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school year was a very special occasion for Janicka "Nickie" Davis, granddaughter of Social Security Certification and Claims Manager Nancy Davis.

Nickie, who says she loves school, was the recipient of the "Most Improved Student" award. The award was given in recognition of the mathematics and reading skills she developed in her first year at Pimlico Elementary School. She also received several gifts including a prayer plaque and a fuzzy bear from her grandparents.

For the occasion the six year old Capricorn wore a two tiered white dress. Following the graduation program, four generations of relatives shared lunch at Duffs' restaurant located in the Westview Mall Shopping Center.

This summer, Nickie says she will attend a YMCA Reading Camp during the week and spend her weekends with her grandmother who is involved in several community out-reach programs. Her proud grandmother, Nancy Davis, has worked 21 years for the Social Security Administration. She is a Sunday School Teacher at the Reisterstown Baptist Church on Chestnut Hill Lane. She recently served on the search committee for the newly elected pastor, Rev. Larry Ross.

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## —2,000 Masons

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Church challenged the Masons to be a "Bridge over troubled waters."

"The streets of Baltimore are troubled waters," said he. "Crime, unemployment, drugs, school dropouts, youth pregnancy, and elderly poverty are troubling our waters. There are the troubled waters of hate and bigotry in South Africa," said Blackwell. "Masonic lodges must become bridges across these troubled waters or we no longer deserve to exist," said Blackwell.

The Good News Choir from St. Edwards Church astounded the audience with their stirring gospel renditions.

## —800 Attend AKA's

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seemed overjoyed to see each other.

And why were they all there in such a festive mood? To bask in the ambience of "Joi de vivre" of the annual spring dance hosted by the Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Greetings and a hearty welcome were extended by Chapter Basileus Heloise Frazier, and the dance committee, chaired by Deborah McCrimmon, was recognized. All sorors did, in harmony, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Hymn. The evening continued with folks flocking to the flaming dessert table, to the bar and to the dance floor.

Even when the band packed its instruments away at 1:30 a.m., many lingered to toe-tap to taped music. They just didn't seem to want to leave.

The gala event, which helps to refill the sorority's scholarship coffers, was lively as always—this year livelier than ever.

## —'Miss Talented Teen MD'

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runner - up and Tracy Hamlin, Miss Talented Teen MD '82, International Runner-up '82 and Miss Baltimore's Best '85.

Emcee Kweisi Mfume, who has served the pageant for many years in this capacity, received a gift from Mrs. Ross. There were roses presented Mrs. Ross from the contestants via Anita, and flowers from Mrs. Ross to her daughter, Rae, Mrs. Walden and Maggie Watkins, long-time supporters.

The pageant, attended by several hundred people, including parents and sponsors, was judged in three categories, Appearance, Personality and Achievement and Talent (most heavily weighted) by Pattie Berry, AFRO; Travis Winkey, Modeling studio owner; Dr. Walter Parrish, Executive Minister, American Baptist Churches, South USA; Dr. Edna Ruth Hill, Howard University Hospital and former International Talented Teen winner; Tracey Hamlin, Leroy Giles, professor, C. C. College; Phyllis Shelton, Community Affairs. Mgr., WJZ-TV; Celonia Walden, Chain, Trustee Board, Howard Community College, John Taylor, dance artist, choreographer and Jack Hazzard assistant to the Director of the International Pageant.

## Better trained worker expected

By Olive Vassell
AFRO Staff Writer

WASHINGTON D.C.—The nation's lawmakers can steal a look at America's future demographic problems, following the release of a report on job and population shifts and their potentially harmful effects.

As many as twenty million new workers—mostly minorities and women—will be added to the American workforce by the year 2000 and most of them will be in low-paying service jobs, a new report by the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) said.

According to the report, for every computer programmer hired, 13 new jobs for cashiers in the U.S. will be created.

And areas of the country face bigger problems than others because of dramatic demographic changes.

# RNC employee gets sacked after praising Jesse Jackson

### Kind words focus of EEOC complaint

By Olive Vassell
AFRO Staff Writer

A registered black Republican and former employee of the party's National Committee filed suit against the organization — charging racial discrimination and harassment — after leaders forced his dismissal when he spoke about "the positive things" presidential candidate Jesse Jackson was doing.

David W. Duarte, Jr. a computer programmer at the RNC for over three years claimed in a signed affidavit obtained by the AFRO that he was asked to resign or be fired by the organization last April because he was "a security threat to the RNC and because his work was inadequate".

Just two weeks earlier, Duarte had received a glowing recommendation by the Committee director's assistant describing the 26 year-old Duarte as "extremely conscientious and responsive to our every request."

"This whole thing came about after I made a remark about Jackson not being treated well by the press at an office party," Duarte said. "I cannot understand it, I have always been a Republican and am in no way a threat to the party."

The April 13 memo written by Committee director's assistant Pam Standard to Duarte's boss Thomas B. Hofeller, stated that 26-year-old Duarte was "extremely conscientious," and "his attitude had been constantly one of helpfulness and patience."

But following his dismissal on April 26, Hofeller informed personnel director, Elizabeth Holliman that Duarte had been asked to go because "his work performance was not up to par," and he had been "excessively critical of the GOP candidates and expressed his support of Democrat candidates."

Duarte — a former Army Sargent who joined the RNC as a computer programmer after his discharge — said the attitude of his superiors changed sharply after he complained about the enormous payments being deducted from his paycheck to cover medical insurance.

"I learned that this was an administrative error but was told not to press the issue any further", he said. "When I asked why I was told the reason was because I had no friends in the administration."

From there, Duarte said he was given an option of receiving two weeks severance pay with his "forced resignation" in an April 26 memo, adding that the promise of the money has not been met.

Duarte received another letter dated June 21, promising him the money only if he would "waive any further action or claims against the RNC with respect to your termination."

He is scheduled to appear at a wage compensation hearing July 13, and vowed to continue to "contest this resignation and the events that led to it."

GOP deputy chief counsel Michael Hess refused to comment on Duarte's allegations when contacted by the AFRO at 863-8636, stating only that the "RNC keeps confidential" any details of such incidents.

"After four years serving my country, I can't let them treat me like this," Duarte said. "Furthermore, the grievance panel set up to consider my termination consisted of all whites."

"I wasn't given a fair hearing," he said.

### TO RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Flossie Dedmond of Charm City Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the oldest Greek letter organization in the world for professional minority women, will bestow upon Dr. Flossie Dedmond its special National Award for Exceptional Service to Alpha Kappa Alpha and the community.

The award will be presented July 14 by Janet Jones Ballard, international president, at the AKA Boule in Los Angeles, CA at the Grand Awards Luncheon when several other national figures will be honored. Dr. Dedmond is a longtime national committee woman of the organization.

Dr. Flossie Dedmond

## Community Calendar

### Childbirth classes for pregnant teens

St. Agnes Hospital is offering Adolescent Preparation for Childbirth Classes for pregnant adolescents, 18 years and under, and their support persons. Classes are held Wednesdays, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the hospital's Alagia Auditorium. The next six series program will begin on July 13. Expectant mothers should plan to attend the classes during the last trimester of pregnancy. There is no charge for the classes.

The program offers a warm, supportive group atmosphere and provides important information regarding labor and delivery, the opportunity to practice breathing and relaxation techniques to use during labor, and newborn care and infant nutrition. Physician referrals are welcome. For more information or to register, call the St. Agnes Hospital Department of Hospital Education at 368-2195.

### Flea Market held

For all those persons who have yet to embark on spring cleaning there is an opportunity to sell your items at an upcoming Flea Market to be held on Sat., July 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Employees, friends and community of Liberty Medical Center will feature an array of new and slightly used garments, household items, crafts, antiques and much, much more! The event will be held on the main parking lot of the Hospital at 2600 Liberty Heights Ave.

# CAREER CORNER


**ACCOUNTANT**

Mid-August opening for Staff Accountant to be responsible for operation and maintenance of on-line computerized financial management system, internal auditing, federal grant financial reporting, and bank account reconciliations. Bachelor's in accounting and at least two years experience in financial recordkeeping and reporting required. Experience in higher education, with computerized accounting system, and operation of personal computers preferred. Full-time, year-round position. Starting range $25,000 to $29,000. Apply by July 29: Sheila Hobson, director of personnel services, ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Baltimore County, MD 21237.

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**ELECTRONICS INSTRUCTOR**

August 29 opening to coordinate electronics program and provide instruction in AC, DC, semiconductor, and digital electronics to an adult population at the Eastside Occupational Training Center in Baltimore County. Bachelor's in electronics, electrical engineering, or related field required. Master's and previous teaching experience in a competency based, open-entry, open-exit curriculum preferred. Full-time, 12-month position with starting range $25,000 to $29,000. Apply by July 29: Sheila Hobson, Personnel Director, ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Baltimore County, Maryland 21237.

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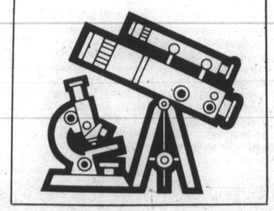

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## Wayland Baptist installs elevator

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd. recently celebrated the installation of its first elevator at a dedication service.

Taking part in the special service were several of the church's choirs which brought music suitable for the occasion.

Rev. Darneal F. Johnson, Jr. pastor of the church prayed a prayer of dedication.

The chairman of the elevator committee was Deacon Lawrence Campbell.

The plan to install an elevator at the historic church derived from the need to better service the elderly and disabled church members.

The elevator will also be used during funeral services to transport the casket from the ground level of the church to the second floor, where the sanctuary is located.

Also, a restroom was put in behind the elevator for the elderly and disabled.

Linwood J. Foster, Sr., co-chairman of the Trustee Board said the entire church has been under renovation since 1986.

"If you remodel and keep your building up, you will have money left over to help in missions for the needy and the poor," he said.

Foster said the renovation has been in phases.

Phase one was the renovation of the sanctuary. This included painting the walls and also putting down new red carpet from the entrance to the sanctuary including the pulpit.

The second phase of renovation included the installation of a fire alarm system and also updating the lighting system.

The church's renovation will not be complete until chair lifts from the gymnasium to the first floor level are installed, a restroom is put in on the first floor level of the education building, and the air condition system is updated.

The final stage of renovation will include remodeling of the classrooms in the education building and refurbishing of the outside of the building.

Foster said the church is paying for the renovation through pledges made by members. "We will not make an extra bill to complete renovation," he said.

(AFRO Photo by Paris Gray)

MAKE A JOYFUL NOICE—The Metropolitan Police Concert Choir was recently presented in song at Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd. Also taking part in the program was Calvary's Senior Choir. Pictured above is the Police choir and below is the church's choir.

## A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace
Church News Editor

"There is none like Thee, O Lord; Thou art great, and great is Thy name in might."

There is no other person, place, or thing that can be compared to the God we serve.

God is.

Oh, how wonderful it is just to know who He is. Oh, how marvelous it is just to know Him for yourself.

When we open up the Word of God and read the scriptures printed from Genesis to the Book of Revelations we are able to read of the goodness of the Lord . . . of His might and of His power.

For the Bible records that He is the Lord God strong in battle—He is the creator of the heavens and the earth. He is the God who brought the children of Israel out of the land of bondage and led them into the promised land.

The Bible records that He is the God that was with Daniel when He was in the den of lions. yes . . . our God is able to protect us from roaring lions.

He is the God who was with the three Hebrew boys when they were put in the fiery furnace.

He is the God of Abraham and Sarah . . . Isaac and Rebecca . . . Joseph and Rachel. And the Bible says He is the same God yesterday, today, and forevermore. God speaks and men live . . . He speaks and men die.

God is a very present help in the time of trouble . . . He is my strength when I'm weak . . . He is my joy and peace for today, and my hope for tomorrow.

God is the source of all my blessings.

It is He who is my Father and my friend.

When I am discouraged, I can go to Him. When I feel like I am all by myself, all I have to do is draw nigh unto Him. . . . For the Bible says He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

When I feel like I don't have a friend in the world, somehow I am reminded that Jesus is a kind and compassionate friend.

When the dearest on earth to me has gone on to rest in that eternal home, I am comforted to know that there is no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

But I'm so glad that not only do I know Him by the great things He did for the children of Israel, and for David and for Esther. But I'm glad that I know Him because of what He's done for me.

I'm glad that I can call on Him in the midnight hour. I'm glad that He is so real in my life.

For God is bigger than the words we use to explain who He is. God is greater than any victory or triumph He has allowed in your life. God is.

While God is great and mighty and powerful . . . a God to be feared and reverenced, I'm so glad that He is also a personal God. So personal that He desires a relationship with each and every one of us. This relationship is made possible through Jesus Christ.

For through acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Saviour, we can actually come to know God in the fullness of His power, and in the beauty of His holiness. God is. . . .

## First Abyssinia plans a 'Walk for Christ'

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

Witnessing for the Lord is the goal First Abyssinia, 2500 Arunah Ave. sets as it plans a Walk for Christ on Saturday, July 23, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The youth and young adult department of First Abyssinia, as well as youth from various other churches throughout the city will begin their walk at the church's site. They will journey up Edmondson Avenue to Poplar Grove. They will walk down Lafayette Avenue and then make a right onto Warwick Avenue, which will bring the sojourners for Christ back to the church.

But the walk will not be a silent one; for the youth and young adults will hand tracts out to persons they meet on the way, as well as other Christian literature.

They will also pass out pamphlets on the programs available at First Abyssinia.

Rev. Anthony Williams, the pastor, said the involvement of young people in the church is needed today. "The church serves as a well rounded resource towards building our youth in a time when so many young people seem to lack direction and purpose," he said.

The Walk for Christ is merely one reflection of the involvement of First Abyssinia's youth in the work of the church and the spreading of the gospel.

Rev. Anthony R. Williams

The youth department is divided into several committees.

These include the Christian Education Committee, the NAACP Committee, the Secular Education Committee, the Evangelistic and Missionary Committee, the Charisma Committee, and the Social Committee.

The Youth and Young Adult Department of the church is presently 30 strong.

Williams, 32, has been pastor at First Abyssinia for nearly two years.

Under his administration, the church has grown in number and in spirit.

The church service may be heard every Sunday at 10:30 p.m. on WJRO Radio, 1590 a.m.

First Abyssinia is actively involved in the Missionary Baptist Convention and Auxiliary in MD under the presidency of Rev. Olin P. Moyd.

"My goal is to build a deeper consciousness of God and Jesus Christ in the church and the community through worship, missions, and evangelism," Williams said.

He is married to Kathie Williams and they are the parents of thirteen year old Nakia Williams, who is a student at Arlington Baptist Christian School.

## Christian literature focus of newest book

By Pam Widgeon

After years of experience in leading religious seminars and workshops, Weptanoman W. Carter continues to respond to the need for more Christian literature.

"It has made me aware that people are hungering for literature that is readable, easy to understand, and biblical in content and theology," she said.

As a well known author and lecturer, Carter has written another book, entitled, Twenty-one Soulful and Spirit-Filled Messages.

"I have attempted to make my own contribution to this exploding desire for the Word of God in our times," said Carter.

Weptanomah W. Carter

Among the 21 chapters, she writes about Christian Women Building Bridges, Building a Solid Foundation, Seeking a Prescription for a Sin Sick World, and I Love Life.

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## Metro church briefs

### Family ensemble performs

The Pastor's Aid Society of First Charities Baptist Church proudly presents the McMillian Family in concert, Saturday, July 9, at 8 p.m.

The church is located at 615 N. Aisquith Street — corner of Gay and Aisquith Sts. Admission is free. Bring your own Bible.

The concert is sponsored by Prince A. Kearney, pastor, and Acquinetta Walker, president.

### Seniors celebrate

Israel Baptist Church is holding Senior Citizen's Day, Sunday, July 10, at 11 a.m. The location is 1220 N. Chester St. All are invited to attend.

### Vacation Bible School opens

Be "CHAMPIONS FOR JESUS." Ages nursery to adult are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Fountain Baptist Church, 1215 E. Monument Street. Sessions will be held each evening from 6 p.m.-8 p.m., July 11 thru July 22.

Enjoy ten days of Scripture discovery lessons, singing, craft projects and other creative activities. Mrs. Rosa Fields is VBS directress and Rev. Herman Ford is pastor.

### French Organist Performs

Young prizewinning French organist NICOLAS PIEN will be presented in concert at Grace United Methodist Church, Charles and Northern Parkway, on Tuesday Evening, July 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Open to the public without charge M. Pien will present a program of varied works.

In 1986, M. Pien was unanimously awarded the First Prize of Excellence in Organ Performance at the National Conservatory, Paris. He has been three-time award winner at the Rouen Conservatory and unanimously awarded First Prize in the Inter-Conservatory Competition. He has an active concert career in Europe and is currently organist of the Churches of St. Eloi and St. Patrick in Rouen.

The public is invited.

### Ray of Hope Celebrates

The Pastor's Aide of the Ray of Hope Baptist Church will celebrate its Annual Queen for a Day on Sunday, July 10. They will feature in concert the Singing Disciples at 4 p.m.

The church is located at 3000 Parkside Drive where the Reverend Dr. Charles M. Franklin, Sr., is the Pastor and Founder.