—Sigma house burned

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an effort to raise at least $20,000 to help the black group find new quarters, and university officials said an anonymous alumnus will back a $100,000 loan to Phi Beta Sigma if the fraternity wants to build another house.

Some administrators fretted over how the incident might tarnish the image of Ole Miss., which gained notoriety in 1962 when violence marred attempts to admit James Meredith as the university's first black student.

"Considering the history of some racial tension over the years, this certainly will have a negative impact," university spokesman Ed Meek said. "It's unfortunate because both black and white students, alumni and administrators have worked very hard in recent years to improve that image through mutually beneficial programs," Meek said.

The introduction of a black tenant to Fraternity Row, made last month at a state College Board meeting in Jackson, had been praised across Mississsippi. The College Board had approved a lease, but it had not been signed when the house, which was uninsured, burned, Meek said.

Meek said the house had been vacant for several years.

"If arson proves to be the cause, we are making it absolutely clear that such reprehensible acts will not be tolerated on our campus," Ole Miss. Chancellor Gerald Turner said. "The movement of our first black fraternity to fraternity row offers so much opportunity for growth."

—Carl Rowan

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proceedings.

But Sutton expressed concern over the perception of Rowan as the one who is in the wrong.

"Serious questions are raised about the U.S. Attorney's Office to drop trespassing charges against the two white teenagers," he said. "They were apprehended on the private property of Carl Rowan."

"If the situation were reversed and the property of a white public figure had been intruded upon, very likely there would have been a different attitude on the part of law enforcement officials and the news media," said Sutton.

Sutton, who heads the 12,000 member NBA, was in Washington to preside over the group's annual convention August 7-13.

C&P fights the 976 number

The C&P telephone Company of Maryland has begun implementation of changes that will give customers greater control over calls to recorded "adult" and "live" programs on the 976 exchanges.

All audiotex programs are provided by independent vendors who are solely responsible for their content.

In response to customer concerns about "adult" and live programs, C&P of Maryland has split its 976 services into two categories.

Recorded programs such as sports and financial information will continue to be offered by vendors on the 976 exchange.

"Adult" and live programs must be offered by vendors only on the new, three-digit dialing prefix — 915.

Calls to the new code will be automatically blocked until the telephone company receives proper, written authorization from the telephone subscriber. Once authorization is received, the line will be unblocked free of charge.

Blocking will continue to be available for all 976 services in Maryland.

In addition to the new prefix, customers' bills from C&P will have charges for audiotex programs on a separate page.

Also, calls to adult and live programs will not be completed from a Bell Atlantic public telephone or by a Bell Atlantic operator.

These new policies will not be effective at this time in suburban Maryland areas which have local calling to Washington, D.C. These policies have not yet been approved by the District of Columbia Public Service Commission.

Pending approval of a separate code by the District of Columbia P.S.C., Maryland suburban customers will be able to block 976 calls free of charge.

Fire study review panel is named

David Glenn, President of the Board of Fire Commissioners, announced today the creation of a "fire study review panel" to assist the consultant recently hired by the City to conduct a comprehensive study of Baltimore's fire protection system.

The Board of Estimates approved the Washington D.C. based consultant firm Public Technology, Inc. to carry out an in-depth study of the City's fire protection system.

The consultants will be assisted by a broad based, 14-member panel consisting of representatives from the community, the City Council, fire system personnel and the administration of Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke.

According to Commissioner Glenn, the role of the study panel is to work with the consultant, as necessary, to ensure that the City receives "the best possible product for use as a tool for future fire system planning."

Panel members will provide input, as appropriate, during the entire study process, as well as a review of the final product prior to its submission to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Commissioner Glenn will serve as the panel's chairman.

—Alan Keyes

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Republicans.

Keyes, a former assistant secretary of state, stepped in to save the party after Thomas L. Blair, a Montgomery County millionaire, withdrew his name from the nomination he had won in the March primary.

The theme of Keyes message seems to be, more power to the people and less to the government.

"The difference between me and Sarbanes is that he puts his faith in the government and I believe if you give people the opportunity, they are smart enough to (help themselves)," he stated.

He has built his campaign around the concept of freedom, an idea which he says has been taken for granted.

Keyes believes that freedom, if given to people, would solve such problems as poverty and drugs.

"Freedom means the maximum opportunity to make decisions and to control your own life so that you feel what you do makes a difference," he said.

"Without freedom you have no pride, without pride you have no motivation and without motivation you can't overcome obstacles," he added.

He said tenant management and tenant associations in government subsidized housing projects are steps to giving project residents freedom.

If a housing project is dirty, the lights are not working and a tenant feels they can get together with their neighbors to do something about it, then that is power, he said.

But if tenants of those housing projects feel that all they can do is complain to Housing Authority officials and wait over three weeks to find that nothing has been done, then they have no power, he said.

The two scenarios indicate the difference between being free and not being free, according to Keyes.

Keyes, who was born in New York, but with ties to Baltimore and Maryland, talks of bringing freedom and empowerment to the citizens of the state.

He, evidently, has more to discuss than racial themes, because as he said, he is an American and wants to speak about those issues which concern Americans.

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SECTION 8 WAITING LIST

The Howard County Section 8 Program is presently in the process of updating its Section 8 Waiting List. A letter has been sent to every hoisehold currently on the Waiting List requesting that the household respond within a 15-day period to indicate their continued interest in remaining on the Waiting List. If you are currently on the waiting list and have not received an update letter, you shoudl contact Samuel Tucker, Section 8 Coordinator, at 992-2141.

In addition to updating your continued interest in remaining on the Waiting List, the letter advises each household that a new federal regulation has been instituted effective July 13, 1988 requiring that each Public Housing Agency (PHA) serve persons on the waiting list most in need. A preference for housing assistance will be granted to households who can verify that they meet any one of the followjng criteria:

(1) They are living in substandard housing;
(2) They are displaced from their home as a result of fire, disaster, government action, or action by a private owner that could not be controlled or prevented by the household; this does not include eviction for cause. (Victims of actual or threatened domestic violence are also considerd as involuntarily displaced);
(3) They pay more than one-half of their gross income for rent (including the cost of utilities).

If a household qualifies for more than one federal preference, it does not mean that the household will be served prior to households on on the list that qualify for only a single federal preference.

PROJECT SELF SUFFICIENCY

Howard County has been awarded ten new Section 8 Vouchers in support of a Project Self Sufficiency Program in the county. The Self Sufficiency Program is a combined effort on the part of various county human service agencies to assist single heads of households to escape long-term dependency on public assistance. Participants in the program will be selected from a pool of applicants who meet the following criteria: (1) Single head of household; (2) AFDC recipient, (3) Not currently receiving housing assistance, (4) Howard County Resident, (5) Limited employment history, and (6) Limited educational and/or vocational training. The program is scheduled to begin in early September and any interested persons should contact Violet Wilkins, Department of Social Services, at 461-0334.

SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

The Section 8 Rental Assistance Program is administered utilizing the provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations and other regulations periodically issued by the U.S. Department of Housing And Urban Development (HUD). Within this framework there are several areas of operations which are left to the discretion of the local Public Housing Agency (PHA). These areas are further defined within the PHA's Administrative Plan. This plan may be periodically amended by the PHA by submitting the proposed changes to HUD, and the local governing board, which in this instance is the Howard County Housing and Community Development Board. Howard County's plan has been submitted for approval by these two bodies, and will be available for review at the various public libraries in the county. Further inquiries regarding the provisions of the Administrative Plan should be directed to Samuel Tucker, Section 8 Coordinator, at 992-2141 (TDD-992-2323).

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The Lady Maryland and the Girl Scouts team up

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The Lady Maryland Foundation and the Girl Scouts of Baltimore have united to embark upon their second annual educational excursions upon the schooner, Lady Maryland, and visits to Baltimore's historical museums.

This annaul event takes place in a project sail during the weeks of July 5-30.

Girl Scouts who participated in the program ranged from ages nine to 14 and were members of Troop 8090, Murphy Homes; Troop 1167, Lexington Terrace; Troops 1039 and 1305, Lafayette Courts.

These troops explored the history of Baltimore in the 1840's house, the Science Center, the Aquarium, the Radcliff Museum, the Maritime Museum, as well as taking daily sails aboard the Lady Maryland.

Each day was mapped out according to a weekly schedule which alloted each group of Girl Scouts time to experience which was introduced to them.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays offered the opportunities of leadership workshops, sails aboard the Lady Maryland, badge work, and visiting the educational centers in the Harbor area.

Thursdays and Saturdays consisted of visiting museums the groups had not visited already on the schedule, and an evening sale aboard the Lady Maryland, while Saturdays yielded a 6½ hour early morning to mid-afternoon said.

The Foundation and the Girl Scouts ended their week of exploration at the Berlane Farm 11230 Greenspring Road.

At first glance the eyes wander over horses grazing acres of lush green grass and a ranch house sitting placidly on the summit of an inclining landscape.

What actually unfolds is a house and its grounds, laden with scores of African art, ceremonial masks, and tools.

Lane Berke, the owner of Berlane farm, has been traveling to Africa since the 1950's. Her first visit to central Africa is attributed to the fact that she simply took a wrong turn.

Berke's intentions were to explore the Middle Eastern countries for archaeological interests. Due to the warring taking place at that time, Lane Berke and her family ended up traveling to Central Africa.

Succeeding that initial introduction to Africa, Lane Berke has traveled back to Africa numerous times and has observed over 2,200 cultures within its perimeters.

Thus over her thirty-six year residence at Berlane Farm Lane Berke has an outstanding collection of African objects accumulated from her numerous visits to Africa.

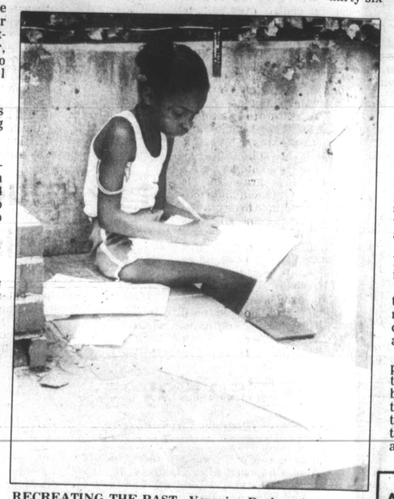
In addition two very knowledgable and talented African-Amercians, artist Hu Howell and S.O.U.L. School to chairperson Balogun Olugbala, accompanied the Girl Scouts to educate them on the history of African culture and African Maritime history.

In cooperation with the Lady Maryland Foundation program the Girl Scouts were shown the connection between what they learned at the farm and the Chesapeake Bay.

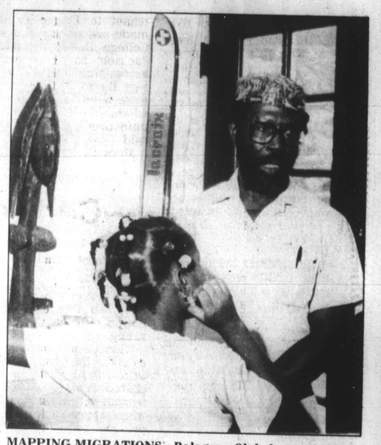
"The reason that Lady Maryland relates to this place is a riddle" said Lane Berke.

Berke paraphrased a quotation from President John Kennedy as an explanation of the connection between humans and the ocean.

According to Berke's interpretation of Kennedy's quotation it is an interesting biological fact that we have the same thing in our blood as the ocean. The same percentage of saline is in our blood as in the seas.



RECREATING THE PAST—Veronica Parker sketches her environmental scenes from the fable "The Elephant and the Tortoise," which was introduced to her by artist Hu Howell.



MAPPING MIGRATIONS—Balagoun Olubala, co-chairman of the S.O.U.L. School, retraces the paths of migrations of Africans as maritime sailors and navigators, as well as on slave ships.

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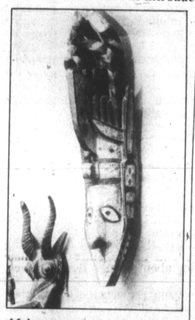
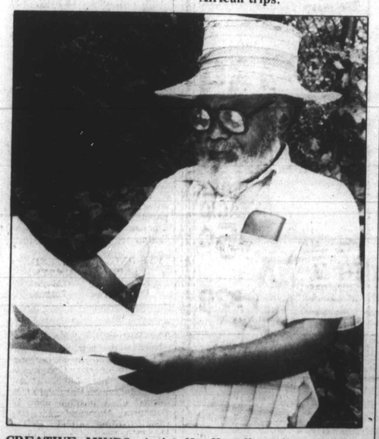
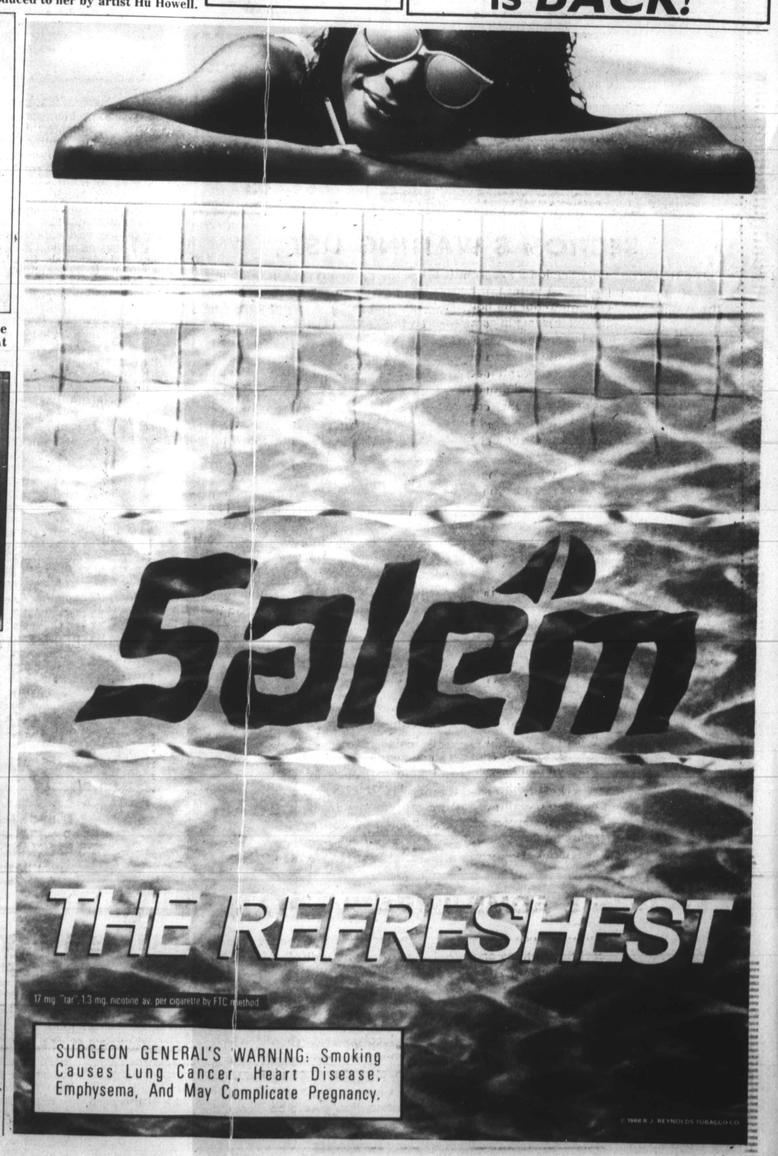


African art piece Lane Berke displays in her home at Berlane Farm.

One of the figurines collected on one of Lane Berke's African trips.



CREATIVE MINDS—Artist Hu Howell studies sketches created by the Girl Scouts as interpretations of African fables.

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