

No. 1 Bobtillion slated to go to youth chapters across USA

By Elizabeth Oliver

The first Bobtillion is continuing the history it established this spring and soon will go nationwide. By autumn, chapters are destined to spring up in many other cities and Baltimore.

The ceremony and rite of passage into manhood originated by Mrs. Ruteena Blake of Columbia, MD. heard the announcement of the future plans last weekend during the final ceremony and banquet held in Washington on Capitol Hill.

Cong. Parren J Mitchell, guest speaker, promised his influence to spread the organization "so that as many more of our young men may also get on the road to success."

Praising the 22 Bobtillions as the finest examples of young men, Dr. Hilbert Stanley announced the sponsorship of his national Association of Black School Educators. He also said plans will be laid for a special Baltimore Bobtillion.

Mrs. Blake, Bobtillion founder (who coined and copyrighted the name), and her committee have given dedicated leadership to the first such movement in the nation which has as its philosophy the building of self worth, dignity and high principles for youths entering manhood.

The final black tie affair which was witnessed by members of Congress, dignitaries, parents and firends, was termed "the most inspiring I have ever seen" by Cong. Mitchell.

The event followed three months training (with the young men enrolled for success lectures, community service and worship , visits to government, state and public establishments.

Highlight of the program was the talk given by the special guest, Astronaut Frederick D. Gregory who came for the event from the Johnson Space Center in Houston to give encouragement as he said "on the greatest occasion I have ever seen."

Stating he is happy to see our young men setting their sights on a great future," he expressed the hope "that the movement will spread so others may have the advantage."

Cong. Mitchell received a plaque from Tony Boston; Lt. Col. Gregory a trophy from Curtis Sands: Mrs. Blake, plaque, Jim Hunter; Elizabeth M. Oliver, from Lamar Walters; Dr. Kline Price, from Tony Boston: Dr. Clayton Stansbury from Rufus G. Kelly III; Mrs. Blake, flowers, Mrs. Sands: Gwen Clark plaque by Melvin Evans; Mrs. Barbara plaque by 3irnie Williams.

Each Bobtillion received citations from Mrs. Clark on behalf of Cong. Harold Ford of Tennessee; Dr. Stanley gave photograph albums from Mayor Schaefer and the "twill" by Dr. Stansbury; White House citations by Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Kelly.

On the program were Rev. Douglass Sands; dance by sheree Hamilton; awards, Mrs. Sands; solo, Kimberly Kelly; Levinia Ellicott, solo; Terri Oliver, introduction of special guests; Dr. Oliver, ceremonies; Ambassador A. Y. Eke, Minister L.O.C. Agubuzu, Ambassador Dr. J. O'Neil-Lewis, Trinidad and Tobago; D.C. City Councilwoman Charlene Drew Jarvis; Dr. Chris Nwachukwu Okeke advisor to the Nigerian Team to the 1983 Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition: the Darrel Hunt Ensemble; Nicole Binn, Sheree Hamilton and Carmen White; dramatization; Kurt Blake, introduction of Cong. Mitchell; Lt. Col. Gregory, introduced by Lamar walters; Dr. Kline price, Salute to Manhood; Mrs. Blake, soloist; Edwina Hunter accompanist for the Ladder of Success (Blake) by the Bobtillion chorus.

The waltz by future cotillion girls and future Bobtillion boys included: Kent V. Blake, Todd Tyson, Carey Clossen, Forrest Clossen, Alex Sands, Jeffrey Coleman, Kesha Allen, Chaszetta M. Oliver, Anika Hunter, Sheree Hamilton, Nicole Binn, Carmen White, Monique S. wilkins, and NIKKI Hobson.

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BOBTILLION PARTICIPANTS

Kurt Blake, son of Dr. and Mrs. Vincent R. Blake; Tony Boston, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Boston; Mark Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman; Leroy Dyett Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dyett; Mark Ellicott III, son of Mark Ellicott Jr.; Derek Faison, son of Mrs. Levena E. Faison; James Hunter Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter; Randy Francois, son of Dr. and Mrs. Emma uel Francois; Scott Johns, son of Mrs. Carolyn Moss; John Walden , son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walden;

Also, Scott Welcher son of Dr. Boris Welcher and Frederick Welcher; Lamar Walters, son of Mrs. Griggs; Melvin C. Evans, grandson of Mrs. Lillian Brooks; Jason Seymore, son of Albert and Mrs. Merridith Seymore; David Simpkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Simpkins; Curtis Sands, son of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Sands; Mark Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lucas; Rufus G. Kelly III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Kelly Jr.; Jason Reed, son of Mrs. Ella Tate; Birnie Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Birnie Williams, Donte Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Price; Torrence Moss, son of Mrs. Carolyn Moss.

Among guests were:

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seymore, Mrs. Merrideth Seymore ,John Seymore, Mrs. Emillia Baxley, Mrs. Gloris G. Mason, Mrs. Julia Harris, Myrtle Dutton, Mrs. Catherine Miles, Mrs. Dottie McKennedy and son, Ms. Crystal Russell;

Dr. and Mrs. Kline Price, Mr. and Mrs. Leory Dyett, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Leaford Williams, Mrs. Mary Ward, M r. and Mrs. William Washington, Mrs. Nina R. Harper, Mrs. Nettie more, Mrs. Anne Watkins, Dr. and Mrs. Laurent, Pierre-Philip;

Mrs. Ruby Corbin, Mildred Gingle, Ms. Deirdre Gingle, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Butler, Mrs. Simone Blake, Dr. Vincent Blake, Ms. Charlene B ailey, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey, Bernie W. Williams, Paul Glover;

Mrs. Ida W. Williams, Atty Cora T. Walker, Rev. Douglas Sands Sr., Cecelia Sands, Mrs. Helen Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coleman, Gary Monroe, Dr. and Mrs. Clayton Stansbury, Terry McDonald, Rob Harper, Mrs. Verdelle Sands, Alexander Sands;

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Doyle, Jr., and Family. Dr. and Mrs Richard Tyson and Family, Dr. and Mrs. Jacques Clermont, Dr. and Mrs. Laurence Scipio, Dr. Chrislaine Faugy, Dr. and Mrs. Marc Jerome.



DR. HILBERT STANLEY (center), executive of the National Association of Black School Educators, a nationwide organization, announced its future sponsorship of the Bobtillion.



MRS. RUTEENA BLAKE, wife of the physician, Dr. Vincent R. Blake and the founder of the Bobtillion annual ceremony and rite of passage, is given roses by Mrs. Barbara Sands, chairperson of the first event. (RIGHT PANEL) Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, main speaker and special guest, Astronaut Lt. Col. Frederick D. Gregory of the Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX. — All photos by Glasco Ryales.

For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

A Giant Flea Market and May Festival is announced by the Lillie Jackson Museum for May 28. Sooo, you hurry to engage your space. Over 200 spaces are scheduled for the entire block in front of the Museum in the 1300 block Eutaw Place.

Friends, families, churches, schools, neighbors, dealers, anybody can set up tables on either side of the broad street and sell, sell, sell from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Bake tables, clothing, white elephants, plants, crafts, cake tables, pies, hot dogs, hamburgers, varieties of every kind plus dinners by expert cooks on the Museum Board will be right there. Rain date, Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.

Bettye Graves, chairperson, says call her at 367-4787 and rent your space two or three at $10 each.

The cash received will get a receipt for proof which you will carefully save and submit at the gate when you arrive to set your table up early the morning of the affair.

Watch For A Special advertisement in the AFRO coming soon with an application (for your table space) you can cut out and send in (right away) to reserve your best chance of a lifetime to make yourself some summer money and have some left for the Museum.

The Re-Elect Schaefer for Mayor Committee announced by letter this week appointment of 14 chairmen to head various professional committees, to spearhead the drive:

Accountants — Victor Copolla, Linwood Jennings.

Architects — Leon Bridges, James Grieves.

Bankers — Owen Daly, Wesley Queen.

Businessmen — Frank Gunther, Ken Wilson

Businesswomen — Natalie McSherry, Marion Wesley.

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Lawyers — George Russell, Ronald Shapiro.

Clergy — Rev. C. C. Alexander. Rev. Kenneth Jones.

Pharmacists — Wesley Shelton, Ted Cavacos.

Contractors — Leroy Kirby, Warren Parker.

Dentists — Dr. Donald Brotman, Dr. Harvey Webb.

Educators — Dr. John Crew, F. Albert Farmer.

Engineers — William Hellmann, Robert Nash.

Health — Charles Jenkins, Dr. William Jews.

Physicians — Dr. Torrey Brown, Dr. Roland Smoot.

Realtors — Robert Latshaw, Otis Warren.

Senior Citizens — Sarah Barron, Dr. Mary N. Brooks.

Don Miller, associate director of Baltimore Neighborhoods is asking for testers in the fight to end discrimination in housing. Call 243-4400 or 243-6007 so you may help the understaffed, over-worked volunteers.

Don says there is racial discrimination in house sales and rental of apartments that is subtle and even based on religion as well.

Owners or rent agencies have a way of telling black persons there is nothing available and then turn around and rent or sell to whites. This is against the law and more prevelant in the Liberty Road-corridor than other areas.

As A Tester you will be trained and then go along with other applicants and report what happens. All prepares for court cases. An example was the recent victory BNI won forcing the landlord to deal fairly.

Here are some Tenant-Landlord testimonies on the great services of BNI as to complaints:

"Recently I had occasion to call on Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc . . . I quickly realized that this group is one of most outstanding I have ever met. They are open, friendly, supportive and educated in the field of landlord and tenant relationship . . ."

" . . . Your efficiency and kindness meant a great deal to us. It is good to know that you and your organization are out there . . ."

"As always I appreciate the business-like and considerate manner in which BNI handles complaints it receives . . . " (from a landlord).

"Thank you for helping me get my security deposit back. If it wasn't for your help, I wouldn't be $350 richer . . ."

MAY DATES

May 14 — Convention Center — Minority Business Contractors.

May 20 — Episcopal Diocese of Maryland Convention — Convention Center.

May 20 — Commencement — Civic Center, 3 p.m. University of Maryland at Baltimore.

May 22 — Commencement — Civic Center, 11 a.m. Coppin College.

May 22 — Commencement — Civic Center, 6 p.m. Morgan State Univ.

May 25 — Commencement — Civic Center, 8 p.m. University of Baltimore.

YWCA 100Th

The 100 year theme: "YWCA — What a Way To Grow 1883-1983" epitomizes the 100 years that the YWCA of Greater Baltimore has helped to develop and shape the lives of countless women and girls. The, YWCA has expanded and grown to meet the changing needs of this community. The YWCA has been and will continue to be a place for teens, young women, mothers, grandmothers, children and families to relax to learn, and to grow . . . a place to solve serious problems of dislocation, family breakdown and unemployment.

Corner House, the short-term emergency shelter, has added two components, a Family Shelter and a Bed and Breakfast program. The Day Care program has expanded from six centers to a total of nine in Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Anne Arundel and Harford Counties for day care to approximately 1,035 children.

Coming Soon

The U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD and its total enrollment of 4,457 midshipmen, has black men and women in all branches. In an exclusive AFRO feature by Elizabeth M. Oliver and Glasco Ryales, photographer, you will meet in photos and story, the promising young people from across the nation who will be graduated in June.



Plans for survival conference subject

The only national black organization whose sole concern is the present and future of Black families and children is meeting at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Apr. 20-23, to work out means and methods for surviving in the decade of the '80s.

At its tenth annual conference, the National Council for Black Family and Child Development will be hearing speeches by such prominent black leaders as Congressman Parren Mitchell, the former head of the Congressional Black Caucus; Congressional Delegate Walter Fauntroy, and Eleanor Holmes Norton, former head of the Equal Opportunity Administration.

Also during the three-day conference will be workshops on such critical issues as child welfare, budget cuts and unemployment, the status of affirmative action and stress in and out of the workplace.

Crime victims offered support

By John W. Freece

ANNAPOLIS — Groups intent on bestowing on crime victims rights comparable to those now afforded the perpetrators of crimes joined forces Wednesday under a new umbrella organization called the Maryland Victim Advocacy Network.

"You're going to hear some things from this group. We're going to get some things done," boasted Virginia Mahoney, president of the new group and head of Baltimore County's victim and witness assistance program.

Ms. Mahoney said similar organizations in other states and at the federal level, are trying to reverse what she described as a trend in the criminal justice system to protect the rights of the accused rather than worrying about the victims of crimes or their families.

"It is a big enough issue across the country. It is not a passing fancy. They are going to equalize the system," she said of the victim advocacy groups.

She said 23 groups have already joined the new Maryland Organization, including Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, the Stephanie Roper Committee, United Citizens for Justice, The Maryland Coalition Against Crime, and others.

The organization plans to develop a "Bill of Rights" for crime victims, to prepare legislative proposals for next year's General Assembly, and to serve as clearing house for victim assistance ideas, she said.

Crime victims "don't have specified rights under our laws, but crime defendants often do," she said, charging that the rights of crime victims have been "usurped."

"It has happened gradually and in an overzealous attempt to protect the accused," she said.

One specific change the group intends to seek, she said, is a guarantee that victims will have the right to be heard before sentencing in criminal cases.

The group was addressed by Attorney General Stephen Sachs and by Lois Herrington, a California Attorney who headed a federal task force that investigated the problems faced by crime victims and issued a report to President Reagan.

Sachs suggested that the new organization consider the role victims should play in criminal sentencing, changing that could be made in the scheduling of trial to make it easier on victims and witnesses, protections that could be put into the law to prevent harassment of victims or witnesses, and efforts that could be made to keep victims or witnesses better informed.

The Attorney General also said the victims of crimes that have gone un-punished should not be forgotten, saying, "The forgotten of the forgotten are those whose cases don't even exist because no one was ever apprehended."

Ms. Herrington said her task force's nationwide study revealed "The treatment of victims is a national scandal," adding that "fifty percent of violent crime is unreported because of the treatment of victims."

She urged a variety of changes, some as seemingly simple as returning property to victims of property crimes as quickly as possible. And others more complex such as changes in the way plea bargain arrangements are made.

Her final words of encouragement were, "Don't get impatient," adding that it takes time to make substantive changes to the criminal justice system.

Among those in the audience were Roberta Roper, mother of brutally murdered Frostburg State University honors student Stephanie Roper, and Rita Furst, widow of Victor Furst, a retired painter shot to death while riding on moped in 1981.

Members of the Stephanie Roper Committee, which formed to lobby for tougher criminal sentencing laws in Maryland, wore red and white buttons that proclaimed, "I am a victim."



PROJECT SURVIVAL "Honoree-elect" William C. March, owner of the funeral home bearing his name, is flanked by his family, (L-R), Victor March, son; Roberta March, wife and Erich March, son.

Project Survival dinner is May 11

At the recent Project Survival Press luncheon held at the Hit and Run Club of Memorial Stadium, sports celebrities, members of the press, honorees and supporters gathered to kick-off the 1983 Project Survival "Evening With" benefit dinner. This year's fete honoring Vince Bagli, Sports Director of WBAL-TV, and William C. March, Funeral Director and leading civic leader, will take place at Martin's West on Wednesday, May 11th at 6 p.m.

Project Survival's 5th annual fund raiser which supports the basketball and scholastic program of the Urban Services Agency, depends on monetary and volunteer contributions from the community.

The Project Survival Director, Vernon Wolst and Assistant Director, Sharon Reichlyn emphasized that $65,000 will be needed this year to provide the Sam Lacy Scholarship, Cain Tutorial Clinics and the Project Survival College Preparatory League.

This year's Project Survival will have hundreds of supporters working toward that goal.

Sharon Reichlyn acknowledged the special contributions of the Anheuser Busch Corporation, the Winner Distributing Company, the Allegheny Pepsi Company, and Quality Brands, Inc.

Team Sponsorship Tables are $350.00; Reserved tables for 10 people at $225.00: and individual tickets are $22.50

For information call 396-1760 or 889-3987.

Ministers oppose wrong use of center for King

Black clergymen in Washington County say they oppose attempts by the county to use the Martin Luther King Center for programs that do not directly benefit the black community.

The Rev. Milton King, pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, said April 15 that 15 clergymen have petitioned the Washington County commissioners to limit public uses of the building.

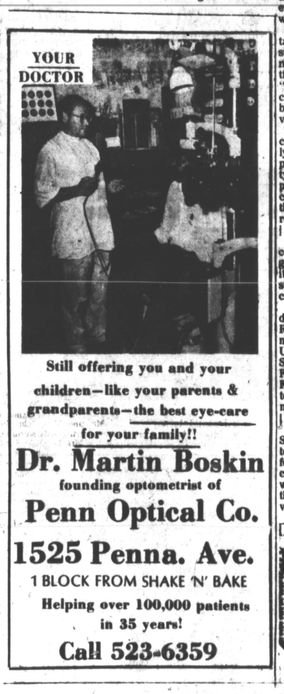
"We hope that every time the county needs space they (commissioners) will not begin to eye the Martin Luther King Center. The county can and should take pride in its decision to dedicate this building to black community to even consider using the building for anything other than its intended purpose would be going back on a promise," the petition said.

Officials looked at the center as a possible site for the county's alcoholism rehabilitation unit, which currently is located in a jail building.

Clergymen said the black community uses the center for social, civic and religious activities.

They added they oppose relocating the rehabilitation unit to the King Center because the center also houses a head start program for children.





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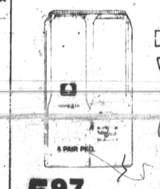
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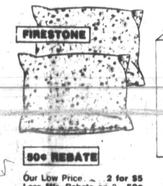
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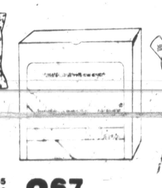
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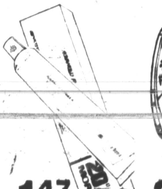
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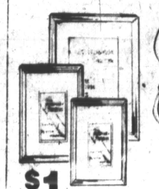
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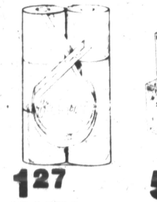
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