AT THE THEATRE. . .

The Arena Players are presenting Paul Osborn's comedy - drama "Mornings at Seven," a play about four sisters who hope to marry off their 40-year-old unmarried nephew.

Homer and Myrtle are about to be married after 12 years of courtship. Everyone is happy about it, that a wedding is finally going to result.

But alas, poor Myrtle may have to wait a little longer. Seems as though Carl, Homer's father, is having spells and is moving out of the house after 50 years of marriage.

If Carl goes, who is going to care for Ida, Homer's mother?

The play runs weekends at the Arena Playhouse, 801 McCulloh St., Baltimore, and will be in place through May 20.

Further information, 728-6500.

Annette Burston and Lloyd Bowser in a scene from the play, "Misty Blue."

Pam Sparks is Myrtle Brown

Louis Murray is Homer Bolton

'Misty Blue'

The premiere performance of "Misty Blue," a play written by Betty Glascoe, is set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 17, 18 and 19 at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Performances are in the UMBC Fine Arts Building in the Recital Hall, at 8 p.m. nightly.

A portion of the proceeds from the performance will help fund UMBC's Hunt Memorial Scholarship.

Ms. Glascoe is a resident of Columbia, Md., and serves as UMBC's Director of Career Development and Placement. She has written plays over the last 10 years, and completed "Misty Blue" in 1989.

This moving and thought provoking drama involves two young orphaned sisters, living in New York City, whose next door neighbor takes an interest in their upbringing.

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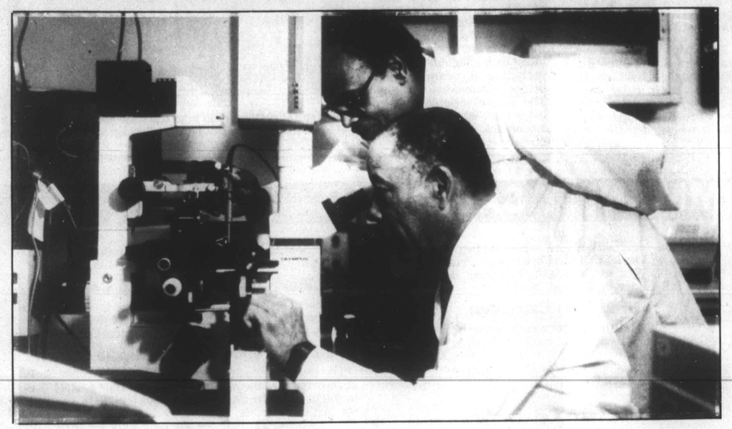

Photo by Marvin T. Jones

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH has been given a boost at Washington, DC Howard University with the development of new research faciliation program officials said. The new program received more than $300,000 from the institution for start up costs. Here, Dr. William Sadler (foreground), dean of HU's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, takes a close look at a research project with Dr. Winston Anderson, professor of zoology.

Telephone scam artists on the rise survey says

Buyers beware! The next time your phone rings, it may not be someone reaching out to touch you. Rather, it could be someone attempting to reach out and cheat you.

According to a survey done in 30 states by the State Government News of State Attorney General offices and Consumer Protection Divisions , "telecon artists are cheating consumers nationwide out of more than $10 billion a year."

Here are some of the things to watch out for:

*Beware of any offer that must be acted upon or purchased immediately. (In Maryland, companies selling merchandise over the phone are required to send written verification of the order to the consumer. The consumer must sign and return the verification before the company may charge the purchase.)

*Do not make any transactions over the phone.

*If you want to invest or purchase something from the solicitor, be sure to obtain the name of the company or organization represented and the person in charge, then check this information with your local Better Business Bureau. A legitimate company should be amiable to giving this information.

* Be wary of offers for free merchandise or prizes. You may end up paying handling fees greater than the value of the gift itself.

Telecon artists are likely to create a scam out of most any product or service such as vacations, home appliances and investments. Many often disguise their sales gimmicks as a poll or survey before they hit you with the high pressure sales pitch.

This hurts legitimate poll takers as well as legitimate telemarketers who may not be taken seriously by suspicious consumers. Unfortunately, as the legitimate telemarketing industry expands at an extraordinary pace (the Annual Guide to Telemarketing reported that in 1989, total sales of telemarketing firms were $201 billion, up from $170 billion in 1988) so too does the fraudulent telemarketing industry, according to the report.

Although some states have laws protecting consumers from telemarketing frauds, the interstate nature of telemarketing makes it difficult to prosecute impostors. And currently there is no federal legislation guarding the consumer. Thus, buyers must take the responsibility to protect themselves and, as with any consumer issue, that requires education.

If, however, you are victimized by a fraudulent telemarketer, contact your State Attorney General's Office. You should also contact the Federal Trade Commission at FTC, Telemarketing Fraud Project-Room 200, 6th & Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20580.

PACK YOUR BAGS
Conference Update

HEALTH CARE PROS

More than 200 minority health care professionals will attend the 5th Annual Educational Conference of the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) in New York City May 3-5.

The theme of the conference is "The 1990s: A Decade of Opportunity for Black Health Professionals." Workshops will include topics such as Black Women in Health Management; Skills for Survival: Ensuring Our Future Through Professional Growth: and Organ Transplantation Implications for the Black community.

Vivian W. Pinn-Wiggins, M.D., president of the National Medical Association will speak May 4.

REAL ESTATE CONGRESS

The 1990 World Real Estate Congress will be held at the Kahala Hilton, in Honolulu, Hawaii from May 6-9 the International Real Estate Institute announced. Topics for will include How to Present Estate Proposals to Japanese, Japanese Investment Trends in the Nineties, Exposing Properties to Pacific Rim Buyers, Resort Development and International Franchises.

For information call Matthew K. Owen, (602) 998-8022.

S.F.MARDI GRAS

Take part in Mardi Gras San Francisco style, when that city celebrates its 11th annual carnival May 25-27.

The festivities will kick off with a Salsa Ball on Friday,the 25th, with a street festival Saturday and Sunday, 26 & 27. For information call the Mission Economic Cultural Association (MECA) at 415-826-1401.

Health care pioneer honored with suffragist award

By Mildred O'Neill
Afro Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA — The prestigious Lucretia Mott Award will be presented to Byllye Y. Avery, founder and executive director of the National Black Women's Health Project in Atlanta, at the 13th annual award dinner May 29, at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel,Philadelphia.

The award will be presented by Women's Way, the nation's first and largest regional women's funding coalition, which annually pays tribute to 19th century suffragist Lucretia Mott, honoring in her name a contemporary woman who carries on her struggle for equal rights and justice.

BYLLYE AVERY

"Byllye Avery's commitment to defining and promoting the physical, mental and emotional health of Black women in this country exemplifies the commitment to improving women's lives that distinguished Lucretia Mott," said Women's Way President Lynn Yeakel in announcing the selection.

"Ms. Avery's experience as a women's health advocate identifies her as an expert on the theme of this year's dinner, 'Women's Health in the '90s' ", she said.

Ms. Avery founded the National Black Women's Health Project in 1981 in response to the growing number of physical and psychological health disorders affecting Black women. She recently received the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship for social contribution and the 1989 Essence Award for Community Service.

She co-founded the Gainsville, Women's Health Center in 1974 in Florida and later directed a health care program at Santa Fe Community College in the same town.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ACOG GET FIRST BLACK HEAD

Erza C. Davidson, Jr., MD, has been appointed president of the 28,000 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He is the first Black physician to hold the position. A graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Davidson has been a professor and chairman of the OB/GYN Department of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles, Ca. since 1971.

HARDWARE/ EQUIPMENT WAREHOUSES

Major Mills,Inc., a small general supply and hardware store owned and operated by its founders,Bill and Willa Riggs, now has two warehouse locations—one at the Melbourne Distribution Center in Lexington, Ky. and the other in Glenwood Industrial Park , Glenwood,Ill.

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WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE

In 1989 there were more than 12 million women of color in the U.S. labor force, according to statistics released by the National Commission on Working Women. Their racial breakdown is as follows: African American 6.8 million; Hispanic 3.7 million; Asian, American Indian and other 1.8 million.

Of these over half are African American and Hispanic women workers who were employed in clerical and service occupations. And African American women were unemployed at more than twice the rate of their White counterparts, according to the report.

HOUSE CALLS

Washington, DC physician Dr. Theodore Watkins and his associates have established a new service, primarily for senior citizens, called House Calls.

The system is designed for people unable to get to a doctor's office for medical care. Instead Dr. Watkins will come to their homes between the hours of 8a.m. and 8p.m. Tuesdays to Fridays. If however, immediate care is needed, the doctor will be there as soon as he/she can.

For appointments call (202) 726-2248.

UAI SIGNS DEAL

California-based United Africans International has signed a deal with a Florida based firm to promote its 'BasiCulture' membership plans.

The firm, Leo Landry & Associates, will promote independent contractor agreements with individuals throughout the country interested in obtaining state distributorships and community distributorships for UAI.

The organization promotes cultural, social and business interaction between persons of African origin.

JAZZ AWARD

The National Jazz Service Organization has received a $30,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation for their educational and public information activities.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Almost 87 per cent of the U.S. population had health insurance in the final quarter of 1988, according to newly released figures from the Commerce Department.

However, 28 percent of U.S. residents lacked health insurance for at least one month during the 28-month period ending May 1987, it said.

Thirty percent of men lack continuous health insurance during that period compared with 27 percent of women, because of higher level of Medicaid and Medicare coverage among women, the report said.

BLACK PROFESSIONAL SECRETARIES

The Black Professional Secretaries Association (BPSA) will hold its third annual National Conference at the Omni Hotel in Atlanta. GA. Aug. 9 to 12. The BPSA is a six-year old non-profit organization that offers personal and professional development and social interaction with primary goals in establishing job resource banks, workshops, and skills training.

For information, contact Arlecia Battle at (404)-991-2309.

IN APPRECIATION: George R. Lewis, vice president and treasurer, Philip Morris, Inc., accepts an Appreciation Award from the Black MBA Association, University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business. The presentation was made following his recent keynote speech to the DuSable Business Conference. From (left to right) are Karen Mitchell, conference vice chair, Leslie Brown-Franklin, conference chair.