MORE COMMUNITY LIVING

Black professor traces roots back, to Revolutionary war era patriots

By Gloria Howe
AFRO Correspondent

A Morgan State University professor of History is an indirect descendant of two signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Dr. Henry S. Robinson of Washington, D.C., has been teaching Afro-American History at Morgan since September of 1969.

"It's ironic that I'm teaching the history of my own ancestors. I'm proud of the connection, because my relatives were achievers, and I have achieved, through their accomplishments," Robinson said.

Robinson is a descendant of Revolutary War-era patriots Elbridge Gerry and William Whipple.

Gerry, born in Marblehead, Mass. in 1744, was a member of the Continental Congress, vice president under President James Madison from 1813-1814, and governor of Massachusetts.

He was the man responsible for passing a bill for the illegal division of voting districts, a practice now called gerrymandering.

Whipple, born in Kittery, Me. in 1730, served as a New Hampshire delegate to the Provincial Congress in 1775, and in the Continental Congress in 1775-1776.

He also served as a brigadier general in the Revolutionary War in 1778, and was an associate justice of the Supreme Court in 1782.

For two decades, Robinson has been a member of the Afro - American (history) Geneological Society, and much of his findings can be attributed to certified geneologists.

As a child, Robinson recalls listening to his grandmother, Jane Badger Harris, tell stories of their ancestry. He realized that many of his relatives were descendants of the founding fathers.

He also discovered that his descendants who were slaves, were treated well and were trained as dentists by their masters.

"I have travelled extensively around the world to Asia, Africa, and London, and as a third world citizen, I communicate with all social creeds," he said. "Therefore I am not ashamed of my heritage."

"My father was a Piscataway Indian of southern Maryland, and I even have Japanese relatives," Robinson said.

"I was a little hesitant to publish this information because I know there are those who look to blacks as attention-seekers and social esteem climbers, and for those who believe this, get lost!" Robinson said.

A graduate of Dartmouth College, Columbia University, M.A. (History) and the University of London Ph.D. (Russian History), Robinson has worked at the Library of Congress and has published several historical articles.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

By Frederick Scott

It seems that almost every day we read of remarkable advances being made in medicine. Smallpox has been eradicated from the earth; multiple organ transplants enable some individuals to survive for months and years.

Still, some physicians and other observers label these times as "dark ages" of medicine.

New devastating diseases such as AIDS and Alzheimer's seem to replace others that appear to have lessened in intensity or frequency; heart disease and cancer remain major causes of death despite billions of dollars and many years of research.

Casting a longer view over time, some observers have remarked that sanitation engineers, by providing for the removal of waste materials our bodies and communities generate, have contributed more to improving the health of people than all the highly proclaimed advances in medicine.

For the most part, medicine views disease as caused by some agent such as a germ or virus that, for no apparent reason, attacks one or more part of the body.

Sometimes, also for no apparent reason, the body seems to attack itself. The single objective of the medical search for a cure of disease is almost always to find either a drug that kills the attacker or a vaccine that stimulates the body to produce a substance that will kill the attacker.

That approach to disease traces back to the work of Louis Pasteur, a French chemist who lived in the 19th century. Pasteur demonstrated the existence of microscopic-sized organisms called germs that he found associated with disease.

He convinced many of the scientists and physicians of the time that germs were the cause of disease and other biological events such as the fermentation of wine.

Another chemist, who was also a physician and a pharmacist, disagreed with Pasteur's interpretation of his observations. Antoine Bechamp, using a different microscopic technique and an extensive series of tests, argued that the germs Pasteur believed to be the cause of a disease were instead, the result of diseased conditions in the body.

Bechamp reported that even smaller organisms he chose to call "microzymas" or "little bodies" were always present in the body of other living and nonliving things.

These little bodies seemed to change into larger organisms that could be "good" or "bad" germs depending entirely on the condition of that portion of the body in which they existed.

When the conditions were poor such as when the tissue did not have the proper nutrients or was damaged beyond the repair capability present, the little bodies combined to form "bad" germs whose job it is to break down the damaged tissue into components that could be removed or reconstructed elsewhere in the body.

This activity and the loss of function accompanying the damage is what we see as disease, according to this interpretation.

If these "disease germs" are transmitted to other bodies and find similar signs of disease are likely to appear.

Other researchers have demonstrated important aspects of this view of disease. It has been shown that organisms taken from diseased bodies and grown in the presence of different materials change into different forms, returning through the cycle to the original form on the original material.

If the recycled organism is injected into an animal of the same species as originally drawn from, a disease of the same appearance as the original one accurs.

Cells taken from an organ in the body and grown in the presence of different materials will develop the characteristics of cells from healthy, diseased, or regenerating organs depending on the composition of those materials.

Those findings have been little publicized or so interpreted in the medical approach to disease.

Nevertheless, some physicians and other practitioners have developed other approaches to the treatment and repair of diseased conditions based on the principle that it is the environment which determines whether the "bad germs" or "good germs" are in the majority.

As a child, I wondered why an all powerful God would have created "bad" germs that kill people. Maybe they are a way of starting the healing process and we do not yet understand it.

Minister tells of L.A. gang terror

Rev. William Minson
Special to the AFRO

Cruising at 37,000 feet, en route, to speak at Baltimore's 1st Juneteenth Celebration (of the Emancipation Proclamation) from the streets of Los Angeles I thought about all the history that wouldn't be made by young people and others killed in the street violence associated with gangs.

The key which fits halting drug abuse, illiteracy, suicide and murder also fits the lock that will stop negative gang activity.

It is communication understanding communication.

As I spoke with the former gang members the common thread for their beginning involvement with gangs was needing something to belong to.

All these young men, from diversified backgrounds, communicated how the lack of someone understanding their need for involvement ultimately allowed them to slip into the den of gang activity.

As each one spoke you could hear the disgust with their decision to join and our decision not to offer them something else.

It is a look, I see with my sons and many of yours when I walk the streets of America or visit many schools throughout Baltimore.

It is a look we must not allow our young people to have, ever.

It's worst than apathy, confusion or hopelessness.

It's essence is one of anger, fear and despair which you feel more than hear. The feeling engulfs your total being.

What "WE", those of us tired of seeing children and innocent people die in senseless drive-by shootings and unwarranted murder, must do is instill in our young people an unending sense of hope for them to build a future upon.

Their success must begin today as ours continues or ends on the alternatives we offer this coming generation. There can be no more convenient copouts since we long ago expanded the generous supply so graciously given us by GOD.

Each of the gang members I met with felt good about themselves after finding something they could become committed to. A work that "awarded" them economically as well as satisfying their need for involvement.

We must immediately begin to increase everyone's awareness of opportunities of involvement and motivate them to pursue positive activity involvement.

A great positive activity for young people is volunteerism. Some volunteers, like myself, have even found careers as the result of becoming involved in some positive and gratifying experience.

Baltimore be thankful we don't have the Los Angeles gang reality to deal with. But also beware. Gangs exist everywhere. Their unification, intent and power are only felt when they wish to make a statement.

I wish to thank those who contributed to our YOUTH SPEAK OUT success at Walbrook High School May 20-22. Special thanks and GOD's blessings to our friend John Forsythe.

Witness rally draws 13,500

Well over 13,500 Jehovah's Witnesses assembled last week for the first of three consecutive conventions at the Capital Center in Landover.

A series of 120 district conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses, designed to attract approximately 1.3 million delegates, has been scheduled for the summer of 1988 in the United States and Bermuda.

Stanley Weigel, spokesman for the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, sponsor of the meetings, said the conventions would be conducted at 57 different sites in six languages.

Locally, Calvin F. Harris, manager of three conventions set for the Capital Centre said the four-day seminars would attract over 48,000 delegates from the Greater Washington and Baltimore Areas.

Harris said the theme of the convention is "Divine Justice" with attention to be directed at many of the serious problems confronting humanity, especially the alarmning breakdown of the family unit in modern society.

"History reveals the futility attached to seeking human remedies to problems that require divine solutions," he said. "The program will highlight the wisdom and work required to succeed in meeting the challenge of our times and help build strong spiritual values into the family structure."

An outstanding feature of the 1988 conventions will be the presence of hundreds of missionaries serving in the foreign fields to share in program parts.

"We will hear reports from throughout the world that will help us to see the situation worldwide and the progress being made by our ministerial activity in 210 lands," Harris said.

NAACP REGISTERS FANS—The popular rap group Run-DMC pose with volunteers of the Baltimore NAACP who held voter registrations at the group's concert in their city. Close to 350 Run-DMC fans signed up to vote at the NAACP voter registration booth.

Black memorial site approved

By Misty Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

Maurice Barboza's dream to have a memorial erected that would honor black Revolutionary War veterans became a reality this week following the approval of a site by the National Capital Memorial Commission.

The memorial will be located on the Mall at the Constitution Gardens, between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, and will honor over 5,000 soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War along with scores of runaway slaves and those who petitioned for freedom.

It feels great," said Barboza, hugging associates after the decision. The process has worked."

The memorial still must be formally approved by the Fine Arts Commission and National Capital Planning Commission before being signed by the Secretary of Interior. Further debate is expected to focus on design, not location.

This is not just a memorial for black people. It's a monument that transcends color," said Sen. Albert Gore, Jr., D.-Tenn., an original sponsor of legislation to establish the memorial, in urging commission members to approve the proposed site.

Commission members raised objections to the proposed maximum quarter-acre size of the memorial but voted 7-0 to approve the site after assurances that the final design will likely be much smaller.

The location was selected above 13 other proposed sites offered by the National Park Service.

There's so much extraordinary symbolism at this site," Barboza told the commission. We can't erase what happened 200 years ago, but certainly we can say that it was wrong."

Target date for the completion of the memorial is July 4, 1991. A design for the memorial will likely be reached by December, said Architect Marshall Purnell, head of the memorial design committee.

City students set to see 'the world'

By Jill P. Carter
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Rose A. McNeill, a kindergarten teacher at Hilton Elementary School (#21), thought school children needed more cultural exposure, so she started a cultural summer camp for kids.

On July 5, McNeill's program, The Children's Cultural Exploration Workshop, is expected to open for its second summer of travel and adventure for kids between the ages of 5 and 12.

"We hope to get at least 50 kids who are highly motivated," McNeil said. Presently, they have recruited approximately 30 kids.

McNeill rounded up three of her colleagues and the group began an enthusiastic marketing campaign, putting flyers everywhere.

McNeil recalled sending letters to principals at every city school. They advertised in libraries, community centers, and anywhere they thought kids and parents might look.

During the three-week program, students will travel throughout the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area to learn about and meet famous heroes and leaders — past and present.

Their search for cultural awareness will take them to the home of Frederick Douglass, a visit with Congressman Kweisi Mfume on Capitol Hill, a tour of the National Museum of African Art and a meeting with Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, just for starters.

McNeill hopes that by exposing the children to successful people, they will obtain a broader perspective about the realm of opportunities and possibilities.

The major thrust of the program will be writing. Students will write about their experiences daily, as well as writing thank you notes and cards.

For fun, they will picnic and party in Greenbriar State Park Their skills workshop will include computer writing, arts and crafts, sign language and cooking.

McNeill is trying to extend the program to continue in the fall on Saturdays.

They have already planned trips to Harpers Ferry, W. Va. and New York City.

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It's deadline day in:

Hiram Grand Lodge dispute

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Unless one of the parties involved files an appeal by today, the long standing dispute that has plagued a West Baltimore Masonic group for years may come to an end.

Judge John C. Byrnes is scheduled to sign a final order that will make money assessible to the Hiram Grand Lodge of the 1200block of Eutaw Street if no appeal is filed.

The Hiram Grand Lodge has been quarrelling with its auxiliary, Naomi Grand Chapter.

The group's bank account has been tied up because of the strife, and the appeal period expires today. Failure to appeal will be understood to mean that both sides accept a 34-page memorandum and order issued by Judge Byrnes last month, in an effort to settle the conflict.

"Both sides have acted in good faith," Judge Byrnes said Tuesday. "They were very cooperative in working this thing out amicably."

The goodwill of both parties will be closely watched as any appeal will signal the beginning of another legal battle. While the Hiram faction endorsed and complied with the order, it was uncertain whether the Naomi faction will appeal Judge Byrnes' order.

"The appeal period is still open," the attorney for the Naomi faction Walter I. Seif said Tuesday. "I know what they (the Naomi faction) are going to do, but they have not done it yet."

Jerome Allen Nicholas, Jr., attorney for the Hiram faction, said his clients were overjoyed by Judge Byrnes order, but he was suspicious of the motives of the other side. "If they appeal, I suspect Judge Byrnes will not sign the order."

The problems started in

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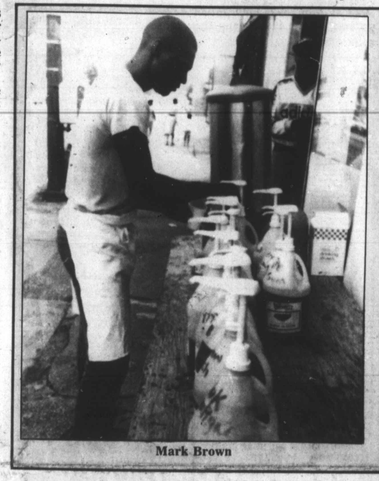

Mark Brown

Snowballs a must for summer

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

The city's on fire. The temperature has soared to 101 degrees, but Mark Brown is helping people keep cool. He is the perpetual snowball man.

Selling 13 flavors to over 150 folk a day, Mark takes an occasional slurp himself.

Pink champagne, Hawaiian punch, ice cherry, spearmint, strawberry, lemon . . . trouble deciding? There's one flavor called—Everything.

They come in small, medium, large, and extra-large to cover everyone's level of thirst.

Brown sets up early in the morning, outside his granddaddy's shop, Pete's, in the 4300 block of Park Heights Ave.

Baltimore has plenty of water to use. . .but!

By Alicia Benjamin
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The searing heat this summer has everyone on the east coast and many other parts of the country, reaching for thirst quenchers such as fruit juice, beer, sodas and water, the champion of the refreshing drinks.

But water, a natural resource, is a scarce commodity this season as one of the worst droughts in years hit the country.

Vegetable and fruit crops in the fertile Midwestern states are suffering due to the lack of rain in that region.

While in Baltimore city officials have not had to resort to requesting residents to halt outside water use. This is because Baltimore has a large reservoir system draw from, according to James Kaplin, Department of Public Works Information Officer.

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"Baltimore is in a unique position," said Kapplan. "Our water system was planned in case of possible bad times such as this," he added.

Baltimore is surrounded by three large reservoirs including the Loch Raven, Prettyboy and Liberty reservoirs.

"We're very lucky in Baltimore and areas served by Baltimore including Baltimore County and some of Howard and Anne Arundel counties, said Kapplan.

Public Works officials do not forsee serious water problems for the city and surrounding areas because even if the drought continues, they are able to draw from the Susquehanna River's water supply, said Kapplan.

"If we need it, we can open up the city pipes and bring the Susquehanna River water into one of the filtration plants and use that water supply,"

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Water restriction

At AFRO Presstime, Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Howard County had issued immediate restrictions on outdoor water use from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The restrictions means citizens will have to water grass, for example, after 11 p.m., said James Kapplan, Department of Public Works public information officer.

Kapplan said the city does not have a water shortage, but only a water distribution problem.

Daytime water use has caused a drop in pressure in places like hospitals, necessitating a limit on water use in the daytime outdoors, Kapplan said.

Youths need contraceptive accessibility

By Misty Brown
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The moral attitudes of drug store and convenience store clerks who frown on teen sexuality, contribute to the growing rate of teen pregnancy, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, a local survey found.

The Center for Population Options (CPO) Teen Council urges drug stores and convenience markets to improve contraceptive accesibility in its survey, "Recommendations Designed to Help Prevent Teen Pregnancy and Spread of AIDS."

The national non-profit

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Drug war nets street dealers in 4 busts

By Ejike Obineme
AFRO Staff Writer

In this election year, there has been a lot of talk about the war on drugs by office holders and seekers alike. In reality, the war is continuing. Just this week, there was evidence of the concerted push to "clean up the streets" here in Baltimore city.

In four different drug busts Wednesday, Baltimore City Police seized large quantities of heroin, cocaine, drug paraphernalia and a handgun and arrested many people including two juveniles.

In the 3600 block of West Belvedere, police arrested three people in a raid and recovered 75 bags of heroin, $1,584 in cash, packaging materials and hypodermic needles, police said.

Christopher Hayes, 19, Jerry Burnett, 42, and Danny Burnett, 30, were arrested.

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Eight people were arrested when the Eastern District police executed a search and seizure warrant in a private dwelling in the 2400 block of E. Chase Street.

Tammy Manokey, 22, Claudetta Manokey, 25, and Bryan Moore, 17 (but charg-

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New school superintendent is coming to town Monday

By Jill P. Carter
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Richard C. Hunter, the newly appointed superintendent of Baltimore City Public Schools is coming to Baltimore on Monday and Tuesday to meet with school board president, Meldon S. Hollis and become better acquainted wth the school system here.

Hunter had been vacationing in Hong Kong and Japan, when he received a phone call at his hotel room from Hollis announcing that the board had selected Hunter to head Baltimore's school system.

"I felt great," Hunter said. "I was hopeful. These situations are always difficult to predict."

Hunter was recently rejected for superintendencies in Washington, D.C. and Birmingham, AL.

Scheduled to take over the post Aug. 1, Hunter will also search for housing accommodations while he is here next week.

He plans to spend the next few weeks traveling between Baltimore and his current home in Durham, NC before bringing his wife, Margo, and 12-year old daughter to the city.

While Hunter is regarded as a man who will not hesitate to make staffing changes where necessary, he has no immediate plans to do so in Baltimore.

The Public Schools Administrators and Supervisors Association (PSASA) is involved in negotiations with the school board to try and remove at least four of the assistant superintendents to resigning superintendent, Alice G. Pinderhughes.

"I understand that there are some concerns from the

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CEBO

Business as usual

By Charles H. Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

CEBO Reassigned to New Agency

For days the survival of Baltimore's Council For Equal Business Opportunity has been shrouded in rumors. Actually, there has been a change in the monitoring agency.

Under a realignment of city services, the Council for Equal Business Opportunity (CEBO) will no longer be monitored by the Urban Services Agency (USA) but will instead be under the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Under the previous organization, Community Development Block Grants were awarded through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Baltimore's HCD.

HCD as the grantee would then award funds to the Urban Services Agency as the sub-grantee which would then supply the funding for CEBO, through CEBO's contract with the city.

As of June 30 CEBO's contract expired and Urban Services was replaced by HCD which will now supply CEBO directly.

"We do more economic development projects than the Urban Services Agency does," said Bill Toohey, HCD's public information officer. "So it seems to be more logical."

"It's just a change in sponsors," said William C. Davis, Urban Services Chief of Program Management. "With a new mayor there are new directions, new concerns. The

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