LIFESTYLE

Social Notes

Talented Teen Time

By Pinnie L. Ross

Jada Pinkett

Take a look around you. Look and listen to what today's teenagers are trying to say...what are they trying to do?

In Baltimore, MD. Miss Jada Pinkett captivated the audience and judges with her "Dear Daddy" dramatization and won the Miss Talented Teen Maryland Pageant 1988 crown. She competed among sixteen other talented teens from towns and counties across the state.

Miss Pinkett then flew out to Chicago to compete in Hal Jackson's Talented Teen International Pageant.

There were forty-two teens from around the world and the United States at that pageant and she was among the five finalists and ended up the second runner-up in the international competition. She also won Miss Congeniality award for having the best attitude among the forty-two contestants.

Our Maryland queen for 1988 is a senior at the Baltimore School for the Arts, made several television and radio commericals and has been presented in numerous local plays.

Jada will relinquish her crown as Miss Talented Teen Maryland to another young lady on June 4, 1989 at the 19th annual pageant at the Walters Art Gallery.

Young talented teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17 years are encouraged to participate in the 1989 Miss Talented Teen Maryland Pageant. Young ladies interested in entering the Maryland Pageant must be able to dance, sing, play a musical instrument or do dramatic readings.

New Bon Secours Members

Howard Marshall

Mary Demory

Mary J. Demory and Howard E. Marshall have been named to the Board of Bon Secours Health Care.

A certified social worker, Mary Demory serves as executive director of Associated Black Charities. Ms. Demory was director of social work at Bon Secours Hospital from 1973 to 1982, when she became an administrative assistant at the hospital.

Howard E. Marshall is manager, community and employee relations with McCormick & Company, Inc. He is vice president, Board of School Commissioners, Baltimore City; chairman, Maryland Occupational Health & Safety Board; and member of the Baltimore Urban League Board.

Mrs. Lottie Page celebrates her:

100th birthday

Only a very few are blessed enough to get to the Century mark, and Mrs. Lottie Page reached that pinnacle recently, which rightfully called for a celebration.

What better way to celebrate than to call the family together and give thanks for the beneficience of the Almighty. And so family members and friends gathered, with a photographer on hand to record the event for posterity.

Pictured are Ruby Holley and Lucille Clayton, daughters, flanking Mrs. Page; Standing, Rev. Sammuel Ray, Mable Redd, daughter, and Ruby Howard, granddaughter.

(Photo by Ricardo Gray)

Mrs. Lottie Page as she looked on her 100th birthday celebration.

It happened:

On Cinderella night

Mrs. Judy Peaker-Hallums

Big things were happening at 3405A Dolfield Avenue on a recent Saturday around 6 P.M. The house was brightly lit up.

White stretch limos (3 to be exact) were pulling up; exiting were 17 gorgeously dressed ladies.

Greeting them dressed in a stunning silver and black sequinned gown was the lady of the evening. Mrs. Judith Peaker-Hallums who was celebrating her 50th birthday.

The dinner delicious and sumptuous included black-eyed peas, roast beef, fried chicken, collard greens, corn bread, and macaroni and cheese and much more was prepared by Ansel Hallums, husband of the honoree. What a job he did on that soul food.

The house decorated with signs of Pisces and the table settings were truly exquisite. Being her unique self, Mrs. Judy Peaker-Hallums gave each of the ladies a personal gift, imagine that at her own birthday party.

After feasting royally, the party journeyed by limos, of course, to the lounge at the Village of Cross Keys to dance the night away and to enjoy music by the incomparable Brenda Alford Trio and as an extra treat Lady Ruby Glover.

Many other guests joined Judy (as she is best known) at the Keys and packed the lounge. Seen among the guests were members of the Family Child Care Providers Assoc. of Baltimore City.

Judy is a Family Child Care Provider, Baltimore City. Charming Ms. Crystal Clear, acted as emcee for the presentations given out.

Mrs. Susie Allen, a long time friend came up from Gaithersburg, Md.; also Mr. & Mrs. Charles Blassingame from Columbus, Ohio to enjoy the gala occasion. Without exaggeration, a good time was had by all.

Among the ladies who enjoyed the Cinderella Night were:

Susie Allen, Shirley Blassingame, Leona Conaway, Nancy Fair, Ruby Glover, Anna Gorham, Lucy Green, Pasita Hall, Tessa Hill, Gloria Holmes, Cecilia Johnson;

Sylvia Lyles, Louise Mitchell, Mary Paylor, Novella Sargusingh, Cecilia Washington, Patricia Woodward.

the town is buzzing . . .

ABOUT the upcoming changes in the works for the Palladium. Word on the street is that the premises may be on the block, at least we hear that an offer is being put together to buy the premises. And . . . so the word goes . . . a management team is about to be put into place to run the place, with Slim to get a hefty check regularly, as he steps down.

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ABOUT that big biznews story about G&M Oil Co. filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy. In some quarters there was some tsk-tsk-ing going on, but knowledgeable street denizens are calling it a smart move. After all, Chapter 11 is a means of giving a company a chance and time to reorganize their game plan . . . and it kept the wolf from seizing 30 of the company's trucks.

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ABOUT the changes slated at CEBO. Buzzing was slapped on the wrist after last week's edition, and told that Sam Daniels had not planned to resign—he plans to retire. Search committee has already been formed to find a replacement, although the name Ophelia Bell has been mentioned prominently as that person . . . but then . . .so the word goes.

CORRECTION

Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams and Sen. Paul Sarbanes at the recent Urban League dinner. In an earlier edition, Mrs. Adams was incorrectly identified. The AFRO regrets the error.

Baby shower for a councilwoman

Councilwoman Sheila Dixon Hampton and hubby, Thomas, showed up on time at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Wanda Watt's home.

The baby shower was a surprise one for those who were invited. Everyone came in before the splendid hour of the mother-to-be arrived.

Doors were opening and closing with friends and more friends of mother-to-be Councilwoman Sheila.

Being one of the invited guests, one could not help but notice and admire and make comment on the friendliness and close relationship of Sheila's friends. Royalty services just poured in and out. I just kept looking around and watching every moment and actions of guests arriving.

Talking about a room and a half of invited guests - well, everyone was beaming and waiting for the mother - daddy-to-be to come through the parting doors.

Before their arrival - friends of Sheila were busy preparing and setting up for the baby shower. There were a few extras that needed tightening up, but everything was prepared and looking just good. All decorations, refreshments and gifts were in waiting for Councilwoman and Thomas.

All of the beautiful decorations were out of sight and breathtaking.

It's so good to see our young people performing in such good taste and positive movements.

Everyone was in good, rare form.

The shower committee had its duties and performances well in tack. You wouldn't ask for better teamwork.

There were close to 40 people in attendance for the Surprise Baby Shower.

When Sheila and Thomas arrived, all was quiet. And then upon their arrival through the decorated doors everyone shouted, "Surprise, surprise.!"

There were special guests on hand for the shower; moving right along we had Councilman Lawrence Bell, Baltimore's own Betty J. Murphy, Donna Artis, and Commissioner Clarence Crip, Baltimore's own florist.

The whole event and evening was great in all. The whole bunch on the planning committee had good vibes.

Last month, Councilwoman Agnes Welch had a reception for Sheila in City Hall and all of the Councilwomen and President Clark took part in celebrating the young mother-to-be, Councilwoman Sheila D. Hampton.

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Love ya!!

-TWILAH SCARBOROUGH

State inducts Lena K. Lee into Hall of Fame

Former Delegate Lena K. Lee was among five women recently inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame by Governor William Donald Schaefer.

The fourth black woman to receive this prestigious honor, since the Hall of Fame was established in 1985, Lee was cited for her significant contributions in the legal and political arenas.

Mrs. Lillie Carroll Jackson, Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, and Senator Verda F. Welcome were among the previous inductees.

Lena King Lee, born into a coal mining family, was always a serious person. She was once heard to say, "to serve my people better, my education must be the ultimate in social sciences."

A graduate of Cheyney Training School for Teachers, Lee earned a B.S. degree from Morgan State College and a M.A. degree from New York University. She was granted the juris doctor degree by the University of Maryland.

She began her career as a teacher in the Baltimore City Public Schools, where she later became an elementary school principal.

Lee, the school principal, entered politics when teachers were often discouraged and blocked from voting.

In 1969, she took the oath of office as a delegate to the Maryland General Assembly where she served for 16 years.

A member of the judiciary committee, she was part of the joint committee proposing and securing passage of legislation to establish the Environmental Matters Committee.

Lee's forte was social welfare and other legislation which effected the removal of archaic laws from the Code of Maryland.

She was also the first black woman to serve as vice-chairman of the Baltimore City Delegation.

A leader in the fight for all legislation designed to improve and enlarge the status of women, Lee was a vocal floor leader.

She is the recipient of many awards and citations from fraternal, civic and religious organizations.

Lena K. Lee

In 1988, Lee received the presidential citation from the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education for "exemplary experiences" honoring historically black institutions.

The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame is located in the Maryland Law Library where plaques and information about the honorees can be found.

Carver honors artist Linwood Jordon

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

For many American blacks, the integration of major league baseball was an American milestone, but for Linwood Jordon it was a financial handicap.

Jordon, a commercial artist in the 1940's, lost advertising dollars when the Negro Baseball League disbanded and black players joined the Majors after Jackie Robinson joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in April 1947.

For a long time, Jordon said he exclusively received advertising rights to the Negro leagues and local theaters.

"I had all the rights to the Baltimore Elite Giants before the colored boys integrated the big leagues ... and I lost advertising dollars when theaters no longer booked pictures before they were ever made," the 77-year-old Temple Hills resident said.

Jordon was responsible for designing posters and signs on the Negro league's outfield fences and movie theaters.

"I standardized all the slots for these signs to slide in to theaters ... I knew when a picture left the Hippodrome it would go to the Broadway and when it left Broadway, it would go to the Realto on Harford Road," he said.

But Jordon said he quickly realized "there was no longer a need to stay in business and operate on a two-or-three-man studio." His studio once employed eight men.

Linwood Jordan

"Knowing there was a need in Baltimore for black commercial artists, I wrote to the Baltimore School Board and proposed a commercial arts program at Carver," he said.

And the following month, Jordon said he began teaching commercial art to Carver Vocational-Technical High School students and military veterans.

"Then classes grew exceptionally large and at one point those interested in the field had to take an aptitude test to see if they were suitable for the course," said Jordon.

Jordon taught silk screening, sign painting, display building and graphics at Carver for 30 years. He also taught jewelry and silversmithing at the Maryland Institute of Art for 17 years, after he completed art school in Philadelphia, PA.

Poncho Illustrations owner Larry Poncho Brown, Baltimore Afro-American cartoonist Thomas Stockett and Carver commercial art instructor Chenal Alford are among Jordon's classroom or professional students.

"I realized art was not a lucrative field for blacks, so I taught the commercial side of art: the businessman's art," said Jordon.

Jordon, a black pioneer in commercial art who is credited for many of the country's black commercial artists, will be honored at a benefit concert 2:30 p.m. this Sunday at Carver High School auditorium to raise funds for the Linwood Jordon Scholarship Fund.

Joseph Ford, a former Jordon student, said a $1,000 scholarship will be given annually to a Carver student to pursue art on the collegiate level.

To date, the Commercial Art Alumni of Carver have raised $5,000. Ford said the group wants to raise $10,000.

Pop singer and WJZ-TV graphic artist Lloyd Marcus will perform at the $10 ticket event.

In 1975, the scholarship sponsors established the Linwood Jordon Commercial Art Achievement Award, which is given to an achieving Carver commercial art student.

Thomas Stockett, who worked with Jordon for 15 years, gives this account of how Jordon became a teacher.

"I love art," said Jordon.

For information on the benefit concert call Ford at 444-3022.

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