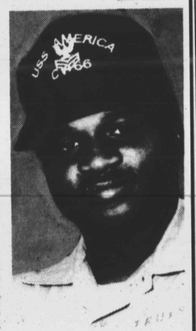
"On this last deployment, we averaged 30 to 40 messages a day—some days we'd do a hundred or more."

The 1970 City College High School graduate says what's most important about being the leading petty officer of the signal bridge is to set a good example for his men.

"I try to maintain certain standards," says Truesdale. "As I go through the day, I try to maintain my composure and set the standards as far as my uniform and appearance, and show them I'll go that extra mile no matter what the situation.

"Many times, out at sea, I've been up until four or five o'clock in the morning, and stayed up through the day. I tried to show them that this isn't an easy ride, and they're not the only ones who are working long hours—I'm here, too."

Now that "The America" is in the Norfolk naval Shipyard for overhaul and modernization, Truesdale's duties have changed somewhat.



Michael Truesdale

"My job now consists of the administration side of the house," he says. "I'm a work center supervisor and coordinate all training, including damage control, for the signalmen.

"I'm also a coordinator for work schedules and assignments. I walk around the ship to our fourteen spaces to ensure that the work is being done properly."

"The America" is the seventh duty assignment for the 15-year sea service veteran—and the fifth ship he's been stationed aboard. Truesdale has had a well-rounded Navy career with tours of duty that took him from the East to the West Coasts and from France to Hong Kong, but there's still something he'd like to do.

"I've been shooting for the past three years for chief petty officer—I'm so close now, I can almost taste it," says Truesdale. "So, making chief is my immediate goal."

AT&T proposes long distance price cut

AT&T has announced that it has proposed new prices in Maryland that result in an overall reduction in long distance charges and net savings of $10.7 million for AT&T customers in the state.

The company said that its new prices will become effective Feb. 1 pending approval by the Maryland Public Service Commission.

AT&T officials explained that the $10.7 million price-cut emanates from a 10.2 percent reduction in regular long distance, saving Maryland customers $10.0 million. AT&T WATS and 800 Service will be reduced 11.8 percent and 10.6 percent respectively, for a savings of $2.2 million. Charges for Private Line Services, used primarily by large businesses, will increase 12.8 percent or $1.5 million.

Reach Out * Maryland, AT&T's state optional long distance plan that allows customers to pay a fixed monthly price for one hour of calling during specific calling periods will also be reduced. The first hour of calling will cost $7.75 per hour, reduced from the current price of $9.50. Additional hours under the plan will cost $5.75.

In the same proposal with the Public Service Commission, AT&T requested the introduction of MEGACOM® ** and MEGACOM 800 Services, AT&T services designed for large business customers that have a need to complete high volumes of calls.

John Landers, vice president of external affairs for AT&T, said, "Our conviction that a competitive marketplace would bring long distance prices down is being realized, and AT&T customers are the beneficiaries"

AT&T cited examples of long distance savings for its Maryland customers. A five-minute call from Baltimore to Ocean City, Maryland, during the day calling period (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) will cost $1.51 under AT&T's proposed prices, compared to $1.77 today, a savings of 26 cents. The same call made during the evening calling period (5 p.m. - 11 p.m.) will cost $1.06, compared today's price of $1.24. During the night/weekend period (11 p.m. - 8 a.m., Saturday and until 5 p.m. Sunday) the call will cost $.76, saving customers 13 cents over today's price of $.89.

Officials said that its proposed price reduction is made possible by reduced expenses and effective cost-saving measures undertaken by the company in Maryland.

Company officials added that this is the second major AT&T price decrease in two years.

AT&T reduced prices on its state-to-state calls on Jan. 1. Since 1984, interstate long distance prices have dropped 30 percent.

5 city grocers cited for food stamp fraud

Five city grocers were disqualified from the Food Stamp Program during the fourth quarter of 1986, for violating federal regulations.

According to U.s. Department of AgricultUre (USDA) officials, one of the Baltimore store owners was disqualified permanently and the other four received six-month disqualification periods.

"Food store owners participating in the program agree in advance to abide by the laws and regulations," said Peter Santos, food stamp program director for USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, Mid-Atlantic Region. "Anyone who breaks the laws or regulations, and anyone who pressures store personnel to do so, weakens and endangers the whole program."

The grocers involved were:

1. Sheryl D. Lindsay, owner, Naturally Great Produce, Seafood & Restaurant, Lafayette Market, 1700 Pennsylvania Ave., disqualified permanently beginning October 20, 1986.

2. Pan C. Kim and Kwi Rye Kim, former owners, Broadway Food Market, 234 S. Broadway, disqualified for six months beginning September 25, 1986.

3. Jeong B. Park and Bi Park, former owners, Gold Water Food Market, 1001-1005 E. Lombard St., disqualified for six months beginning November 18, 1986.

During the disqualification period, the cited owners may not accept food stamps at the stores.

Merchants suspected of violating program rules are visited by USDA investigators, who make actual pruchases to prove that the violations are taking place.

If the investigation shows that store employees are violating food stamp program regulations, the store owner will be disqualified for a period ranging from six months to 10 years, depending on the severity and frequency of violations. Grocers charged with food stamp trafficking are subject to permanent disqualification from the program.

Santos said the strict penalties were developed to safeguard food stamp benefits for the truly needy. "Since the program was established to combat hunger and malnutrition, food coupons may be used only to buy food for human consumption or seeds and plants that produce such food."

Retail grocers apply to a field office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to be authorized to accept food stamps. Baltimore is served by the office in Towon.

Each authorized retail grocery firm is issued a food stamp authorization card, which is non-transferable. If a store changes ownership, closes or moves to a new location, the card is void and must be returned to the FNS field office.

Nationwide, more than 234,000 retail food stores and other outlets are authorized to accept food stamps. These stores and outlets are monitored by field office and regional office staff to insure they comply with food stamp program regulations.

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