LIFESTYLE

Social Notes

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Oldies but Goodies

The Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association held its annual gathering over the weekend. The affair was a nostalgic "Oldies But Goodies" dance held at St. Peters Claver's auditorium. Classes from 1930 to 1979 were in attendance.

Proceeds from the event went towards uniforms for the Douglass band and scholarships. Principal, Jean Owens and office staff, joined in the celebration. Love and affection were the topics of the evening and there was lots of table hopping and embracing.

Clegg Blackwell, Pres., and his busy steering committee are currently working on another Royal Affair, so stay tuned for more details.

Douglass classmates meet every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in the school's library.

Image, Inc. spring fling

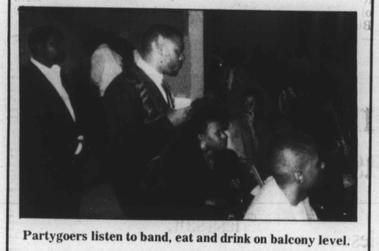
Image Inc., an association of minorities in the media, celebrated its fifth annual Spring Fling, hosted by Scott Wardell and Clayton Elerbe. This year's rites were held at the newly renovated Tower Building on Eutaw St.

Restored to its Art Deco opulence the building was the perfect setting for the well-heeled crowd. Revelers danced 'til dawn on a two-tiered dance floor.

Tommy, of the Basement Boys urged the dancers on from his perch on the balcony with his unique brand of house music.

On the third floor was live music by smoking jazz group, Cliche. Food was deliciously prepared by Kevin's Kitchen.

Celebrities from several local TV and radio stations were present. Spotted in the crowd were Stan Stovall, Rod Daniels, and Frank Ski among others.



Partygoers listen to band, eat and drink on balcony level.

African Village exhibit

The Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in conjunction with Africare will have a presentation and exhibit in recognition of the African Village Development Program.

It will be held at the Enoch Pratt Central Library Sunday, May 28 from 4-6 P.M.

Since 1984, AKA has committed itself to Africa through the African Village Development program. Since then, AKA sorors have made a difference in the lives of many Africans.

Through this program, chapters adopt African villages, underwriting ongoing assistance projects which are implemented through Africare, a private non-profit organization founded 15 years ago to help improve the quality of life in rural Africa.

As a result of this program, African and African-American lives are both enriched by cross cultural ties. To date AKA has contributed well over $200,000 to the African Village Development Program.

The town is buzzing...

ABOUT the incredible bad luck timing of Slim Butler, who picked Monday morning to journey to the 9th floor of the Federal Building to go through the process of filing for a Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Not that any attempts were made to keep the filing secret, but the ninth floor was crawling with reporters on that morning. Seems that the Mitchell appeal hearing was going on that same day—on the ninth floor, no less. Needless to say, it didn't take too much for reporters in the know to put two and two together.

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ABOUT the revelation in court papers of the alleged source of some of the funds which went into last year's Maryland Jazz Festival at Oregon Ridge. According to the statement of facts presented to the judge, one of the enterprises he invested in was with what could be referred to as "tainted" funds, showed no profits, and that was fairly obvious considering the rain-out of one of the concerts.

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ABOUT one of the owners of a popular after-hour club on N. Charles St. who reportedly keeps a suite of rooms at one of the downtown classy hotels. And when visiting firemen come to town, so the word in the street goes, they are royally entertained with their choice: blonde, brunette or redhead. Or, so they say.

73 birthday celebration for:

Mrs. Parrish: mother of 14

Mrs. Alice Parrish was honored April 28, with a surprise 73rd birthday party. Mrs. Parrish is the wife of Deacon Charles E. Parrish, and the mother of 14 loving children.

Alice Parrish was born April 25, 1916 in Goochland County, VA about 30 miles outside of Richmond. She is the daughter of Grant and Esther Tyler of Virginia, and is the seventh of nineteen children.

Mrs. Parrish is the mother of seven boys and seven girls, twelve of whom she was able to encourage to attend college and receive degrees ranging from Bachelor to Doctorate.

The Parrishes have been married for 57 years, and both have resided in Turners Station for over 60 years. They are known as one of the largest families in the area, and Mrs. Parrish is deaconess at Greater St. John Baptist Church.

Her deep religious faith is expressed in her love and caring for her family and community. She is the type of lady who will feed, clothe or pray for anyone in need.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrish are featured in a book called Sparrows Point. The book describes Mrs. Parrish as a loving wife who supported her husband through years of discrimination at Bethlehem Steel Corp.

In order of age the Parrish children are: Charles E., Jr., Bernard, Shirley Wilcox, Delores Poole, Melvin, Theodore, deceased, James H., Barbara Riddix, Rose Riddix, Ronald, Veronica Young, Gwendolyn, Cleveland and Gale.

(Photo by Ricardo Gray)

Alice and Charles Parrish at birthday celebration

NAFAD fashion show

"Fashion Palette in Art Form," was the theme for the fashion extravaganza hosted by the Baltimore Chapter of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers, Inc. The show was held May 6th at the Maryland Historical Society on Monument St.

The group has a new attitude and is trying to strengthen the chapter. This was reflected in the addition of four new designers to the show.

The audience was intrigued as the models gracefully displayed a gorgeous selection of clothing and accessories.

Though Lavish and brilliant, the collection was aimed at real women who live and work in the real world.

African garb was shown by Zima, office dressing by Barbara Alford, rose prints and bold black and whites by Gloria Jennings, romantic loungewear by Yasmin; Cool city dressing by Odessa, and chic eveningwear by Ken Alexander. All these elements combined to create a beautiful fashion palette.

Hats by Phyllis Eley, and Richard and Stephen Mitchell completed the fashion statement.

The president, Altamease Arnold welcomed a distinguished audience from Baltimore, Washington, and New Jersey. The pace was set for the evening with a solo by Yvette Butler and a dance number by the Flair Tap Dance Ensemble.

The fashion show was commentated by Rosalind Russell of Rainbow Productions, and choreographed by Neil Wise.

The highlight of the evening were awards presented to all designers for outstanding creations. A special award was presented to the chapter president for dedicated service.

A lavish reception was catered by group member, Jackie Holcombe. Other designers were Jennie Adams and Barbara Dungee.

Altamease Arnold, local pres., NAFAD

(Photo by Ricardo Gray)

Wanda Edmonds, hat by Stephen Mitchell

Model Gerri, dress by Ken Alexander

Model Saran, hat by Richard Mitchell

Model Artartus Jenkins weras African garb by Zima.

Triple in the Fifth celebration

Councilwomen Vera Hall, Iris Reeves, and Rikki Spector, from the 5th district, held a novel fundraiser. They sponsored an evening at the races and enticed supporters out to Pimlico.

The three ladies feel that it is more economical for them to run as a team. The evening was a celebration of two years of working together and of their commitment to the voters and each other.

(Photo by Ricardo Gray)

(L to R) Sheriff Anderson, Iris Reeves, Vera Hall, Rikki Spector, Wesley Johnson.

Above: (L to R) Ruth Strauss, Jacqueline Dent, Rosalind Wilson, Reggie Scriber.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Maryland Institute College Of Art

"Imagination in Art Education," a national symposium focusing on the development of the child's imagination, will be held at the Maryland Institute College of Art, May 20, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Institute's Mount Royal Station Auditorium. Call 669-9200.

Summer Art Classes

Summer classes in art, dance, theatre and music are currently being offered at the Northwestern Performing and Visual Arts Center, 6900 Park Heights Ave., from June 19 through August 18. Walk-in registration will be held at the center on June 1, 7 and 8, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is open to students in grades 3 - 9. Call 396-2935 or 396-0054.

Kids Need Foster Care

May is National Foster Care Month. Are you caring, responsive, and patient Do you have a special ability to work with teens? Then share your home and support with a youngster who needs you. Come to an open house on Saturday, May 20 between 11 and 2 p.m. Call 837-9525.

Malcolm X Day of Celebration

Dar Ul Arqam presents Malcolm X Day of Celebration, May 20 at Sojourner Douglass College, 500 North Caroline St., from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited to this event, featuring food, live music, arts and crafts. Call 435-4046.

Caribbean Experience Night

The National Black Women's Consciousness Raising Association is sponsoring an "Caribbean Experience Night," featuring Mighty Swallow and de X-Press Band direct from Antigua, Saturday, May 20 at the Gentlemen Ten, 2135 Edmondson Ave., 10-4 p.m. For further information, call 685-8392.

Scholarship Dinner Dance

The Baltimore Metropolitan Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants, (NABA), will hold its 12th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance on Friday, May 19 at the Palladium, 2900 Liberty Heights Avenue. Call 783-7600.

Keynoter

Minister Louis Farrakhan will deliver Special Mother's Day Message, via satellite, Sunday, May 14 at the Palladium at 2 p.m. For more information, call 945-7766.

The Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc.

The Great Blacks in Wax Museum, 1601 E. North Ave., will highlight the life and accomplishments of Malcolm X with photo exhibition and recorded excerpts from his most provocative speeches, Friday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 563-3404.

Urban Services Agency

Crime drugs, early school withdrawals, AIDs, and teenage pregnancy are among the top problems that plague youth in today's society. What effective steps can be taken to help youth, and what programs that are already in place?

To examine the questions and related issues, the Urban Services Youth Development Program will sponsor its Second Annual Youth Forum on Friday, May 12 at Dunbar Community High School. The forum will discuss "Economic Deprivation, Illiteracy, Violence, and Temporary Resolutions to Existing Social Programs." The program begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Call 396-7402.

Health Fair

The Baltimore City Urban Services will sponsor a health fair on Thursday, May 18. Broadway East Community residents will receive free screening at the Urban Services McCullum-Tunstall Neighborhood Center, 1873 North Gay St., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 396-9152.

Art Exhibit

On Thursday, June 1 at 6 p.m., Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke will attend the City Middle School Students Photographic Exhibit "The Big Family," opening. This event takes place at the Eubie Blake Cultural Center, 409 N. Charles St., operated by the Urban Services Agency Cultural Arts Program. Call 396-1300.

COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie Ross

The Columbia (MD) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity will hold a conference on business and professional awareness on Saturday, May 20, at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center.

The conference will provide high school and college students an opportunity to share the experiences with minority executives and professionals.

These are people who have achieved success in the legal, medical and dental professions, real estate development and marketing, banking and finance, computer sciences, architecture and engineering and insurance.

This conference will also assist young men and women develop some knowledge of the businesses and professions in which they may strive to participate.

Further, a linkage between the youths and the businessmen and professionals is expected to be developed.

The attendance at this metropolitan Baltimore/Washington conference is expected to exceed 250 youths.

The conference chair, William A. Ross, Sr., founder and first Polemarch of the chapter, said, "We are fortunate to have two of the area's most successful entrepreneurs, Marion "Duke" Green and Joshua Smith as the keynote and luncheon speakers.

We expect them to be most effective when providing insight as to how they achieved such success.

Marion "Duke" Green, the keynote speaker is the founder and chief executive officer of International Business Services, Inc.

Since its inception in 1969, the company has grown from two employees and one contract to more than 600 employees across the United States and more than $20,000,000 in government and private sector contracts.

Joshua I. Smith, the founder and chairman of Maxima Corporation is the luncheon speaker. His managerial and entreprenurial abilities have gained him and his company national acclaim in the business and civic communities.

The Maxima Corporation, a $60,000,000 per year information management corporation was started by Smith single-handily out of his home.

During the formative years of the chapter, its members determined that they would epitomize the fraternity's fundamental purpose, achievement, by providing positive role models for youth in the Columbia community.

Conference committee members include: William A. Ross, Sr., chairman, E. Jerome Biggs, Robert J. Booth, DDS, Herbert S. Burgess;

Cleveland Corbett, Lamont B. English, Jesse W. Kensler, Arthur B. McNeal, Sr., Bruce Merrick, Maurice M. Simpkins and Otis D. Watts.

The conference sponsors extend a special note of appreciation to Rev. Herbert H. Eaton and the members of St. John Baptist Church for providing the entire Wilde Lake Interfaith Center for the conference.

For information about the conference, contact William A. Ross, Sr., 301/730-8689 from Baltimore and 301/596-4720 from Washington.

IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile Orchids

Orchids to 19 - year - old **Prudence Cumberbatch.** She's the Baltimore girl who is a sophomore at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y., who was recently notified she has been selected to spend her junior year at Oxford College in England. Proud parents are the **Robert Cumberbatches, (Margaret),** who reside in Northwood.

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Plenty of sunshine in the voice of **Miss Helen V. Benton,** who marks her 78th birthday today — May 12. She's the Grand Worthy Matron Emeritus of Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Plus, she calls herself an ambassador of goodwill for the city, serves on the Baltimore Community Relations Commission.

Smile orchids to **Dr. and Mrs. Keiffer Mitchell (Nannette). They were gracious hosts who opened their St. Paul St. home for the Community Relations Commission reception Tuesday evening.**

Honoree was **Dr. Kenneth Clark,** the noted educator - sociologist, who came from N.Y. to address the group's breakfast meeting Wednesday at the Omni.

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Lots of orchids to The Morgan State University Choir and director, **Dr. Nathan Carter.** The Meyerhoff Symphony Hall was packed for this Sunday evening concert.

The glorious group renditions, supported by the Baltimore Symphony, and the individual solos, brought the crowd to their feet several times.

At 10:30 p.m., as the concert neared its end, the enthusiastic crowd was still on its feet applauding the young and gifted singers. Terrific! !

Cuff note: This year's concert was sponsored by the President's Committee and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

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Editor's note: Did someone's smile make your day?

Let this column salute them. Please write, Smiles, If You Ask Me, AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md., 21201. And, smile, please.

About People

When the Md. Legislative Black Caucus holds its annual fundraiser on Wednesday, May 17, the honoree will be veteran lawmaker, **Senator Troy Brailey,** the hardworking senator from the city's 40th District, where he has paid his dues for years. Event is at Martin's West, with Gov. Schaefer scheduled as one of the speakers.

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Baltimore city school super, **Richard Hunter,** marked his 50th birthday on Saturday and beauteous wife, **Margo,** hosted a barbecue on their Roland Park lawn.

Kin and friends came from Calif., Ohio, Va., Neb., and D.C. to help induct him into the half century club.

It was a surprise event—with former city school exec Dr. Joel Carrington helping the family to maneuver the honoree from the Philomathians' annual meeting where he spoke in the morning. The Hunters' teenage daughter, **Emily,** helped with the gifts and card salute.

Among kin here, honoree's sons, **Stephen Hunter-Jones,** Oakland, Calif., and from Cleveland, **Seaman Rick Hunter** and daughter, **Kim Robinson.** Also stepsons, **Lt. Richard Clark,** Omaha, Neb., **Seaman Philip Clark,** Oakland, Calif.

Here from Los Angeles, the honoree's sister, **Mary Kimsey** and hubby, **Lawrence;** and Mrs. Hunter's dad, **Milo Gaskins,** Lafayette, Calif.

Richmonders here, **Archie Lee** and **Shirley Harris** and their son, **Archie, Jr.,** the Los Angeles Raiders star who lives in Williamsburg, Va.; and the **John Thorntons (Lennie)** and sons, **Norwood** and **Richard** of D.C. and Richmonders, **Dr. Michael Howard** and newscaster, **Norma Blalock.**

Baltimore area guests in the crowd—**State Senator** and **Mrs. Clarence Blount, Morgan U. President and Mrs. Earl Richardson**—he'll be honored at testimonial May 19, at Blue Crest. With them 10-year-old **Earl, Jr.,** the spitting image of his parents.

Coppin State prexy, **Dr. Calvin Burnett** and **Mrs. Burnett** and **Mayor Kurt Schmoke** and **Mrs. Schmoke** were also there (she was looking good, having dropped some pounds—"I just stopped eating said the young physician wife of the city's No. 1 man).

And More

People being kind to others: When **Judge Benjamin H. Foreman** was eulogized at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church on Friday morning, relatives and friends filled the sanctuary for the rites despite the heavy rains.

The pastor, **Father Donald Sterling** told of Judge Foreman's long and devoted service to the church and to other people and noted he never sought credit for his good needs.

In the family eulogy fellow judge, **David T. Mason** said of him: "At all times, Ben was a perfect gentleman, who not only possessed a quiet dignity but was even-tempered, thoughtful and faithful to his word and to friends. Those of us who loved him are left poorer by his death but richer by his life."

Foreman, 74, was the first black Orphans Court Judge in our city. He retired in 1981.

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More people remembering others: Some 65 members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority were present Tuesday morning to say goodbye to a beloved soror, **Sallye Evans Fletcher.** She was the 87-year-old retired city teacher who was active in the sorority, the Philomathian Club, the Omega Wives, and Sharp St. United Methodist Church where the funeral services were held. Burial was in her native Roanoke, Va.

She was the widow of **Charles W. Fletcher,** long principal of Sollers Point High School who died last August.

Sole survivors are six nieces and nephews.

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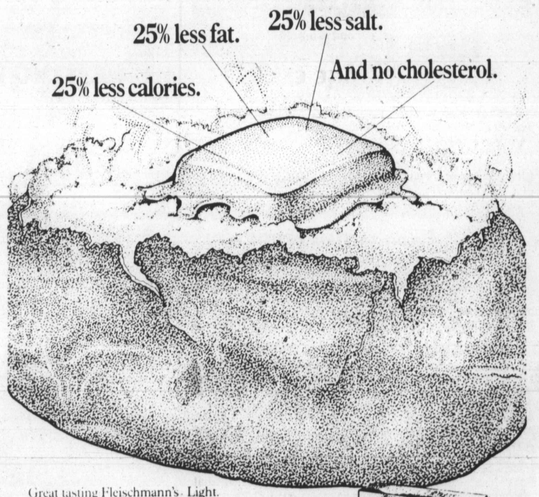

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