— Black History Month Events

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Horne. At 1 p.m. at the Waverly Branch "The Gold Rush Line" will be seen.

Also on the 11th, the Edmondson Avenue Branch will present a Jazz concert with Morris Dow and Friends. For further information about these and other Enoch Pratt Events, call 396-5494.

Howard University Events

On Friday, February 6, a colloquium on "The Black Diaspora in World History" will be presented. The forum will be held in the Armour Blackburn University Center and will be held from 9 a.m. until four. For further details call (202) 636-6815.

Also on the 6th, Dr. Lenworth Gunther will discuss "The Life and Legacy of Adam Clayton Powell." The discussion will be held at the Seymour House located at 100 Bryant Street, N.W. at 7 p.m. For further information, call 232-5918.

On February 12th through the 14th a conference will be held at the Blackburn Center Forum. The conference is entitled "Images of Black Slavery in Creative Documents" and will take place from 9:15 a.m. until 2 p.m. daily. For complete schedule and other information, contact Dr. Paul Logan at 636-6755.

EXHIBITS

Montpelier Arts Center

The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center will be presenting a historical exhibition entitled "Black Women: Achievements Against The Odds." The exhibit will be free to the public during the entire month of February. Some of the women recognized by this exhibition include Harriet Tubman, Maggie Lena Walker, Bessie Smith, and Leslie Allen. For further information, call 953-1993.

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organists will interpret over fifty works in this program. Some of the performers include Douglas Forbes, Terry Yount, Henty Lowe, David Riley, Randall Mullin and many others. For further information, call 467-0476.

Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra

The Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra will return to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on February 9 at 7:30 p.m. The 90 member orchestra is currently touring the East Coast to commemorate the academy's 25th year of service to young artists. Conducting will be Benjamin Zander. For further information, call (202) 872-0466.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Enoch Pratt Free Library

Friday, February 6 , Brooklyn Branch: Films — "Paddington Hits the Jackpot," "Stars and Stripes," and "The Smallest Elephant in the World," 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Central Library: Drop-in Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, February 11, Brooklyn Branch: Films — "Pinballs," "Snakes," and "Why we Conserve Energy: The Witch of the Great Black Pool," 3 p.m.

Highlandtown Center: Film — "Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Man of Peace," 3 p.m.

Central Pratt Library: Films — "Dear Lovey Hart: I am Desperate" and "It Must Be Love, 'Cause I Feel So Dumb," 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 12, Highlandtown Center: Films — "Anatole," "A Family Group," and "The Mole as a Painter," 10 a.m.

Edmondson Avenue Branch: Film — "Jack and the Dentist's Daughter," 2 p.m. For further information about these and other Enoch Pratt Free Library Events call 396-5494.

SPECIAL EVENTS

'Eubie's 104th Birthday Party'

The Eubie Blake Museum Planning Committee will host the Eubie Blake 104th Birthday Party on February 7 at 409 North Charles Street from 7 until 10 p.m. This event will include the opening of the James Van Der Zee Collection of 40 pieces of art work. For further information, call 396-1300.

'Coors Nite Lite Ball'

An evening of dining, dancing and live entertainment awaits you at the Coors Nite Lite Ball to be held at the Palladium on Sunday, February 8 from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. Entertainment will include Lady Rebecca, Big Blues Band, Nicki Cooper and others. A buffet is served from 5 until 7. The ball benefits Project Survival. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. For tickets and more information, call 396-1760.

Baltimore Raiders Bowling Club

A "Formal Evening of Dancing and Dining" will be featured by the Baltimore Raiders Bowling Club on February 14 at the Martin's Eudowood. It is the club's third Annual Sweethearts Ball. The Black Tie Event will feature an open bar, live entertainment, etc. For further information, call Florine Williams at 444-8702.

Ski Week-End Getaway

The Social Group, Spice, will be sponsoring a week-end ski trip March 6-8. Prices are based on room occupancy with the option of 4, 3, or 2 persons sharing a room. Balance for the trip is due on February 18 and a $35 deposit is due as soon as possible. For further details, call Emma Sellers at 367-5343 or Venitia Latimer at 532-8735, (evenings only).

—Jazz

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Haven't heard whether or not food will be available at the session, but the BYOB policy will be reinstated for this series of concerts.

If ou haven't had a chance to see Sun Ra and the group in action — this should not be missed. They really put on a show.

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Then, on Feb. 24 at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, keyboardist **Bob James,** along with special guest **George Howard** will be in concert, one of the PAC Productions events.

They were together in Baltimore last Summer during the Eubie Blake Jazz Festival at Pier 6, and this group really generates excitement. Of course, Howard has an album that is Number 2 on the Jazz Charts in Billboard Magazine.

Happened to catch one of the old reruns of the TV series "Taxi" the other day, and noticed in the credits at the end of the show that the theme music was composed by played by Bob James.

James has been nominated for a Grammy for his album "Obsession," and we're sure the program will include excerpts from this one.

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Baskets of the Zulu on display at Art Horizons

Art Horizons Unlimited in Mount Washington Village celebrated its first anniversary and as part of its anniversary celebration and through Feb. 15 are baskets of the Zulu tribe of southern Africa.

The Zulu tribe has traditionally produced a variety of baskets for domestic and ceremonial use. The basic shape of the basket is determined by its intended use. The geometric shapes and patterns that decorate the surface reflect the highly structured and rigid social fabric of the tribe. These same patterns can be found in their beaded jewelry and unfired pottery.

Included in the exhibit are the **ukhamba,** a calabash-shaped basket, and the **isichumo,** a bulbous basket, used to store and convey liquids. These baskets are tightly coiled so that when liquid is poured into them, the inner follicles swell, making the baskets water-tight.

The **iguthu,** or grain storage basket, is not as tightly woven allowing the grain inside to breathe, preventing molding and sprouting of seed. Flared bowls, **igoma,** are used as flour or meal containers that can be balanced on the head for transport.

Iceme rush, **umsingizane** grass, **imizi** grass, **ilala** palm, and **ibunda** bark are the locally available materials used for basket production.

The **umdoni** tree bark is boiled to produce the terra-cotta color found in the baskets. **Isinsimane** tree root produces the light or dark brown coloration depending on how long it is boiled. The **nphekambendu** bush leaf gives the lilac or mauve tones. Cow dung gives the seldom found taupe color and yellow is derived from a local insect.

Also an exhibit through Feb. 15 are the photographs of Robert Breck Chapman, beadwork of the Zulu, as well as the continuing exhibition of African Art and the works of Ken Baron, Jim Brewster, Sally Hopkins, Jerry Prettyman, Toni Truesdale and Sandra Wexler.

Gallery hours are Wed., Thurs., Fri. 10-2:30 p.m., Sat. 10-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m., and by appointment. For more information call (301) 466-7774.

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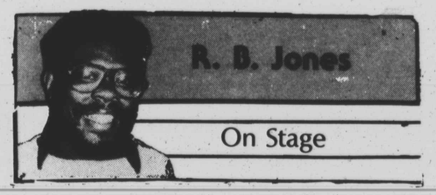

To those of you who thought my hiatus from Friday Plus was the result of assassination or dismissal, I must prove you wrong by appearing this week hale, hearty and nearly new.

Due to illness I was absent from the theater scene for a while. I missed it in a way and then again I didn't. Much of what I have to see is intellectually unsatisfying, but I press on.

I missed Brenda Alford's salute to Billie Holiday at the Encore Dinner Theater during January. She was to be held over until this week but she fell ill.

Portraits of My People written and directed by Percy Thomas will open at Encore Dinner Theater located in the Five Mile House on Wednesday, Feb. 11. For reservations call 358-4655.

The play is a series of vignettes of significant figures in black history and features such local artists as Percy Thomas, Mitchell Ferguson, Melvin Cooper and vocalist Justine Pryor.

Portraits of My People will run until Feb. 25. Encore usually sells out fast so one had better make reservations as soon as possible. The theater only seats about one hundred patrons and they have been doing a turnaway business.

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For those interested in seeing three hundred years of black social and street dance in one evening, Annapolis is the place to be Monday night.

The show **Sweet Saturday Night** will be performed to benefit the Banneker-Douglass Museum at the Annapolis Theater of Magic. According to notices, the show jumps and sizzles. For those whose hearts can stand the excitement can call 974-2893 for information.

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Sunday at the Walters Art Gallery from 2-4 p.m. will be Community Day in celebration of Black History Month. There will be music and theater.

My spies tell me that Verna Day will make an appearance portraying some famed women in our history. There will also be some other local well-known actors on stage.

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Have you ever wondered what happened to black dramas on the commercial stage? If it isn't a musical, a black play has a hard time finding success on Broadway.

If my failing memory serves me correctly, "A Soldier's Play" by Charles Fuller is the last one. I suppose America is more comfortable seeing black people singing and dancing on stage.

Center Stage is a perfect example. It has not performed a play written by a black author since "The Amen Corner," around 1980 or 81. In a majority black city, a theater utilizing public funds as well as private, a theater calling itself the state theater only sees fit to produce a play by a black author twice a decade.

Something is very wrong with the artistic judgement of such a theater. Of course nothing will change until black patrons of the arts demand the change.

Since I am 34, it is unlikely that I will live long enough to see the black theater-going public demand anything of the theater establishment of this town.

Meanwhile black playwrights have to scuffle to find places to perform their work. But they persevere and grow anyway.

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Music makers Run - D.M.C. audition new talent for the fledging record company called Krush Groove in the movie "Krush Groove" opening today (February 6) at area theatres. Sheila E., Kurtis Blow and Blair Underwood also star.

Gallery 409 exhibits works by James Van Der Vee

Selected works of the late James Van Der Zee, nationally prominent photographer will be exhibited at Gallery 409, February 7-28, 1987. Considered one of the foremost photographers of the Harlem Renaissance, Van Der Zee captured the essence of the daily life scenes of Harlem. He also took portraits of the top entertainers and well-knowns who visited, or lived in Harlem during this first half century.

The 104th Birthday Celebration of Eubie Blake coincides with the exhibit and observance of Black History Month. For the occasion, a special reception, including birthday cake, food and retreshments, is planned Saturday, February 7, from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. One of the honored guests will be Mrs. Donna Van Der Zee, the photographer's wife.

Van Der Zee achieved recognition in 1968 when his photographic illustrations were shown in the Metropolitan Museum of Art's "Harlem On My Mind" exhibition and published in an accompanying catalog authored by Alan Schoener. Subject of books, magazine and newspaper articles, including the Baltimore Sun, Van Der Zee's collection, managed by his wife, has been seen in Europe and Russia. In Maryland, collections of Van Der Zee's photographs are held by the Baltimore Museum of Art and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

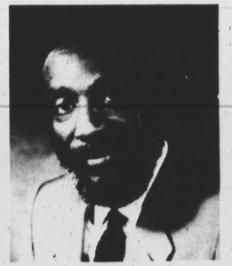
Gallery 409, located in the Eubie Blake Cultural Center, 409 N. Charles St., is operated by the Urban Services Agency Cultural Arts Program. Gallery 409 is open daily from noon to 6 p.m. and is closed Saturdays and Mondays. For information about the exhibit, call 396-1300. For information about the reception, call 396-3181.

Dick Gregory to lecture at CCC

The Black Student Union at Catonsville Community College will sponsor "An Evening With Dick Gregory," February 11, at 8 p.m. in the Q Theatre, located on Main Campus, 800 South Rolling Road.

Mr. Gregory will address the role of Blacks in American society, as well as today's issues on human rights. Leaving a successful career as a stand-up and recorded comic in the mid 1960's. Mr. Gregory joined the front lines of the civil rights marches.

He later expanded his role as a political activist with prolonged fasting in protest of the Vietnam War and other humanitarian issues.



Dick Gregory

Dick Gregory is the author of nine books, including **"Cooking With Mother Nature,"** a best seller on health and nutrition.

Mr. Gregory's lecture will be the premiere event of the BSU's celebration of Black History Month. Several other public events are planned including a concert featuring the Towson State University Gospel Choir, a Black Film Festival, and an art exhibit.

Tickets for "An Evening With Dick Gregory" can be purchased for $3.50 per person. For further information, call 455-4194.