Champagne reception for historic figures at City Hall Sunday

Famous black Marylanders due at 350th state birthday fete

A group of historic Maryland figures will be present Sunday at a champagne reception at City Hall to receive awards and to present capsules on 20 personalities and historic institutions. The 3-6 p.m. event is at the beautiful City Hall Rotunda.

The occasion marks Maryland's 350th Birthday celebration and is sponsored by the Council for Cultural Progress under Mrs. Marie C. Henderson and is termed "Maryland History Makers, Past and Present."

The Council for Cultural progress is a private, non-profit group which initiates and supports minority interest in art, culture and preservation and has been active 12 years.

In attendance and to make presentations will be Mayor William D. Schaefer and Gov. Harry Hughes.

Also expected are relatives of the late Dr. Charles Drew; Harrttt Tubman; Frederick Douglass, and John H. Murphy Sr., Nicole Holiday, sister of the famed Baltimore singer, Billie Holiday, will also be present. Born at old Sinai Hospital on Rutland Avenue where her immortal sister was also born, Nicole is also a noted singer and has received applause around the world.

The elaborate and historic affair is by invitation.

Mrs. Henderson notes that the Council for Cultural Progress has in the past hosted such notable figures as Alex Haley, author of Roots and visiting African dignitaries.

Among numerous accomplishments the group has, is the largest single contribution to the Baltimore City Markers Program and has thus provided the Historic Markers for Druid Hill Park and City Hall.

Mrs. Victorine Adams, the retired City Councilwoman, is coordinator of the program which will have the following living history makers presenting brief thumbnails of the past history makers and institutions:

History Maker
Historical Highlight

Bishop John Ricard, SSJ. Maryland's first black Catholic Bishop — St. Francis Xavier Church, established 1793 as the Nation's first Roman Catholic Parish.

John Murphy III, president, The Afro-American Newspaper, and grandson of founder — John Murphy Sr. (1840-1922), Founder of The Afro-American Newspapers.

James E. Lewis, Gallery Director and nationally recognized authority on Afro-American Art and Sculpture — Joshua Johnston (1765-1830), Baltimore's most successful black painter during the 18th century.

Howard Jessamy, President and Executive Director of Provident Hospital — Provident Hospital established 1894 as one of the first to provide medical care and training to blacks.

Dr. Harvey Webb, Executive Director to The Constant Care Community Health Center — John Widgeon, (1850-1937) Important curator for The Maryland Academy of Sciences, founder of The Fairfield Baptist Church.

Dr. Gossie Hudson, Historian, Author, and Educator — Mathias De Sousa, West Indian who entered Maryland in 1634 with original settlers on The Ark and The Dove.

Ethel Ennis, locally and nationally known entertainer and jazz singer — Billie Holiday. (1915-1959) Paramount vocalist of American Jazz between 1929-1959. Born in East Baltimore.

Dr. Calvin Burnett, President of Coppin State College — Coppin State College. Founded in 1900 as a part of Douglass High School to train Negro teachers.

Hon. Clarence H. "Du" Burns, Baltimore City's first black President of The City Council — Joshua Henson. (1798-1883) Minister, Educator, and Leader. Born in Charles County, Maryland. Prototype of Uncle Tom's Cabin, the novel that sparked The Civil War.

Mary Carter Smith, locally and nationally known storyteller. Hostess to "The Griot" aired on WEAA 88.9 FM — Harriet Tubman. (1821-1913) Leader in the Underground Railroad. Cook, scout, and spy for the Union Army during the Civil War.

HARRIETT TUBMAN

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.

NICOLE HOLIDAY
Billie's sister

BENJAMIN BANNEKER

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

DR. CHARLES R. DREW

Dr. Earl Richardson. Interim President of Morgan State University — Centenary Biblical School founded 1867 to prepare men for the ministry. In 1881 named Morgan College, and Morgan State University in 1974.

Marguerite J. Campbell, Director of Orchard Street Church Committee — Orchard Street Church (est. 1840) The Home of The Underground Railroad. Completely built by slaves by torchlight. A national Historic Site soon to be Baltimore's first Black Cultural Museum.

Gen. George M. Brooks. The area's highest ranking black officer in the Nation's Army Reserve — Matthew Henson. (1866-1955) In 1909 Henson placed the first flag on the North Pole.

Damita Jo. Known through out the world for her interpretation of American Jazz singing — Chick Webb. (1909-1939) Baltimore born jazz drummer who set the pace in the 1920's as a percussionist and band leader.

Charles Covington, Baltimore's 1983 Musician of the Year. Instructor of Music at Peabody Institute, Ranking Class Chess Player and Magician — Eubie Blake. (1883-1983) Famous Ragtime Pianist who changed the style of Musical Comedy in the 1920's.

Kurt Schmoke. Second Black and youngest State Attorney to Baltimore City — Thurgood Marshall (1908-) Leading Civil Rights lawyer and Nation's first Black Supreme Court Justice.

Rev. Wendell Phillips. State Delegate and first Black to head the Maryland Democratic Delegation — Frederick Douglass. (1817-1895) Abolitionist, orator, writer and publisher of "The North Star".

Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Oliver. Journalist, AFRO Maryland State Commision on Afro-American History and Culture. Commissioner — Benjamin Banneker. (1731-1806) Maryland's first Black scientist, astronomer, and surveyor of Washington, D.C.

Dr. Levi Watkins. One of the Nation's first Black heart surgeons now residing at Johns Hopkins Hospital — Dr. Charles Drew. (1904 -1950) Founder of the Blood Bank System. Researcher of blood preservation and plasma.

Samuel Wilson, Founder of the Arena Players — Ira Aldridge, Maryland's first black Shakespearean Actor. He won wide acclaim throughout Europe.

ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

FOR ALL WE KNOW

Here is a real life story about two Viet vets who met again after 12 years apart. The facinating human interest story is sent to us by the Maryland National Guard's Major Howard Freedlander. By St. John Goheen

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Anyone who has ever served in the military knows the story. The Armed Forces has just issued you new orders sending you to some remote outpost. There, you develop new friendships. Good times and bad times are shared. You become as close as siblings. Then, inevitably, you move on.

You part promising to write, but somehow never quite get around to it. Years pass and you lose touch altogether. From time to time you wonder: "Where is he now and what is he doing?" Fleeting memories are all you have.

But occasionally, life's paths are reversed.

Such was the case for Calton Giles, supervisor of the post photo lab here, and Specialist Five Ed Rollins, Baltimore, a Maryland Army National Guardsman taking his two weeks' annual training here.

Giles and Rollins had not seen each other in more than 13 years when they served together in Vietnam at Phan Rang Air Base in the former Republic of Vietnam (located in the southeastern portion of the country).

They both had served as Aerial Combat photographers with the Air Force's Detachment Five, 600th Photo Squadron.

As the job implies, aerial combat photographers tag along on bombing and strafing missions conducted by the Air Force. After dropping its ordinance, the aircraft carrying the photographer makes a final run in order to document the damage. It was dangerous work.

March 24, 1971, Rollins headed for the States and put the war behind him. Like many who served in Southeast Asia then, the date was a special one for Rollins. It took on added significance when Rollins' second daughter was born on that day 11 years later.

The two men bid hasty farewells back in the Air Force and went their separate ways. "We just kind of drifted away," Rollins recalled. "No one wanted to say good-bye. It had been a bad year but also a good year in many ways."

Giles left about a month later, re-enlisted, and split four years between Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N. Mex., and Pope Air Force Base, N.C. adjacent to Fort Bragg. Following the end of his second enlistment, Giles traded his Air Force blues for civilian attire and a position at the photo lab here.

Meanwhile, after a short stint at Andrews Air Force Base outside of Washington D.C., Rollins decided to get out of the Air Force and went to work for Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in Maryland. He is still employed there today.

Looking to get back into photography, Rollins joined the Maryland Guard's 29th Public Affairs Detachment base in Baltimore in 1980.

Members of the 29th PAD are providing public affairs support to the Maryland Guard's 58th Infantry Brigade, here enmasse for two weeks of intensive training in a field combat environment. Among his duties, Rollins is required to develop the film he shoots of the soldiers training. It is a task that can only be accomplished at the post photo lab.

While we were walking up to the photo lab, my captain was telling me that I needed to see a Mr. Giles," Rollins said. "I thought, Do what?'

I know he was from the south somewhere, but before I had the chance to really think about the possibilities of that being him, there he was. A lot of memories came back."

The pages of time also turned back for Giles. "I was shocked," he said, flashing a wide grin. "To see him in that Army uniform... it sure did bring back a lot of memories. He's gained some weight but he still seems the same."

"He hasn't changed a bit," Rollins added.

"Except for the gray hair," Giles countered.

"Well, you did stay in the Air Force four years longer than I did," Rollins joked. "You also ate all that hot food when you were down in New Mexico."

Giles and Rollins have since spent much time needling each other and reminiscing. Difficult assignments, close calls with "Charlie," USO shows and off-duty time all seemed like yesterday. The two appeared to have enjoyed all that the Phan Rang area had to offer in the way of recreation.

"The town was off limits to most people," said Rollins with a sly smile.

"Do you still have that complex about your height," Giles asked with a grin.

"Short and handsome," Rollins said.

The two men say they will now keep in touch. Much has happened since that emotional day in 1971. Each man now is the proud father of two daughters.

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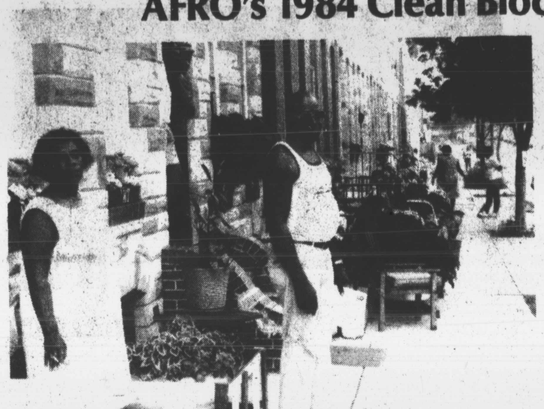

$200 Winner is 1800 Collington where Elijah Washington is Captain and Mrs. Elaine White is Advisor. This is an elegant block with a profusion of flowers.

$200 Top Winner in Murphy Homes is 809 George Street where Mrs. Mary Dye is Advisor. Note beautiful lawns and flowers. Flag is visible from Franklin St.

How AFRO Clean Block funds spent

By Ida Peters

The 1984 AFRO Clean Block Campaign operated on a budget that exceeds more than $20,000 with the payment of $5,595.00 this week (Friday) in cash awards to winning blocks.

Top blocks were selected by a panel of judges last Sunday which included James Garrett, Solid Waste; Russell Cooper, NPA - HCD; Ms. Ronna Stokes, Gas and Electric Co.; Mrs. Phillis Shelton, WJZ - TV; Sgt. Marian Crawford, Police Community Relations; City Councilman Nathaniel McFadden, Mrs. Bonnie Butler, Friday Plus; Mrs. Vanessa Johnson.

The judges were unanimous in selecting the top block and all of their top block selections are included in the first 21 top blocks. Blocks were also judged on how much improvement they have made and attendance at meetings. Winning blocks also had to turn in a Victory Report.

Cash prizes are awarded to blocks for Block Parties to reward children and adults in blocks for hard work. Block parties may include a party in the street; a picnic to a nearby park such as Druid Hill Park or a trip to the Zoo. Many block captains find that a block party attracts undesirables from other blocks so they prefer to take their children to a recreation center or school playground.

Expenses

The AFRO Clean Block Campaign held nine city - wide meetings starting with a kick - off luncheon costing $2,441.25 contributed by WJZ - TV. The Clean Block Fund took in $11,177.25 which includes the WJZ - TV contribution.

The Campaign spent $12,755.33 which included $2,989.60 for paint; $460.00 for live plants, $816 for flags and $1,360.85 for Golden Anniversary T-Shirts. Plus $5,595.00 for Cash Prizes.

In addition, the Coca - Cola Co. donated 500 T-Shirts at a cost of $1,360.25 for the Anniversary Parade and Crip's Florists donated $100 worth of corsages for the parade.

Also, AFRO Charities had expenses of $6,616.50 which included two secretaries and a Field Worker, Michael Roberts. Mike was taken ill before the end of the campaign and will be hospitalized for a month. (Write him at Room 808, Mercy Hospital).

Expenses for the AFRO Clean Block Campaign does not include the salary of the Director, Ida Peters AFRO Entertainment Editor or her assistant Mrs. Vanessa Johnson who has been out on leave.

Because the Campaign was so long from March to August, the AFRO decided to forego a closing ceremony and devote all funds left to Blocks so that they may hold parties for all their workers.

Special thanks to Jack Fruchtman of JF Theatres who held four theatre parties for 4,000 AFRO Clean Block workers.

WINNING WORKERS of top prize in 1601 Freedomway pose proudly in front of their spic and span homes. From (L) Claudette Cohen, Hattie Jones, Michelle Ashe, Needham Jones, Tamika Bradford, Captain; Mrs. Gertrude Maxine Smith, Advisor and Paul Baker, Co-Captain.

$100 winner is 1100 blk. of Montford where Mrs. Rosa McCormick is Advisor and Mrs. Daisy Gainey is Captain. There are 100 people living in this block with 23 houses. Families worked together to maintain flowers and keep their alley clean.

The Committee United To Save Sandtown presented AFRO's Clean Block Director Ida Peters with check for $150 to help with block parties.

Photo by Michael Roberts

1300 ETTING ST. Captain Mark Rice, Advisor Marcia Moore. Working together is the only way for these tireless residents.

Clean Block Fund $11,177.25

Urban Services	$2,500.00
Housing and Community Development	2,500.00
WJZ-TV	2,441.25
City of Baltimore	1,000.00
Franklin Enterprises	500.00
C & P Telephone Co.	175.00
Committee United To Save Sandtown	150.00
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Myers	125.00
Mrs. Bernice A. Shorter	100.00
Polock Johnson	100.00
Walter and Ruby Thomas	100.00
V.A.G.'s	100.00
Avalon Club	100.00
Advance Federal Savings & Loan	75.00
Dr. Beryl Williams	50.00
Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority	50.00
Dr. Linda Mabes	50.00
Mrs. Mary Harris	50.00
Mrs. Annie Thompson	50.00
Del. Larry Young	50.00
Herbert Alston Jr.	50.00
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority	
Balto. Alumni Chapter	50.00
Just Twelve Club — In Memory of Mrs. Bessie Womack	50.00
Mrs. Charlotte V. Lyles	35.00
Mrs. Edith Coleman	30.00
Mrs. Grace Adams-Concerned Neighbors	25.00
Roland Henson	25.00
Kappa Chapter-Iota Phi Lambda Sorority	25.00
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Ms. Blanche Northern	10.00
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Mrs. Alice Parham	10.00
Mrs. Lucille W. Gibson	10.00
Ellsworth Wilson	5.00
Mrs. Beverly Brown	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Claudine Harden	5.00
Marietta Long	5.00
Beatrice Johnson	5.00
Gilbert Northern	5.00
Wilmer Northern	5.00
Garrison Gents	25.00
A. Harrison Vessells	20.00
Michael Roberts	20.00
Mrs. Mamie LeDuff	20.00
Mark Tyrone Purvis	20.00
Mrs. Miriam Winborne	15.00
Mrs. Blanche Bell	15.00
Mrs. Jeanette Johnson	15.00
Mrs. Vivan Young	15.00
William and Catherine Blackmon	10.00
Miss Josephine Lassey	10.00
Mrs. Eva P. Brooks	10.00
Mrs. Thelma C. Rice	10.00
Mrs. Arnetta Rosemond	10.00

TOP BLOCK—$300.00

1600 Freedomway—Mrs. Gertrude Maxine Smith

$200.00

809 George Street (Murphy Homes) Mrs. Mary Dye
253 Herring Court (Perkins Homes) Sharon & Antoinette Brown
1800 N. Collington—Mrs. Elaine White
1900 Mosher Street—Mrs. Mary E. Howie—(In Memory of Mrs. Eva Burgess)

$150.00

2800 Harlem Avenue—Ms. Bernadette Evans
1200 N. Washington Street—Ms. Wanda Johnson & Ms. Kathy Pressley
500 Gilmor Street—Mrs. Louise Flood
500 Fulton Avenue—Mr. George B. Dozier
1679 Freedomway—Mrs. Verna Harris
350 Dallas Court (Perkins Homes) Demous Jones

$100.00

1500 East 28th Street—Mrs. Ardella Oliver
2900 Woodbrook Avenue—Mrs. Henrietta Mosley
1400 E. Lafayette Avenue—Mrs. Dorothy Jackson
1100 N. Port Street—Mrs. Christina Brown
1100 N. Montford Avenue—Mrs. Rosa McCormick
200 N. Duncan Street—Howard E. Dabney
2000 Barclay Street—Mrs. Mary Clay
Unit Block of S. Payson Street—Mrs. Ruby Samuel
500 Brice Street—Ms. Sharon Crawley
902 E. Lombard Street (Flag House) Mrs. Esther Dortch

$75.00

1300 Etting Street—Mrs. Pauline Nelson
1800 W. Vine Street—Mrs. Roberta McCullough
1700 Holbrook Street—Mrs. Pattie Karim
1500 Edmondson Avenue—Mr. Johnnie Portee
1600 Edmondson Avenue—Mrs. Annie Thomas
1300 Washington Street—Mrs. Faith Matthews
100 N. Monroe Street—Mrs. Emma Scott
400 East 21st Street—Mrs. Mary Sue Johnson
2500 Madison Avenue—Mrs. Alice Parham
1700 N. Spring Street—Mrs. Louise Huff
900 Argyle Avenue 2-D (Murphy Homes)—Mrs. Reola Leach
1700 Braddish Avenue—Mrs. Rosalina Boone
1800 Braddish Avenue—Mrs. Mary Sawyer
900 Argyle Avenue 11-G (Murphy Homes) Mrs. Effie Ricks

$50.00

4546 Freedomway—Mrs. Mae Anderson
1800 Lauretta Avenue—Ms. Jackie Johnson
319 S. Herring Court (Perkins Homes) Ms. Mary Taylor
200 S. Herring Court (Perkins Homes) Ms. Juanita Chappell
324 S. Herring Court (Perkins Homes) Ms. Barbara Lonseca
777 George Street (Murphy Homes) Mr. James Kirby
781 George Street (Murphy Homes) Ms. Rosetta Schofield
1040 Argyle Avenue (Murphy Homes) Mrs. Delores Robinson
761 George Street (Murphy Homes) Mrs. Lillie Robinson
1010 Argyle Avenue (Murphy Homes) Mrs. Geraldine Moore
1500 Barclay Street—Mrs. Nora Sims
900 Argyle Avenue 7-H (Murphy Homes) Ms. Rosie Jenkins
600 N. Appleton Street—Mr. William Carter
2000 Sinclair Lane—Mrs. Mary James
1800 N. Montford Avenue—Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer
2300 E. Lafayette Avenue—Mrs. Delores Kelly
1800 N. Bethel Street—Mrs. Lucille Gaines
1900 Druid Hill Avenue—Ms. Dorothy Unthank
1700 Monroe Street—Mrs. Berlean Thorne
1300 E. Lafayette Avenue—Mr. James Harris
2000 Harlem Avenue—Mrs. Sarah Ross
600 Payson Street—Mrs. Gracie Adams
3920 South Clare—Mrs. Maragret McDaniels
4095 Freedomway West—Mrs. Angie Jackson
1730 Freedomway North—Sterling Simms
4513 Freedomway—Mrs. Darlene Dorsey
4577 Freedomway—Karen Golden

$35.00

2008 Penrose Avenue—Mrs. Sadie Williams
1500 E. Biddle Street—Rev. Sallie Lee
1300 Cliftview Avenue—Ms. Vergie Lincoln
200 Cliftwood—Mrs. Sarah Jones
800 N. Durham—Mr. Anthony Overton
900 N. Durham—Mr. Wayne Allen
400 Madeira Street—Ms. Lorraine Moore
1300 N. Montford Avenue—Mrs. Corenthia Wagstaff
1700 E. Madison St.—Mr. Nathaniel Evans
1800 E. Madison St.—Ms. Margaret Jones
1900 Harlem Avenue—Ms. Rita Johnson
500 W. Lafayette Avenue—Mrs. Esther Middleton
2400 Lakeview Avenue—Mrs. Minnie Williams
1900 W. Fayette Street—Mrs. Helen Copeland
1500 W. Lanvale Street—Mr. Thomas Langley
1300 McCulloh Street—Ms. Sandra Jackson
Mr. John Bell—Mayor of Old Town Mall
1100 E. Pratt Street (Flag House)—Mrs. Dorothy Lane & Ms. Ianthony Summerville
500 Stricker Street—Mrs. Everline Taft
460 Cummings Court (McCulloh Homes)—Mrs. Mae Williams
1003 Tiffany Court (McCulloh Homes)—Mrs. Mary Gregory
518 W. Preston Street (McCulloh Homes)—Mrs. Louise Dorsey
1028 Stoddard Court (McCulloh Homes)—Mrs. Ruth Walker
1012 Stoddard Court (McCulloh Homes)—Mrs. Irene Bryant
910 Stoddard Court (McCulloh Homes) Ms. Takishia Smith
600 Brice Street—Jerdon Woodridge
211 S. Mason Court (Perkins Homes)—Mrs. Selma Gill