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Baltimore Afro American

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Families Read The AFRO Last Week

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BACK TO SCHOOL Tuesday found only about 50% of the 186,000 pupils present. In AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz are, left photo, Northern High, Al Dawson, 18; Anthoney Baylor, 16; Richard Zeller, 18 in Mrs. Madolyn Forrest's 11th grade Physical Science Class. Center: Daniel Tate, 9; Lattonia Brown, 8; Cavonia Herring, 8, 3rd graders at Tilghman School 601 N. Patterson Park Ave. Right: Dunbar Sr. High — Maggie Denkins, 16; Francis Miller, 16; Charlotte Perkins, 16, all in Mrs. Ellis Harris' 10th grade English Class.

RECREATION CENTER NEWS

It's Kite-Flying Time

It's Kite-Flying Time at Baltimore Recreation Centers and hundreds of young people will take part in contests.

Around March 15, all centers will observe St. Patrick's Day with the "wearing of the green."

March 8

Cecil-Kirk — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

Chick Webb — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

Franklin Square — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

Leith Walk — Indoor Track Meet, 3:15 p.m.

Lion's Club — Top Spinning Contest, 4 p.m.

Somerset Homes — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

March 11

Gardenville — Tumbling and Gym Demonstration, 3:30 p.m.

Hamilton — Senior Citizens Irish Party, Noon

Rutland — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

March 13

Cahill — Kite Day, 4 p.m.

Claremont — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

Coldstream — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

Curtis Bay — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

Grove Park — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

John Booth — St. Patrick's Day Tournament, 4:15 p.m.

Roosevelt — St. Patrick's Day Tournament, 4:30 p.m.

Towanda — Kite Flying Contest, 4:15 p.m.

March 14

Brooklyn — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

Fort Worthington — Kite Day, 4 p.m.

Leidig — St. Patrick's Day Party, 3 p.m.

James McHenry — St. Patrick's Day, 4 p.m.

Lexington Terrace — Sadie Hawkins Day Hop, 8 p.m.

Mary E. Rodman — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

March 15

Armistead — St. Patrick's Day Party, 3:45 p.m.

Cahill — St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 4 p.m.

Canton — Wearing of the Green, 3:30 p.m.

Carter Woodson — Balloon Relays, 4 p.m.

Chick Webb — Jump Rope Contest, 4 p.m.

Easterwood — St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 4 p.m.

Franklin Square — Springtime Magic (ages 5-11), 4 p.m.

Gilmor Homes — St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 4 p.m.

Harlem Park — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

Hilton — St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 7 p.m.

Howard Park — Kite Flying Day, 3 p.m.

Irvington — Arts and Crafts Program, 3:30 p.m.

Latrobe Homes — St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 4:30 p.m.

Leith Walk — Champion Ball, 3:15 p.m.

Murphy Homes — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

O'Donnell Hgts. — Kite Flying Contest, 4 p.m.

South Baltimore — St. Patrick's Day Party, 4 p.m.

Violetville — St. Patrick's Day Party, 4 p.m.

Westport — Volunteer Dance, 7:30 p.m.

Woodhome — Children's St. Patrick's Party, 3:30 p.m.

THE BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN Tuesday and Friday news stories begin at the City Desk and come in by phone, mail and on the spot coverage by reporters, all of them skilled in all fields. News encompasses all the joys and sorrows of human beings from birth to death. Bringing in the details are (clockwise) William C. Rhoden, education and features, AB Morgan State College, 1973; Willie Kweku Egyir, Acera, Ghana, crime, Ghana Institute of Journalism; Miss Pam Widgeon, Cortez Peters, 1965, Federal, state and city courts; Ms. Elizabeth Murphy Oliver, City Editor, Fisk U, AB and Indiana U, MA; Dennis Shatzman, City Hall, University of Pittsburgh, AB; Miss Claudette Newson, politics and General Assembly, AB Morgan, 1973; Roman Hankewycz, photo-reporter, Community College of Baltimore.

Another state mental clinic summoned to court

By Dennis Schatzman

Henryton State Hospital Center, Sykesville, is being sued by the Maryland Association of Retarded Citizens, Inc. for allegedly violating the personal rights of three residents and failing to provide minimum treatment standards for patients.

Attorney Conrad Varner of Legal Aid, which represents MARC, told the AFRO: "We had received many complaints about Henryton similar to those involved in the Rosewood State Hospital case. But the Henryton situation is more severe because they have permanent medical staff or facilities for emergency illnesses. They have two doctors on contract but they are never there. Their dentist hasn't been there in over three months."

The suit also charges the Sykesville Center with violation of eight amendments of the United States Constitution (1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14) which refer to the residents' personal rights.

Ms. Dolores Miller, superintendent at Henryton, said that she was not in a position to discuss the but hinted earlier in the week to a daily paper that some of the charges might be valid.

Mrs. Marguerite J. Hastings, deputy director of the State Mental Retardation Administration agrees. "We see this suit as part of public education and an additional for the public to see the needs of mental hospitals so they can provide adequate programs for their residents," she said.

Black Press Week

The voice of one of the longest protests in history is the Black Press of America which celebrates its 147th anniversary from March 10-16.

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers in its 82nd year is celebrating next week along with other newspapers in the nation the memorable occasion.

Both Governor Mandel and Mayor Schaefer, in separate proclamations, have declared next week a Black Press Week.

It was in March 1827, more than 200 years after slavery had been established in America that John B. Russwurm and Rev. Samuel E. Cornish launched Freedom's Journal, the first black newspaper in the United States and first black voice raised in newsprint against bondage.

Since then many other newspaper have joined the fight for freedom and more are joining a voice that no power can still.

Proclamation

BY
MAYOR WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER
DESIGNATING MARCH 10-16, 1974
AS
"BLACK PRESS WEEK" IN BALTIMORE

WHEREAS, the week of March 10-16 is being celebrated nationally as Black Press Week, in honor of the contributions made by the many organs of the press, serving as a voice and a forum for the black communities of this country; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore is proud to be the home of the Afro-American Newspapers, which have been, since their founding in 1892, a source of information and inspiration for so many people; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Afro-American has long been known for its leadership in our City recording the achievements of the Baltimore area's black community and presenting a comprehensive overview of events of particular interest to black readers; and

WHEREAS, the children and grandchildren of John H. Murphy, Sr., founder of the Afro-American Newspapers, continue to serve as community leaders in Baltimore and to sustain the high principles of journalism laid down by their ancestor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, do hereby proclaim March 10-16, 1974, as "BLACK PRESS WEEK" IN BALTIMORE, and do urge all citizens of this City to reconsider the great contributions made by the black press, and in particular by the Afro-American Newspapers, which make their home in Baltimore.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this sixth day of March, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four.

William Donald Schaefer
MAYOR

STATE OF MARYLAND
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21404
March 8, 1974

MARVIN MANDEL
GOVERNOR

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARVIN MANDEL

I would like to take the occasion of Black Press Week to congratulate the Baltimore Afro-American on your continuing contributions to the Baltimore community and the State of Maryland.

Since its founding in 1892, the Afro-American has rendered outstanding public service to the people of our State, providing vital information and reading pleasure to untold thousands of Marylanders throughout the past 82 years.

I join your many readers in saluting your achievements and in extending best wishes for your continued success in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Marvin Mandel
Governor

Peace Action lecture in Columbia today

The NAACP and Peace Action Community of Howard County are sponsoring a press conference at 7 p.m. followed by a public lecture at the Interfaith Center, Wild Lake Village, Columbia, Friday, March 8.

The conference will be addressed by Father Rev. Phillip Berrigan, John Bach and Arthur Burgardt, all former inmates of Federal Prisons, and they will be joined by William Kunsler, famed civil liberties lawyer and Mrs. Mary Carter Smith, a poet, to speak on "Justice and Administration" at 8 p.m.

Did you know?

*That the New York Amsterdam News has the highest ABC audited circulation of any single edition black paper.

*That four black dailies exist: the Chicago Daily Defender, the New York Challenger, the Columbus (Ga.) Times and the Atlanta Daily World.

*That the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper chain publishes 13 editions or an average of nearly two papers daily.

*That the Norfolk Journal and Guide was originally a fraternal organ of the Knights of Gideon.

*That more than 1,400 black papers were started between 1900 and 1950.

Credo of The Black Press

The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every man, regardless of race, color or creed, his human and legal rights. Hating no man, fearing no man, the Black Press strives to help every man in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

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R.S.V.P. with Marie

Folks Love Melvin Roy, They Proved It Last Week

By Marie Murphy Phillips Cooke
AFRO Women's Editor

When Melvin G. Roy decided he would leave his post as equal opportunity specialist with the Md. Employment Security Administration and spend the rest of the years which lie ahead enjoying the "finer things of life" with his wife and son, he thought he would clean out his desk and be on his merry way. But was Mr. Roy ever in for a big surprise . . . and how!

For several weeks, Mr. Roy's co-workers, neighbors and family were busy arranging for a dinner he would never forget. And on last Wednesday evening, well over a hundred of his friends filled the reception and dining rooms of the Governor's Club.

His friends say they did it because they love him. Mr. Roy, a lifetime East Baltimore resident, is one of those guys one sees working ever so hard on his job, comes home after a long day and goes out and works in the community. He is president of the Eastside Community Committee, the organization which sponsors the Blue Ribbon Tea.

One can't help but like Mr. Roy. He has love in his heart and believes in sharing it. Like on Wednesday, when his guests entered the Club he and his charming wife, Margaret, welcomed each one of them with a warm and friendly "hello." During the cocktail hour the Roys were seen floating around the room thanking everyone for attending the surprise affair. The honoree was especially handsome in his dark blue suit and bow tie. Mrs. Roy was fashionable in a dual-tone blue and green print two-piece evening suit.

The honoree's son, the Rev. Americus Roy, rector at St. Ambrose Catholic Church gave the invocation.

The roast beef dinner was served buffet style and afterwards James N. Phillips, executive director of the Md. Employment Security Administration began the program.

Mr. Phillips and other dias guests said the same thing about Mr. Roy, he is a great public servant.

Secretary of the Department of Employment and Social Services, David T. Mason said as he presented the Governor's (Mandel) Certificate, "During the many years I've known Melvin (Roy), I've never heard an unkind word said about him."

(Note: What Mr. Mason said must have been true because guests were heard saying "amen.")

Other citations came from the Mayor's office, represented by Clyde Andrews, director, Equal Opportunity; Michael Luciano, director, Board of Appeals, and the AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, represented by this writer.

Paul Chester, clerk, Court of Common Pleas, added humor to the occasion by telling a popular joke which ended with roars of laughter. He then gave a presentation to Mr. Roy from the East Baltimore Old Timers.

The lady who had the most to do with planning the affair, Mrs. Louise K. Hines, claims examiner with the state, made an eloquent presentation of a bound book of letters from co-workers and friends from all walks of life.

Following the presentations from his co-workers and the Eastside Community Committee, Mr. Roy responded:

"I'm sure you're my friends or you wouldn't be here today. There are some of my friends here from childhood days and it makes me feel proud to see some of those who have retired come back to see me this evening."

Along with Mrs. Hines there was a committee who helped with the affair. It was comprised of Mesdames Sarah Browne, Jean Calman, Rosetta Chappell, Irene Duncan, Pauline Stanley and Messrs. Harry Hammerick, Clyde Andrews and John Sutton.

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Have a nice day!

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin G. Roy are shown here at the gala retirement dinner given in his honor last Wednesday evening at the Governor's Club. Also pictured is Mr. Roy's son, the Rev. Americus Roy, rector of St. Ambrose Catholic Church.
(AFRO Staff photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

Mrs. Thelma B. Cox left, was the keynote speaker at the 30th Annual Blue Ribbon Tea. The Sunday afternooner was sponsored by the Eastside Community Committee and the Women's City-Wide Committee for Delinquency Prevention. Also pictured are: Mesdames Bertha Driver, second from left, treasurer, City-Wide Committee; Mabel L Watts, president, City-Wide Committee; Rosie S. Keene, tea co-chairwoman; Florine Brady, tea Secretary, and Vera Le Cato, tea Co-Chairwoman.
(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

SAVE OUR CHILDREN

30th Blue Ribbon Tea

Townsfolk look forward to the Blue Ribbon Tea held yearly in the auditorium of the Dunbar Community High School. They know that the Eastside Community Committee and the Women's City-Wide Committee for Delinquency Prevention plan an interesting program consisting of speakers who know what they are talking about. And this year was no exception.

The 30th Annual Tea, held last Sunday afternoon, saw several hundred Baltimore residents, mainly from East Baltimore, crowd into the soon-to-be-replaced Dunbar School. In only a few short minutes, the only seats to be found were located in the balcony.

The program got on its way at 4 p.m. when the Holliman's Student Orchestra, directed by James H. Holliman rendered musical selections preceded by the processional of the hosts and hostesses, the singing of the Negro National Anthem and the invocation by the Rev. Charles M. Franklin, pastor of the Fountain Baptist Church located on East Monument St.

Mrs. Rosie S. Keene, chairlady for the affair, welcomed the guests and introduced those seated on the stage, all of whom brought greetings. Among them were:

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, D-7th; Del. Hattie Harrison, 2nd district; Del. Clarence DuBurns; Hon. Benjamin H. Foreman, Jr., associate judge, Orphans Court, and Councilman Robert Douglas.

And, Capt. Neal Brockington, Baltimore City Eastern District; Dr. Delores Hunt, executive director of Woman Power; Paul Smith, master in chancery, Juvenile Court of Baltimore City; Lt. Crispen, Baltimore Boys Club, and Ms. Marie P. Cooke, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Greetings also came from Dunbar principal, Mrs. Julia Woodland.

Throughout the program the J. C. Poney Chorale directed by Mr. Poney sang popular hit tunes as well as spirituals.

The keynote speaker for the afternooner was Mrs. Thelma B. Cox, superintendent of Region II, Baltimore City Public Schools. The theme of her talk was "Save Our Black Children," which brought hearty applauses from her listeners.

Mrs. Cox told of the rich East Baltimore heritage. The speaker, herself, once lived on the eastside. She said there are over 100,000 residents, nearly 90 per cent black, living in the area with some 24 public schools, and 100 churches. "It is a rich heritage because we have all made it so. Many of us walked the halls of this school (Dunbar). But we have problems.

"Our biggest problem today is that we are not saving enough of our black children. They represent what our next generation is going to be. Many are involved in crime; they hang on street corners . . . they're dying every day.

"We talk about all the bad things they do but what are we doing about

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CLUB OF THE WEEK

Iota's Kopelles

By Michele Lynn McRae

Many young people are getting involved in nice things, and are broadening their horizons. Like members of the "Iota Kopelles," a youth group sponsored by the graduate chapter of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority.

The purpose of this organization is to encourage young girls to prepare for today's world academically, culturally and spiritually through programs and service activities that help them discover their fullest potentials.

The National Youth Program for Kopelles was organized in 1963 and represents a "directed" focus on building leadership for tomorrow's government and has become very active throughout its own communities.

The 28 ladies of the Kopelles are taking advantage of this rewarding opportunity under the leadership of Sorors of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Mesdames Doris M. Williams, youth coordinator and Veta Greig, co-youth coordinator.

Officers of the group are Misses Thelma Miller, president; Theresa Taylor, vice president; Vicki Silva, secretary; Tessa Brinkley, financial secretary; Ylonda Williams, sergeant-at-arms, Kevin Carter, historian.

Members include Misses Tanya Jackson, Beatrice Colbert, Ivy Gates, Wanda Harris, Karen Harvey, Oraris Oden, JoAnne Williams, Kim Lewis, JoLene Parker, Carol Owens, Denise Weems, Jackie Jackson, Chiquita Blake, Sherry D. Morton and Yvonne Eubanks.

Also Misses Dewana Parker, Darlene Davis, Brenda Uzzle, Terry Morton, Trodonna Williams.

The group will hold a luncheon and fashion show on Sunday, April 28, 2:30 p.m. in the Sheraton-Baltimore Inn. Chairman is Miss Terry Morton along with co-chairman Sherry Morton.

A group of young ladies doing nice things are the "Iota Kopelles", the youth organization of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Inc., Iota Chapter. Under the guidance of Sorors Doris M. M. Williams, coordinator and Veta Greig, co-coordinator, the teenagers have become an important part of their communities. Pictured front row from left are Misses Tanya Jackson, Beatrice Colbert, Ivy Gates, Vicki Silva, Wanda Harris, Tessa Brinkley. Second row from left are Misses Karen Harvey, Oraris Oden, JoAnne Williams, Kim Lewis, JoLene Parker, Carol Owens, Denise Weems, Theresa Taylor, Jackie Jackson, Chiquita Blake, Sherry D. Morton, Yvonne Eubanks. Third row from left are Sorors Doris Williams, Mary Silva, Barbara Bollin, Veta Greig and Misses Dewana Parker, Darlene Davis, Brenda Uzle, Terry Morton, Thelma Miller, Adrenne Harris, Ylonda Williams, Shari Kober, Trodonna Williams and Kevin Carter.
(Photo by William R. Bailey)

Women

Miss Baltimore pageant is tomorrow night

The Miss Baltimore Pageant will be held Sat., March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Patterson High School.

As in the past, the Baltimore Jaycees will again sponsor this most entertaining event. The Miss Baltimore Pageant is an official franchise of the Miss America Pageant in the Baltimore Metropolitan area. The ladies participating range in age from 18 to 28. Competition will be in the areas of talent, swimsuit and gown competition.

Social Calendar

MARCH 8

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Night In Monte Carlo, Eastwind, 9000 Pulaski Highway, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

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Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Night In Las Vegas, 6812 Dogwood Rd., 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

MARCH 9

Wedding of Miss Carolyn Hebron to George Tyrone Queen, Paynes A.M.E. Church, Hanover, Md., 1 p.m.

MARCH 10

The Maryland Pharmaceutical Society banquet honoring senior black pharmacists, LeFontaine Bleu, 3120 Erdman Ave., 7 p.m.

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The Golden Rule Guild for Mental Health, Inc., 25th Anniversary Ball, 6812 Dogwood Rd., 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

MICHELE WRITES

Club Notes

BY MICHELE LYNN McRAE

When does your club meet? Let this column know about your meetings and programs. Send news releases to Miss Michele L. McRae, Club Notes, AFRO-AMERICAN, P. O. Box 1857, 21203.

THE WHO-ZITS — The talk of this town, after several weeks, is that swanky dance hosted recently by the lovely ladies of the 15-year-old Baltimore social organization.

Members entertained some 300 guests at the spacious Hilton Ballroom where they danced and dined to music by the Bobby Felder Orchestra.

Out-of-town guests attending the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Calvert Grayton, Cambridge, Md.; Mrs. Anita Lockerman, Jersey City, N.J.; Mrs. Edna Primberton, New York; Mr. and Mrs. James Gilliam, Delaware; Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson, Annapolis; Mrs. Helen Queen, Parksburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stubbs, Chevy Chase, Md.; Mrs. Bernice W. Williams, Richmond, Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Callway, Hagerstown, Md.

Members of the group are Mesdames Helen Whittaker, president; Mable L. Byrd, vice president; Alma Gray, secretary; Jerri Winckler, financial secretary; Louise Lockerman, treasurer; Thelma Bell, Olivia Dixon, Maxine Higginbotham, Laura Pair, Beth Patterson, Mary Pitts, Elizabeth Ramsey, Lelia Terry, Hermione Weaver, Lucretia Whitten and Betty Williams.

NATIONAL EPICUREANS, INC.— The Baltimore Chapter had their annual Founders' Day service at Centennial United Methodist Church recently. The Rev. Joseph Carroll, minister of the church, officiated.

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