'Best Fest' showcases city's talent

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Local talent is applauded every Thursday at Brice's Hilltop Inn, 5440 Reisterstown Rd. when persons 18 years and older participate in the Randy Dennis Best Fest Talent Contest.

The purpose of Best Fest is to promote black talent, according to its founder.

"There is a need for someone to promote Baltimore's talent," said Dennis.

According to Kenneth Brown, the Director of Public Affairs for the "business," the majority of talent displayed by participants is vocal. "They sing different types of songs," he said.

Brown said the style of music is varied; including blues, gospel, etc.

Brown said there is a small group of judges present each Thursday evening at the contest who carefully select a winner each week.

But the lucky winner's display of talent is not over; for he must then come back the following three weeks on Thursday and participate again- each time being judged by a different set of judges.

Brown said the celebrity judges determine the participants that will perform in the grand finals scheduled at the Palladium this Spring.

Brown said the grand prize winner will receive a cruise for two to the Bahamas as well as extended opportunities to perform.

According to Brown Best Fest which began in 1986 had previously been aired on the Randy Dennis Show on V103 Radio.

Brown said people would call in and actually audition over the air.

Best Fest was fashioned after the Fresh Festival, a talent caravan which in years past would come through cities and towns promoting talent of the people.

Brown said the procedure in being eligible to take part in Best Fest is by simply calling and giving your name and phone number and request to take part in the contest. "We do not turn anyone away," said Brown. Other talent displays include comedian acts.

Best Fest is promoted by the Randy Dennis Productions Recording Studio. "There's such an abundance of talent . . ." said Dennis.

Dennis has been in the radio business fifteen years. He said this is his fourth year hosting a morning program on V103 with Jean Russell.

Dennis has also done live production at radio stations in Pittsburgh, Boston, Washington, D.C., and New Orleans.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Congressman Grandy attends Bentley reception

Supporters of Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley (R-2) will have the opportunity to meet one of her most famous colleagues, Congressman Fred Grandy of Iowa, former star of television's "Love Boat" series, at a fundraising reception to benefit the Bentley campaign on Monday, April 11, 1988, 5:30 to 8 p.m., at Martin's West.

The reception, "A Toast to Victory '88," is being sponsored by the finance committee of Congresswoman Bentley's re-election campaign. Henry J. Knott, Jr., a prominent businessman and philanthropist, is chairman of the finance committee.

Tickets for "A Toast to Victory '88" are $125 each and may be obtained by calling 561-2070.

WERC sponsors Roundtable for Injured Workers

The Conference will hold its monthly Roundtable on the "Psychosocial Aspects of Vocational Rehabilitation" on Tuesday, April 5, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Work Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center at 10625 York Road in Cockeysville. Buffet luncheon will be served. Call Ruth Anne Snyder at 628-0595 for reservations.

The Baltimore Radio Show explore new age

On April 3, 7-12 midnite, "The Dr. Robert Hieronimus Program" will explore the wisdom of "New Age" author Dr. Bernie Siegal, Love, Medicine and Miracles, and continue our journey into the other worlds. This time we will enter the world of "ghosts," particularly those of the Poe House, Fort McHenry and the U.S.F. Constellation, in Baltimore. The Enigma Project, a Maryland based organization, will discuss local and regional visitations, and author William George Roll will discuss poltergeists. Next week we will explore past life regression.

Further programs will include: Reincarnation, Dreams, Witchcraft, the Great Pyramid, Atlantis, and other subjects exploring the unknown.

Red Cross extends hours for blood donors

Red Cross will extend its hours to blood donors at the N. Charles Street headquarters, and at fixed collection sites in Glen Burnie and Fallston, Md., from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday, April 1, in order to meet patient needs.

The Glen Burnie fixed site is 1214 S. Crain Highway and the Fallston fixed site is at 2112 Belair Road in the Village Associates Building.

Healthy persons, 17 and older and at least 110 lbs. are urged to donate blood. Call 467-9905.

Easter fun for kids

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt and Teen Disco at the Banneker Center on April 2.

Children ages 5 thru 7 should report to the center from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ages 6 thru 10 should report from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served from 2 to 3 p.m.

The disco will start at 9 p.m. and end at 1 a.m. The cost is $2.

Call Clinton Jennifer at 788-2188 weekdays after 1 p.m.

Children's Attitude Problems

My Child has an Attitude Problem is the topic of a seminar offered by the Education Center of Sheppard Pratt on Tuesday, April 5 from 7-9 p.m.

This seminar will help you understand your child's negative behaviors and attitudes and offer suggestions on appropriate responses and discipline in dealing with attitude problems. The faculty is Kenneth Sharoff, Ph.D. The fee is $16. Call 339-4094.

CPAs sponsor "1040-K" Race

The Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) will sponsor the Second Annual 1040-K Road Race Saturday, April 16 at 9 a.m. beginning at Rash Field in the Inner Harbor. Don't wait for post-filing-depression to set in—plan now to stamp out your frustrations by running in this "just for fun" 8k race.

For runners with no credits, deductions or desire to run 8ks, a 1040EZ Run (one mile) will be held on Rash Field after the start of the 1040-K. The race is open to all age groups and each runner will receive a baseball - style t-shirt and refreshments following the race.

Awards include $500 in U.S. Savings Bonds for the first male and first female, age group prize, and random and special awards. The entry fee is $8 if received by April 5 or $10 thereafter. Packet pick-up will be from April 11-15 at MACPA offices in Lutherville and immediately preceding the race from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Rash Field Pavilion.

Contact the Maryland Association of CPAs, 296-6250.

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Student art show at CCC

The Visual Arts Club of Cattonsville Community College will hold an exhibition of student art on Wed., April 6, from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., and on Thurs., April 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will be held in the Q Lounge of the Fine & Performing Arts Center, located at 800 South Rolling Road.

On display will be student art in the applied arts, painting (including watercolor, acrylic, and oil), drawing (including 2-dimensional design), sculpture (including 3-dimensional design), and photography.

The show, which is free to the public, is sponsored by the Student Government Association Visual Arts Club. Please call 455-4429.

Seminar for the Bereaved

St. Agnes Hospital is offering a six-week Bereavement Outreach Network seminar for adults beginning April 7, and meeting each Thursday evening through May 12. The sessions will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Hospital.

The program is most helpful for those persons 18 years of age and older who are working through the pain of grief after the death of a loved one.

There is a $12.00 registration fee. Contact the St. Agnes Hospital Home Care/Hospice Program at 368-2840.

MCSC presents update on Family Support Centers

The Maryland Conference of Social Concern presents an update on two Family Support Centers . . . their programs and their involvement in the community on Tuesday, March 29 at the Freedom Family Center, 219 N. Chester Street. The public is invited to attend. Call 889-8829.

Academy for Health Services Marketing Host Program

On March 30, The Academy for Health Services Marketing, Baltimore Chapter, will host its second professional health care program at the The Museum Cafe, Baltimore Musuem of Art. the program will focus on the role of the physician in marketing healthcare services.

Speakers will include Kevin C. Nolan, principal and executive, Ernest & Whinney, in charge of Ernst & Winney's Mid-Atlantic Healthcare Strategic Planning and Marketing Group, and Michael Steinberg M.D., president of Michael Steinberg and Associates, a health management consulting firm. Seating is limited.

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Library Sponsors Money Program

The Howard County Library is sponsoring a program for young adults, grades 7-12, about getting your first job, making money when you're under 16, and planning a budget. Registration begins April 4.

Central: Thurs, April 14, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Miller: Wed, April 13, 7:30 - 8;30 p.m.

Call the Miller Library at 461-7980 or the Central Library at 997-8000, ext. 249; or Cindy Jones at 997-8000.

NARFE holds Meeting on Estates and Wills

Monday, April 4, at 1 p.m., a prominent authority on Estates and Wills will speak at the meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Randallstown Chapter 1936. The meeting will be at the Baltimore County Library, 8604 Liberty Rd., at Old Court. Contact Alfred Reznitsky, 486-8099.

Consultations for stress available

Biofeedback consultation clinic: Learn how biofeedback training may help you to control stress, migraine and tension headaches, hypertension, chronic pain, anxiety. Irritable syndrome, etc. For free 30-minute consultation on Tuesday, April 12, Call St. Luke Health Center, 4215 Loch Raven Blvd., 243-1125.

Islamic Women's Conference scheduled

The Women's Committee of Masjid as-Saffat will sponsor its fifth annual Islamic Women's Conference on Saturday, April 2 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the Liberty Medical Center Auditorium; 2600 Liberty Heights Avenue. Workshop topics will include: Islamic Education: Our Children, Our Future, Basic Fundamentals of Islam, College and the Muslim Woman, and Establishing Classes and Study Groups. The $10 admission will include a luncheon, workshops and a short Islamic Fashion Show. This event is for women only. Call 435-3031 or 523-0477.

Support Group for Parents of Children with Nephrotic Syndrome

The University of Maryland Medical System has formed a support group for parents of children with nephrotic syndrome, a common, but chronic kidney condition in children and teenagers.

The group meets the first Tuesday or every month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m., at the Woodlawn Branch of the Baltimore County Library. Dr. Charles Medani, head of pediatric nephrology at the University of Maryland Medical System, will give an update on medications used to treat nephrotic syndrome.

Call Sandra Schoenfeld at 328-5390 or Linda Lansing at 328-2101.

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"It represents a bonding in the Demcratic Party," the Texan said.

About 50 people attended the 90-minute breakfast, scheduled before Jackson's stunning victory in Saturday's Michigan caucuses that impressed on many in the party he is more than the fringe candidate of 1984 and has a real shot at the nomination.

Lance said "There was no criticism at all" of Jackson during the meeting although a question was raised about Jackson's association during his 1984 campaign with Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan. Jackson responded he had dealt with the matter "and believed in redemption."

Democratic circles have been buzzing this week with talk about Jackson as a potential nominee as he gains strength in what most consider to be a two-man contest with Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

There is much soul-searching around the country about Jackson and concern about his liberal positions on many issues, problems with Jewish voters and lack of government experience. By some accounts, there is near panic from some members of Congress and elected officials.

"He's hit them in the face with a very wet rag," said Rep. Mickey Leland of Texas, a black Jackson supporter who attended. "They must now accept the reality of his campaign."

Clifford said he was unconcerned about Jackson's lack of government experience. Like Harry Truman, Jackson could bring "the best brains the party and the country have to offer" to his administration.

Among those attending the breakfast with Jackson were Clifford, Attorney Edward Bennett Williams, former Army Secretary Clifford Alexander, former Robert Kennedy aide Frank Mankiewicz, Sen. Thomas Harkin of Iowa, former Walter Mondale aide Richard Moe, and Florida Democratic Chairman Charles Whitehead. A number of Jackson supporters like Texas Agriculture Commissioner John Hightower and Democratic activist Ann Lewis also attended.

Jackson said all who attended were "playing some role" in his campaign ranging from endorsements to fund-raising to advice and counsel and the meeting had been held "to broaden the base of responsibility in our campaign." But Clifford made clear he had made no endorsements.

Democratic Chairman Paul Kirk did not attend. He said in a telephone interview he had read press accounts of "everybody wringing their hands and the party in disarray" over Jackson's growing strength "and I say who? I never see anybody on the record say so."

Several of those attending said they have heard no talk of a "stop-Jackson" movement. Lance quoted an old adage about exercise: "Every time I think about it I lie down for five minutes and the thought passes.

"Anybody that has that thought ought to let that pass because it's not a good idea," he said.

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mother and sister Kee-Kee were also hit by the car but their injuries were not severe.

A teacher at nearby Booker T. Washington Middle School, responded to the crisis and administered CPR to young Tommie.

An unidentified woman also assisted by laying on the ground with Kee-Kee in an effort to keep her still.

Brown and Kee-Kee were both treated at Maryland General Hospital and released.

The attorney for the victim, Shelia Reuben, refused comment on the case except to say "hopefully the entire community is extending it's best wishes for the recovery of Tommie White."

The family was returning home from Tommie's grandmother's home at the time of the accident.

"Ask God to give us a miracle and let Thomas live," Gray said.

Gray also requests prayers for the driver saying, "He must be suffering too."

Homecoming (Continued from page 1)

Monday's stateside redeployment signaled the close of a Central American training mission ordered March 16 by President Reagan in response to Nicaraguan soldiers who reportedly crossed the border into neighboring Honduras in pursuit of U.S.-backed rebels. Nicaragua denied crossing the frontier.

After 12 days in the field, the soldiers received a tumultuous welcome Monday from thousands of cheering people who gathered at Fort Airborne Division, and at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., where the first soldiers from two infantry battalions and one artillery battery from the 7th Light Infantry Division arrived before heading seveal hours south by bus to their base at Fort Ord.

At Travis, while a military band played "Stars and Stripes Forever," the soldiers emerged from transport aircraft Monday night in full camouflage gear and with green and black painted faces. About 30 planes will bring home the 1,100 troops during the next three days, a Travis spokesman said.

"We've got a whole lot of very excited wives," Capt. Guy Shields said. "They have been decorating the whole battalion area (in Fort Ord) with yellow and black ribbons, our base colors."

The soldiers were also greeted by a pair of two-star generals, and a color and honor guard.

"It's great to see you back in California," Fort Ord commanding Gen. Edward Burba Jr. told the soldiers. "When you left Fort Ord, you didn't know where you were going and neither did your families. You've done some good things down there and you're a better trained force for it."

Many of the returning infantrymen expressed disappointment Monday night that they had not gone into combat, others were just glad to be home.

Second Lt. Herb Riedel, 26, of Dayton, Ohio, said he was disappointed that he did not ge to see any action. "It's only human nature to want to do what you are trained for," he said.

First Lt. Paul Hoben, 24, of Alexandria, Va., who was returning home to his wife, a dog and a cat, said, "I was glad it was just training. It's nice to be home."

Earlier Monday at Fort Bragg, hundreds of parachutes blossomed under blue skies as about 800 members of the 82nd returned home. Paratroopers from the 1st Battalion, 504th Infantry Regiment parachuted in full battle gear to the cheers of about 5,000 people.

The drop went off smoothly and without serious injury, a base spokesman said. It is stndard procedure for the paratroopers to jump upon their return from an exercise.

Lt. Gen. John W. Foss, commander of Fort Bragg, and 82nd commander Carl W. Steiner were on hand to greet the paratroopers. Foss called the airborne presence in Honduras a success and suggested it was a factor in a cease-fire signed between the Contras and Nicaragua.

Foss said 12 days before the U.S. soldiers were sent in, there were no prospects of a cease-fire. Now there is a cease-fire and talk of a peace treaty and the Sandinistas are out of Nicaragua, he said.

The Contras and the Nicaraguan government signed a cease-fire agreement Wednesday and are negotiating for a permanent end to the war.

Army officials said about 800 men of the regiment's 2nd Battalion will begin returning home Wednesday in an operation that will extend through Friday.

At Palmerola Air Base in Honduras, many of the departing soldiers said Monday they were happy to leave the tropical heat and tedium of their brief stay. They boarded the C-141s whistling, cheering and screaming "Home sweet home, here I come."

The soldiers ended training assignments Saturday and flew to Palmerola, 35 miles northwest of Tegucigalpa, for their flights home.

"We came here to protect Honduras and Contra aid. We're here to help the Contras — the little people. We're ready at any time," Pfc. Anthony Gomez said.

Other soldiers said they are glad to leave the desperate poverty of the poorest nation in Central America.

"I don't want to come back here — there's too much poverty," said Spec. 4 Judson Garrett, 22, of Diamond Bar, Calif. "I think if all the people who are protesting back in the states about our being here would really protest if they came down here and saw how people live."

The 3,500 National Guard, Army and Air Force personnel who were stationed in Honduras before President Reagan deployed the extra troops in a show of force will remain in the country.

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