Army Golden Knights to open City Fair

A spectacular aerial ballet performed by the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team will officially open the fifth anniversary Baltimore City Fair at noon on Friday, Sept. 20.

The celebrated skydiving team will plummet from the clouds into the Inner Harbor with colored smoke trailing behind them.

According to Lt. Colonel William J. Healy, U.S.A.R., who is coordinating the Golden Knights' appearance at the Fair, the men will be jumping from an altitude of approximately 13,500 feet. The team reaches free fall speeds of up to 180 miles an hour.

During the descent the jumpers perform an intricate series of daring maneuvers. They form stars, pass batons, perform bombbursts and somehow manage to land on a 100 millimeter target.

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MRS. HANNAH LINDSEY, civic leader of the 500 block Cargill Ave. in Baltimore County, is congratulated by Baltimore County Executive Frederick L. Dewberry after receiving the WBAL Radio Brotherhood Award. The award was presented to Mrs. Lindsey in recognition of her participation, interest and love of mankind. From left are Vernett C. Lindsey, Mrs. Lindsey, WBAL-Radio Personality Bob Jones, who represented the station at the presentation, and Mr. Dewberry.

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THE STATE OF THINGS

Paradox of 1974

By Don and Val Hymes

Wouldn't it be funny if they held an election and nobody came?

There's more than whimsy to that question, because the Maryland primary is only a few days away and except for the school children, who will get the day off, hardly anybody seems to care.

The state's media, mindful of their responsibility, have dutifully covered forums and speeches and profiled candidates. The party regulars have been hosting receptions and cheering loudly at events euphemistically called rallies. But John Q. Voter couldn't care less.

It really isn't surprising. The nation has been so drained by Watergate and all its spinoffs that it's hard to work up enthusiasm for anything political.

If Watergate were still swirling about us, experts could predict a violent "throw the rascals out" rebellion at the polls. But that is over, and in their relief the average voters are holding their breath for fear of rocking the boat and sinking in the sea of economic crises.

REAL DULL ELECTION

Hopefully for the democratic system, the juices will start flowing again in time for the general election in November. But the primary has been as stimulating as Little Orphan Annie's repartee with her dog, Sandy.

This could be attributed to the lack of "serious" opposition to the entrenched political figures. This doesn't mean that the challengers aren't serious about the race, or that they aren't worthy opponents. It's just that the issues they raise can't break through the shell that the voters have erected around themsatives.

Take Wilson Barnes, a distinguished judge whose charges about the Mandel administration recall many of the abuses of the Agnew and Nixon scandals.

NOBODY LISTENS

Surely he deserves to be heard, but nobody seems to be listening, least of all Mandel. Please, Barnes begged George Beall, if there are going to be new indictments, bring them out before the primary. But Beall, a Republican who doesn't want to be accused of playing politics, can't or won't do it.

Barnes's plea, it seems, was little more than his own admission that his message hasn't been getting through.

And who will profit by all this apathy? Mandel, for one, the consummate politician who has been blithely trying to make political hay out of his remarriage — something that would have meant instant destruction in another era — while campaigning leisurely among the faithful because he knows the importance of keeping party fences mended.

MANDEL'S MONEY

Mandel didn't blink about paying that $82,000 in admissions taxes, because he's got plenty of money for his low-key campaign. And he thumbed his nose at reporters who reminded him that he hadn't returned the $18,000 in contributions as promised. That, he realizes, was last year's headline.

"Governor Mandel for Governor," his billboards say simply, slyly planting a suggestion that should be enough. He has made no enemies within the political structure, and he filled his campaign warchest long before the political apathy and inflation of 1974 zipped up everybody's wallets.

HOME FREE

Incumbents figure to be home free. They have an organization and a following, and they've done their homework and a few favors now and then. Their names are familiar, and for an apathetic electorate, that should be plenty.

Challengers, for the most part, will be left at the starting gate. Their hoped-for financial backing has virtually vanished, and they must buck the precinct organizations that will always deliver a solid core of party-line voters.

In local races here and there, issues manage to surface, though hardly capturing the public's imagination. But statewide and regionally, there are none.

HOGAN-GORE

Larry Hogan and Louise Gore are vying for the GOP nomination for governor. Neither is an incumbent, but Hogan's recognition factor is higher. But can anybody cite what the issue in that race is?

In the senatorial race, Mathias is untouchable, Barbara Mikulski, with a lot of political savvy going for her, will win the Democratic nod over a gallant but outmatched Bernard Talley — who was set up and let down by the party leaders — and nine other hopefuls. She is, in fact, already campaigning against Mathias, but he pretends not to notice, which will continue to be his best strategy.

And congressionally, only one race will be interesting at all, but just because there is no incumbent — that for the 5th District seat to be vacated by Hogan. Once again recognition — Gladys Spellman has been winning elections in Prince George's County for 12 years — will be decisive.

MITCHELL

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell is unopposed and goes in with one vote.

There was hope, at the height of the political scandals eons ago, that a wave of conscience would sweep America and signal a new era of political reform. How fast we forget.

Maryland put it off. Congress is still trying, but real campaign reform is as far from reality as it was in those brazen days before Watergate, because those who must change the system are all children of it.

And most ironically of all, the voters' disgust with the abuses of our political system will strengthen that system even more in 1974. In turning their back on politics, they will guarantee victory for the machine politician.

Lung Association gives grant

The American Lung Association of Maryland, through its Memorial Fund Committee for Medical Education and Research, has awarded a grant totaling more than $10,000 to Dr. Steven Larson, assistant professor at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Divisions of Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Health, Baltimore.

The grant, which was made possible by donations to the Christmas Seal Agency, will enable Dr. Larson to continue his work toward the development of a rapid radiometric method for evaluating drug susceptibility of tuberculosis.

Ethical society meeting

The Baltimore Ethical Society, 3800 Gwynn Oak Ave., will hold its first fall meeting and lecture, Sept. 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Speaking will be its new director, Michael Eldridge, and his subject is "The Ethical Society: A Naturalistic/Humanistic Alternative to American Traditional Religions."

CROP observes hungry people of world week

The tragedy of the world's hungry people will be the subject of a series of meetings to be held during the week of Sept. 9-12 in various sections of the city.

They are sponsored by the Baltimore Committee of CROP, The Community Hunger Appeal of church World Service, to call consciousness the fate of the 15,000 people who die of starvation each day and the millions who linger on undernourished.

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Afro-American art show set for Sept. 9 to Oct. 18

The AFRO-American Newspapers will sponsor an exhibit of Afro-American Art at the Downtown Gallery of the Baltimore Museum of Art, Charles and Redwood Sts. from Sept. 9 through Oct. 18.

The exhibit, which will contain highlights from the Atlanta University Collection of Afro-American Art, will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be a special noonday gallery talk by Professor James E. Lewis, director of the Gallery of Art at Morgan State College, on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 12:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 12, and each Thursday at 12:30 until Oct 17, there will be a film in the Of Black America Series.

The programs are free and open to the public.

JAMES E. LEWIS

Orientation Day at Clifton Junior Hi

By Angela Chatman

Clifton Park Junior High School on Wednesday opened doors to students for the beginning of the new school year without incident.

Clifton, one of the schools affected by the desegregation plan, has been for the last five years, an all black school. Now 188 white students go into 7th grade classes which totals almost 600.

At 9:30 the students, who began arriving at the school as early as 8:15, were gathered in the auditorium and introduced to Principal Maurice S. Dorsey, assistant principal Mrs. Blum, and vice principal Woolman.

After opening statements, the students were then given a tour of their new school and ended by assembling in their respective homerooms with their homeroom teachers.

Attendance among the white students was low with those who did come being escorted, in most cases, by their parents. Though the parents expressed concern, there did not appear to be any signs of panic.

The outlook of the faculty and administration at Clifton is one of guarded optimism. Everyone there is committed to making this school year a good one.

Principal Maurice S. Dorsey, feels that there will be no problems with race at the school. He pointed out that all the children entering the school are coming from Feeder Schools No. 31 Coldstream Elementary; No. 53, Margaret Brent, No. 54, Barclay; and No. 231, Brehm's Lane, all of which are relatively integrated.

He is in favor of the desegregation plan and feels there will be little difficulty in implementing the plan.

His only real concerns are the parents who have threatened not to send their children to school and the problem of transportation for children coming from the Brehm's Lane, and Remington areas of the city.

Dorsey stated that, in the long run, the plan will be very good for the school. He feels that his children will benefit from being put in contact with different kinds of people and different cultures.

Dorsey has met in the last few days with parents and teachers alike in an effort to see that things run smoothly. On Tuesday, he met with parents from Brehm's Lane and with parents of Clifton Park students. He intends to use the school's PTA and the student council as vehicles to help the kids and parents to adjust to the new situation.

There will also be programs and assemblies for the 8th graders to help them to adjust.

Mrs. J. E. Lewis, a history teacher at Clifton and sponsor for the school's Student Council, has worked with Mr. Dorsey, to formulate a plan whereby the 8th grade student council members will escort the 7th graders to their classes for at least the first week of school.

She feels that by building a strong Student Council which Clifton has lacked in the last five years, the students will be able to form a constructive bond with one another.

I later talked with two teachers John Stokes and Joseph Bacote.

Mr. Stokes, who has been teaching at Clifton for 18 years, has had the opportunity to see the school as it changed from all white, in the fifties to all black in the late sixties.

He has seen integration and now he is seeing desegregation. He feels that in effect, desegregation is merely a continuance of what was begun in 1954.

Mr. Stokes, plans no different approach to his students. However, he does intend to discuss the situation with them. He feels it is unfair not to explain the reasons for the plan. On the whole he will be doing things that he would always do to help his students during the school year.

Stokes feels that it is important to teach children to be good citizens. He wants his students to be aware of the interaction between things. He wants them to have respect for law and for each other.

Mr. Bacote, who has been teaching at Clifton a year, sees no problems in dealing with his students. He thinks that most of the problems will be caused by the fears of parents and

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