COMMUNITY LIVING

Gateway gets grant

Baltimore City's Gateway Pre-School, a non-profit special education center for children with hearing, language and speech disorders, has been named the recipient of a Bell Atlantic Foundation Grant for its outstanding service in motivating young children to read.

In awarding the grant, Bell Atlantic cited Gateway's "Reading Is Fundamental" Program for its excellence in encouraging early literacy in handicapped children.

In the past seven years, over 2,100 books have been distributed to 528 Gateway children through the RIF program. Gateway also announced that its next distribution will be held April 18.

Founded in 1965, Gateway is an extension of The Hearing and Speech Agency, a private non-profit organization. Current enrollment at the school is 67.

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Jobs with Peace set for hearing

The 1st-Public Hearing of the Baltimore City Development Commission will take place April 9th, 10:00 a.m. at the War Memorial Building. Jobs with Peace, an advocacy group, urges citizens to attend.

People will be able to voice their opinions regarding federal priorities, and what's important for Baltimore City.

"We're hoping that the commission will set a model for other communities," Katherine Corr, Director of Baltimore Jobs with Peace said.

She said, citizens need to educate themselves as to how many of their tax dollars go to the military.

Jobs with Peace is a local chapter of a national campaign used to re-direct federal spending priorities.

It's goal is to get more money for human needs such as housing, health care, education, and transportation.

Church leaders and political authorities such as Kweisi Mfume and Parren Mitchell have supported Jobs with Peace. Mayor Schmoke has made an endorsement for the organization.

"Jobs with Peace is like an umbrella . . . it reaches out to all the needs of the people," Rosalind Wilson, community organizer said.

According to Jobs with Peace, 50 billion dollars of unobligated funds are sitting in Washington at the Government Accounting Office.

"We'll get the money needed," Corr said.

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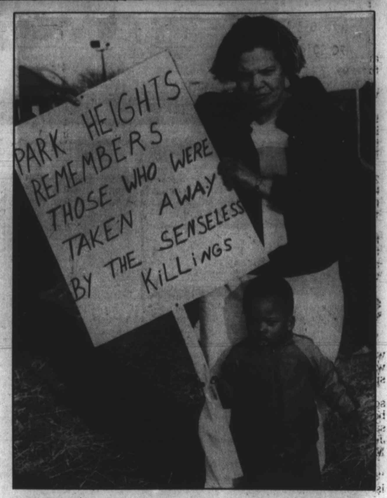
Social Services Center relocates

Dr. George G. Musgrove, Director, Baltimore City Department of Social Services, announced today that the Clifton Social Services Center has been relocated to 1010 N. Chester Street. The Collington Square Social Services Center is also located at that address. Clifton clients may continue to use the regular telephone numbers to contact their workers.



PROTESTERS—Annie B. Mack and her grandson Ryan Washington joined hundreds of Park Heights residents a week ago to protest the violence which is plaguing their community. The rally, held March 24, was part of a series of activities the residents have organized to call attention to their concern for safety in the sprawling Park Heights community.

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"Hey Cabbie" author holds gala

The Wheeler Auditorium in the Enoch Pratt Free Library was the setting for the premiere of "Baltimore On The Road" a slide and filmstrip presentation about Baltimore City. The event was produced and directed by Thaddeus Logan, author of "Hey Cabbie."

Some 200 people turned out for this lavish event. Baltimoreans were invited from every area of the community.

"I was aiming for a good sociological mix from our society, keeping in mind that we all have one common interest in this presentation, Baltimore," Logan said.

The presentation was divided into two parts.

Part one consisted of 81 frames; audio cassette time 18 minutes. Part two consisted of 84 frames; audio cassette time 18 minutes.

The presentation takes the viewer through a geographical and historical road tour that begins at Fort McHenry Tunnel and ends at Baltimore/Washington Airport.

Other attractions include: The Inner Harbor, The Charles Street Strip, Little Italy, Fells Point, Hotels, Restaurants, Colleges, Monuments, Hospitals, and Neighborhoods.

"My main objective for "Baltimore On the Road" is to see this slide or filmstrip presentation located in every public and private school and various agencies within the Baltimore Metropolitan area," he said.

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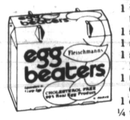

1 tablespoon FLEISCHMANN'S® Sweet Unsalted Margarine
1 small zucchini, sliced
1 small green pepper, cut in strips
1 small red pepper, cut in strips
Flaky Crust*
1 (8-ounce) container EGG BEATERS® Cholesterol-Free 99% Real Egg Product
1 cup skim milk
¼ teaspoon basil leaves
⅛ teaspoon ground black pepper

In medium skillet, over medium heat, melt FLEISCHMANN'S Sweet Unsalted Margarine. Add zucchini and peppers; cook, stirring occasionally, until tender-crisp. Spoon mixture evenly in unbaked pie crust. Mix EGG BEATERS, skim milk, basil and pepper; pour over filling in crust.

Bake at 375°F for 50 to 55 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

***Flaky Crust:** Cut 1/3 cup FLEISCHMANN'S Margarine into 1¼ cups all-purpose flour until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add 3 to 4 tablespoons ice water, a tablespoon at a time, tossing until moistened. Shape into a ball. Roll out and place in 9-inch pie plate; trim edge and flute.

Nutrition information per serving -
Calories 188; Sodium (mg) 81; Cholesterol (mg) 0; Fat (gm) 9

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REFRESHING FRUIT SALAD

Makes 8 servings

1 medium pineapple
2 cups cantaloupe balls
2 medium oranges, sectioned
1 cup sliced strawberries
1 cup seedless green grapes, halved
⅓ cup vanilla yogurt
2 tablespoons honey
2 teaspoons grated orange peel
40 Low Salt PREMIUM® Saltine Crackers

Slice pineapple in half lengthwise. Scoop out fruit, leaving a ¼-inch thick shell; reserve shells. Cut fruit into 1-inch pieces. In large bowl, combine pineapple, cantaloupe, oranges, strawberries and grapes. Spoon into reserved shells.

In small bowl, stir together yogurt, honey and orange peel. Serve as a dressing over fruit with Low Salt PREMIUM Saltine Crackers.

Nutrition information per serving -
Calories 165; Sodium (mg) 126; Cholesterol (mg) 0; Fat (gm) 1

PESTO TOPPER

Makes 32 appetizers
½ cup chopped parsley
2 tablespoons PLANTERS® Walnuts, chopped
1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
1 clove garlic, crushed
2 tablespoons FLEISCHMANN'S® Sweet Unsalted Margarine, melted
8 cherry tomatoes, sliced
32 Low Salt RITZ® Crackers

In electric blender or food processor container, blend parsley, walnuts, basil and garlic until coarsely chopped. Continue blending, adding FLEISCHMANN'S Sweet Unsalted Margarine in a steady stream until creamy and well blended.

Arrange cherry tomato slices on each Low Salt RITZ Cracker. Top with ½ teaspoon basil mixture. Bake at 400°F for 5 minutes or until hot. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving -
Calories 30; Sodium (mg) 16; Cholesterol (mg) 0; Fat (gm) 2

CURRIED CHICKEN TOPPER

Makes 30 appetizers

1 cup minced cooked chicken
¼ cup halved seedless green grapes
3 tablespoons low sodium mayonnaise
2 tablespoons PLANTERS® Slivered Almonds, toasted and chopped
1 tablespoon chopped scallions
1 tablespoon chopped chutney
1 teaspoon curry powder
30 Low Salt TRISCUIT® Wafers
Scallions, for garnish

In medium bowl, stir together chicken, grapes, mayonnaise, almonds, scallions, chutney and curry. Cover and chill at least one hour.

To serve, spoon about 2 teaspoons mixture on each Low Salt TRISCUIT Wafer; garnish with scallions.

Nutrition information per serving -
Calories 43; Sodium (mg) 18; Cholesterol (mg) 5; Fat (gm) 2

SPOON SIZE GRANOLA

Makes 5 cups

3 cups SPOON SIZE® Shredded Wheat
½ cup wheat germ
½ cup chopped PLANTERS® Slivered Almonds
¼ cup FLEISCHMANN'S® Margarine, melted
3 tablespoons honey

In large bowl, combine SPOON SIZE Shredded Wheat, wheat germ and almonds. Combine FLEISCHMANN'S Margarine and honey; pour over cereal mixture, tossing to coat well. Spread on ungreased 15½ x 10½ x 1-inch baking pan.

Bake at 200°F for 20 minutes, stirring once. Cool. Store in tightly covered container. Serve with skim milk if desired.

Nutrition information per serving (½ cup) -
Calories 162; Sodium (mg) 39; Cholesterol (mg) 0; Fat (gm) 8

ZIPPY VEGETABLE DIP

Makes 1¼ cups

1 tablespoon FLEISCHMANN'S® Sweet Unsalted Margarine
½ cup chopped tomato
¼ cup chopped scallions
¾ cup chopped cucumber
¼ cup low-sodium mayonnaise
3 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
Parsley sprig, for garnish
Low Salt WHEAT THINS® Snack Crackers

In skillet, over medium heat, melt FLEISCHMANN'S Sweet Unsalted Margarine. Add tomato and scallions; cook, stirring constantly, for 5 minutes. Cool slightly. Stir in cucumber, mayonnaise, parsley and horseradish. Cover; chill 1 hour.

To serve, spoon vegetable mixture into serving dish; garnish with parsley sprig. Serve as a dip with Low Salt WHEAT THINS Snack Crackers.

Nutrition information per serving (1 tbsp. dip, 4 crackers) -
Calories 58; Sodium (mg) 21; Cholesterol (mg) 1; Fat (gm) 4

HONEY BRAN MUFFINS

Makes 12 muffins

⅔ cup skim milk
⅓ cup honey
¼ cup EGG BEATERS® Cholesterol Free 99% Real Egg Product
¼ cup FLEISCHMANN'S® Margarine, melted
1 cup NABISCO® SHREDDED WHEAT 'N BRAN, coarsely crushed
1½ cups all-purpose flour
2½ teaspoons DAVIS® Baking Powder
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground ginger

In small bowl, combine milk, honey, EGG BEATERS and FLEISCHMANN'S Margarine. Stir in NABISCO SHREDDED WHEAT 'N BRAN; let stand 10 minutes.

In medium bowl, combine flour, DAVIS Baking Powder, cinnamon and ginger; stir in cereal mixture just until blended; do not overmix.

Spoon into 12 greased (2½-inch) muffin-pan cups. Bake at 375°F for 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from pan; cool on wire rack. Serve warm or cold.

Nutrition information per serving (1 muffin) -
Calories 156; Sodium (mg) 141; Cholesterol (mg) 0; Fat (gm) 4

law suit

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area dealers, and it was selling for $3,000 less.

She addressed her concern with the dealer, but to no avail.

Upon returning the loaner car to Russel Motors, Smith, according to testimony, was violently attacked by dealership manager, Mike Sweeney.

Smith attests that the 250-pound Sweeney snatched the keys from her hand, forced her from the van, and threw the 120-pound woman to the ground.

Smith, then 36, reportedly suffered bruises to the thighs, buttocks, arm, and neck; along with a muscle spasm in her back which caused her to undergo three months of costly physical therapy.

Along with the physical abuse, Smith says that she was also abused verbally, by brutish racial slurs.

"He began screaming things like, "Get off my property," "I don't want a n....er's money," Smith said.

Sweeney denied the entire incident and claimed that Smith attempted to back over him with the car.

Seeking a resolution to their dispute, Smith and Sweeney have pointed accusatory fingers at one other at two court trials, each accusing the other of spouting racial slurs.

Though the dispute was resolved by circuit court judge, Leonard S. Jacobson, along with 12 jurors, it is the second bout in court for the two adversaries.

Just a few months after the incident, Smith and Sweeney went to District Court where Sweeney was found not guilty. But Smith could not let it end there.

Storm Management Division, now under Transportation, would be placed under the Public Works department.

"Those divisions are clearly under the public works department and I tried to get those sections transferred," the mayor said. "If we look at the bill as functions and not as personalities, I think we have a strong case for reorganization."

"I knew in my heart that he was guilty. He was guilty because he did it," Smith said. "I did not let the determination of the first judge stop me because I knew I had rights, and that's why I took it to a higher court. I used to my advantage the same system that they used against us," Smith said.

Smith believes she lost the first time because of insufficient effort and research on the part of the assistant state's attorney who represented her.

"I went to lower court because of lack of knowledge," Smith said.

The case boiled down to Smith's attorney calling Sweeney a liar, and Sweeney's attorney calling Smith a liar. Judge Jacobson decided in favor of Smith, and had to throw some of Sweeney's evidence out of court because of his failure to comply with court's sequestering order forbidding any conversation in the courtroom.

"I hope that black people take this case in point to see that you don't have to give up," Smith said.

Due to the delicate nature of the case, Reverend John L. Wright, president of the NAACP, sat in on the conferences daily to see that Smith's rights were not violated.

"Reverend Wright was invaluable to me as a means of support," Smith said.

According to Wright, "The result of the trial on Wednesday proved that there had been an injustice in the District Court. "It was a clear-cut miscarriage of justice," Wright said.

Schmoke

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will mean in the future city workers will be debased if they speak their minds.

"He's been demoted for something he said ... because he believed it the right thing to say," said Third District Councilman Joseph T. "Jody" Landers at Monday's Council meeting.

Landers called Babusci the "sacrificial lamb." "...His career is over. It disturbs me that he paid the price..."

However, the mayor said he welcomes workers' opinions, "but we can't tolerate people going to the council to try to undermine the administration's position," he said.

"We just can't run government that way," Schmoke added.

"I do not think what Mr. Babusci did was appropriate," said Lawrence Bell, Fourth District. "The mayor had perfect right to take the actions he took."

Bell said he believed the mayor got rid of Babusci because the mayor wanted to improve the department's minority hiring practices. But the mayor said that was irrelevant and Babusci's actions was the sole purpose for his demotion.

But Bell said, "That bureau (field operation) during and prior to Babusci had been poor in its treatment toward minorities. For that reason I'm not at all shaken up ... It doesn't bother me."

Many of the veteran councilmembers are resistant to change, which includes the mayor's goals of bringing minorities and women into city government, Bell said.

"Increasing the number of minorities in city agencies is paramount, other people don't view it as a priority," Bell said.

"If Babusci wasn't doing it, it doesn't bother me to see him go," he added.

The mayor named Rick Sheckles, an employee of the Department of Public Works for over a decade, to replace Babusci.

"He's a well-respected professional. I told him I wanted a professional operation and to make sure employment practices were fair," Schmoke said of Sheckles.

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Third District, who opposed Babusci's ousting said Sheckles will "become the Doug DeCinces of public works."

DeCinces, former third baseman for the Baltimore Orioles, had the unenviable task of replacing local legend Brooks Robinson.

"I think he'll have a difficult time," Cunningham said, during the council meeting.

Under Schmoke's proposed reorganization, the Solid Waste Engineering Division and the

Love feud

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down in a crib in a back room, said Capt. Flynn. All were pronounced dead on the scene. They died from smoke inhalation.

Perry and the mother escaped unharm. He escaped through the backdoor and she jumped from a second floor window, police and fire officials said.

According to Flynn, the family had a smoke detector, but did not hear it sound off.

"All I heard was a sound that sounded like cars had bumped," said neighbor, Ernestine Jones. "And the next thing I knew, police were beating on the door, telling us to get out."

Many of the neighbors said they did not know the family, which had moved into the block several weeks ago.

Police said the couple had argued for a while.

Perry now being detained at the Eastern Police District, has been charged with three counts of homicide by arson, one court of assault with attempt to murder his girlfriend and one simple count of arson, Leeson said.

The mother could not be reached for comment.

Perry could face life sentences for each homicide or the death penalty, police said.

Legislator

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ty black legislators, were vehemently opposed to the bill.

"It's necessary to have the possibility of contested elections to encourage fair distribution of appointments," Wynn stated.

Young, also a member of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, was criticized in media reports for leaving the hearing room before a vote was taken. But apparently there was some misunderstanding.

According to Young and Wynn, the senator left the room to testify in another Senate committee hearing but voted anyway.

If Young had not voted, the committee vote would have been 5-5 instead of 6-5.

"Larry Young did a great job," Wynn commented. "He worked hard to help us get votes on that bill," he continued.

Many legislators who opposed the bill, including Wynn and Young attempted to persuade Pica to vote against the bill, Wynn stated.

A group of judges, attorneys and citizens came together and vocally opposed the bill, said Judge Robert Bell of the Special Court of Appeals.

But there was a lack of vocal opposition from a number of black judges and attorneys and Wynn said it was probably due to Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy of the Court of Appeals and his endorsement of the bill.

"I don't believe the majority of black judges support the bill," Wynn said. "Prior to this bill coming in, there was no one from public, judges or attorneys calling for this bill."

"Judge Bell said he opposed the bill because "it removes from the citizenry a right to participate in a meaningful way, in the selection of judges."

He also said the present system works and there is no need to change it.

Under the proposed system to appoint judges, the decision as to who would become a judge would be made by 13 people on a commission who are appointed by the Governor and the Bar Association, Bell explained.

The Governor would serve as chairman of the commission and would select judges from a list of names the commission recommended to him, Bell continued.

"That process is not guaranteed to ensure the bench reflects the people it serves," Bell said.

Bell stated he and a group of judges and attorneys were happy the bill was defeated in the Senate committee.

Bell formed an alliance with several lawyers and judges including Judge Thomas Ward of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, Judge Donaldson Cole of the Circuit Court of Cecil County and the Alliance of Black Women Attorneys.

The bill would have adversely affected minorities who aspire to be judges but have no political base and no real sponsors, Bell said.

The committee vote to reject the bill means the bill is dead, Bell stated.

"It means we will keep the present system for at least two more years but the fight is not over."

"Pica did a tremendous job and stood firm in face of the Sunpapers questioning his integrity," Bell stated.

"He was able to take a position unpopular with the administration and remain firm."

Mitchell

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The Mitchell brothers were convicted Nov. 6 of accepting money to block an investigation of the Wedtech Corp. of New York. Michael Mitchell was also found guilty of wire fraud in a separate kick back scheme involving a consultant who worked for Wedtech.

In January, Clarence Mitchell was found guilty of obstructing a federal grand jury investigation of convicted drug kingpin Melvin Williams.

The Mitchell brothers are scheduled to report to the federal prison at Allenwood, Pa. April 5 to begin serving their two and one-half year sentences for the Wedtech convictions, and Clarence Mitchell is to be sentenced April 4 on the obstruction of justice conviction charges.

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