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COLUMBIA CAPERS

SURPRISE B'DAY PARTY FOR JESSE PAUL CLAY

It was quite a surprise for one of Columbia's most respected residents and Christian gentleman recently, Dr. Jesse P. Clay, when his charming wife, Yvonne, and daughters, Angelia, Denise and Marie and sons, Jesse, Jr. and Leonard gave him a whopper of a surprise at the Burn Brea Dinner Theater in Burtonsville.

Dr. Clay had mentioned, on several occasions, that it was his desire to see "The King and I" whenever it played at a neighboring theater. "Now is the time to invite some of his special friends to celebrate his birthday, if we are able to keep it from him," thought his wife, Yvonne.

Guests were asked to arrive at 6:00 p.m. for he was to arrive later. He arrived at 7:30 p.m. What a BIG SURPRISE when he saw more than 100 of his friends, including the Cathederal Choir which he directs at St. John Baptist Church. There also were school mates from Lincoln University and colleagues from Howard University in attendance.

If one could have seen the expression on Jesse's face when he arrived and the guests began to sing the old favorite tune "Happy Birthday." He could only stand and smile, he wasn't able to utter a word, he looked from side to side shaking his head.

Finally he made his rounds to each table thanking each guest and family member for the celebration and giving his familiar hug and kiss to the ladies.

John Wesley, his son-in-law who also is manager of Richman-Brothers Men's Store in the Columbia Mall said, "This is the first time that I can ever recall my father-in-law being speechless." Speaking of being a nice young man, John Wesley is one of the greatest.

Among the many gifts received by the honoree was a brass music director's stand presented by his choir.

Dr. Jesse Paul Clay is known in the Columbia Community as a "Walking Prophet," for he is a man of God. He never says a harmful word about anyone, is very humble, but strong in his conviction about the Word of God. He will lift his voice if the Word is not correctly spoken.

Dr. Clay is a Budget and Research Officer at Howard University in Washington, DC and has held that office and others for many years. Congratulations Dear Brother. (Cuff Note) We sure pulled a fast one on you this time around.

NANBPW FALL OPENING

The National Association of Business and Professional Women kicked off the 1986-87 business year with a dinner meeting after which they relaxed and participated in a parliamentary procedure workshop given by President Sylvia Cook Martin. The dinner workshop was held at the Columbia Hilton Hotel.

Mary Bracey, first vice president, welcomed the group and special guests and introduced the President.

Our young Celonia Walden, newly elected president of the Young Adult Group, NANBPW, Howard County Section, gave a beautiful prayer; her group was presented a plaque for having the most outstanding program for the 1985-86 year. The recognition was presented by the National Organization.

Young Celonia is the daughter of the founder of the Columbia Section, Mrs Celonia B. Walden. Young Celonia, I call her "Little Celonia" is a registered nurse at Lutheran Hospital in Baltimore.

The workshop or parliamentary procedure was very informative. President Cook-Martin helped use remember some of the procedures which we may have forgotten and learn some new ones.

It was very nice seeing Dr. Daphne Comegys back in the County once more. She had taken a leave of absence from her position at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County to conduct research in another country in preparation for a new book which she will author.

The new officers for the ensuing year are: Sylvia Cook-Martin, President, Mary Bracey, first vice president, Muriel Mitchell, second vice president, Celonia Walden, third vice president, Everline Cunningham, recording secretary, Bettye Fultz, corresponding secretary, Clemma Carrington, financial secretary, Roberta Briscoe, treasurer, Jacqueline Banks, chaplain, Cardelia Birdsong, parliamentarian and Mae Beale, historian.

LATE SUMMER WEDDING

Late summer wedding bells rang out for Renard S. Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester (Jackie) T. Banks, Jr. His bride is Jacqueline Pickette of Fort Washington, MD and is a senior at Bowie State College. The couple will reside in Beltsville.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Live each day to the fullest, get the most from each hour, each day and each age of your life. Then you can look forward with confidence and back without regrets.

—Ms Big and Beautiful

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The third category was the evening gown competition, in which all the full-figured ladies were beautiful, draped in flowing gowns of sparkles and glitter.

The judges for this second annual pageant were Ernest Windborne, producer of City Line and Shakedown; Michelle Singletary, reporter for the Evening Sun; Ms. Cherryale Burge, producer of Week-Nite-Live, PBS Channels, and Cynthia Gore, co-owner of Sophisticated Touch Salon of Beauty and former finalist in last year's B&B Pageant.

The judges painstakingly took their time in tallying the scores to get the top five finalists, and then the winners after they were all asked to answer one random question.

The top winner and the New Ms. Big and Beautiful 1986 was Ms. Brenda Pounce a professional model and employee at McCormick's Spice Co. Ms. Pouncey won an all expense paid Carribean cruise, cash and a trophy, and was crowned by last year's winner, Ms. Anne C. Snowden.

She will now have the duties of special appearances and various other local and out-of-state promotions.

The Second Place winner was Ms. Pearl Smith, with the Board of Education. Third place was Ms. Gloria Hunter and tied for Fourth Place were Ms. Norris Butler and Ms. Julia Williams.

Other finalists were Edna Bernard, Cynthia Eggleston, Barbara Jackson, Jeanette Smith, Regina Dow, Shelly Stokes, Miriam Thomas, Annette King and Sybil Clark.

William Allen, the president of Allen Pageants International, which produces the Ms. Big and Beautiful Pageant, as well as the Ms. Perfect Ten and the Mrs. Black America Pageant, stated that he was very proud of all the ladies who participated in this year's pageant and hopes that the contestants for the Ms. Perfect Ten, which is coming up next, will do as well.

The co-sponsor of this year's Ms. Big and Beautiful Pageant was Valet Formal Wear.

If you are interested in the Perfect Ten Pageant, you may call 366-4111 for auditions. The First Place prize is another Caribbean cruise.

SPARKLING RHINESTONE PINS add glamorous touch to Bob Mackie's black jersey draped gown which is just one of the slinky numbers you will see at this year's Ebony Fashion Fair to be sponsored by the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at the Meyerhof Symphony Hall, Sunday, Oct. 12. For ticket info call 435-1959.

Patelle Harris new sorority basileus

—Alternative Solution

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Secret Of Winning Over Your Boss?"

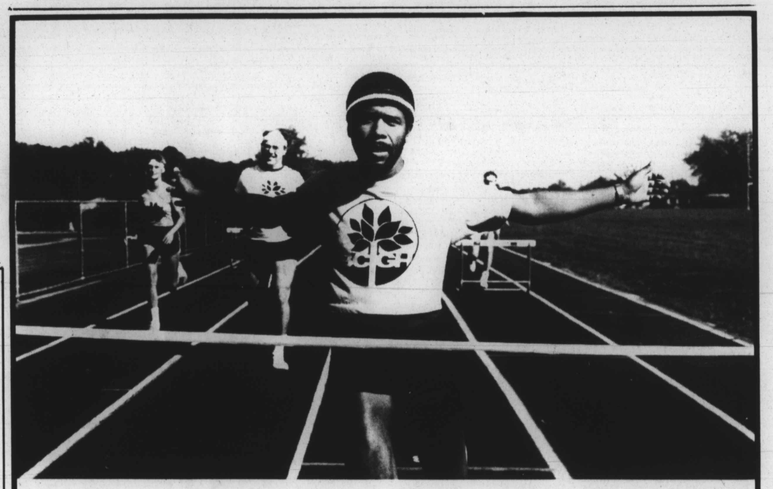
Questionnaires also will be available asking those present what would be appreciated at future events.

The real ice breaker of the evening came almost half-way through the three-hour cocktail sip when Ms. Smith began distributing white index cards. She announced the cards were to be used to list the names of people in attendance.

"Whoever has the most names wins the door prizes," she said. "Hurry,, you only have 30 minutes."

The volume level and activity of the small room increased substantially as folks began introducing themselves with fervor.

"Hi, I'm...." was heard a lot after that.



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WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

STANLEY FAMILY REUNION

On Saturday, September 6, the descendants of George Lincoln Stanley, Sr. and Rosa King Stanley, held their third annual Family Reunion and Picnic at Patapsco State Park's Pickall Area.

The Stanley clan is a large one, with origins in Cambridge, Talbot and several other Eastern Shore counties.

The family has followed a tradition of Government service at the national, state and local levels. The family patriarch, George L. Stanley, Sr. was one of the first black postman in the city of Baltimore. He started working for the Post Office in 1900. Several of his descendents are currently working for the Postal System. Many of the clan work at the Social Security Administration headquarters in Woodlawn.

The oldest surviving offspring of Georgia and Ross is 84-year-old George Stanley, Jr., of this city. Stanley is a retired U.S. Public Health Hospital employee. Mrs. Nellie Becks, sister of George, Jr. is employed at the SSA headquarters. Theodore Stanley, youngest child of George and Rosa, is a retired city employee. The list of Stanleys in the public service is very extensive.

The family picnic and reunion was coordinated by a committee composed of members of several branches of the family; Stanley, Rollins, King, Frost, Becks and Hardy.

The committee is chaired by George L. Stanley, III, an employee of the U.S. Postal Service, with Lela Becks serving as Secretary, and Linda Jews serving as Treasurer.

When asked why the family decided to start having reunions, George III replied, "It is important that our young people understand their origins, because until they understand where they come from, they can never know where they are going." The family manages to communicate the many items of mutual interest through a monthly newsletter published by John Stanley.

Each year the family reunion gets larger. This year there were approximately 200 people stemming from a single branch of the family.

The reunion committee coordinated all arrangements and did most of the cooking. Other family members helped in other ways — Mrs. Merle Stanley organized many of the games for the dozens of toddlers at the picnic; Mrs. Myrtle Stanley handled the video tape recorder; Mrs. June Randall prepared hot, buttered corn; Jim Stanley provided enough crabs to keep everyone busy "cracking crustaceans"; Paul Rollins spent most of the day keeping the cooking fires burning.

John Stanley was busy taking photographs of the celebrants, many of whom wore the family tee shirt with a picture of Maryland and superimposed on Africa, with "Stanley" emblazoned across the front.

The highlight of the day's festivities was the presentation of family bibles to the eldest members of each branch of the family. Recipients were: George L. Stanley, Jr.; Nellie (Stanley) Becks, Theodore Stanley, Melvin Rollins, Connie (Stanley) White, Anita (Hardy) Cole, Barbara (Frost) Dennis, and Dorlene Allen.

Each year the family honors its elders with some sort of momento. The bibles presented this year, were purchased from a local branch of the NAACP.

The Stanley family committee can be contacted through President George L. Stanley, III. He can be reached by calling (301) 889-3218

Kelly Hill

SINGLE PARENTING

PORTRAIT OF A PLAYBOY

Single women beware of that knight it shining armor. He just may be a playboy in disguise. I guess you are wondering what does this have to do with being a single parent. Well, I'll tell you. There are approximately 10% more white women than white men. In the black community there are approximately 25% more black women than men. Nationally, there are more single women out their looking for that knight than the men can handle.

How does a woman recognize a playboy? . . . he is quite deceiving. Let's start with, usually they are relatively men, who have jobs and are in the middle income bracket. They drive nice cars and always seem to say the right thing at the right time.

Wayne, a 29-year-old handsome young man, knew he was a ladies man . . . he said. Six feet 3½ inches tall, a nice physical shapely body, exercised daily, and knew he had the prettiest eyes in town. He knew that women just loved to look into his eyes. Wayne's eyes was his calling card.

Now, let me say here that there is nothing wrong with a man playing the playboy role, there is nothing wrong with taking your god-given looks and using them to your advantage if you aren't hurting someone. However, there are approximately 24% of the national total of women who have never been married and are looking for a commitment. There is a large number of single parents, looking for that second romance, hoping it will turn into another marriage.

But a playboy is only interested in having fun without the commitment. Usually they act the way they do because they are motivated by their own lacks and needs. They have little concern for a woman's feelings before or after the initial meeting and subsequent "one night affair."

Most women who encounter these men, ignore their initial feelings about this person. Its called your "gut feelings." Women don't follow their gut feelings, and usually say "just maybe this time this may be my knight."

Most playboys are nothing more than kids at heart. Its always I want this, I want that, without commitment. Narcissistic perpetual kids is the way one victim put it.

Loren, was the victim of a playboy and it destroyed her and her family for a couple of months. Playboys are insecure about themselves, and in a real crunch they may even crumble under pressure. Some women victims have even called them womanizers. Unable to establish lasting relationships with just one person.

Some psychologists say these types of men are usually depressed subconsciously, and in order to avoid depression float from woman to woman.

Well, so what do you look for in a partner or relationship? Do some homework, find out more about him. Ask him how to he feels about women, look for concrete evidence that this person is capable of establishing substantial relationships.

If you meet someone who says that you are the only person in his life, your chances are is that he is lying. All men have someone in their lives. Whether its a friend, or a past girlfriend. Notice how soon they want to usher you beneath the sheets. When you visit his place take notice if the telephone is unplugged or rings constantly.

You don't have to go through all these motions loudly, but quietly is the course that you want to take. You may find out that that person really is interested in you, so don't scare them away before you have finished your investigation.

Leave room in your relationship so that it lasts for at least a month. Playboys are usually gone after the first intimate encounter. And if you realize that you've got a playboy in your life, decide whether you want to continue the game on charades or leave it alone.

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Beauty Talk
BY JEAN FORD

"FABULOUS FALL"

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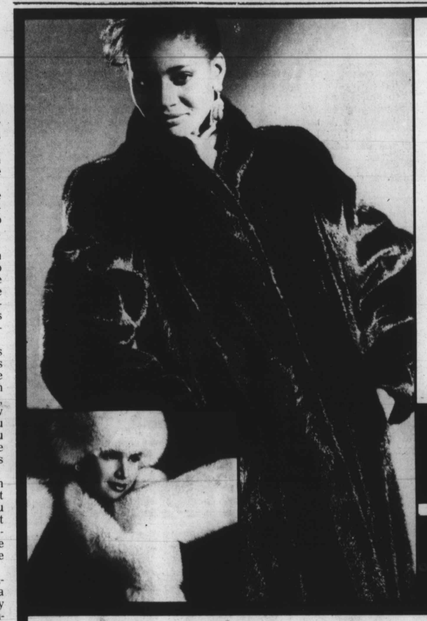

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