Artscape 88—the traffic patterns

The boundaries for the festival are North Avenue at Mt. Royal Avenue to the north;

Dolphin Street at Howard Street to the south; Maryland Avenue at Mt. Royal Avenue to the east. And Cathedral Street at Biddle Street to the west.

CLOSURES

MT. ROYAL AVENUE

Thursday, July 14th - 7:00 p.m. thru Monday, July 18th - 1:00 p.m. north and southbound from North Avenue to Maryland Avenue.

CATHEDRAL STREET

Friday, July 15th - 10:00 a.m. thru Monday, July 18th - 6:00 a.m. from Preston Street to Mt. Royal Avenue (access at Cathedral and Preston Streets for Meyerhoff garage only).

DOLPHIN STREET

Friday, July 15th - 10:00 a.m. thru Monday, July 18th - 1:00 p.m.

LAFAYETTE AVENUE/ LANVALE STREET

Friday, July 15th - 10:00 a.m. thru Monday, July 18th - 6:00 a.m. from John Street to Mt. Royal Avenue (local traffic only).

DETOURS

MT. ROYAL AVENUE

Southbound traffic will be detoured east on North Avenue then south on Maryland Avenue. Northbound traffic will be detoured along Charles Street and North Avenue.

CATHEDRAL STREET

Northbound traffic will be detoured to Howard Street from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

PRESTON STREET

Westbound traffic will be detoured south on Cathedral Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

Through traffic should use alternate routes to minimize delay. Motorists traveling in the vicinity of ARTSCAPE '88 are urged to exercise caution and drive friendly.

SPECIAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS

"NO PARKING ANYTIME CARS TOWED AWAY" will be in effect for the duration of ARTSCAPE '88 on the following streets:

MARYLAND AVENUE — (westside) North Avenue to Mt. Royal Avenue

CHARLES STREET — (eastside) Biddle Street to North Avenue

Parking restrictions will be enforced.

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Summer fun for kids at City Camps

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

For the past twenty-one years, Paisley Graham has spent his summers overseeing hundreds of inner city kids. He runs the Murphy Home Big Eight Fun Camp and enjoys what he does.

Under his leadership, kids from five to twelve learn dance, arts & crafts, volleyball, track & field, ice skating, and other recreational activities requiring skill and discipline.

This year, camp opened the last week of June and closes Aug. 12. For $5, Graham and his assistants entertain fifty-five kids a day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and oftentimes beyond. The center stays open until 8 p.m. providing fun for all ages.

At 57, Graham says his work is fulfilling and he has never desired to do anything else.

"I enjoy this and I see no reason to ever retire," he said. "I'm accustomed to the noice and I treat all kids the same." Graham says his understanding of kids is so acute that he can often get them to do things their parents are unable to command.

He regards his camp as a place where all kids can come and feel comfortable and protected.

"I treat all kids the same all the time," Graham said. "I never make fun of them or joke with them, I keep my arms open."

The program, funded by the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks, also offers a breakfast and lunch programs and weekly camping trips to Patapsco State Park.

Included in the price, children also receive camp t-shirts, "so that no one will feel uncomfortable if he doesn't have a shirt," according to Graham.

The evening program offer karate classes, softball; and other indoor games. Many of the activities take place next door at George P. Murphy Elementary School (#30).

Graham says the camp has historical and sentimental value because it has seen generations of families grow up.

"What I really do like about this camp is that many of the kids today had parents who were campers," he said. "Just about everybody who works here as a recreation leader attended camp here."

Y camp

It cost a little more, but Maurice Horsey, camp director at the YMCA says "it's worth it." "We're the cheapest guy in town as far as camp and what you get out of it," Horsey said.

The YMCA, located at 1609 Druid Hill Avenue, has provided a day camp for children for 102 years. It is the only one in the city.

Offering what Horsey calls "a world of fun and activity," the daily activities include swim lessons, sports and games, theatre arts, nature lessons, crafts and music.

Managing 115 kids a day is challenging, but the camp director said he still has room for 25 more.

"I enjoy seeing the interaction between the kids and also the opportunity I get to meet and deal with all kinds of people," Horsey said.

Although Horsey also says he loves the kids, he does not have to bear the burden by himself. Ten college students and graduates have come to his aid as camp counselors.

One of the things that may distinguish the Y camp from some others is the extended hours programs. Regular camp hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but there are planned activities for those who need more time between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. In the morning, kids can come early for breakfast and begin the day with stretching and flexing exercises. After 4 p.m., they can enjoy refreshments, watch films, read, listen to stories and engage in other quiet activities.

"We try to tone them down before their parents come," Horsey said.

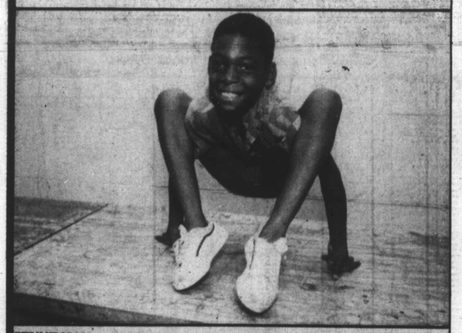
There is something for anyone between the ages of five and fifteen. The cost is $40 per week, and there are seven sessions.

"Financial assistance is available based on need," Horsey stressed. "the majority of campers has used financial assistance since day one. It's possible to get a maxium of 80 percent financial assistance."

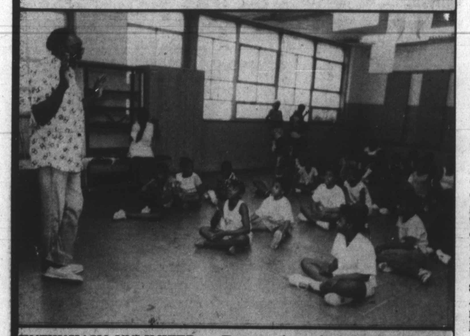
With seven more weeks of fun and adventure, camp ends Sept. 2.

Murphy Homes Big Eight Fun Camp

ALL ARMS EXTENDED — Paisley Graham leads his kids in calisthenics.



STUNT MAN — Antoine Williams entertains fellow campers while he practices flexibility.



ENTHUSIASM UNLIMITED — Even at the end of the day, Paisley Graham instructs Murphy Homes Big Eight Camp Kids with a smile on his face.

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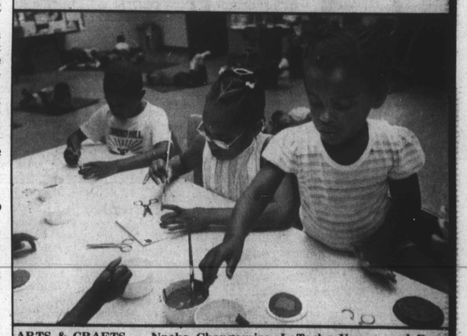
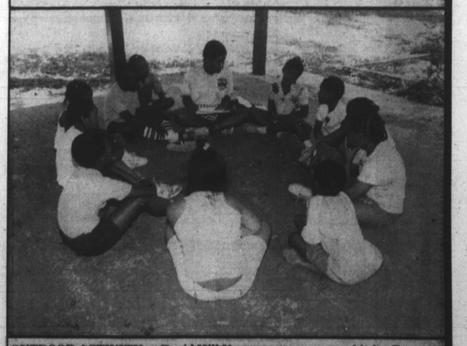
YMCA Day Camp



ARTS & CRAFTS — Nneka Changamire, LaTasha Young, and Deon Everett paint with brushes and fingers while their campmates snooze.

SPLASH BASH — Indoor swimming at the YMCA camp means fun and frolic for kids.

ALIVE BUT SLEEPING — Imani and Addidda Muleyyar take a mid-day nap after an eventful morning.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY — Druid Hill Y campers prepare a skit for Parent's Night.