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"Criminal Justice" SWNA Topic Mon. 27th

A panel of public officials in the criminal justice system is scheduled for the annual meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc., at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W., 7 pm Monday, March 27.

Members of the courts, prosecutors' offices, police and council have been invited to speak and answer questions. Almost all of them have agreed to appear.

Invited are Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton; Councilmember Harold Brazil, chair of the Council Judiciary Committee; Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Erik Christian; U.S. Attorney Wilma A. Lewis; Superior Court Judge George W. Mitchell; Metropolitan Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey; Corporation Counsel Robert Rigsby; Superior Court Judge Mary Terrell.

Swearing in of SWNA officers for 2000-2001 elected at the March 25 elections at Waterside Mall is also on the agenda. ■



SWNA President Rev. George E. Holmes will chair the SWNA Meeting Mar. 27



Gene Solon chair of the SWNA Safety Task Force, is organizing the SWNA meeting on criminal

Norton Angry Over Shooting By N.Y. Police

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton is asking the U.S. Justice Department to start a civil rights investigation in the shooting by New York City police of Amadou Diallo. "This is a classic case for Federal intervention, a horrendous police response resulting in the death of an innocent resident, she said in a statement in The Congressional Record.

Congresswoman Norton also anticipates that there will be a civil court suit. "Even if a police attack is deemed not criminal, no civil society would condone such a response."

Finally, "we must write a fourth chapter in the case," she suggests. "It should be entitled 'Do not send poorly trained police into our communities to protect us. They are a menace.'"

Congresswoman Norton adds, "As crime has increased, police have been given freer and freer rein. It is time to rein them in." ■

Women Inmates

Congresswoman Norton also has introduced a bill for two pilot community-based facilities in the District of Columbia for nonviolent, short-term or pregnant offenders. "The continuing sharp growth of women in the nation's prisons, most for nonviolent drug offenses, many pregnant, two-thirds the mothers of minor children often incarcerated at great distances from their children, requires a different model of incarceration...[P]rison systems have failed to respond effectively to rates of HIV infection and mental illness among female inmates that are greater than among males and have actually reduced drug treatment—even though nonviolent drug crimes are the major cause for female incarceration," she said. ■



Councilmember Harold Brazil, chair of the Council Judiciary Committee will be on the Mar. 27 panel, is organizing the SWNA meeting on criminal

Cherry Blossom Events In S.W.

A fashion cruise, tree planting, chamber concert and parade of boats are among the Cherry Blossom Festival events scheduled to take place in Southwest D.C.

With the blooming cherry trees at 15th and Independence Ave. S.W. a short walk away, Southwest residents and visitors have always felt a part of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival. Now more events are spread along the Southwest waterfront.

A tree planting ceremony with Congressmen from Japan will be held at 6th and Water St. S.W. at 12:30 pm Tues., Apr. 4. The sponsors are Spirit Cruises. It is free and open to the public.

On Wed., Apr. 5 a fashion cruise on the Odyssey cruise ship, 600 Water St. SW, will benefit the NCBF Scholarship

Fund. \$48 tickets have been sold to groups of 20 or more. Call 488-6000.

At 7:30 pm Wed., Apr. 5, the Southwest Chamber Music Players will perform a free Cherry Blossom Festival concert at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church overlooking the waterfront at Maine Ave. and 6th S.W.

Suchi and Sake will be subjects of a program open only to media at Phillips Flagship Restaurant, 900 Water St. SW from 7pm to 9 pm Thurs., Apr. 6. (488-8515).

Saturday, Apr. 8, is the day of the Cherry Blossom Parade in the morning and Taste of Japan in the afternoon downtown on 12th St. The day will be climaxed by a parade of lighted boats along the S.W. waterfront. (See Parade of Boats). ■

Spring Cleanup In S.W. Apr. 8

Trash bags, brooms and rakes are being supplied by the D.C.

Dept. of Public Works for a big community effort at spring cleaning in Southwest. Organized by Second Baptist Church as their Southwest Community Service Day, volunteers should show up at the church at 2nd and M St. S.W. at 8 am for a continental breakfast and work till 1:30 for a lunch of hot dogs, chips and sodas. The church is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee.

Call Sister Peggy Jackson at the church 484-3112 or Sister Eleanor Jackson 484-8390. ■

Parade of Boats In SW Sat. Apr. 8

At 8 pm Saturday, April 8, lighted boats will parade in the channel along the Southwest Waterfront similar to the December holiday parade. The procession will feature a Chinese Dragon, depicted by four lighted boats decorated to depict a dragon. A flotilla of other boats from yacht clubs and marinas up and down the Potomac "will be ablaze with twinkling white lights" supplied by the Washington Waterfront Association.

The event is free and open to the public. Best viewing is from the restaurants along the waterfront, East Potomac Park, or the parks along the channel from the Titanic Memorial near Ft. McNair to the Fish Wharf at 10th and Maine Ave.

The Southwest waterfront can be reached by METRO from the Waterfront station (Green Line) or the L'Enfant Plaza station (Orange-Blue-Yellow-or Green line). Parking is free on weekends at Waterside Mall, 4th and M S.W., two blocks from the waterfront. ■

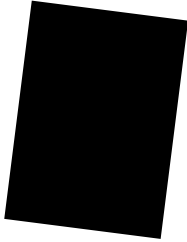
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Madison Scott, Jr., Amidon fifth grader, chaired the February SWNA meeting at the request of SWNA President Rev. George Holmes.

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Ken Wilson of H & R Block answered questions about income tax forms at the February meeting of NARFE at the S.W. Library. The next meeting fourth Thursday in March will feature a speaker from World Watch. Lunch is at 12:30; program at 1 pm.

Southwest Community Calendar

March-April

March 23	Thursday	NARFE 12:30 pm SW Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place, SW
March 25	Saturday	Annual SWNA Election 9 am - 2 pm Waterside Mall
March 27	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly 7 pm St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 3rd & M Streets
April 1	Saturday	Police Partnership with Community Workshop 10 am - 1 pm River Park Mutual Homes, 1301 Delaware Ave., SW
April 1	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10am Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place SW
April 3	Monday	SWNA Board 7pm SWNA Office, Waterside Mall 401 M St.,SW
April 4	Tuesday	First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council, 7:00 pm, DCPD, 415 Fourth St., SW Community Room
April 5	Wednesday	Southwest Chamber Players Concert, 7:30 pm St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St., SW
April 5	Wednesday	Waterside Mall Task Force Meeting 7:00 pm SWNA Office, Waterside Mall 401 M St., SW
April 10	Monday	Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D 7:00 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th and I St., SW
April 12	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 pm Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place, SW
April 15	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10 am Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place, SW
April 19	Wednesday	AARP SW Waterfront Chapter #4751 12 noon St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M St., SW
April 19	Wednesday	Police Community Information Meeting 7pm River Park Mutual Homes, 1301 Delaware Ave., SW
April 20	Thursday	Task Force on Safety 7:00 pm SWNA Office, Waterside Mall 401 M St., SW
April 26	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place, SW
April 27	Thursday	DC Chapter 2052 12 noon Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place, SW

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Washington Is A Waterfront City, Says Altman



Andrew Altman, *planning director for Washington, D.C.*, spoke at the SWNA February meeting.

Speaking at the SWNA meeting in February, Andrew Altman, Mayor Anthony Williams' appointment as District of Columbia Planning Director, called Washington D.C. a waterfront city and the SE/SW waterfront an underdeveloped asset.

Planning for waterfront development will need consensus within the entire neighborhood. He will provide professional resources to help with neighborhood meet-

ings seeking that consensus, he said. He expects to have a plan completed in eight months.

He mentioned the importance of the Banecker Park developments at L'Enfant Plaza as a vital connector to the waterfront. He spoke of the renovation and redevelopment of the Navy Yard and S.E. Federal Center, with new office buildings on M St. SE, and of some movement in redevelopment of Waterside Mall.

Prior to his appointment by Mayor Williams, Altman was Director of City Planning of the Community and Economic Development Agency in Oakland, California from 1996 to 1999. There he managed all planning, land use approvals, and zoning.

In another position with the City of Oakland, the comprehensive plan he developed received a California American Planning Association Award. Earlier in his career he was awarded the Loeb Fellowship of the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

Mr. Altman holds a Masters in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from Temple University. He is native of Philadelphia. ■



Carol Hamilton, *Jazzercise instructor at St. Matthews Church.*



Health through exercise at Jazzercise class.



Jazzercise Classes Popular In Southwest

For almost 20 years, at various locations, Jazzercise classes have been popular among health conscious adults in Southwest.

Currently at St. Matthews Lutheran Church at 3rd and M S.W. Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, the one-hour workout to music with a professional trainer has a faithful following.

Mary Kay Tobin, one of the class managers, describes Jazzercise as a combination of aerobics, muscle toning exercises, dancing and plenty of camaraderie all at very reasonable rates. For information, visit the class at St. Matthews at 7 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays or Saturday at 9:30 a.m. ■

Washington Video

(new ad in folder)

Second Baptist 75th Anniversary

From April 1 to 9 Second Baptist Church will host a number of events in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the church in Southwest and the 26th anniversary of Rev. H. Joseph Franklin, D.D., as pastor.

The schedule includes:

Prayer Breakfast, Sat., Apr. 1, 8 a.m. Church Day, Sun., Apr. 2, with services at 8 am, 10:45 am, and 6 pm

First Family Night, Tues, Apr. 4, 7:30 pm Consecration service, Wed., Apr. 5, 7:30 pm Music Ministry Night, Thurs., Apr. 6, 7:30 pm

Youth Joy Night, Fri., Apr. 7, 7:30 p.m. Southwest Community Service Day, Sat., Apr. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 pm.

Anniversary Banquet in Lanham MD, Sun. Apr. 9, 4-8 pm.

Second Baptist, organized in 1925, has been in Southwest ever since, and is located at the corner of First and M S.W. The anniversary theme is "And It Came To Pass."

Rev. Franklin 26 Years at 2nd Baptist Church

Rev. H. Joseph Franklin has served as pastor of Second Baptist Church in Southwest D.C., since May 3, 1974. Previously he was pastor of the Washington Street Missionary Baptist Church, in Paducah, Kentucky for fourteen years. His service will be honored at the Silver Jubilee celebration of Second Baptist from April 1 to 9.

In addition, Rev. Franklin is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Missionary Baptist Convention of D.C. and Vicinity, a member of the Southwest Ministers' Alliance, a trustee of the Nannie Helen Burroughs Scholarship Fund,

Inc. and a Board Member of the Nannie Helen Burroughs School, Inc. He is also a pioneer member of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and a trustee of the Washington Baptist Seminary.

Jones Advances To Eagle Scout

Wilson High senior Jamal O. Jones, is receiving the highest rank in the Boy Scouts.

His Southwest friends are invited to Jamal's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday, April 1, at 5 pm at his troop headquarters Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1601 South 13th Road, Arlington, VA.

For information and directions to the church, call his mother, Thelma Jones, at 202-488-3746. ■

Food Drive



Ms. Thelma Jones receives a donation of food and cash from Mr. Boyd at the St. Augustine's Episcopal Church food drive.

Stanford 9 Tests Apr. 3-7 at Schools

Students at Amidon, Bowen and Jefferson, Jr. in Southwest will be taking the Stanford 9 national standardized tests along with other students throughout the city.

A "Test Buster Pep Rally" at Amidon Elementary School had students chanting, "If I eat my breakfast and get my rest, I'll be ready for that test!", and "If I try to relax and get rid of stress, I'll be ready to bust that test!"

Parents are invited to attend two more skits at 9:30 am and 10 am Friday, Mar. 24, to learn testing techniques.

Amidon Counselor Priscilla Reinbold reports that special materials are helping teachers "to quickly pinpoint specific skills that students need, to increase student confidence in the testing environment, to emphasize higher-order thinking skills and to bridge the gap between the classroom curriculum and the test." ■



John Mgaza, left and Kirubel Johannes in a skit on eating a good breakfast before a test.



Steps to drive the "Stress Monsters" away are on cards held up by Amidon students: Philip Hopkins, left, holds up "Take a moment and get yourself ready for the test." Next is Briana Robinson: "Close your eyes and think of something happy." Sarah Yohannes: "Take some deep breaths." Nadia Purvis: "Slow down and relax."



In a skit at Amidon, "Stress Monsters" John Mgaza, left, and Sean Fairley are chased away from the stage by the Test Busters.



Cheerleaders at the "Amidon Test Buster Pep Rally," were: Three in front, left to right, India Parker, Mynijha Martin, and Nina Banks. Others, left to right: Cherre Jefferson, Sheila Magaza, Mikindria Letsinger, Darya Bulluck, Mrs. Wade, Azeb Argaw, Thiezue James, Alana McConnell, Jamila Lee, and Tiffani Jones.



Phillip Hopkins, left, and Robert Williams in Amidon skit.



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Candidates For Mar. 25 SWNA Election

At the annual election of Board members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. (SWNA), the five officers will be elected at large all parts of Near Southwest may vote for them. The 11 other members of the Board are elected in four separate areas. People living in District 1, (north of M and west of 4th St.) will elect two of the 1. People living in District 2 (north of M and east of 4th St.) will elect three board members. People south of M and west of Delaware Ave. (District 3) will elect three. People south of M and east of Delaware Ave. (District 4) will elect three. Thus, the Board will have representation from all four parts of near Southwest (zip code 20024) (Sorry, no absentee ballots)

District 1 North of M Street and west of 4th St, including: Marinas on waterfront; Marina View Towers, Waterside Towers and townhouses, Town Square Towers and townhouses, the Commons.

District 2 North of M Street and east of 4th to South Capitol Street, including: 1001 and 1101 3rd St SW, 800 4th St., Capitol Park townhouses, 301 G St., 101-103 G St., 201 Eye St., Greenleaf Annex.

District 3 South of M St. and west of Delaware and Canal St and south to the Anacostia River, including: Ft. McNair, Harbour Square, Tiber Island, Edgewater, Riverside, Channel Square, River Park apartments and townhouses, Carrollsburg Condominiums, St. James Mutual Homes.

District 4 south of M Street and east of Delaware and Canal St., including Greenleaf, Greenleaf Seniors, James Creek, Syphax Gardens, Tel-Court, and townhouses on Carrollsburg Place, Howison, Half St., 1st St, 2nd St., N, O, P, and Q Streets. ■

SWNA Officer Candidates: for President

Rev. George E. Holmes, present SWNA president, resident of S.W. since 1995. Former ANC2D chairperson. Special education teacher at Calvin Coolidge High School. Minister, McKendree United Methodist Church. Doctorate candidate at Howard University's School of Divinity. Featured as a future leader in Ebony and Jet magazines. Platform speaker for the Million-Man March.

For FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Gene Solon, Chairperson, DMV Advisory Committee, SWNA Safety TF. Treasurer, SWNA Waterside Mall TF. Former SWNA VP, former Harbour Square Board member.

Planning, economic development consultant. Served at U.S. Labor, Commerce Depts., EPA, economic research firm. BS Geology (CUNY). Education, statistics, land, water use, environmental protection, law courses at SEU etc. Mayor's award for successful Southwest Neighborhood Summit.

Rev. G. Michael Wise. Born in Washington, D.C. Guest speaker at SWNA meeting. Administrative Assistant, River Park Mutual Homes, Inc. Associates Degree in business management, Strayer University. Currently enrolled in the Washington Baptist Seminary. Associate minister, New Shiloh Missionary-Baptist Church. Gospel preacher, Sunday school Teacher, Bible study instructor.

For SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Margaret Feldman, present SWNA Second Vice President. Former President of SWNA for four years. She has been an active worker concerned with the betterment of all the people in Southwest since coming here in 1987. In the fall of 1996 she was appointed chair of the Waterside Mall/Waterfront Task Force.

FOR TREASURER

Ellen Winship, present Treasurer. Residence: Carrollsburg Condominium, 1983-present. Professional Experience: Senior Accountant and financial policy, OPM; formerly Director, Financial Management, Bureau of Export Administration. Non-profit: Vice President, Carrollsburg Board of Directors; Past Treasurer, American Association of Foreign Service Women. Education: BS, Columbia University; BS, American University, MBPA, GW University; MBPA, MSA, MTA Southeastern University.

FOR SECRETARY

Jean "Jeannie" Macdonald, present Secretary. Southwest resident for 26 years. Retired DCPS reading teacher. Member of Emeritus Teachers Foundation. Volunteer at Webb Elementary School Library. Secretary of S.W. Youth Activities Task Force. Former SWNA treasurer.

SWNA Board Members from each of 4 Districts

Candidates for District One (2 to be elected)

Perry Klein, present District One Rep. Resident of Town Square Towers Condominium since 1971; on Board and vice-president. Helped develop the new Southwest DC Internet Web site (www.swdc.org), designed as a resource for the Southwest community, and orchestrated the helicopter fly-over that made photos of Southwest for promotional and planning purposes.

Mary Ann Bailer. Present District One Rep. Former president of local chapter of AARP. Resident of Southwest since 1960. Active in presenting the Southwest Festival of the Arts over the years. Teaches tap and ballet, aerobic exercise, nutrition and the care of the body. Formerly on the board of EFEC (Efforts for Ex-Convicts).

Mark Farrell has enjoyed living in Southwest this past year. Graduated George Washington University last year. Major History. Worked on development of Columbia Heights Metro station. Has worked with National Capital Planning Commission on extending the Legacy plan. Conducts bicycle tours throughout the city for Bike the Sites.

Mindy Gurwitch. Graduated GWU last year. Major Radio/Television. Now works for Federal Judiciary Center on its educational TV network. She admires Southwest's strong sense of community, its beauty and proximity to everything D.C. has to offer. Mindy would like to help the rest of D.C. notice the sparkle of this jewel.

Candidates for District Two (3 to be elected)

Jacquelyn "Jackie" M. Matthews. Present District Two Rep. Mother of six, grandmother of seven. Longtime resident of Southwest. "It has been my mission to always give back to my community, from having a

watchful eye on the children to helping the seniors, to serving as SWNA representative."

Candidates for District Three (3 to be elected)

Lonnie Murray. Present District Three Rep. Harbour Square resident and homeowner for 26 years. Former SWNA treasurer for six years. Former seven-year member of Harbour Square Board.

Joan Rhones. Present District Three Rep.

Cathy Wallace. Present District Three Rep. SW resident since the middle 1970's. Member of the Scholarship Task Force. Business Manager for the Southwester. Board member for Riverside Condominium. Employed at the US Commission on Civil Rights.

Rev. G. Michael Wise. Born in Washington, D.C. Guest speaker at SWNA meeting. Administrative Assistant, River Park Mutual Homes, Inc. Associate Degree in business management, Strayer University. Currently enrolled in the Washington Baptist Seminary. Associate minister, New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Gospel preacher, Sunday school teacher, Bible study instructor.

Candidates for District Four (3 to be elected)

Herbert Holmes. Present District Four Rep. Long-time resident of SW. Graduate of

Cardozo High School. Attended NC Central University (Durham, NC). Former two-year member of Friends of the District's Juvenile Court. Recreation Specialist for DC Department of Recreation for 30 years. Active member of SW Cavaliers and South Capitol Civic Association.

Gloria Hamilton. Present District Four rep. Resident of Southwest for over 14 years. Vice President of Syphax Gardens Residents Council. Active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Member of Southwest Community House Board of Directors. Former ANC Commissioner.

Patricia Pressley. Present District Four rep. Native Washingtonian, graduate of Dunbar High. Holds Nursing Assistant certificate from GW University Hospital. Recognized for four-year volunteer service at American Red Cross. Former Information Receptionist/Staff Coordinator for Mayor's Office of Constituent Services for five years. Currently secretary, Resident Council Tenant Association, Syphax Gardens. ■

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Retail Action Group Has Plans

The Retail Action Group of the SW Task Force of Councilmember Evans hopes to promote a summer music festival in Southwest and improvements at the Waterfront shopping mall. Claudia Pharis Weiss, group chair, has this report:

"People who attended the January group meeting were very knowledgeable about the issues relating to retail development in SW. Discussion focused on attracting better stores, making the mall look better, the need for an anchor store, ways of getting people to go there, and the need to generate more of a pedestrian culture in SW. We discussed our need for information, previous studies and surveys that had been done on the matter, and the need to develop a consensus about what kind of mall we want. "There was general agreement about the value of focusing on the arts as a catalyst for retail development, and of setting as our goal, making SW a destination of choice for neighborhood and citywide shoppers. We talked about all the development that is planned for our area, and the importance of making sure that our neighborhood is connected to and benefits from this development. Recognizing the importance of taking action, we decided to work with the arts and culture action group and the SWNA to promote a summer music festival in SW that would tie the Mall to the Waterfront. We identified specific data that we need to begin to paint a cohesive picture of what's possible, toward the objective of engaging the community in articulating that grand retail development vision which we will all work together to accomplish." ■



Club #4 BB

Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club #4 has several winning basketball teams nearing the end of the season. (Names were not available as The Southwester went to press.)



20 Years Ago In Southwest, D.C.



The July, 1981, Southwester had this picture of Coach Deleon Fields behind his Club #4 baseball team: (L to R) Front row: Anthony Robinson, Donald Banks, Antonio Ford, Quintin Pitts, Darryl Smith, Donald Johnson. Back row: Sean Thomas, Mike Thomas, Samuel Carson, Leon Young, Reggie Paris, Dwayne Hood, Leroy Cosby.



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Notes

In the last few issues of The Southwester we have called attention to some of our small Washington theaters that are accessible from the Southwest community: Folger, Source and Stage Guild. Here are a few more that are well worth visiting.

When you hear "Shakespeare Theater" in Washington, the assumption is that the name refers to the big new theater on Seventh St. N.W. However, there is another Shakespeare theater that performs imaginative, daring works that the larger, more sedate companies will not try: Washington Shakespeare Company on South Clarke Street in Arlington a short walk from the Crystal City Metro Station, with ample off-street parking nearby. "As you Like It" opens on March 30 and promises to be an unusual take on this Shakespeare classic. Jennifer Nelson, artistic director of the African Continuum Theater Company, will direct it. Call 703-418-4808.

Two other theaters that deserve attention are Studio and Woolly Mammoth. Both theaters open new productions in March. Woolly Mammoth (202-393-3939) is showing "Bug", which is described as a deceptive, quirky play about paranoia in a conspiracy-filled, X-Files world. Sounds intriguing. Studio Theater (202-332-3300) is offering "Bash", a trio of one-act plays by Neil LaBute, creator of the controversial movie, "In the Company of Men." These plays examine hypocrisy and human cruelty in modern American morality. Both theaters have attended parking lots. They can also be reached by METRO and bus.

P.S.: Arena Stage has announced that the very popular actress Phylicia Rashad will join the cast of the play "Blue" to be performed in the Kreeger April 14 through June 4. Ms. Rashad is remembered for her previous performances at

Arena and for her starring roles on the "Cosby Show" and the CBS sitcom "Cosby."



Jae Duncan, Southwest resident, brings down the house with her singing at Friday Night Jazz at Westminster Church.

Denny Cruz, S.W. Artist

The lobby of Town Square Towers was the site of the first showing of The Cruz Collection, original acrylic paintings and pencil drawings by the local artist Denny Cruz, a resident of Southwest, D.C.

The artist, a native of Puerto Rico, paints with the bright, fanciful hues of his homeland. His subjects are often reminiscent of the people, architecture, landscape, and wildlife of the island.

The showing was sponsored by the Friends of Town Square Towers during the December holidays. Guests were asked to bring a toy to be donated to the Southwest Community House for distribution to local children.

Denny Cruz's works are available for viewing by appointment only. (202-484-3186). ■

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Buy A Ticket, Get One Free

Youth under 17 can get a free ticket to "Blue" at Arena Stage during the first week of its run (Apr. 19-23) when an adult ticket is purchased, as part of an effort by 30 area theaters to introduce younger audiences to the stage. ■

City At Peace Returns Mar. 23, At Howard U.

"City at Peace" will premier a new musical written and performed by youth at Howard University's Crampton Auditorium, Thurs. Mar. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

The popular youth program, which has performed at Arena Stage the past two years, will be at Arena with four performances in July.

Conflict resolution is the focus of the young performers' plays, drawn from their daily experiences. ■

Cherry Blossom Concert Apr. 5

The chamber music of Handel, Schubert, Saint-Saens and Weber will be featured on Wednesday, Apr. 5, at 7:30 pm at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and Maine Ave. S.W. as part of the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Performers will include Rosmarie Ruiz Houghton, soprano; Wendy Hodge, oboe; Jerry Schwarz, clarinet; Linda Bryant, flute; Susan Wilson, bassoon; and David Ehrlich, piano. Concerts by the Southwest Chamber Music Players, an association of amateur musicians based in Southwest, are free, although donations are requested. ■

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Dragon Dancers At Jenny's Café

The Kiwanis Club of Northwest Washington, D.C. brought Kung Fu performers and their Chinese Dragon costume, drums and gongs to Jenny's Chinese Restaurant in Southwest for an evening of delicious food, fun and fundraising.



Kung Fu performers before getting into the Dragon costume.



The Chinese Dragon dancers delight children and adults alike at Jenny's Chinese Restaurant.

20 Years Ago In Southwest, D.C.



The June, 1980, issue of The Southwester had photos of a meeting of the S.W. League of Women Voters. (L to R) Eudora Winters, Grace Savage, Urcel Daniel, Catherine Whitsett, Nell Sacks.



(L to R) June Bashrin, Anne Weinberg, Mair Moody, Muriel Poland, Ruth Myer, Eleanor Webb.

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