—Community Calendar—

CONFERENCE ON AGING

State Senator Rosalie S. Abrams will deliver the keynote address for "The Hospitalized Elderly: Perspectives of Care" a conference for health care professionals and providers to be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 21, at the Belvedere Hotel.

Sen. Abrams, director of the Maryland State Office on Aging, will be joined by nursing staff from Maryland General Hospital and local geriatric centers to discuss perceptions of "growing old", the aging process and the impact of the elderly on the health care system.

The general registration fee is $45. Student registration is $30. The fee includes refreshments, handout materials and a certificate of attendance. Lunch and parking are not included in the registration fee. For more information contact Irene Lundberg, 728-7900, ext. 2323.

The conference is presented by the Nursing Education and Research Department and the Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Maryland General Hospital School of Nursing, Inc.

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AQUARIUM RETURNS TO ITS WINTER SCHEDULE

The National Aquarium in Baltimore will return to its winter schedule beginning Sunday, September 16. Winter hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day of the week, except Friday, when the Aquarium will remain open until 8 p.m.

According to Aquarium officials, Friday night is an ideal time for families to make a visit because there is little, if any, waiting in line.

One of the largest and most sophisticated facilities of its kind in the country, the Aquarium houses more than 5,000 fish, birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates and marine mammals in re-creations of their natural environments.

Major exhibits include a 70,000-gallon outdoor seal pool, a 335,000-gallon Atlantic coral reef, a 64-foot-high Amazon rain forest, and a 220,000-gallon open ocean tank.

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WRITERS' ROUNDTABLE

Seven local writers will be on hand as the Howard County Library in Columbia presents a Writers' Roundtable discussion on September 20 at 7:30 p.m.

From publication locally to feature articles in national magazines, to published historical novels, romance works, books for children and nonfiction books, each of these writers enjoys a good measure of success.

The writers: Nancy Baggett, Eileen Bucholtz, Rosemary Fitzgerald, Ruth Glick, GLoria Kaufer Greene, Carolyn Males and Chassie West will entertain questions from the audience. In addition, they hope to cover such topics as, the writing process, getting published, finding an agent, and current and future trends in the publishing world.

While admission to the "Writers' Rountable" is free, space limitations make reservations necessary. To reserve seats for this program, call 997-8000, ext. 220.

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LIFT-TRUCK COWBOYS SQUARE OFF SEPTEMBER 15

The Baltimore Museum of Industry, will sponsor its third annual forklift rodeo on September 15 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Light Street parking lot adjacent to Harborplace. "Liftoff '84" pits the area's best forklift operators in head to head competition for a grand prize of $500.

The objective of the contest is for the participants to maneuver their forklifts through a specially designed course in a race against time. They will move loads through simulated work settings, with seconds added to their score for unsafe and reckless driving.

"Liftoff '84" is held in conjunction with the Maryland Port Administration's Baltimore Port Expo.

Second and third place finishers receive $250 and $100.

"Liftoff '84" is con-sponsored by Davis Material Handling, Maryland Clarklift, McCall Industrial Trucks, and the Terminal Corporation. For more information call 727-4808.

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JOB TRAINING CLASSES OFFERED

Adults seeking short-term job training and retraining skills will find a variety of opportunities available to them through Baltimore County's Adult Education Program. Over fifty vocational education classes that can lead to getting a job or a better job are being offered at a very low cost during the upcoming fall semester. Classes will meet one or two nights a week for twelve weeks beginning September 24.

Registration for these classes will be held during the week of September 17, 18, 19, and 20 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Central Vo-Tech Center in Towson, the Eastern Vo-Tech center in Essex, the Southeastern Vo-Tech Center in Dundalk, and the Western Vo-Tech Center in Catonsville. For more information about these and other adult education programs, telephone the Office of Adult Education at 494-4064.

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VOLUNTEERING AT SCIENCE CENTER

This fall the Maryland Science Center is seeking volunteers age 18 and older to assist in both the center's Education Department as well as throughout the center.

Education Department volunteers are needed to do demonstrations, help with visiting school group orientation, and teach classes. If you can volunteer 4 hours on a weekday morning, the Education Department needs you!

Additional volunteers are needed throughout the week and on weekends to sell gift items in the Science Store; host exhibit openings, planetarium previews, and special events; assist with mailings and administrative duties including typing; and assist in fundraising activities.

The deadline for Education Department volunteer application is September 12. If you have a skill or talent you'd like to offer, consider volunteering at the Maryland Science Center.

For application and additional information call 685-2370.

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GOVERNOR'S AWARDS OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15

The Governor's Awards Program, an art, literature and crafts competition sponsored by the Maryland Heritage Committee in celebration of the State's 350th Anniversary, is stimulating participation by many mature talents across Maryland, according to Joan Weinstein, Coordinator of the program.

"We expected a great many school and pupil entries," Ms. Weinstein said, "and they poured in early. While the institutional phase of the program ended with the closing of the school year, now individual adult participation is on the rise."

Literary, fine arts and crafts entries must be submitted by September 15, 1984.

Cash prizes of $1,000 each will be awarded for a novel or short story, a monograph on the history of 17th Century Maryland, and a collection of up to five poems, $500 prizes will be given for a scholarly article on the history of Maryland and an article in a newspaper or non-professional journal. $1,000 will be awarded for the best fine arts and crafts entries, respectively.

All awards, including two Honorable Mentions in each category, "will recognize outstanding literary and artistic ability among today's Marylanders who best capture the values, motivations and achievements of the first settlers."

The Proposal for the Governor's Awards was authored by Dr. John Russell-Wood, Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University.

A brochure with complete details can be obtained by calling (301) 889-5150.

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BLACK BEAUTY PAGEANT

The National Black Women's Consciousness Raising Assn., Inc. is sponsoring A-"Ms Perfect Ten Beauty Pageant."

Audition is being held from the 5th-20th of September 1984. Interesting persons should contact the audition committee at 363-8078.

The pageant will be held in November. The winner will receive a trip to Paris, France. Consolations prizes includes a modeling scholarship, saving bonds, and many more.

For further information contact Elaine Simon.

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REGISTER TO VOTE

Handicapped and disabled citizens have the right to vote and take part in the decisions on the vital issues and candidates of our time. They represent a large block of potential voters, however to vote, they must register. The voter register books are open until October 8, 1984.

In the month of September 5-October 5, 1984 the Governor of Maryland proclaims a month for disabled voter registration. Registration forms can be gotten from the local Board of Supervisors of Elections or from the League of Women Voters either in person or by mail.

Additional information can be received from Disabled In Action at their Hotline 644-3330.

Services held Friday for Mrs. Marie Booth

Mrs. Marie T. Booth

Services for Mrs. Marie Estelle Booth, a Maryland State employee for 32 years, will be held on Friday, September 7, 1984 at 10:30 a.m. at Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church, Edmondson Avenue and Winans Way.

Mrs. Booth died Monday at St. Agnes Hospital after a brief illness at the age of 59.

The former Marie Thomas was born in Baltimore and attended public schools.

From 1952 to present, she was an employee of Henryton Center in Sykesville, Maryland.

She was an active member of the following Presbyterian Churches: Grace, Knox and Cherry Hill.

As a member of Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church for the last 11 years, she served as church elder, clerk of Sessions, and Chairperson of the Planning and Evaluation Committee. She also sang on the church choir having a great love for music. In addition, she has served the Baltimore Presbytery as both a member of the Committee on Ministries and the Nomination Committee.

Mrs. Booth is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Louise C. Jackson and Mrs. Anne V. Pettiford; four nieces, Jeanette T. Byrd, Brenda B. Jones, Sharon D. Malley and Jocelyn V. Robinson; one nephew, Clinton Pettiford, Jr.; one brother-in-law, Clinton Pettiford, Sr. and great nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made to:

Friends of the Choir, Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church, Edmondson Avenue and Winans Way.

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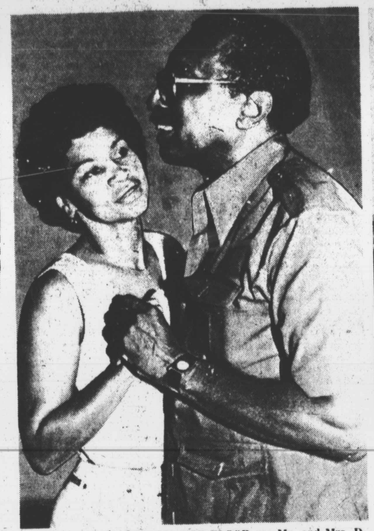
Government Girls host festive crab feast

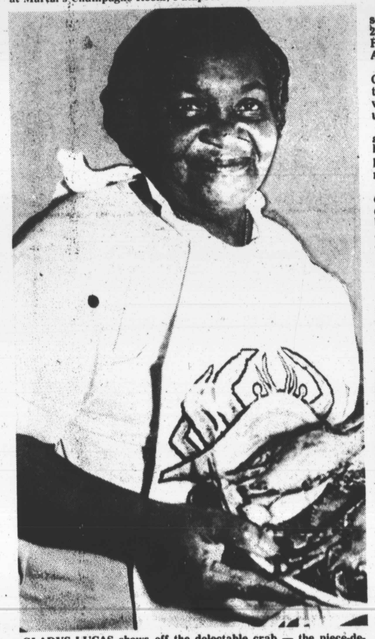


TAKING A TURN AROUND THE FLOOR are Mr. and Mrs. D. Cornish.

DOING THEIR FANCY STEPS Are Vannessa Poole and John Cherry.

AFRO Photos by P. A. Greene

GETTIN' DOWN during the Crab Feast hosted by the Alpha Chapter, Government Girls on the Go (GGOGS) Sunday, Sept. 2 are Denise Booker and Charles Powell. The affair was hosted from 1 until 6 p.m. at Martin's Champagne Room, Patapsco Ave.



By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Women's Editor

It was feasting, dancing and socializing time Sunday, Sept. 2 at Martin's Champagne Room, 2701 Patapsco Ave. And the occasion?

None other than the Alpha Chapter, Government Girls on the Go (GGOGS') Crab Feast, which began at 1 and lasted until 6 p.m.

There was a sumptuous array of goodies at the open buffet, with "King Crab" himself the piece-de-resistance.

Nearly 300 gathered for this end-of-summer fun fest, danced the afternoon away between feasting and sipping, and created an aura of zesty conviviality.

Disco music was the order

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GGOGS OFFICERS (from left) are Elizabeth Taylor, financial secretary; Mary James, Publicity; Bernice L. Tyson, first vice president; Betty L. Hubbard, secretary and Mamie C. Jones, president.

GLADYS LUCAS shows off the delectable crab — the piece-de-resistance.

ENJOYING HER CRABS is Mattie Swinton.

JIM KELLY gets ready to "pig out" on the luscious party fare.

Pattie Hodges
OUR WORLD EDITOR

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VACATION ROUND-UP — TRAVEL NEAR AND FAR

IN THE CANARY ISLANDS

Recently, Angie McClain and Connie Carter, Field Supervisors, Parole and Probation Dept., Marjorie Jennings, Parole Commissioner; Baltimore schoolmarm Sonia Lynch, nursing administrator Joyce Jones and Sandy East, supervisor and Equal Opportunity Specialist, enplaned to Los Palmas, Grande Canaria in the Canary Islands, off the coast of Spain and Africa.

Based in the beachfront hotel the Christina, they enjoyed a week of fantastic fun, including a breakfast smorgasbord each day, tours of the island and night clubs, the casinos and shopping. They got some really great buys with 150 pesados to a dollar and lots of fun in the sun.

AT CANCUN

Nellie Taft, Employment Service Specialist and Ora Graham, Manpower Administrative Specialist took off two weeks ago for lovely Cancun, Mexico for a week of action-packed fun at the Cancun resort. Tourists have only been visiting this spot since '74.

Nellie and Ora climbed the interesting Chechen Itza pyramids (91 steps to the top) and saw the sacred well (once an Indian sacrificial place).

They also went by boat to Isla Mujeres and El Grarafon where they snorkeled, lunched on the boat, sipping lots of Margaritas and Tequila Sunrises.

They too, enjoyed a shopping jaunt and danced many evenings away at the local discos and night clubs, where they enjoyed live Mexican and American Bands.

They also checked out the local restaurants (which offered very good food). One in particular had waiters who entertained them with singing and games while they waited for their food.

And of course, before leaving the two vacationers savored to the hilt the beautiful beaches and swam in the clear, clear water.

SPAIN AND OTHER PLACES

Roberta Ross, supervisor at Urban Services, along with a group of Baltimoreans and Washingtonians recently visited Madrid, Seville, Costa Del Sol, Lisbon, Portugal and Morocco (in North America) for a ten-day sojourn.

Highlights of their trip included a visit to the royal palace in Madrid, the picturesque scenes and friendliness of the residents in Lisbon, seeing the third largest cathedral in the world (in Seville) where the organ itself took 100 years to build.

The Spanish Flamenco dancers were a special treat and the bullfights showed much skill and daring. Costa Del Sol (the Spanish Riviera) was a virtual playground of fun activities.

Morocco, with its narrow, winding streets, where camels and goats could be seen outside of the city and belly dancers in restaurants within the city, were most intriguing.

The fascinating aspect of shopping in Morocco was the negotiation of the merchants with their customers, a back and forth exchange of pricing before the moment of agreement on a sale.

Morocco is a mosaic of ethnic and religious groups, and to hear the children in the streets say "Hi, Soul Sister" or "Hi, Soul Brother" was refreshing, according to Roberta.

The jaunt sounded like great fun, and educational as well.

CRUISING TO BERMUDA

This year, your Women's Editor decided it was time to see a bit of the world outside of the United States. So from August 20-25 Nathalia B. Johnson and I, along with members of Les Jollies Femmes, a local travel club, bussed to New York and boarded the S.S. Britanis cruise ship for a memorable jaunt to Bermuda.

There was lots of fun to be had on the ship, with live entertainment, the casino, disco, Greek dancing, a masquerade party, a talent show, the Captain's Ball, and of course, the breezy sunny decks, game rooms, and many, many other attractiions.

The food was simply fantastic, with not only the main meals, but with regular buffets (including one at midnight) set up on various decks.

Once in Bermuda, we rented a guest house overlooking the beach, lapped up sun and surf, dined at a fabulous restaurant, caught a double show at the Princess Hotel, swam in a heated pool off the veranda of our guest house.

We also rented a cab and taught the Dolphin Show, toured the Crystal caves, the botanical gardens, shopped a bit, visited St. Georges, East and West Hamilton and took a scenic tour of the Island itself, which is gorgeous with its pastel-colored homes and lush tropical shrubs and flowers.

It was great fun which came to an end all too soon. You really need to take the same cruise twice, because there are so many

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