WILLIA BLAND (C) Executive Producer of Flair Modeling Agency is flanked by (from L) Wendy Poulson, Gwen Kellam and Gwen Trammell.

STRIKING FASHIONABLE POSES for the Flair Models' "Razzmatazz are (L to R): Tammy James, Andrea Bland - Travis, Denise Chavis and Sherrie Webb.

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He asked the audience not to forget the church, becaue "With God, All Things Are Possible." "God," he said, "Is a hand of power and a heart of love."

The much repeated "stop the killing" theme was emphasized in his speech when he urged the group to stop killing each other and challenged them to learn as much as they can about Black History. "Knowing about yourself helps you to feel better about yourself."

He also encouraged non blacks to learn more about Black History. This would give them a better understanding of the Black Experience.

The Social Security choir rendered the music for the occasion. Paul Bennett, SSA Director of the Office For Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity and Commissioner Dorcas R. Hardy participated in the program.

MEETING & GREETING

Recently, we ran into the vivacious Vivian Bailey, former SSA top staffer. Vivian and her sister were a long way from her home in Columbia when we chatted with them while shopping for odds and ends in a Liberty Road Craft shop.

RETIREMENTS

Retirement dinners were held recently for David Cousins and Sam Hicks at the Forum. Both were longtime SSA employees.

Another recent retiree seen about town is Bernard Smith, the AFGE Local 1923 Union official.

A buffet dinner will be held at the Forum on Thursday, March 5, to say goodbye to Ms. Jenny Campbell.

NAACP

Don't forget to participate in the NAACP member training session to be held at Bowie State College on Saturday, February 28, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information call (301) 448-3722.

Flair presents Razzmatazz

Flair models' sensational Valentine Fashion Show and Dance was held Sunday, Feb. 15 at Martin's West with the jazzy theme "Razzmatazz." The new look in fashion, depending on which designer you were watching was short-shorter and shortest — as in Mini, or long-longer, longest as in the new ankle sweeping maxi-length. Even suits were hiked up to the new mini hemline.

The things that balance the ups and downs of the spring season are the luxurious fabrics and sophisticated shapes.

Designers' collections were shown by Faith Brooks, Gloria Jennings and K.C. Kirkland, A pleasing array of morning to night ready-to-wear was shown for women by Maggie's Place, Pix Unusual, Nickels of Charles Plaza, Phallen's, Hendin's and Seton Hill Boutique.

Exciting men's wear came from the Merry Go Round and Webster's Men's Wear, Exotic hats were shown by Dona Jones. Tantalizing furs showed up from Seleh's and Mano Schwartz. The fashion show carried the polished ease of its Flair producers — Willa Bland and Bland Travis.

A fine line of male models included Ronald Boozer, Tyrone Bailey, Ernest Faulkner, Robert Gafford, Willie Mason, Bryan Rawlings and Lawson Smith.

A sleek chorus line production opened the show. Models who danced the exciting introduction included Denise Chavis, Deborah Curry, Pam Clayton, Sherry Kilpatrick, Tami James, Terri Joyner, Zelda Parker, Sheilah Drummond, Andrea Bland-Travis and Renee Thompson. The dance was choreographed by Andrea Bland Travis and Terri Joyner, Flair's dance director.

Sherrie Webb, Flair's 'Miss Glamour Maryland' sparkled in evening wear.

Other models included Delores Addison Veronica Baze, Lisa Bailey, Donnyelle Dorsey, Carolynn Cromwell, Charlene Eaton, Mary Gafford, Carolyn Hunter, Gwen Kellam, Mildred Goodwyn, Linda Hopkins, Pat Moals, Wendy Poulson, Gwen Trammell, Bridget Wright, Yolanda Brown, Brenda Laney, JoAnn Smith and Shirley Williams.

Local celebrants were joined by guests from Washington, DC, Delaware, Virginia and Pennsylvania. All in all — it was a great farewell to winter blahs and hello to spring and fashion.

A CHORUS LINE was the theme of the Flair Models' opening production number during Flair's 8th annual Fantasy Valentine's Fashion Show and Dance "Razzmatazz" held Sunday, Feb. 15 from 7 until 11 p.m. at Martin's West.

Live longer—think positively

NEW YORK — Doctors studying links between emotion and health are finding new evidence that positive thinking helps ward off sickness and that aggressive people tend to be especially resistent to disease.

Recent studies at the National Institutes of Health indicate positive thoughts help the brain produce higher levels of chemicals called neuropeptides, which bolster disease-fighting cells called macraphages, Discover magazine reported.

The NIH scientists told the magazine their findings help explain why people with a positive outlook tend to get better sooner.

Black History is alive and well in America.

Sojourner Truth, C. 1797 to 1883
Leader of the Underground Railway Movement

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EVERY FEBRUARY, during Black History Month, the nation celebrates the contributions and accomplishments of Black Americans. But throughout the entire year, the Black experience is kept alive in museums, galleries and cultural centers across the country.

The Adolph Coors Company salutes the institutions that are dedicated to preserving Black history. What better way to celebrate Black History Month than by visiting such facilities as the Schomburg Center for Research In Black Culture, New York City, The Museum of Afro-American History in Detroit, The National Center for Afro-American Arts in Boston, or the Black historical museum nearest you? Chances are, the lessons of yesterday can teach us to make a better tomorrow.

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