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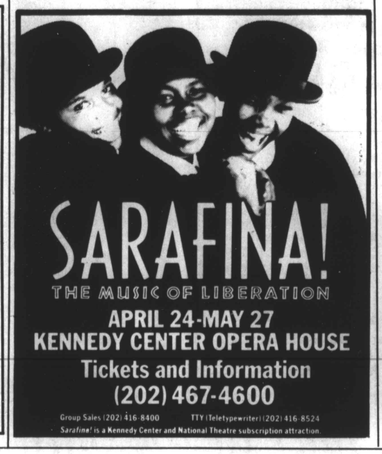

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AND ALL THAT JAZZ

With Bob Matthews

The much heralded movie "Thelonious Monk: Straight, No Chaser," will at last have a showing in Baltimore Sunday, April 22, as a part of the Baltimore International Film Festival.

THELONIOUS MONK

Although Washingtonians had a three-week run of the film, it will be just the one showing in Baltimore — at least we haven't seen any listing for future runs.

This is a movie the dedicated jazz fan should not miss. The footage in the main was condensed from about 14 hours of film that was shot and edited for a TV broadcast in Germany, and never seen again — until now.

A camera crew following Monk for six months in 1967-8, documenting him both on and offstage.

You see and hear Monk performing a lot of his classic tunes, beginning with "Evidence," and including "Well You Needn't," "Blue Monk," and of course "'Round Midnight," among others.

There's plenty more, with various groups, including the Octet with which he made a European tour. This was the group with Charlie Rouse and Johnny Griffin on tenors.

Much is made of the irreverent behavior of Monk at times, and he is shown as he lapses into a whirling dervish like performance. But despite this, the genius of the man is powerfully evident.

There are many scenes with his wife Helen, and the tenderness and devotion she held for Thelonious.

There are scenes and conversations with Baroness Nica deKoeningswater who looks and speaks exactly as you would expect.

She has some amusing comments on how she was thrown out of her apartment house after Charlie Parker died there, and thrown out of her next residence after she held late-night jam sessions for musicians.

There are some modern-day treats in store, piano duets with Tommy Flanagan and Barry Harris playing some of Monk's music, and of course interviews with longtime Monk sideman Charlie Rouse, and Monk's son, Thelonious Monk, Jr.

Like we said, this is a goodie — one of the best jazz documentaries we have ever seen. It will be shown at 7 p.m. at the Baltimore Museum of Art. Following the movie there will be a panel discussion with Bruce Ricker, producer of the film, Thelonious Monk, Jr., and Kevin Whitehead.

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The Left Bank Jazz Society is presenting the Frank Morgan group Sunday, April 22 at the Tawes Auditorium of Coppin State College, 2500 W. North Ave.

Concert is scheduled for 5-9 p.m., with the usual BYOB in effect.

—Sounds

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clamored for the limited edition white labels.

Those interested in the current "Italo-house" boom that is sweeping the U.K. should find "The 49'ers" an enjoyable LP, with tracks like "I Need You" and "Die Walkure" that are every bit as hip as Technotronic's recent hits.

The album also includes a remake of Gloria Gaynor's hit "I Will Survive." The 49'ers version makes effective use of a Lynn Collins sample — Bortolotti did a fine production job. But I still think Gaynor sang the song better.

Other cuts: "Don't You Love Me," "How Longer," "Shadows," "Girl To Girl."

BUSINESS PULSE

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PACK YOUR BAGS

Conference Update

BLUES MUSIC CONFERENCE

The third Annual East Coast Blues Music Conference sponsored by the Blues Foundation will be held on May 18-20 at the Airport Hilton Inn, Greensboro,N.C. The conference will offer conferees the opportunity to network with Blues music industry leaders for a profitable exchange of information and a special Blues music experience.

Lonnie Brooks, The Kinsey Report with Big Daddy Kinsey, Snooky Pryor, Bob Margolin and other Blues stars will be featured in the festival. Attendance is open to anyone interested in the promotion and the perpetuation of Blues Music, Blues society leaders, Blues music industry executives, festival producers, club owners, performers, media representative and Blues music enthusiasts. Contact Joe Savarin at 1-800-727-0641 for more information.

TELECONFERENCE

The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) will sponsor this year's regional conferences in Annapolis, MD. and Austin, TX. May 3-4 and June 7-9, respectively. The theme of the Annapolis conference, "Telecommunications: Decade of Impact," will cover legislative and regulatory update and more. The Austin conference theme will be, "Partnerships: Cities and Cable TV"

For more information, call (202)-626-3170.

PEDIATRIC RESEARCH FORUM

The Children's National Medical Center will sponsor a day-long series of lectures, research presentations and scientific exhibits on recent advances in the diagnosis and treatment of childhood diseases, on May 24, 1990 at the Children's Hospital, 111 Michigan Ave. N.W., Washington DC.

According to Dr. Glenn C. Rosenquist, Children's Hospital Research Director, "The Forum provides an opportunity for pediatric specialists to share the results of their investigations and exchange new information." This Forum is designed for physicians and all other health professionals with an interest in pediatric research and innovative clinical techniques. For more information contact Barbara Cire at (202) 939-4500.

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

The 1990 National Urban League Conference will be held July 29, 1990 at the New York Hilton and Towers, New York City. The conference theme, "Onward! To a Decade of Difference" will mark the League's 80th anniversary and its continued commitment to social, economic and political justice for African Americans, organizers said.

Over 18,000 civic and social activists, heads of corporations and community based organizations, and agents of social change will be at the conference to discuss the condition of African-Americans and their quest for parity in this country. Speakers include the first elected Black governor, Gov. L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia, the first Black mayor of New York City, the Hon. David N. Dinkins, and William J. Bennett, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.Contacts: Janet Dewart, 212-310-9024, and Leslye Cheek, 202-898-1604.

BLACK PROFESSIONAL SECRETARIES

The Black Professional Secretaries Association (BPSA) will hold its third annual National Conference at the Omni Hotel in Atlanta, GA. from August 9 to 12, 1990. The BPSA is a six-year old non-profit organization that offers personal and professional development and social interaction with primary goals in establishing job resource banks, workshops, and skills training.

For more information, contact Arlecia Battle at (404)-991-2309.

Wiping out computer illiteracy goal of Black data processor

By Gabriel Julien
Special to the AFRO

(WASHINGTON) A group of professional data processors based here in the city is trying to eliminate computer illiteracy in the Black community.

Members of the Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) say that their mission is to educate. "My main interest is to help the community, particularly the Black Community," said Margaret Jennings, president of the District chapter.

Ms. Jennings said that the goals of the association are to keep its members informed and up to date on developments in the field, to reach out to the community and to implement programs to alleviate computer illiteracy in the minority community.

She became involved with BDPA in 1983 when a colleague advised her to join the then seven-member chapter. Since then, she has moved up the ranks to become president.

Founded in 1979, the District chapter was the second one to be founded outside the Philadelphia-based headquarters, which was set up in 1976.

Earl Pace, Jr. and David Wimberley were the group's founders.

BDPA, whose members number 800 at present, do not have a permanent office from which to work. The executive members meet at each others homes. The monthly meetings are held at Washington's Reeves Center.

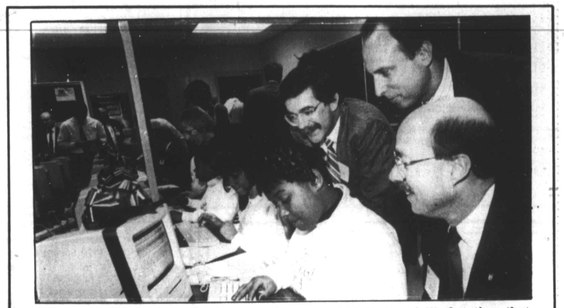
In keeping with the goal of computer literacy, BDPA has organized a number of educational programs for adults as well as children. The low cost adult programs include Lotus, Wordperfect and Dbase to name a few.

Still, the children's programs are a major focus for the organization. Its education committee has a special mentor program where students can learn and get advice from BDPA members. The Adopt-a-School program lends assistance to a school in the area of computer literacy.

In addition, BDPA hosts an annual competition for the students from 9th graders to 11th graders. They are trained for the competition by William Johnson, Education chairperson for the D.C. chapter.

In the competition, area students compete against those from other areas. The competition involves answering questions, solving problems on the computer and presenting a strategy for problem solving. Ms. Jennings said, "Although our team has never won, we are very proud of them."

BDPA will host its 12th annual conference in September. The next set of programs will begin at the end of May.



Forest Park student Shirelli Johnson works at one of 30 Macintosh Workstations that were recently donated to the school as part of a partnership agreement with Apple Computer and City Public Schools. Watching her "compute" are: Gerald Devlin, Director of Sales for Eastern Operations, Apple Computer, Inc.; Peter Kelman, Publisher, Scholastic Software, Inc.; and Frank Shap, Regional Manager, Apple Computer, Inc.

Va. jeweler celebrates 90th anniversary

(RICHMOND) When the late M.C. Waller founded his watch repair business on a leafy Richmond in 1900,little, did he know that his off-spring would be celebrating its existence some 90 years later.

This week, his grandson Richard A. Waller, the current owner of the company will lead that celebration from 1-7 p.m. at the store in downtown Richmond.

The festivities will kick off a year-long round of special discounts and drawings, will culminate in a fall banquet.

The store, which sells watches, diamonds, gold and silver jewelry, amongst other items, has been run by many family members over the years.

Mr. Waller's late father, Richard A. Waller, Sr., and two uncles, Thomas A. Waller and the late Junius Waller, have all participated in the business.

The company has also made many contributions to the community where it is based. These include the Moore Street Baptist Church, where Mr. Waller serves as Deacon and is actively involved with the NAACP, the Urban League and the "Y" Men's Club. He also serves on the city's Private Industry Council and the Broad Street Association.

As for founder M.C. Waller, he was an early pioneer in the Richmond business community. At an early age, he dreamed of repairing his grandmother's old mantel clock and after getting her permission, succeeded in getting it to work.

Richard A. Waller, Jr.

The family has operated a thriving business, growing steadily and serving the city's Black and professional leaders, as well as other area clientele.Present owner, Richard A. Waller, started in the trade by running errands, cleaning the shop and engraving, before finally being allowed to clean watches at 14.

He has fulfilled a family dream in continuing the business into the third and fourth with the help of his sons, Richard, III and David, his wife, mother Florence Waller and six employees.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ENTREPRENEUR FINANCE

The Day Care Financing Programs of the Maryland Department of Economics and Employment Development (DEED) will present two day care financing seminars from 9 to 11 a.m. on April 20 at Cecil Community College in Elkton and in Baltimore at DEED headquarters, 217 E. Redwood St.

The Small Business Development Center will be participating in the seminar to provide free professional management consultation and low cost training to the small business community.

BUSINESS FINANCE

"Financing a Small Business" seminar from a 1990 Small Business Series offered by the Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries will be held at the Silver Spring Community Library on Tuesday, April 24 from 7-9:30 p.m. For information call Maria Fedak-Kari at (301) 217-3839 at work or (301) 869-3275 at home.

TRADE SEMINARS

The Maryland International Division's Office of International Trade has scheduled a series of three international trade seminars on three consecutive Wednesday, beginning May 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Sheraton Inn, 5400 Sheraton Dr. in Frederick, MD.

The seminars are designed to assist Maryland firms in developing export business by providing practical information on how to sell to overseas markets. For information call Jane Howard or Marilyn Corbett at (301) 333-6917.

TRANSAFRICA FUNDRAISER

A star studded $250-a-plate "Bridge To Freedom" benefit was held in Los Angeles, Ca. recently, honoring Harry Belafonte raised over $300,000 for TransAfrica Forum, hosted by Bill Cosby. With an unprecedented show of support from dignitaries and the entertainment industry, pre-dinner contributions put the organizations fundraiser close to $1 million mark.

Belefonte received the inaugurated Nelson Mandela Courage Award for his 13 years of service to TransAfrica. Randall Robinson, executive director and founder of TransAfrica said the funds will be earmarked for a Center For TransAfrica Studies in Washington, D.C.

MINORITY EMPOWERMENT

The Society of Minority Hoteliers is an organization that enables African-Americans Asians, Hispanics and native Americans to hospitality education, as well as meet and communicate with minority executives to improve their job opportunities. "Our population is changing rapidly, and minorities will become major consumers in the 1990s" said Alfred Wasttis, 21 a participant in the Society.

Founded at Cornell in 1985, the Society of Minority Hoteliers was reoganized into a national group at a March conference at Cornell that was attended by 46 hospitality industry students from 16 universities and by 18 industry professionals, 16 of them minorities. The organization asserts opportunities for minorities to become managers in the hospitality industry will increase tremendously in the 1990s.

OUTSTANDING APPOINTMENT

Susan Troen, Director of Human Resources at the new Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza at Metro Center has been named 1990 President of the Hotel Personnel Directors Association of Washington D.C.

She was a member of the opening management team of the new 456-room Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza at Metro Center, in Washington, D.C., which opened last year.

CBC PROPOSED BUDGET

Rep. Ronald V. Dellums, Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus unveiled the 10th Annual Congressional Black Caucus Budget for FY 1991. He noted the CBC proposal calls for $23.7 billion cut at Pentagon outlays, with even greater reductions projected for the future.

It also proposes 10 percent surcharge on the highest of corporate incomes until the budget is balanced and the removal of disparity in the tax-rate for income earners with a taxable income above $208,500.