LIFESTYLE

Social Notes

By Paula Brooks

First Annual Awareness Banquet

"Success . . . A Matter of Belief" was the theme for the Office of Information Management Black Employees Association, Inc. (OBEA) 1st Annual Awareness Banquet held May 13.

OBEA, Inc. is a group of black state employees who filed suit in State and Federal Courts against the Maryland Department of Human Resources.

The purpose of the banquet was to inform the public of the growing need to build and support an organization which will represent black employees in their attempts to achieve and maintain equal employment opportunities.

There is little doubt that OBEA will succeed in its endeavors to build the most progressive organization to force government to look at the inequities that exist within its system.

Talented Teen Pageant

The 19th Annual Miss Talented Teen Pageant will be held on Sunday, June 4th at 5:00 p.m., at The Walter's Art Gallery.

Metropolitan area contestants will display their many talents competing for the title Miss Maryland Talented Teen 1989.

The state winner will compete on the international level among 42 contestants for the title of Miss Talented Teen International, on July 22, at the world famous Apollo Theater in Harlem.

For further information (301) 730-9545.

Oak Street Gala

Oak Street A.M.E. Church reached back to examine her roots and looked forward to an exciting future at a Gala Banquet Tuesday night to celebrate their 92nd Anniversary at the Forum.

The theme for the banquet was "The Mission Is Possible." Proceeds from the banquet benefitted Oak Street's building fund. Oak Street will be renovating the former William Rhinhart School on the corner of Howard and 24th Streets and adjoining buildings.

Mrs. Vivian Carter was banquet chairperson.

Carl Smith, Government and Community Relations was the evening's Master of Ceremonies. Karen Harrison gave gracious greetings. Harrison Johnson, a graduating senior at Lake Clifton High School sang.

Early church members present at the banquet included Mrs. Mary Gibbs, a member since 1929; Mr. and Mrs. Moses Wims, members since the early 1930's.

Congressman Kweisi Mfume presented the church and pastor with a beautiful plaque featuring the Congressional emblem for its distinguished service to the Baltimore community.

Distinguished guests attending the banquet included Councilwoman Jacqueline McClean.

George Buntin, Executive Director for the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP introduced the evening's guest preacher, Rev. John Wright, pastor First Baptist Church, Guilford and president of the Maryland Council NAACP.

The 1989 Unsung Heroes are Mrs. Mary Wynder, Moses Wims, Richard Burrell, Tucker Moseby and Mrs. Desney Wheeler.

The 1989 Honor Members are: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mason and Ernestine Hayes; The 1989 Youth and Young Adult Honor Roll members are Ms. Michelle Richardson and Mrs. Harrison Johnson.

Committee members were Vivian Carter, chair; Stan McKenzie, Mesdames Desney Wheeler, Ida Peter, Angelique Mason, Eleanor Beverly, Karen Harrison and Amelia Peete; Richard Burrell and Charles Adams.

Rev. Vashti McKenzie enjoys a moment with Councilwoman Jackie McLean and Rep. Kweisi Mfume.

the town is buzzing . . .

ABOUT the goings on, or lack there of, of happenings at the newly refurbished Fulton Inn. Seems a lot of local bar hoppers had been hearing good things about the spot, so decided to check it out. The Sunday afternoon sets had started to build a good rep. But when they arrived at the place Sunday afternoon, there was a line outside waiting to get in, but the band was packing its gear to leave. Word was, the club was being temporarily closed, but was supposed to open this week. Stay tuned, film at 11.

* * *

ABOUT the Nigerian community's outrage over the statements of Min. Louis Farrakhan at the African-American Summit, when he said we should send all of our criminals to Africa. They are quick to say that Africa is no dumping ground for outcasts.

Echo House designer Fashion Show

By Paula Brooks
Lifestyle Editor

The Echo House Multi-Service Center, Inc. presented its 2nd Annual Designer Fashion Show and Luncheon on Mother's Day.

The affair was a grand production by Flair Modeling Agency, with lots of participation by creative local designers.

Included were wonderful selections from Gloria Jennings, Lady Dar Langley, Ann Spradley, Dona Norton, Gladys Williams, Catherine Wooten, Sabrina St. Clair — local representative Mary Weaver and Jean Taylor.

Special guest models were Robyne Robinson, and Stan Stovall from Channel Two. Stan's wardrobe was provided by Designer Peters of Bangkok, Thailand.

Furs always sensational, were provided by Kent-Fisher Furs. Steven Mitchell — one of the city's newer and most outrageous milliners in Baltimore, provided stunning hats that set off the outfits modeled perfectly.

Retail establishments participating were Act I and Act II Designer's Boutique, Lexington Lady, Marianne, Style Boutique, Webster's Men's Wear, Your Majesty Boutique, and Tuxedo House.

Flair Teens, Flair Kids, and Flair Models put on a show that the capacity crowd is still raving about.

Chairperson for the spectacular event was Rochelle Butler, with co-chairperson Brenda J. Allen.

(Photo by Ricardo Gray)

Dr. Frank O'Connor, board member; Jacqueline Stokes, vice president; A. Bernice Hunley, president; Dr. Jean Hyche-Williams, board member; Rochell Butler, program chairperson; Gordon Saunders, Treasurer.

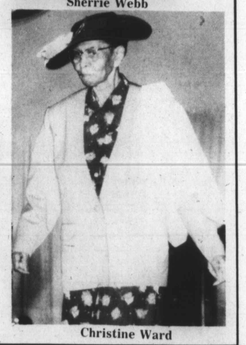
Lisa Bailey

Candace Easterling

Sherrie Webb

Melanie Muldrow Flair Teen

(Photo by Ricardo Gray)



Christine Ward

Celebration of Bosses Night

The Baltimore City Educational Office Personnel organization recently presented its annual Bosses Night, which is a night of fun for all. Observed during the festivities: (L to R) Eva Brown, Angela Peck, Bertha Peck, Della Khan and Annette Hour, all of School No. 27.

Enjoying the evening's activities were Annie Gregg, retired; Dale Crawford, School No. 035; Grace Bailey, No. 144; Gloria Thornton, No. 139; Libby Sparrow, Research & Planning Div., and Eugenia Britt, School No. 122.

COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie Ross

OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN

Charming Miss Lisa Marie McElrath, daughter of Harlin and Dr. Alease McElrath, has been selected as an outstanding young woman of America for 1988.

She was recognized for her outstanding ability, personal and professional achievement and community service.

Our young lady is an honor graduate of Oakland Mills High School in 1984. At Florida A & M University, she received an award for being selected for the national dean's list in her freshman year.

This most prestigious recognition is afforded to less than one half of one percent of the nation's college students.

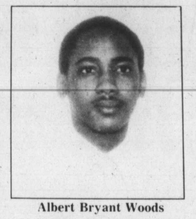
Lisa's parents are thrilled over her accomplishments. While enrolled at Florida A & M, she secured internships at the John Hancock Company in Boston, MA; the Pitney Bowes Company in Bridgeport, CO and Orlando, FL and the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company which awarded her a $2,000 scholarship.

This charmer graduated Magna Cum laude from Florida A & M School of Business and Industry. She is currently employed as a financial analyst/accountant with the Hewlett Packard Company in Roseville, CA.

Lisa enjoys reading and playing the piano. She said, "My future plans are to further my education in professional planning. I want to earn the Master of Business Administration Degree and study corporate law.

Go for it Lisa, the community is behind you, we are proud of you.

Lisa Marie McElrath



Albert Bryant Woods

WRITING CONTEST WINNER

Albert Bryant Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Woods of Columbia, was filled with bliss after hearing that he had won first place in the writing contest sponsored by Howard Community College's Black Cultural Awareness organization "Bridges."

Woods writing was selected from more than 20 submissions and he received a $1,000 savings bond to help him achieve his goals.

This was the first recognition of Albert's writing abilities outside of his writing and composition classes, according to his proud parents.

Dr. Walter G. Bumphus, Vice President and Dean of Students said, "The Bridge mission is to encourage students to become involved in campus activities and achieve their educational goals."

Dr. Bumphus feels that Albert is a fine example of the excellent caliber of students which the college's staff had the pleasure of working with this year.

Albert is very confident regarding his future and knows what he wants to do and that is to write.

Asked why he chose writing, he replied, "I like to write because I know that I am good at it and some people don't do it well. I want to become a great book writer. Amen to that! He is now involved in writing a science fiction novel.

His career goal is to become a novelist with a second choice of working in a business dealing with computers. His is an English and finance major at Howard.

Both Albert and Lisa must continue to strive for the best and reach for the top.

SEMINARY GRADUATE

In my mail came a special note from a dear friend of many parents in Columbia.

This special note was from Mrs. Grace Morton Dixon, retired English Specialist at Wilde Lake High School. She is a native Baltimorean.

Mrs. Dixon was recently awarded a Masters Degree with concentration in religious education and theology from St. Mary's Seminary and University.

She is the director of the Children's Church at First Baptist Church in Baltimore where the Rev. Dr. Leroy Fitts is pastor. She speaks of her experiences as St. Mary's as gratifying, rewarding and fulfilling.

Praise God, Grace. It wasn't easy, but God saw you through it all. Continue to help our young people.

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

By Marjorie Green

Councilwoman Agnes Welch served as hostess for the Baltimore Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinctions (TLOD) closing meeting of the season.

The women used the occasion to discuss final plans for sending delegates to attend the 25th Anniversary Syn-Lod National Convention of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. and Top Teens of America Inc., June 27 through July 2.

The convention will be held in Tyler, Texas, the organization's founding city.

The chapter also completed plans for the June 3rd Founder's Day Brunch and Fashion Show to be held at The Forum on Primrose Ave.

Chairperson, Lady Fannie Poulson, predicts, "This year's fundraiser will yield additional funds to help finance TLOD's programmatic thrusts for the coming year, "including its objectives of supervised volunteer service projects, promoting activities for Top Teens of America, enhancing the status of women, enriching the lives of senior citizens and providing community beautification."

Also on the agenda was the election of new officers for the local chapter. Lady Marguerite White was re-elected to serve another two year term.

Other officers are Ladies Ruby Lee, vice-president; Marge Green, recording secretary; Evelyn Faulk, corresponding secretary;

Jonelle Ray, financial secretary; Helene Gwynn, treasurer; Doris Austin, historian and Fannie Poulson, Top Teen Advisor.

Mothers, wives, sisters, sweethearts and friends of members of the Maryland State Penitentiary NAACP Branch were recipients of a special Mother's Day Salute and dinner held last Wednesday evening in the institution's dining room.

Special guests were presented long stem red roses upon arrival, and 25 members of the Baltimore City Branch NAACP Prison Support Committee received appreciation awards.

BREAKFAST PLANNING MEETING

A committee representing the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the United Baptist Missionary Convention of MD, met recently at a breakfast meeting hosted by Mrs. Hattye Jackson.

The early morning breakfast was a reporting meeting for committee chairpersons planning a salute to Mrs. Ida M. Redd, out-going president of the UBMC Women's Auxiliary.

The sell-out banquet will take place at the La Fontaine Bleu on Thursday evening during the week-long State Convention which will be held at Perkins Square Baptist Church May 22-26.

RITE AID
SAVE EVERY DAY WITH RITE AID BRAND PRODUCTS!

Summer's Eve FEMININE WASH INTIMATE CLEANSER 8 OZ. SIZE OR INTIMATE CLEANSING MIST 4 OZ. SIZE 2.59

NESTLE RAISINETS 7 OZ. BAG 1.63

Visine EYE DROPS 1 OZ. PLASTIC BOTTLE 4.43

Keri LOTION FOR DRY SKIN CARE DRY SKIN OR SILKY SMOOTH FORMULA 6.5 OZ. BOTTLE 4.99

CERTAIN ITEMS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL STORES
PRICES EFFECTIVE MAY 15 THRU 20, 1989

Engagements

Moore-Sharp

The engagement of Karen M. Moore to James W. Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sharp of Baltimore has been announced.

Miss Moore is a graduate of Mergenthaler Senior Vocational High School and is employed as a seamstress.

Sharp is a graduate of Lake Clifton High School and is a supervisor at Charles H. Hickey Beauty School.

Plans are being made for a June wedding.

Karen Moore

Smith-Sterling

The engagement of Ertha Elizabeth Sterling, daughter of Mrs. Inez E. and Rufus Sterling of Virginia, to James H. Smith, II, son of Mrs. Blanche Brown of Baltimore and James H. Smith, Sr. of Virginia has been announced.

The bride-elect graduated from Carver High School and holds a B.S. Degree in Social Work and Social Science from Coppin State College and U.M.B.C.

She is a licensed social worker with Adult Protective Services for Baltimore City.

Her fiance graduated from Douglass High School and is a postal worker.

The wedding will take place June 24, at Sharp Street U.M. Church at 6 p.m.

Smith/Sterling

FLORIDA Summertime FALL
2nd BIG WEEK MORE TRUCKLOADS HAVE ARRIVED! SHOP NOW FOR THE BEST SUMMER VALUES AT 2 ON-LOCATION STORES!
VALUE CITY OVER 75 YEARS IN DEPARTMENT STORE OFF-PRICED RETAILING

•LADIES & WOMENS SUMMER DRESSES, Comp. Value $35.00-$59.00.... 12.99
•TODDLER & GIRLS 4-6X SHORTALLS, Comp. Value $9.00..... 3.99
•MENS BETTER SPORTSHIRTS, Comp. Value $18.00 ..... 6.99
•BOYS 8-18 SHORT SETS, tank top with shorts Comp. Value $16.00..... 8.99
•LADIES NAME BRAND WATCHES, Comp. Value $20.00-$25.00 ..... 12.99

Store Hours: Monday-Sat. 10:00-9:00 Sunday 11:00-5:00 Eastpoint Mall 288-1111
Westview Mall 788-2600
VISA

Shirley Tabb
Produces
Powerful Blockbuster Video
HOW TO BUY A CAR WHEN YOUR CREDIT IS NOT UP TO PAR

Problem Credit You Still Have A Right To Drive
This Video is powerful because knowledge is power
In the privacy of your own living room, you can take just 35 minutes and greatly improve your chances of being financed.

Look what else the Shirley Tabb Video can do for you . . .

• Take the frustration, humiliation & rejection out of being turned down.
• Don't make your credit even worse by going from dealership to dealership being turned down. This causes excessive inquiries and can hurt you later.
• Learn plain and simple things to do to improve your chances before you go to the dealership.
• Learn what to do when you have had bankruptcies, judgements, bad student loans, nasty divorces, and even repossessions.
• Learn how to turn your 500.00 downpayment into 1,500.00 or more.
• Discover ways to get additional money for a downpayment even w/bad credit.
• Find out what to do when no one will finance your car loan.
• Don't leave the fate of your car loan in the hands of a salesperson. Arm yourself with the facts before you go to the dealership.
• Learn how to negotiate high interest rates normally charged when people have credit problems. Don't get taken advantage of.
• Know what to do once you get approved.
• Find out how to choose the dealership most likely to be able to help you.
And much, much, more

To Order: Send check or money order for $29.95 plus $3.00 shipping and handling to: HOW TO BUY A CAR WHEN YOUR CREDIT IS NOT UP TO PAR
S.L. Tabb & Associates
P.O. Box 31864 Baltimore, MD 21201
Master Card/Visa Customers Call 1-800-635-4937, Ext. 252
• Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery • Money cheerfully refunded if not completely satisfied