Stylists competitions at Forum on Sunday

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AFRO Staff Writer

The Baltimore Style Association will sponsor the Baltimore Salon and Stylists Final Competitions at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Avenue on Sunday, Jan. 24.

In addition to a full course dinner, being served, there will be beauty and fashion competition and entertainment.

The Baltimore Style's Association includes the support of Roger's Beauty Supply Co., WEBB Radio, the AFRO American Newspapers, and Hollywood International Productions.

A grand prize of an all-expense paid four-day cruise to the Bahamas will be awarded to the chosen salon of the year and the stylist of the year.

Other prizes, made available by M&M Products Co., TCB, New Era, and Kemi Labs will be awarded to the top 10 finalists.

Bernette Jones, a co-owner of Roger's Beauty Supply Co., 2424 Pennsylvania Ave., said the competition between the black beauty industry and that of other races is an issue today.

"Black owned independent salons are gradually losing their clientele to white salons and chains," she said.

According to Jones, this is due to the fact that more and more black women in the professional arena are moving outside of the city, and therefore, are out of convenience, shopping at white—owned beauty industry businesses.

"Major competition is from the Jewish community and also Koreans," she added.

According to Jones, while the beauty industry is a $2 billion business, the larger number of black women traditionally are not able to afford services outside of hair care at the beauty salons. But that is changing.

"There are now a growing number who are beginning to seek other services," she said.

Jones agreed that there is an increasing number of black men who now get their hair groomed at beauty salons instead of the barber shop.

"Young black professional men are target markets for salons and cosmetology," she said.

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Heroic police officer takes rescue in stride

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Long after the incident, his fellow officers at the Western District Police Station were abuzz with praise for Gittings.

"What he did was phenomenal," said Lt. James Wells.

"He's a hero," said another co-worker.

But even though news agencies from as far away as Canada have called for interviews, the 19-year police veteran insists he is no hero.

"I just did what I had to do," Gittings said.

Fire investigtors who responded to the blaze said the fire, which fully engulfed a second-floor bedroom, started in an easy chair, possibly caused by a neglected cigarette.

Fire officials said the chair may have smoldered for several hours before bursting into flame.

Firefighters, who arrived just as Gittings was catching the child helped the rest of the occupants to safety.

Edith Carter, 34, Dorothy Carter, 18, Winston Carter, 10, Latisha Carter, 8, Brandon Carter, 3, Mikah Weaver, 2 and James Bell, a 20-year-old neighbor, were taken to University Hospital, where they were treated for smoke inhalation and released.

Dorothy Carter and her son Shedrick are living in a friend's house until damages can be repaired at their home.

Other family members are living with relatives nearby. Damages have been estimated at $5,500.

Gittings said that although he made one other fire rescue 19 years ago when he was a rookie, rescuing children from burning buildings is not part of his daily routine.

His job as a property officer includes such tasks as making sure supplies are adequate and summons are logged.

"I'm kind of like "Radar" on the television show "MASH," "said Gittings. "I do a little bit of everything."

Although his schedule is full, Gittings still finds time to be the chief advisor in a city program for youths interested in careers in law enforcement.

"He works with kids all the time — counseling them, guiding them and taking them to sporting events," said Lt. Wells. "It's not surprising that he would save a kid from a burning house."

Gittings said he became a police officer after his brother-in-law bet him 50 dollars that he couldn't pass a qualification exam.

"I'm still waiting for my fifty bucks," Gittings said.

Green gains zoning post

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shown over the years," the community activist said.

"I try to make a fair judgement, and I have a mind of my own," she added.

The Third District councilmen had opposed Green's nomination to the zoning board, because they said she was unqualified and questioned her past actions.

But the mayor had called the opposition personal.

The Third District councilmen denied that charge.

"I objected it as being portrayed as a black-white thing," Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham said. "It's really irresponsible to portray it as that."

He said the Third District made "no concessions" to the mayor, although Green was appointed.

"He asked us to work with him and he'd work with us," Cunningham said.

Many of the councilmembers perceive this appointment as a beginning for a better relationship with the mayor and the Council. In the past, Schmoke and some members of the Council, particularly the Third District, have had a rocky relationship.

They battled over Question K, an amendment that would have allowed the Council to set its own budget without the mayor's approval, and Schmoke's appointment of Meldon S. Hollis, Jr., to the Baltimore City School Board.

The Council approved of Hollis' appointment, Wednesday night also.

Councilwoman Iris G. Reeves, Fifth District, said she was happy to see the controversy end.

"I'm very happy to set this behind us. It shows the spirit of cooperation," she said. "People are willing to give the mayor a chance, and the mayor is willing to work with the Council and maybe, we can work together productively."

Agnes Welch, Fourth District, was also pleased by the appointment, but she said she was disappointed that someone in her district had not been appointed to the board.

Mother, daughter reunited

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Rev. McKenzie asked mothers with similar problems to pray for Ramsey and her daughter, Rev. McKenzie took the mother's address and phone number in case anyone called with information about Alisha.

About two hours later, at 8:20 a.m., Roxcena Ramsey called Rev. McKenzie a second time and said that her daughter had come home. Alisha just knocked on the door, she said. Ramsey. said she was thankful for Rev. McKenzie's radio prayer show because "after a few minutes on the show is was less than two hours when her daughter returned."

Roxcena Ramsey also said it was a "miracle."

"God works in mysterious ways," she said.

Rev. McKenzie said this was not the first time her Prayer Line radio show, broadcast on WEBB every morning at 6:30 a.m had helped answer prayers.

Rev. McKenzie said there had been a father who called to ask people to pray for his daughters. They had been burned out of their apartment.

Rev. McKenzie also had received a call from a woman offering furniture for anyone who had been burned out. These people connected with the burned out family.

Another case was when a woman called the Prayer Line because she could not find a job. Some time later during the show a man called and offered the woman a job in his shop.

Rev. McKenzie refused to take credit. "God does the work, I am just a vehicle," she said.

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Mrs. Coretta Scott King and son Dexter meet with President Reagan in the White House during the signing of a proclamation declaring Jan. 18 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Reagan signs MLK birthday proclamation

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, saying "the fight for genuine equality of opportunity goes on," signed a proclamation Tuesday designating Monday as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Coretta Scott King, wife of the civil rights leader who was assassinated almost 20 years ago, attended the ceremony in the Roosevelt Room, where Reagan said:

"We're here today to honor a man who dedicated his life to the pursuit of a dream. In honoring one man's commitment, we're also rededicating ourselves to the fundamental principle behind that dream. That principle, which goes to the very essence of America, is simply this — that it is self-evident that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights."

"The fight for genuine equality of opportunity goes on," Reagan said, but urged Americans not to ignore the "great strides that are being made toward ending discrimination and bigotry."

He also cited improvements in black education and said black employment has risen 26 percent over the past five years, more than twice the rate for whites.

The president, who opposed the 1983 act of Congress making King's birthday a national holiday, concluded that King "gave his life as so many of our forefathers did — for a principle."

King, co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, would have been 59 on Friday.

Following the ceremony, Mrs. King agreed with Reagan that "tremendous progress" has been made in education, employment, housing and health care but she said the president should do more to help blacks and poor people during his final months in office.

"We have too many poor people in this country, too many people who are hungry and go to bed at night with no food and no place to sleep," she said. "This is really a disgrace, I think, for a nation that is wealthy as our nation. No person of conscience should sleep easily at night."

Earlier Tuesday, Mrs. King, along with Housing and Urban development Secretary Samuel Pierce, buried a 7-foot time capsule beneath the Western Plaza near the White House containing artifacts from Dr. King's life.

Among the items placed some 12 feet underground in the 500-pound aluminum cylinder were King's ministry robes, his personal bible, and the clothing he wore and a copy of the speech he made when he accepted the Peace Prize.

Library hosts fun for children

"Let it Snow:", a program of stories and a craft for children ages 3-5 will be held at the Randallstown Area Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call 655-6600.

Tax offices open today

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein says that free assistance for state income taxpayers will be available today — a day when most state offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The hours are 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The offices will also be open on Monday, January 18, 1988 — the day federal offices will be closed in observance of the same holiday.

Comptroller Goldstein advised taxpayers who wish to have their Maryland income tax forms completed for them to be sure to bring a completed copy of their federal return and all W-2 statements with them. The service is free.

The addresses and telephone numbers of all 15 offices of the Maryland Income Tax Division are listed on the back of the state tax packet and in local telephone directories. "If you can't reach any of our offices with a local call, you may call our toll-free telephone number also listed on the packet. The number is 1-800-MD TAXES."

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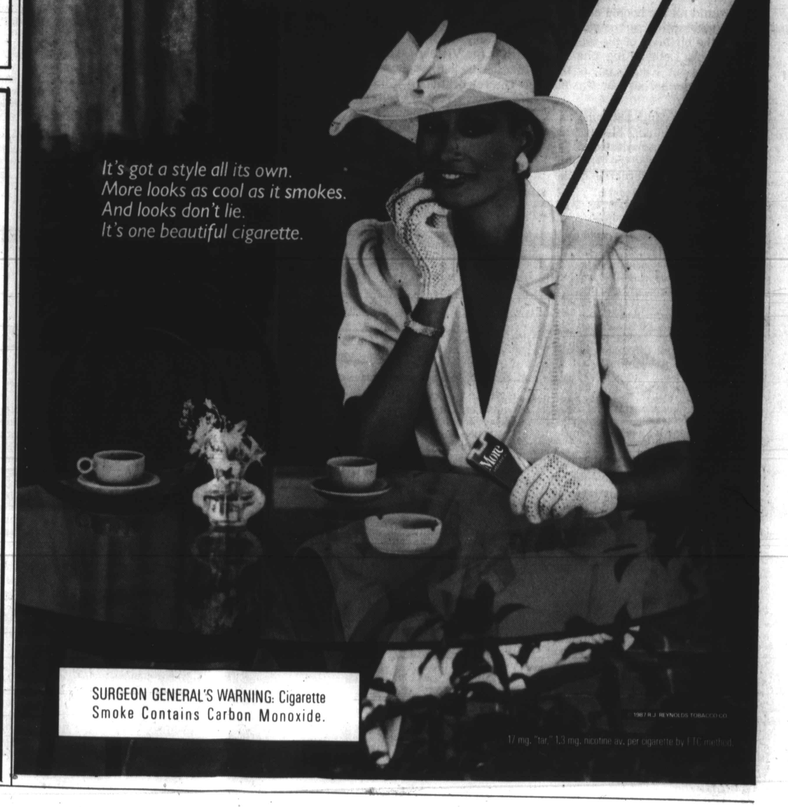

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