—Oak St.

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residents in the Charles Village/ Remington area where the church is located, approved of the church's property purchase, there were a few businesses that voiced their concern about adding another non-tax paying, non-profit, organization to the community.

They saw the addition of another non-taxable group as an unwelcome burden to an area that has a large population of unemployed youth and non-profit groups. City Councilwoman, Jacqueline McLean says "This is an example of democracy at work, these residents will receive something worthwhile and productive for their tax money.This project will expand opportunities for the unemployed to find work."

The church plans to use the additional space for a daycare center and for teaching literacy classes, moves that many residents feel will enhance the quality of neighborhood life by removing two of the largest barriers to unemployment faced by black youth — child care for teen parents and a high illiteracy rate.

Rev. Vashti McKenzie, Pastor of Oak St. A.M.E., said, "Looking to expand, we made a bid when property in our area became available. Oak St. has been in this area for over ninety years, while others fled and changed their names we did not close our doors, we continued to keep our doors open."

Rev. McKenzie says, "All of our expansion plans were approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The plans went through the entire HCD financial review process which included their certified public accountants, consultants and other financial personnel."

The church plans to gut out the largest space in the first floor area of the ex-school and use it as a church sanctuary or worship area.

The second floor will contain classrooms,a recreation area and dining hall. The third floor will house a daycare center, outreach program and latchkey program that will provide supervision for schoolkids who must otherwise wait at home alone until their parents return from work.

The schoolyard will be used for recreational activities, special projects and to provide off street parking for the church's activities.

Rev. McKenzie says, "I would like to thank all of the many good people, organizations and private individuals who kept their faith and trust in us. Many of them wrote letters or helped us in other ways. Because of them we are now much closer to completing our mission.

"There were some who did not believe that we could be victorious over what they thought of as big corporations, but we were successful, with the help of God."

—Mammograms bill

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Sandy Esslinger, director of public education and information for the American Cancer Society-Baltimore Region, said there were 130,000 new cases of breast cancer reported in the U.S. in 1987 and one out of 10 women will develop breast cancer at one time in her life.

In 1987, 41,300 people died from breast cancer-41,000 women and 300 men.

"A mammogram is second to no other breast physical examination," said Dr. Leslie C. Griffin, a supporter of Del. Boston's bill. She is founder of the Metropolitan Imaging Center in Madison Park, which offers mammograms to women in the city.

And Esslinger agreed the mammogram is efficient.

"A mammogram can pick up something seven years earlier than what a finger can."

Dr. Griffin said mammograms, which use small amounts of radiation to detect lumps and masses early on can reduce breast cancer deaths, average $50 to $200. But the cost and misconceptions about mammograms (they are painful and harmful) are what turn many low-income women and black women away from undergoing the 20 to 30-minute exam.

The radiologist said breast cancer is rapidly increasing among black women.

The American Cancer Society reported 11,000 blacks, 100 of them men, were diagnosed with breast cancer in 1986. In 1983, there were 3,600 breast cancer deaths among blacks.

Dr. Griffin said although, the rate of breast cancer among white women is higher, the mortality rate among black women tends to be higher because black women are less likely to seek treatment than their white counterparts who have routine check-ups.

"The only way to beat breast cancer is to prevent it before it spreads throughout the body," the doctor said.

Esslinger said the American Cancer Society recommends women under 40 examine their breasts monthly, see a physician every three years and have a baseline (first) mammogram at 35-39.

Those 40 and over should see a doctor annually and have a mammogram every one to two years. Women 50 and over should visit a physician annually and have a mammogram done every year.

Experts have said breast X-rays could reduce breast cancer deaths for women over 50 by 30 percent.

Former First Lady, Nancy Reagan underwent a second mammography last year which found no cancer, after her left breast was removed earlier.

The bill has been assigned to the Environmental Matters Committee in the General Assembly.

—Easter Seal

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Child to date. Recently, she took over the offices of the AFRO.

Thus far, she has chatted with President George Bush at the White House. The pictures of herself and the president made the front pages of newspapers around the nation. Joy also visited with Jane Pauley and Bryant Gumbel at the, "Today," show.

She has also met Whitney Houston, Ray Charles and comedian Sinbad, who co-stars on the popular NBC sitcom, "A Different World," (Joy's favorite show).

Joy met with the cast of another hit sit-com, "Amen." "I love that show, meeting with them was like a family reunion," stated Joy. The producers of Amen were so taken by Joy, that they have decided to create an episode tailored just for her, where she will guest-star as herself.

Joy calmly explained how she secured her acting debut. "I guess they said, hey,this kid looks good!" The episode will be taped in March and will air in May.

Joy has Cerebral Palsy, she lacks motor skills in her arms and legs, however she will not allow her "disability" to inhibit her in any way. Her mother, Janet Hall has been extremely important in Joy developing her unshakeable confidence in her ability to do.

"When Joy was born, the doctors said that she would never walk, I knew she would walk in spite of what they said. I gave her therapy at home..." "And I did it," Joy interjects. "After you teach me something, it's a breeze."

Between her school, Johnnycake Elementary, and the Easter Seal summer camp she attends, Joy engages in several activities, including basketball, swimming and her current favorite activity, gymnastics. "I may not be able to do some of the moves, but you know what, half of the other kids can't either," said Joy.

Joy's duties as the National Easter Seal spokesperson commits her and her mother, who travels with her, to speaking engagements and appearances around the country.

Even with school and her ultra-hectic traveling schedule, Joy also manages to hold down a job. She works at the family business, Valet Formal Wear, at Mondawmin Mall, writing cleaning tickets and answering phones.

Despite all the activities, the perpetual motion and the inexhaustble energy and talent that Joy dispays, she still runs into people who want to feel sorry for her and who have misconceptions about her condition.

Someone even assumed that she may not be into rap music because she has Cerebral Palsy; we mentioned "Salt-n-Pepa," to her and she literally jumped out of her chair. Her mother restrained her.

"The only way you can change people's opinions about people with disabilities is just by showing them," stated Joy. Careful exposure, as opposed to sheltering has been essential to the developement of her positive attitude.

What's on tap next for Joy? In April she will attend a Congressional reception where she will encourage Congress to keep passing legislation to aid individuals with disabilities.

She will be at the National Easter Seal Telethon, as well as the local telethon here in Baltimore, she's scheduled to meet Arsenio Hall. Joy: "Yessss!" She hopes very much to meet Bill Cosby; when you mention Cosby to her, she's ready to jump out of her chair again, but restraint prevails this time.

Joy's mother Janet has began the search for an agent for her super-talented daughter. When her reign as Easter Seal Child ends in November, she will be very much in need of an agent, because this young lady has major plans for the future. She'd love to attend an all-black college, like fictitious Hillman College on "A Different World."

She's also interested in acting or being a news anchor or a singer, or possibly all three? "Why not, they're all about the same," says Joy. Why not indeed.

—Wayland minister

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query to the trustees.

John Wells, chairman of the trustee board, told the AFRO that Rev. Darneal F. Johnson had resigned for personal reasons.

The AFRO learned that the resignation came during a joint board of trustees meeting about two weeks ago, after a lengthy investigation of an alleged mishandling of entrusted funds.

Guest preachers will be conducting services at the church in the 3200 block Garrison Blvd., until a replacement is called to the pastorate.

Wayland Baptist, which was established in the spring of 1910, has had only four pastors since its beginning: Rev. Willis J. Winston, 1910-1914;

Rev. Elijah H. Reynolds, 1943-1946, and Rev. William W. Payne, 1947-1970, at which point Rev. Johnson answered the call to the pastorate.

—Fundraiser planned

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remember them after they have lost the election? Yes if one of those friends is parking lot Czar, Allen Quille, and you are the heavily indebted ex-Mayor, Clarence "Du" Burns.

Allen Quille is the chairman of the March 6, fundraiser that will be held at Martins West and sponsored by, The Concerned Citizens For Du Burns, a group that also includes Willie Adams and Glen McClain.

Quille says, "First we had to approach 'Du' about the idea of holding a fundraiser for him. He is a proud man and would not ask for money so I made sure that I came to him for his O.K.

"He was surprised at the amount of people who wanted to contribute and the fact that a lot of his friends have not forgotten him.One of those friends is Governor William Donald Schaefer, who will be in attendance at Martins West."

Quille says "We expect the Governor to say a few words, but there is no structured program as such. Most of the time that anyone will have something to say will be set aside for 'Du' to thank those who have offered their support to him."

The Ex-Mayor owes a substantial debt of between $50,000 and $80,000 to his creditors. There is some disagreement as to the exact figure. 'Du' Burns quotes the higher figure and campaign records total the lower figure.

"Most of the debt is due to a collection of printers, caterers, and businesspersons who supported 'Du' ". The creditors are also personally acquainted with 'Du' in most cases, and know that he is honest and sincere about returning their money to them, but right now he does not have that kind of money," says Quille.

"The Martins West affair will cost each ticketholder $250,this will not begin to eradicate the large debt but it will go a long way towards decreasing that debt," says Quille.

The proceeds of the affair will be turned over to Du Burns to be distributed as he wishes. State law requires candidates to list campaign contributions, ways in which they are used and any debts left over from campaigns.

Concerned Citizens for Du Burns is not an official campaign committee therefore it does not have to disclose the uses of any monies collected by the March 6, fundraiser.

Quille says, "It is a political reality of the twentieth century that those who want to run for office must have a large war chest. The question is, how many of those who were ready to prosper through 'Du' Burns' attaining the Mayor's office will help him now that he has lost the election and needs their help? I hope they support the fundraiser."

—Rev. Walter Thomas

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success.

Although there has been no official word given as to the nature of the illness, the entire religious community is praying for his complete recovery.

"Praises be to our God," Rev. A. C. D. Vaughn reported. He continued: "He is doing fine, and is expected to return to his pulpit shortly. Please pray for him and remember, rest is the order of the day."

—Woody Shaw

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alive—we're very thankful for that," said alto saxophonist Bobby Watson, who shared the bandstand with Shaw during their years as sidemen with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers.

Shaw, 44, whose vision has been deteriorating for years, fell down a stairwell and onto the tracks at Brooklyn's Dekalb Avenue subway station Monday, where he was struck by a train, officials said.

Surgeons at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan were unable to reattach Shaw's left arm, which had been nearly severed above the elbow. The musician and composer is in stable condition, hospital administrator Wes Anglin said.

Watson said jazz musicians around the country have begun organizing a concert to benefit Shaw, whose deteriorating health forced him to return last fall to his parents' home in Newark, N.J., from the European jazz circuit.

"I know Freddie Hubbard and some others are planning to do a benfit for him," Watson said. "I hope he can recover. He's a phenomenal musician."

Details of the benefit were still being worked out.

Watson said he was relieved to learn it was Shaw's left arm that was severed, because Shaw fingers the instrument's keys with his right hand.

The saxophonist also said he has been amazed in recent years that Shaw's failing vision had not impaired the trumpeter's ability to play.

—Asbestos

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pletes their job, the next issue will be restoring the building to a usable state, which will mean that a restoration contract will have to be awarded to another company whose specialty is restoration work," said Holden.

"The contractor who agrees to do the restoration work will sign a contract stipulating that the job of restoring the school to its former state will be completed by May of 1990. that will complete the second and final phase of the work," says Holden.

Before falling ill, Shaw had been living in Bern, Switzerland, and in Amsterdam, teaching at several jazz schools and touring with various jazz bands in Europe, most recently the Paris Reunion Band last summer.

Woody Herman Shaw was born on Christmas Eve, 1944, in Laurinburg, N.C., and has one son.

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Notable News Notes

Parks lectures at UMBC

For Gordon Parks, his books became the Way he chose to fight poverty and bigotry. The books, he says, changed the lives of those who bought them and made them best sellers.

For Parks, his camera, which he had "... chosen as a tool of social consciousness ..." pushed him into areas he would not have been otherwise.

These, and hundreds of other observations were made to the two hundred guests who met him at a reception and heard him speak and show his new film "Moments Without Proper Names" on Tuesday evening, February 21.

Parks was the guest of the University of Maryland Baltimore County and his visit was the highlight of Black History Month.

Parks' new film is a nostalgic journey back to the place where he was born, tracing his life to the present; a film that includes the things he saw through the camera lens, and the music he wrote.

Rehab Kick-Off Celebration

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church and the Sandtown Winchester Improvement Association recently held a "Rehab Kick-Off Event" to celebrate the beginning of the renovation of several vacant houses for low income persons at the site of the buildings in the 1500 block of Gilmor Street. These houses will be completely rehabilitated.

Through special financing based on the buyer's income, a buyer with income as low as $12,000 a year may be able to buy a home with a monthly mortgage payment as little as $290 a month.

The rehab project represents the efforts of a number of groups and governmental agencies to eliminate vacant, blighting housing conditions and to provide housing for low income persons.

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, the City, State, and Federal governments, and non-profit housing developers-the Sandtown Winchester Association and St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center worked together to bring this project about.

Meyerhoff Scholarship

Forty young men converged on UMBC recently to compete for a prize 10 of them would receive.

These prospective freshmen, all applicants for the Meyerhoff Scholarship, had already been chosen over close to 150 other young men.

The scholarship was designed to attract black males to science and technology program that would lead to Ph.D. or Masters degrees.

The 40 finalists, picked after careful deliberation over applications, were invited to come and visit the university for orientation and interviews that will determine the 10 winners.

They arrived and stayed in the dorm rooms Friday night. A few scattered dorm parties and goings on gave these high school seniors a taste of college life.

"I thought that typical dorm scene was just in books . . . " said one applicant, "and I was only on one floor."

Rushed swiftly from their nervous sleep the next morning, the hopeful scholars were escorted to a slew of talks.

At mid-morning, the young men, dapperly dressed in various colorful sweaters and ties, were tapping pencils on the UMBC Questionnaire, thinking carefully over their answers.

Handed in and just as soon forgotten, the questionnaire was rustled off to some university office.

Nikki Giovanni takes permanent post

Nikki Giovanni, the poet who teaches her students to dream, to be flexible, but to use language precisely, has taken a permanent position at Virginia Tech.

Giovanni, who has been called the "poet laureate of black women and sensitive souls everywhere," came to Virginia Tech in 1987 to teach creative writing and literature for one school year. She decided to stay an extra year, and this week the department of English announced Giovanni has signed on permanently as a professor of English.

"To attract Nikki to a permanent position here has been my ambition since she came as Commonwealth Visiting Professor 18 months ago," said Hilbert H. Campbell, head of the department of English. "Naturally, I'm very happy that we have succeeded.

Leaders Program

Sharyn G. Myrick, affirmative action officer of Catonsville Community College, has been chosen to participate in the Leaders Program, an international leadership training program for women administrators in two-year colleges.

Designed to enhance the skills participants will need to assume decision making roles in two-year institutions, the program will include instruction and practice in supervisory and human relations skills.

It will also cover planning and budgeting, organizational transformation, and discussions with national experts on the issues confronting two-year colleges over the next fifteen years.

During the year-long program, participants will be paired with mentors at their colleges to work on projects that will aid their institutions and foster individual professional growth. Participants were chosen for their interest in leadership in two-year college administration and the quality of their proposed projects.

Home for abused neglected children

Last month the Jentry E. McDonald, Sr. Group Home, a home that is being developed for Abused and Neglected Children, held a Baltimore City Hall Reception that honored Mary Pat Clarke and other Council Members for their support for the home that is due to open in June, 1989.

The City has been instrumental in the purchase of a house on McCulloh Street as well as assisting in identifying grant funds for rehabilitation of the house.

A plaque was presented by Rev. Jentry McDonald, Sr. and his wife, Ms. Cassandra McDonald. The couple has been unrelenting in the last several years in bringing the problem of child abuse and neglect to the forefront.

They and their supporters have been working hard to bring the problem to the attention of the community and public officials. The problem of child abuse allegations has risen in Maryland in the past years, and the home will serve to alleviate consequent problems.

Howard University Alumni Assn.

Dr. R. Chester Redhead, a prominent New York City Dentist, has been elected president of the Howard University Alumni Assn. for a two-year term ending in 1990.

"A major objective," Dr. Redhead says, " is to persuade each of Howard's 40,000-plus alumni to give not less than $100 a year. Every year."

Howard people are scattered throughout the world, he notes, and adds, "Gifts from any and all of them — and other friends and supporters — are being asked. We'll convert checks, currency, and money orders from anyone to dollars for Howard students and programs."

Founded in 1867, Howard includes more than 12,000 students and 1900 faculty in 17 schools and colleges. All 50 states and 80 foreign countries are represented on campus.

A graduate of Howard's Colleges of Liberal Arts and Dentistry, Dr. Redhead has been an active, consistent, contributing supporter of University programs — particularly financial aid to young dental students — over more than three decades.

He was an Alumus of the Year in 1982, and served that same year as president of the First District Dental Society of New York, a component of the American Dental Assn.

This week in Black America

DANCE: "Tap", the new movie starring dance greats Gregory Hines and Sammy Davis, Jr. grossed more than $2.2 million during its opening weekend, film industry sources reported.

ART: The work of ten renown artists is currently being featured in celebration of Black History Month at the Ormond Memorial Art Museum in Ormond Beach, FL.

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