



## If you ask me Frankie Lou

**"PRAYERS FOR WHITNEY HOUSTON"** is the title of an e-mail being circulated on the Internet. It shows pictures of a beautiful Whitney in her glory days and now, when she is ugly and bedraggled and high on crack. What a tragedy! Credit line is given to "mbhelecreations."

**THE ATLANTA CHAPTER OF THE GUARDSMEN** celebrated its 50th anniversary of membership in the national organization last weekend. Six Baltimore members and their wives were among the 575 guests from the 18 chapters across the country.

Attending from Baltimore were Michael and Erica Cryor, Donald and Jennye Patterson, Tom and Joyce Moorehead, Richard and Gwen Hackney, Howard and Pat Jessamy and Ricardo and Carol Kimbers.

The highlight of the weekend was a 10-bus caravan, complete with a rolling police escort to a private black tie gala at the fabulous Atlanta Aquarium. The Aquarium was decorated with white covered chairs and tables with sprawling floral designs. The group ate in the company of white beluga whales, and their various "finned" friends.

**THE BOBBY WARD TRIO** will be featured at "Jazz on a Saturday Afternoon" in the Guild Hall of St. James Episcopal Church, 1 p.m., Saturday, May 6.

AND Speaking of St. James, the rector, the Rev. Allen Robinson devoted part of his sermon last Sunday to the TV broadcast of the 6:30 a.m. healing service of Empowerment Temple AME Church where the Rev. Jamal Bryant dipped his

fingers in oil, placed his hand on the head of a sick person who then passed out on the floor. There were people flat out all over the altar. Father Robinson called it just "plain entertainment" and said Rev. Bryant had "gone too far" among other things. One blind person was told she would see in nine months. Wish I got up that early on Sunday morning. I would sure like to have seen that broadcast.

**LAMBDA KAPPA MU SORORITY** will hold its Regional Conference in San Diego, Calif., from May 4-6 hosted by Alpha Gamma Chapter. The keynote speaker is Catherine DeFord, grand basileus. Dorothy Stone, public relations chair, will conduct a workshop on "Effective Media Coverage." The theme is "Reflecting on Our Past: Making a Commitment to Meet the Challenges of Today and Tomorrow."

**THE BALTIMORE MASTERWORKS CHORALE** directed by Mark Hardy will present "Fresh Voices: Choral Music of Today" at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, May 14 at the Grace United Methodist Church, 5407 N. Charles St. For more info call: 410-952-4234.



*Courtesy Photo*

Sen. Nathaniel McFadden (right) presents a Maryland Senate resolution to the Rev. Lee Michaels of Heaven 600 radio. The station was the recipient of the Stellar Awards for being the Best Gospel Station in the country. Rev. Michaels was the Senate opening session pastor recently.



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Gen. Colin Powell (Ret.) yesterday and today. Powell is featured in The History Makers, a project that aims to interview 5,000 known and unknown African Americans nationwide by the year 2010.

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