— AFRAM Events

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7:45
Stage 1
Main Stage
Miki Howard

8:30
Stage 2
Sound Express
LeVert

8:45
Stage 2
Sound Express
LeVert

Sunday, August 7th

12:00
Stage 1
Main Stage
Gospel Group to be Announced

1:00
Stage 1
Main Stage
Gospel Group to be Announced

2:00
Stage 1
Main Stage
Gospel Group to be Announced

3:00
Stage 1
Main Stage
Peterson Singers

4:00
Stage 1
Main Stage
Free Spirit

4:30
Stage 1
Main Stage
VISA

Stage 3
Inside Festival Hall
Mild Tones

5:30
Stage 2
Sound Express
Panama

6:30
Stage 1
Main Stage
Guest Artist

7:30
Stage 2
Sound Express
Najee

8:30
Stage 1
Main Stage
Dianne Reeves

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concessions and merchandise sold at the Miller High Life Sound Express concert will be donated to the AFRAM Festival, an ethnic festival held annually in Baltimore since 1976.

The AFRAM Festival, will use the proceeds to develop the 1989 festival and to provide scholarships for local black high school students.

Three stages will be set up to accommodate a wide variety of regional and local entertainment. **Diane Reeves** will close out the festival at 8:30 p.m. Aug 7th.

Corporate sponsors of this year's festival are Miller Brewing Co., WMAR-TV, AT&T, Seven-up Bottling Co., V-103 Radio, WEBB Radio and Jacquin Co.

There is an admission fee to the festival; children under 8 years old, free when accompanied by adult.

For more information about the African American Ethnic Festival, call the Baltimore City Urban Services Agency at 396-6678.

Below is a listing of AFRAM Events:

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DINING OUT:

Obrycki's: SEAfood WITH A SMILE

By Penny S. Demps

"A crab provides little food, so he is not easy to eat. But the little he does offer is the best food under the sky. To eat crab you must work, which makes you appreciate him more. He is the blessing, the remembrance. And no man or woman ever ate enough."

An excerpt from "Chesapeake" by James Michener, Copyright 1973, Random House, Inc.

Well,I begto differ on a point or two. While it is true that the crab is one of the best foods under the sky, at Obrycki's you not only are more than able to eat your fill, but your work is diminished considerably due to the gracious size and meatiness of the crabs.

Located in the recently renovated Goodwill Industries building at 1727 E. Pratt St. in historic Fells Point, the unpretentious blue awning somehow seems to beckon both Baltimoreans and tourists alike (even Whoopi Goldberg!), with an invitation to "set a spell" and enjoy one of this city's most beloved seafood restaurants (quiet as it's kept) and all of its tasty treasures.

Hungry visitors are welcomed with a smile before an attractive, fully-stocked oak bar, specializing in draft, seasonal drinks and the one-n-only "Obrycki Rycki," served in a souvenir glass and made with creme de banana, creme de almond, rum and tropical fruit juices.

Our extremely polite and knowledgable waitress explained sadly that 1988 hasn't been a very good year for the Chesapeake Bay, so fresh crabs are not delivered daily from the Wye River, Virginia, South Carolina and Louisiana.

In all truthfulness, being well-acquainted with Obrycki's, as far as I was concerned, wherever they trapped the luscious, oversized critters was good enough for me.

Fresh, hard shell crabs steamed with an original blend of seasonings, can be had for prices ranging from $16 to app. $35, the latter being jumbo crabs which weigh nearly a pound a piece.

But wait, before you squawk and turn up your nose at the afore-mentioned price, let it be known that one dozen of jumbos is too much for two average diners and quite adequate for three.

For an unexpected taste treat, try dipping bowls of both vinegar and drawn butter.

Appetizers include savory crab soup, thick and creamy New England clam chowder, delicious deviled crab balls and spicy, steamed shrimp, daily specials noted at the door add to the list.

The ample entree menu contains their famous Backfin Crab Cakes, chock full of crab, held together with a just a touch of mayo, spice and binder.

Broiled Crabmeat and Shrimp Imperial (which is truly divine and shell-free), lightly broiled shrimp in garlic butter, and soft crabs sauteed in butter share the spotlight.

Fried dinners of shrimp, scallops, haddock along with lobster, flounder and steak complete the nautical love-affair. A house special, aptly named "Treasures of Seafood," combines 6 of the above delicacies (including crabcake and crab/shrimp imperial) plus fries and a tomato stuffed with cole slaw.

JUMBO JUBILEE—Two of the "big as they come" crabs are happily held aloft by Elizabeth V. Poole.

For smaller appetites, choose from the Light Fare list loaded with sandwiches, and salad platters.

Desserts deserve special mention. Along with the usual ice cream and sherbert, plunge into a light, fluff of lemon or chocolate mousse pie or mouth-watering cheesecake drenched in hot blueberry, hot cherry or hot fudge sauce.

However, for those with a sweet-tooth affliction, the "piece-de-resistance" is the Chocolate Chip Pie Supreme, a scrumptious mound of caramely-sweet, toll-house-cookie-like pie topped with vanilla ice cream, hot fudge, walnuts, whipped cream and a cherry.

The Eclair Supreme is basically the same, substituting baby creme-filled chocolate eclairs for the cookie pie. Yum, yum, yum, yum, yum.

Prices are moderately compeitive as seafood houses go, with imperials and lobsters topping the charts at $18 and up.

Our dinner for two included ½ dozen jumbo crabs (be forewarned, this size varies in price and disappears quickly), a Treasures of Seafood Platter, desserts and a coffee (and a doggie-bag) for $43.00 before tax and tip. A full wine list is also available upon request.

Service is pleasant and speedy with attentive servers well-versed in both menu and the history of Obrycki's.

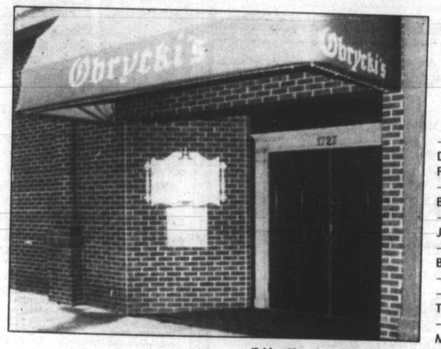
The atmosphere is attractive and modestly low-key compared to some eclectic surroundings visited in the past.

Decorated opaque windows and oak boards recovered from a monastery dating back 1927 add a classy touch.

Obrycki's regular hours are 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. M-F;,Sat. 4 p.m. - 11 p.m.; and 2 p.m. - 9:30 on Sunday. Weekends only, diners may choose to eat in the original Obrycki homestead on the corner at 1729 E. Pratt from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m., and you may call for current crab prices, 732-6399

Obrycki's Carry-out is located at 6313 Sherwood Rd., hosting steamed crabs and shrimp, crabmeat, soup and sometimes soft crabs, phone 377-8575.

Obrycki doesn't disappoint, so remember, tell them you read it in the AFRO!!



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Obrycki's located at 1727 E. Pratt St.

Recently Released Singles

— *A Nightmare On My Street,* D.J. Jazzy Jeff And The Fresh Prince (Jive)
— *Don't Worry Be Happy,* Bobby McFerrin (EMI-Manhattan)
— *Sendin' All My Love,* The Jets (MCA)
— *Let's Do It Again,* George Benson (Warner Brothers)
— *2 A.M.,* Teddy Pendergrass
— *Indestructible,* The Four Tops (Arista)
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