COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Free films featured

Three short films for family viewing are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 3, at the Brooklyn Branch, 300 East Patapsco Avenue: "The Jumping Frog," "The Cat In The Hat," and "Charlie Brown Clears The Air."

"His Girl Friday," by far the best of the many screen adaptations of the Broadway play, "The Frout Page," with Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell playing the leads, will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 3, at the Central Library, 400 Cathedral Street.

Free. Details: 396-5494.

Swap shop planned for kids

Children 14 years of age and under are invited to participate in the City of Baltimore's Kids' Swap Shop Monday, August 1. The event, sponsored by the Department of Recreation and Parks Office of Adventures in Fun, will begin at 12 noon at the Broadway Market Square, located at the Foot of Broadway in the historic Fells Point district.

The purpose of the program is for children to trade any used item (for example, games, puzzles, toys) they no longer wish to keep. Each youngster may only bring one item (which must be in good condition) to be swapped. Children (brothers, sisters, etc.) and pets are not permitted to be swapped.

Healthy volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for participation in trials of a new AIDS vaccine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

The primary purpose of the trials is to determine whether the vaccine is safe. Healthy men and women, aged 18 to 60, are being asked to participate in the year-long study. Volunteers are not eligible if their blood test for AIDS is positive.

Those interested in participating in this study should call the University of Maryland Center for Vaccine Development at 328-8500.

GED classes offered

A high school diploma can be your ticket to a college degree or a better job. So check out the Community College of Baltimore's GED program. You'll receive unlimited instruction until you reach your goal. Classes begin July 11 at CCB's Harbor and Liberty Campuses. Call Lois Esterson at 396-0380.

Course in first aid offered

Central Maryland Red Cross will offer a course in First Aid on Sat., August 13 from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Dundalk Community Center, 10 Commerce Street. Anyone 13 or older may attend. The course fee is $16. Backed by 75 years of experience, Red Cross is the country's foremost authority in first aid instruction. First Aid courses teach students how to prevent accidents and give proper care in case of sudden illness, heart attack, or injury. Last year, 10,245 students received Red Cross certification in First Aid. For more information, call 467-9905.

Employee reunion planned

Employees of Provident Hospital are planning at the Forum, Friday, Aug. 5, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Call Ms. Bowden at 328-6497 or 488-8652.

Volunteers needed

Stella Maris, part of the Cardinal Shehan Center for the aging, is in need of volunteers to assist with the feeding of our elderly disabled residents.

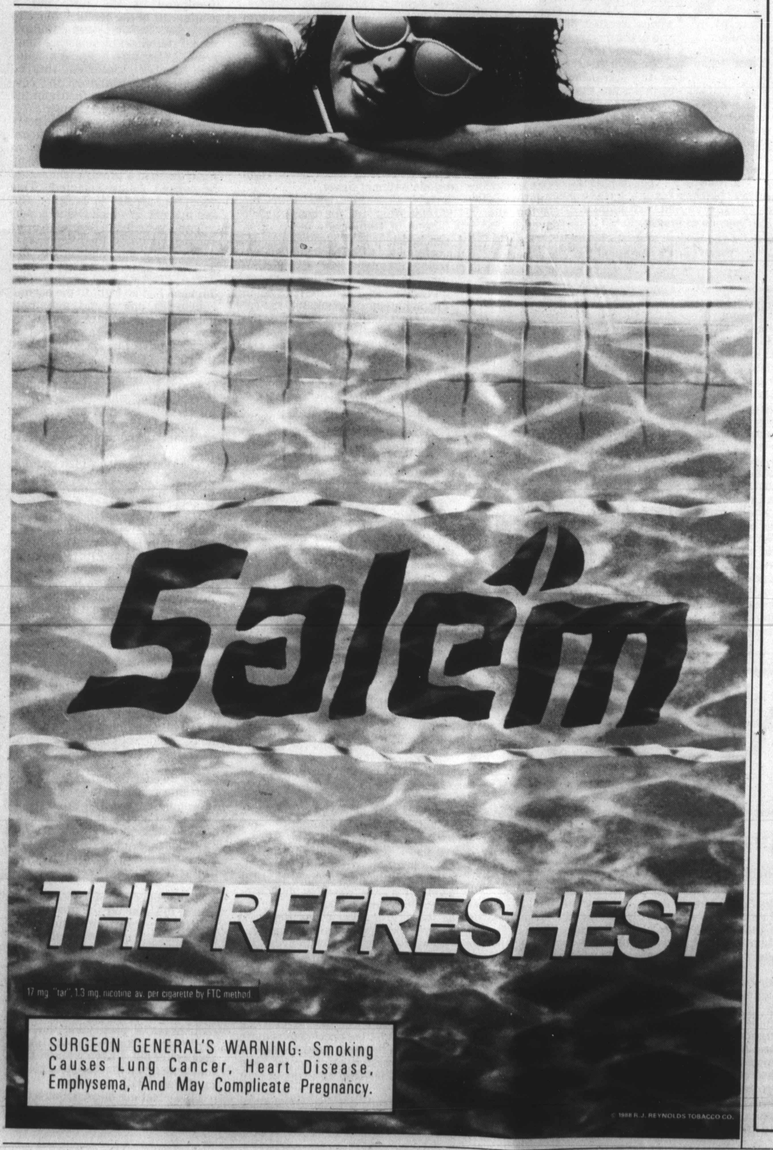
Volunteers may choose which meal they would like to help with. All interested persons, please contact Terri Dezell, volunteer coordinator, 252-4500 extension 254.

Films featured at Pratt

"Citizen Kane," Orson Welles' landmark production, will continue the American Film Classics series at the Central Library, 400 Cathedral Street, with a screening at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, July 28, the Pimlico Branch, 5001 Park Heights Avenue, will present "The Mannikin," a thriller adapted from a short story by Robert Bloch, and "The Black Cat," based on the tale by Edgar Allan Poe. This program will run approximately one hour.

Free. Details: 396-5494.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A:

Continuous Protective Service worker

By Marion Hebron

It's June 15th, a Wednesday, the week is half-way through, but my energy level feels Friday. Wednesday started off like any other day; up at 7:00 a.m.; goodbyes to the kids and off to work — destination Baltimore City Sexual Abuse Unit.

Driving into work that morning I could already feel the anxiety beginning to creep in, about what clients I needed to see, what deadlines I needed to meet, what cases I needed to complete and, most of all what crisis would erupt that needed to be attended to.

It's funny, but no matter how long I've worked in Protective Services I still feel that anxiousness. Some would call it the fear of the unexpected, that constant re-evaluation that you do surrounding your cases. Should I have removed the child? Did I assess the situation thoroughly? Could I have done more for the family?

And last, but not least, are my kids in my cases, safe, protected, at least for the night? I've often told many of my friends that Protective Services is an incredible job of responsibility and decision-making, but that it can, at times, feel overwhelming and very lonely.

I think back to those nights where I found myself sporting through the hysteria of a family whose child has been molested, trying to assess whether family members with whom to place the child are appropriated, and most of all, rejection by the family. It is then that the loneliness become very real.

When I arrive at work, the anxiousness is left behind and the adrenalin begins to flow, knowing that a young girl was waiting to talk with me about the molestation to her by a family member. After speaking with her and letting her know that she was safe and that I believe in her, we worked out a plan for her to live with her grandmother temporarily. As I left her, I felt her pain, and wished that I had more time to give to her, but my schedule was too heavy this day.

Part of the reactionary process of our job forces us to do a lot of re-scheduling with our clients. My morning interview with this child left my 10 a.m. appointment to be pushed up to 11 a.m., an appointment where I was to interview a three year-old child who had been molested in a day care center.

When I finally arrived, the family was very anxious and had already projected this anxiety on to the child, making the interviewing process lengthy and tedious for all.

I spent a lot of time diffusing the parents' anger toward the day care center, and tried to lessen some of the burden of responsibility they had placed on themselves. I tried to help them see my role more clearly and worked with them about the importance of not pressuring the child for more information about the abuse.

Driving back from this interview, realized much work was ahead of me in this case with numerous interviews having to be coordinated with the children and staff of the day care center in the next couple of days.

I had to quickly push this aside and began preparing myself for the next interview at 2 p.m., where a child had reportedly been molested by numerous abusers. Preparation for this interview was important, since this child had made a disclosure while in a pre-adoptive home and was very fearful that she was going to be removed.

The interview went well with this child, spending a great portion of time helping her to trust me and acknowledging to her that I respected her vulnerability and pain during the disclosure. Clearly, the abuse to this child had been over a long period of time, making me realize that before it was all revealed she would need a lot of support and therapy to help her through the process.

So often, the description of the abuse revealed to us by our kids is horrifying to hear, but can be put into perspective only when you realize that the disclosure is even more of a nightmare for the kids to have to re-live because of the pain and feelings of helplessness it brings to the surface.

After this interview I felt tired and drained so I decided to grab a sandwich and call home. This connection with home is important to me because a sense of stability is a very chaotic and unpredictable workplace.

For the last 12 weeks I have been running a crisis parent group in the Sexual Abuse Unit. It's a good break for me to help parents understand the abuse disclosed, the judicial system and ways for the family to heal. The group was satisfying tonight with good participation by all of the members.

It was not until 7:15 p.m. this evening, after the group had ended and I was on my way home, at last, that the next crisis arose. One of the therapists, working with my kids in one of my cases, came to me about a crisis that had just been disclosed to her in therapy.

One of my kids had revealed that she had been remolested by more than one adult in the last couple of days. I knew that this child's family was in the agency this evening to participate in counseling, so I needed to make a quick decision about the safety of this child in the home.

It was so hard to regenerate my energy for yet another crisis, but I knew that my intervention needed to be immediate for the protection of the child. After involving the police and speaking with both the child and the family, I decided to get an order of shelter care, so the child would come out of the home tonight and would need to be taken to the hospital for an exam.

For me, it was routine; but for the child it was terrifying. Our kids feel like they are being punished for revealing the truth and feel betrayed for confiding in their therapist with the end result being that she the victim, has to leave the most secure place she knows, her home.

We all as workers, try the best we know how to explain, in a child's language, why we feel their parents cannot protect them, but it never erases the anger and pain these children feel and cannot remove the scars of separation, for both the parents and the child.

After hours of time in the emergency room that night with this child, the bond between us grew closer and the feeling of anger and fear turned to fatigue. The child did well during the exam and the sense of relief after it was completed was felt by both the child and myself.

It's 3 a.m. and I am finally on my way home re-thinking the events of the day, wondering to myself, "why do I do what I do?" It'funny — the answers the same for me, — commitment to the rights of our children; my belief in future change; and, more importantly, knowing that there are more children out there needing to share their stories and to know that they are believed and will be protected.

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2 in XXIII?

(Special to the AFRO)

Remember all the pro football hype in January when Doug Williams became the first black quarterback to start a Super Bowl? What if there are two of them in Super Bowl XXIII?

With the pre-season just underway in the National Football League it's too early to flatly say that Williams' Washington Redskins can make the 1988 Super Bowl, but they would appear to have a better chance than any recent team to accomplish what hasn't been done since Pittsburgh repeated in 1978-79.

And Warren Moon's Houston Oilers would be my best long-shot guess of the team the American Football Conference might send against the Nationals to give it the victory Denver has botched badly in the last two showdowns.

True, Cleveland probably will field a better all-round squad than Houston's but the Oilers have grown tough, playing the spirited and rugged way the Los Angeles Raiders once did — and to the surprise of many, may be doing again this season.

A historic quarter

The Redskins pretty much kept a level head in the aftermath of a record-setting Super Bowl triumph. No one ever witnessed a second quarter of football such as Doug Williams led against Denver enroute to a come-from-behind 42-10 victory. Working on a gimpy left leg he threw for four TDs and 228 of his Super Bowl-record 340 yards in that memorable quarter.

Williams underwent surgery again on that left knee of his during the off-season, but he expects to be able to do his job. Should he miss any time the 'Skins have former Pro Bowler Jay Schroeder at the ready. Schroeder has had a penchant for running around behind his own line of scrimmage and flinging Hail Mary passes, but he can be a winner.

While the Redskins didn't blow away a lot of opponents on its way to the Super Bowl, this fall's team should have better kicking and a stronger defense; so, if the offensive line can hang tough, protect Williams and open holes for the runners, the Redskins do have a shot at repeating.

Big ninth game

For Houston, it's both the offensive and defensive lines that must be more effective. The Oilers' front office has been striving to draft and trade for the right talent. This could be the year they get it together. Improvement was obvious last season.

Moon, who five times led his Canadian team to Grey titles, not only has a fine stable of pass catchers led by flanker Ernest Givens and split end Drew Hill but his running backs could be explosive and deep with Mike Rozier, Alonzo Highsmith and Lorenzo White.

By the ninth game of the season, the start of the second half, it should be clearer how likely are the prospects of Williams and Moon dueling in Super Bowl XXIII.

As the schedule would have it, that ninth game on Oct. 30, puts Washington in Houston for a night game.

Each team could be 7-1 or 6-2 for what could be a preview of Super Bowl XXIII. If Washington goes in worse off than 6-2, the Redskins then would be in critical shape, facing Houston, New Orleans, Chicago, San Francisco and Cleveland in that order. Houston's toughest games after Washington will be its home and away struggles with Cleveland, the winner of their AFC Central Division title three years in a row.

No more novelty

It no longer is a novelty in the NFL, although it doesn't happen every Sunday, for two black quarterbacks to start against each other. With Randall Cunningham calling signals for the Philadelphia Eagles there likely will be at least four such face-offs in the regular season, more of course should the Raiders end up featuring Vince Evans in their bid to return to respectability.

As no sports expert I know has picked Washington and Houston for Super Bowl XXIII, if you don't care to wait around until January expecting to see Warren Moon go up against Doug Williams just to find out what the hype would be like, go on and check out their Oct. 30 rumble.

Moses J. Newson

Mike Tyson's pot split up

NEW YORK — Mike Tyson, his manager and trainer have received checks totaling $16.5 million from Tyson's purse in his fight against Michael Spinks June 27 in State Supreme Court, but the other issues of the heavyweight champion's lawsuit against manager Bill Cayton were unresolved.

Tyson received a check for $10 million, Cayton was paid $5 million and a $1.5 million check was written for trainer Kevin Rooney, who was absent from court.

Because of the lawsuit, the money had been held in escrow since Tyson's 91-second knockout of Spinks. Once the money was released, Cayton wrote all three checks.

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Tyson is suing to break the contract with his manager and to deny Cayton his share from the Spinks' bout. Under terms of his contract, Cayton is to receive one-third of Tyson's purse.

Judge David Edwards, Jr. Thursday rescheduled the hearing for Tuesday, but urged the sides to settle their differences out of court before then.

Still unresolved are the matters of what role Cayton will play in Tyson's future, and if Tyson will go ahead with a Sept. 3 bout against Frank Bruno in England in a deal negotiated by Cayton.

Edwards lifted a temporary restraining order to preventing Cayton from acting as Tyson's manager.

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Tyson and Cayton spent the day in meetings with their attorneys. Tyson was accompanied by his wife Robin Givens, mother-in-law Ruth Roper and advisor Donald Trump.

In the afternoon, the parties met together to resolve payment of the money from the Spinks' fights.

Cayton's attorney, Thomas Puccio, said he believes an amiable relationship between Cayton and Tyson can be saved.

If a settlement is reached, it is expected Cayton will take less than one-third of Tyson's future purses.

Puccio said "there is another 2 or 3 million dollars at most" to be divided from the Spinks fight. Cayton produced a letter from an independent accounting firm that placed his net worth at $6 million to prove he can return the check he received Thursday if he loses the lawsuit.

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In the suit, Tyson claims he signed a new contract Feb. 12 with Cayton and his former partner Jim Jacobs without legal counsel and ignorant of the fact Jacobs had a terminal illness. Jacobs died of leukemia March 23.

Under terms of that contract Cayton became the manager in the event of Jacobs' death. Cayton splits his share of Tyson's purses with Jacobs' widow Loraine, who was present at court Thursday. — UPI

NEW BATTLEGROUND for heavyweight champion Michael Tyson unfolded last week as he went to court in an effort to break contract with manager Bill Cayton. Tyson chats with lawyer Steven Mayes. At left is Loraine Jacobs, widow of Jim Jacobs, who was Tyson's co-manager. Behind the champ are his adviser, Donald Trump; Tyson's wife, Robin Givens and Givens' mother, Ruth Roper. The contract issue was not settled, but money from the Michael Spinks fight was split. — UPI Photo

WINNING BIG ONE — Lori McNeil of Houston, Texas, returned a shot during the $200,000 Virginia Slims of Newport Tournament in which she defeated Barbara Potter of Woodbury, Conn., 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 to win the tourney. — UPI Photo

Ashe sees minorities pacing tennis surge

By Martin Lader

NEW YORK — Arthur Ashe has a brash prediction.

Along with many others, he believes the United States inevitably will reclaim world supremacy in tennis. But, in his scenario, he sees the charge to the top being led by playrs from minority groups.

"I think in 10 years we will come close to dominating the sport in America," Ashe said, portraying his vision on the role of minorities. "In the next decade, 40 to 60 percent of the best-ranked players among juniors will come from minority groups."

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Ashe, the first black man to win the U.S. Open and Wimbledon, is confident the U.S. Tennis Association will be successful with an innovative new program to bring tennis to public parks and encourage more underprivileged youngsters to play tennis.

"This has got to succeed because there is no alternative," Ashe said. "America cannot regain superiority without minority players. If we don't go to the public parks we won't catch up to Sweden or Czechoslovakia.

"A lot of these new players will be minority because they'll be hungrier than the others and for them sports has a higher psychic reward than for other segments of the population. That's just a fact right now."

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Ashe said tennis presents "an interesting paradox from other sports we read about in America, where most of the minority athletes come from the underclass. Tennis is not that way. Most of the coming young black players come from the growing black middle class.

"Lori McNeil did not grow up poor. Her father played pro football. our first-ever National 16 and under champion, Martin Blackman, grew up in the Bronx but his father is governor of the Central Bank of Barbados. Chip Hooper's father is a surgeon. Katrina Adams' father is a school principal."

While a selected few middle class blacks have been successful, Ashe maintains the motivation of others from this group isn't strong enough to develop a champion.

"There is a very high correlation between hunger and desire and a lack of choice, a lack of alternatives in life," he explained. "You try a little harder if you know that if you don't make it here, you don't make it at all."

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For minority kids from the underclass, Ashe contends many are discouraged from tennis because of "cultural adjustment." An early interest in the sport can be turned off forever the first time a kid finds himself in a private club.

"It's a cultural shock for them," Ashe said. "You have to watch where you put your elbows, you have to be sure you eat with the right fork. Hey, they tell themselves, who needs all this. So they turn away from tennis and go back to baseball or basketball, where they're far more comfortable."

To help overcome this, Ashe and Althea Gibson, another former United States and Wimbledon champion, host an annual tournament that will attract some 600 youngsters July 25-31 at the USTA National Tennis Center, a public facilty which requires no cultural adjustment.

The Arthur Ashe-Althea Gibson Tennis Classic is sponsored by the Black Tennis and Sports Foundation, in conjunction for the first time this year with Kinney Shoes.

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The foundation provides scholarships for exceptional junior players to attend the Gary Johnson and Nick Bollettieri tennis academies, and there is also a program to train coaches, who then will go out to public parks and schools in various cities to work with youngsters.

Ashe said expenses for a promising youngster, including trips to tournaments, run between $10,000 and $15,000 a year.

"We can't help a lot of people with expenses like that," he said, "but those we have helped have done exceedingly well and done us proud."

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This is the 10th year of the tournament, and the third year Ashe and Gibson have been associated with it.

"We hope this will grow into a national open championship like the USLTA or Wimbledon," Gibson said, "and we can make it that way by developing the talent we know we have. If we can develop the talent we know is out there, we will have another champion at Wimbledon." UPI