Community Calendar

Black Authors In The Mainstream

Meet noted black authors and enjoy an evening to remember with the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society, Inc. in a presentation of "Black Authors in the Mainstream of American Literature," featuring Evelyn Patterson Burrell, with special appearances by Cleveland Chandler (young prodigy of the violin), Tranzana Beverly (Tony Award Winner of Broadway's "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enough,") and Phillip Brown (author of "Separate But Equal"). Sunday, February 28, at 2:30 p.m. at the Liberty Medical Center's Helen Fuld Auditorium (located at 3101 Towanda Avenue).

W.M.C. Gospel Jubilee

The Western Maryland College Black Student Union will host its annual Gospel Jubilee at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, in Baker Memorial Chapel on campus. Gospel choirs from the area come to Western Maryland College each year to participate in the cultural and musical event. The Black Student Union's own gospel choir will also participate in the show.

Other programs presented by the Black Student Union this month include a showcase display that connects with the organization's theme of "Spreading Black Awareness With Pride," located outside the Englar Dining Hall in the Decker College Center through Feb. 28.

Ira Zepp, WMC professor of religious studies, will be the speaker at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29 in McDaniel Lounge, leading a group discussion following the film, "Bill Cosby on Racism." Zepp teaches a course on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and King's fight for civil rights.

Used Book Sale Planned

More than 60,000 books from a private Baltimore collection will go on sale Saturday, February 27 and Sunday, February 28 from 10:30 - 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's School for Girls in Brooklandville. The event, sponsored by the School's Parents' Association, will be held in the gymnasium. Mary Alice Ritchie, Chairperson for the event, reports that topics include literature, history, art, and fiction. The books, dating from the 19th century will be sold for $2.00 and under. For the last hour on Sunday, all remaining books will be sold for even less. The public is invited to attend. There is no charge for admission. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the school.

To reach St. Paul's School for Girls, take the 695 Beltway to Exit 23N Falls Road to left at the 2nd light at Seminary Avenue. For more information call 301-823-6323.

AIDS Interfaith Prayer Service

Sunday, March 6 at 4:30 p.m. an interfaith prayer service sponsored by the AIDS Interfaith Network will be held at Beth Am Congregation, located at 2501 Eutaw Place in Baltimore. Conceived as a celebration of life in the face of AIDS, this service will unite the Baltimore faith community in prayer. A reception will follow the service.

Self - Improvement Classes

The Office of Adult Education of the Baltimore County Public Schools offers day and evening classes free of charge to adults 16 years of age or older who want to learn to read or to improve their basic skills in reading, writing, or math. Classes for foreign-born adults seeking to learn English for everyday living are also available. For more information, call the Office of Adult Education at 494-4064.

V.O.T.E. History Celebration

V.O.T.E., the Voice of the Electorate, is holding its third annual Black History Celebration, Sunday, February 28, 1988, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Eubie Blake Cultural Center, 409 N. Charles Street.

Refreshments, entertainment and speeches will be part of this costume portrayal of historic black personages. For further information call 747-4228.

Social Worker Of The Year

The Baltimore Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers is hosting it's 2nd annual Social Worker of the Year banquet/gala on March 11, 1988 at the Forum, 9:00 p.m. 1:00 a.m. For ticket information call: 532-8969 or 728-6109.

Child Care Instructor Course

The American Red Cross will have a Child Care Instructor Course on Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Red Cross headquarters, 2701 N. Charles Street. Interested people should be 18 or older, have teaching ability and experience working with youth.

Upon successful completion of the course students will be certified as Red Cross Child Care Instructors, and available to teach the Red Cross Babysitting course in the community to adolescents. For further information and registration please call 467-8195.

SCORE Workshop Scheduled

The U.S. Small Business Administration and the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) will conduct a workshop entitled "How To Keep Records In Small Business" on Wednesday, March 16, 1988. The workshop will begin promptly at 8:45 a.m. and run through 4:00 p.m. and will be held at the Towson United Methodist Church, Dulaney Valley Road and Hampton Lane (Beltway Exit 27N), Towson, Maryland. To register and get further details call SCORE: 962-2233.

This workshop will familiarize the business person with the financial terms and responsibilities that are so critical to an entrepreneur's success. Included are such subjects as cash flow projections, record keeping, taxes and payroll.

Gospel Choir At Towson State

The African American Cultural Center is pleased to announce the celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the Towson State University Gospel Choir on Saturday, March 4, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. The musical extravanganza will be held at the Towson State Univesity Fine Arts Building at the corner of Osler Drive and Cross Campus Drive. Special guest will be the Bowie State College Gospel Choir. Admission is free.

Workshop On Separation And Divorce

The YWCA Woman's Center will offer an all day Workshop on Separation and Divorce, Saturday February 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the YWCA Woman's Center Satellite, 17 Cypress Creek Road, Severna Park. This innovative all day workshop, offered for the first time, will be presented by Martin Kranitz, M.A., C.R.C. and Sarah Childs Grebe, M.A., M.Ed. Topics to be covered include: the stages of divorce, the needs of children, an overview of separation issues, options and alternatives, conflict resolution strategies, techniques and the "Divorce Game."

Spring Star Shows At CCC's Planetarium

Catonsville Community College is offering a series of planetarium shows on the second Saturday of each month. Held in the Benjamin Banneker Planetarium, the shows are free and open to the public. The series consists of a young children's program at 10 a.m., followed by an 11 a.m. program for the entire family.

The schedule is as follows: on March 12, there will be a 10 a.m. showing of "Space Bunny," followed by an 11 a.m. showing of "Easter and the Changing Moon;" April 9, "The Boy Who Hated The Nighttime" and "The Universe of Dr. Einstein," and May 14, "Moon Man," and "Legends in the Heavens." Planetarium doors will be open approximately ten minutes before the hour, with seating on a first-come first-served basis. The seating capacity is approximately 70 people. Programs last 35-40 minutes.

The Benjamin Banneker Planetarium is in the D-Building (science) on the CCC campus, located at 800 South Rolling Road. For further information, call 455-4216.

Auction For Action To Feed The Hungry

The Maryland Food Committee "Auction For Action" will be held at the Omni International Hotel, 6 p.m. on March 16th. All proceeds will provide food for hungry Marylanders. The evening includes silent and live auctions, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and live entertainment. For more information call 366-0600.

Red Cross Offers Pediatric CPR Course

Central Maryland Red Cross will offer a new course in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Saturday March 12th, 9-1, at 419D Malcolm Drive, Westminister.

Red Cross combines lectures and practice on mannequins to teach students to perform one- and two rescues CPR on infants and children. This course is designed for day care providers and parents of young children.

Last year, Red Cross certified 21,777 students to perform CPR. For more information, call 467-9905.

75th Diamond Jubilee

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is celebrating its 75th Diamond Jubilee. This sorority, started on the campus of Howard University by 22 women in 1913, has over 750 chapters and over 125,000 members in the United States, Haiti, Liberia, Nassau, the Virgin Islands and West Germany. Saturday, March 5, at the Forum. Maryland's 19 chapters will celebrate a joint Founder's Day.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, president of SD Bishop Junior College in Mobile, Alabama, is the National First Vice President of Delta Sigma Theta.

Weight Control Program

The New You: A Total Weight Control Program, offers a unique approach to weight loss based on the setpoint theory of metabolism. It is designed to raise your setpoint through exercise therapy and dietary changes, all supervised by Barry K. Lance, M.D., and Lynn E. Gaynes, M.D., specialists in endocrinology. Information about behavior modification and psychological support also help to sustain your resolve in shedding pounds safely and effectively. A free introductory class will meet Tues., March 1 at 7 p.m. For further information, call the Health Education Office at 740-7600.

Annual Bull And Oyster Roast

Mercy High School's Fathers' Club will hold its annual Bull and Oyster Roast Saturday, March 19 from 8 p.m. till 1 a.m. at the school, 1300 East Northern Parkway. An extensive menu, catered by Libertini, is offered, with live music by Al Baitch. For reservations and ticket information, call the school office: 433-8880.

4 - H Project Day '88

Caring for rabbits, sprouting your own sprouts, baking tips for super chefs, creating prize-winning speeches — these are just a few of the topics that will be featured at the Baltimore City 4-H Project Day '88, on Saturday, March 5, at Mt. Royal Recreation Center, 120 W. Mosher St., from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch.

For additional information, call 396-4906.

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Historians gather to mark black progress

The Baltimore Branch Chapter of the celebrated in a delightful luncheon held Sunday, Feb. 14, 1988 at the Forum. The history and life of Frederick Douglass was most royally celebrated.

Afro-American History Month traces its beginnings to 1926 when the celebration began as a week-long observance. Established by the Association For The Study of Afro-American Life & History (ASALH), under the direction of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the organization's founder, the Black History celebration has sparked awareness and broadened public interest throughout the world.

The Association For The Study of Afro-American Life & History (ASALH), founded in 1915, is entrusted with the Black History legacy, and within this capacity, has established the national theme for the celebration since its inception. Through a diversity of programs and publications, ASALH continues to enrich Americans toward greater ethnic understanding.

ASALH encourages continued public and scholarly support, and is pleased to present the theme for the 1988 Afro-American History Month observance — "The Constitutional Status of Afro-Americans into the 21st Century."

The Baltimore Branch of ASALH was re-organized in 1981 under the leadership of Dr. Samuy L. Banks.

To date, it has grown to a membership of over 35. It has actively sought to pursue the goals of the national organization through the educational process; identification of documents and artifacts depicting the history, life and contributions of Black Americans; and perpetuating the celebration of the Black experience. It is one of 100 branches throughout the nation.

The program for the celebration of Afro-American History Month consisted of the Mistress of Ceremonies, Bercella Blow, Vice-President, Baltimore ASALH; Greetings and the Occasion, The Honorable David Mitchell, Judge of Circuit Court for Baltimore City; Blessing, Edna O. Campbell, Principal Emerius, Douglass High School; Greetings from Special Guests - The Honorable Michael Waring Lee Chief Judge of Orphans Court of Baltimore City who was introduced by Emmanuel Blow; The Honorable Kweisi Mfume, Congressman from 7th District of Baltimore introduced by Lillie Thaniel; Soloist, Sylvia Hardison; and, remarks by Richard Andrews.

Talking about togetherness - Black History, Black Heritage and Black Awareness all wrapped up and displayed beautifully. There was standing room only. The attentive audience wanted to hear more from the special VIP guests.

The Honorable David Mitchell and Congressman Kweisi Mfume gave great speeches and great enlightenment on the royal affair. talking about two top great speakers and their aims and dedication for humanity and mankind, history on top of history was poured out on this ASALH occasion.

Two great leaders walking in the path of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Everyone present wanted to remain and hear more about Black American History celebration of our Black Famous Heroes.

THOUGHT FOR TOMORROW
LET'S ALL SALUTE OUR HERITAGE!!!
LOVE YA!!!!

(Photo by Tim Ford)

Daphne Harrison, center, is surrounded by some of the 40 students from Fairmount Hill Voc-Tec High School, who came on Tuesday to visit the exhibit "Black Pearls: Blues Queens of the 1920s, on display in the library gallery at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Harrison, who heads the African American Studies department at UMBC, is the author of a book of the same title, being published this week, which chronicles the lives of the famous singers and includes, among other things, clips of Afro-American reviews of shows at Baltimore's Royal Theatre.

Twilah Scarborough
TWILAH SAYS. . .

State Senator Troy Brailey, right, chats with MTA's Will Taylor at a recent luncheon the transit agency's citizen advisors held in Annapolis. Taylor is vice chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Citizens committee backs light rail system

By Charles Stewart
Special to the AFRO

The MTA Citizens' Advisory Committee recently sponsored a luncheon for 90 selected members of the Maryland General Assembly.

During the luncheon, held in the Senate Reception Room in Annapolis, the committee members mixed with the legislators and spoke to them in favor of the North-South Light Rail line proposed by the Governor. The proposed light rail line would stretch from Dorsey Road in Glen Burnie through Center City Baltimore, via Howard Street and on to Hunt Valley.

The route would include a spur line to the Baltimore-Washington Airport.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee acts as a consumer input group during MTA project planning and operational adjustments to insure that the community interests and needs are adequately served. Verna Day, local star of stage and screen, is chairperson of the committee.

Verna welcomed the luncheon guests, thanked them for coming and introduced the other committee members.

The other committee members were: Mervin Cablenzer, Cheryl Emerson, Paul Hitchcock, Stephanie Hopkins, Gwendolyn Johnson, Joseph Maglia, Howard Needle, Charles Stewart, Wilbert Taylor, Earl Wolfe.

Ron Hartman, MTA general manager, said the light rail is a trolley or streetcar operation that has been upgraded to allow as many as 6 cars to be linked together thereby moving many more passengers than can be moved by buses.

"Because it operates on rails in its own right of way, light rail operates at a higher rate of speed than buses," Ron said.

Light rail electricity, runs quietly and does not pollute the air, Hartman said, because it is produced by electricity.

Hartman said replacement and maintenance costs are considerably lower with light rail; therefore the costs per passenger mile is lower with light rail than any other form of public transportation.

Howard J. Needle, Chairman of the Legislative Subcommittee, Citizens' Advisory Committee formally stated the committees' position. "There are jobs going wanting in the counties and unemployed people in Baltimore city. These jobs and people can be joined together by light rail," said Needle. "The Light Rail Feasibility study shows that some 30,000 riders per day await the light rail system," said Needleman.

Following the luncheon, there was a hearing on the issue of light rail before the House Ways and Means committee.

The hearing room was filled to standing room only capacity. Among those who testify in favor of light rail were Lt. Gov. Steinberg, Hartman, and Howard Needle of the Advisory Committee. The food for the luncheon was donated by CSX transportation and the Woodlawn Toastmistress Club.

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