AFRO's 41st Clean Block campaign opens

By Ida Peters

Today (Friday) at 1' a.m., the 41st Annnual AFRO Clean Block was officially opened at the McCulloh Homes Auditorium, Druid Hill and Dolphin Sts.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 27, at 11 a.m. Five meetings are scheduled for captains, co-captains and advisors on July 11. July 25, August 8, and August 22.

Final Inspections will be held August 25-31. The Closing meeting and awarding of cash prizes will be held at Mondawmin Shopping Center, Sunday, September 7 at 2 p.m.

Prizes

As the campaign opened, 55 blocks involving 411 persons have pre-registered in the AFRO's Clean Block program.

The opening meeting was devoted to giving each captain the window stickers, captain's flag, and instructions on how to win the more than $5,000. in cash prizes to be awarded at the end of the campaign.

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As this 41st Clean Block Campaign opens, 50 blocks in northwest Baltimore are expected to enter organized by Mrs. Elaine Young of Urban Services.

Already entered are 10 blocks in southwest Baltimore organized by Mrs. Henrietta Henson, Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer has registered five blocks in the Gay-Montford-North Ave. section.

Also in attendance at the first meeting were 20 block captains representing the McCulloh Homes projects.

Cleveland Brister has registered all of the six Urban Services Teen Centers and they are competing for special prizes in their division.

Join

Anybody can join the AFRO's Clean Block Campaign. White, black, red, yellow...housing projects, city, suburban...come on you all join.

If you can't make the meetings, come to the Clean Block office at 622 N. Eutaw St. and pick up your materials.

Movie Parties

Special movie parties are being planned for blocks who work and show improvement. Free tickets will be distributed at the scheduled meetings to captains.

Free Flowers-Paint

There will be plenty of surprises at the meetings for captains. Dates for distribution of flowers and paint will be announced at the meetings.

Early Bird Prizes

To the persons who arrived early at the meeting free record albums were distributed. Other prizes included snake rings promoting the movie "Killer Snakes" at the Town Theatre.

Movie Stars

Coming up at the June 27th, 11 a.m. Clean Bloc Meeting...Rennie Roker who played the father in "Johnny Tough" will be on hand giving out autographs and having his picture made with the captains.

Consultants

Program participants at the first meeting were the Save A Life demonstration by the Baltimore Fire Department, Inspector Jimmy A. Jones, Edward J. Moore, chief Department of Sanitation and Rev. Wesley Thomas, Urban Services Sanitation talked on bulk trash removal.

From the Mayor's office Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, worked on solving neighborhood problems. Mrs. Virginia Baker talked on fun in the city, Sunny Sundays and other projects. Mrs. Hilda Yerkovich, the Adopt-A-Lot program.

Other program participants were from the health and police departments.

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Blocks on the move

By Arnetta Lottier

The 2400 block of Lakeview Ave. began their clean up campaign back in February.

The Lakeview Neighborhood Association for the Improvement of Relationships between Landlords and Tenants under the leadership of Mrs. Minnie Williams has banded together to fight trash in their blocks. Together with Henry Hennigan, who has been waging the war on trash in his block for years, they are moving right along.

The biggest problem in the area right now is getting the city to pick up bulk trash on a regular basis. (Call Rev. Wesley Thomas — Bulk Trash Pick up — 396-8163).

Mrs. Williams, who is a member of the commission for Urban Services Area B was responsible for the first party the area has had in years.

On May 9th they held a party at the John Eager Howard Recreation Center. Over 170 children and parents participated in this affair. Donations for the party were given by landlords of the block, merchants and neighbors.

The children participated in different contests. Tony Williams did a wonderful job as disc jockey. Awards were given to Ronald (Ricky) Thompson, Sharon Myers and Warren Paine for their outstanding work in the war on trash.

The 2400 blk of Lakeview Ave. is joining the AFRO Clean Block Campaign with Michelle Randall as captain. Already landlords have been asked to donate paint and flowers to make the block beautiful.

Mrs. Williams is also leading a drive to set up recreational activities for the children of the area. By working together, they can keep the neighborhood clean and provide healthy recreation for the children. She states that to date she has about 80 per cent cooperation from the blocks.

By the end of the Clean Block Campaign we hope she has 100 per cent cooperation from her neighbors.

Keep up the good work!

Orchids to: Mrs. Geneva Pugh of the 800 block of Whitelock Street. I passed there early Tuesday morning and she was busy sweeping and taking up trash in her block. This is a daily task says Mrs. Pugh. She also mentioned that Mrs. Pernell of the same block is working very hard to keep the block clean. Hope the rest of the block joins in with the AFRO Clean Block that starts today.

Orchids to Mrs. Lacy Tyson, Mrs. Emma Poulson and Mrs. Georgette Wells of the 2300 blk. Druid Hill Ave. These ladies are constantly working trying to keep down the debris caused by motorists traveling this busy street. We hope your neighbors join you.

Orchids to The Progressive, Inc. for the help they provided the committee of Concerned Citizens for Better Living Conditions and Environment in the Boyd-Calverton area last year and the help they are giving this year. The committee extends their thanks.

Onions to: the residents of 2300 blk. of Eutaw Place. Why not call the sanitation department (396-8163) about cleaning your streets.

Onions to: the owner of the building in the 2100 blk. of Booth St. which houses dead dogs and ticks. Owner, please take care of this situation.

New Blocks

2100 Block of Booth St. — Curtis L. Younger Captain; Denise Thomas, Co-captain; Mrs. Lucille S. Davis, Advisor.

Workers: Terry Barton, Malcolm, Clifford Seliman, Tonya Sellman, Johnny Webb, Jerome Halliory, Paul Franklin, Deborah Spratt, Lillie P. Barton, Myrtle Evans, Cecil Lee, Heouinn Webb, Kevin Davis, Anthony Davis, Sheran Davis, Curtis Williams, Mrs. Bessie Knight, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, Michael Dillard, Michael Spratt, Michael Reese, Herneal Thomas, Zermiah Reese, Daral Smith, Reginald Ellis, Gerald Smith, Franklin Davis.

2100 Block of Boyd St. — Robert Turner, Captain; Romaine Nixon, co-captain; Bertha Nixon, Advisor.

Workers: Michael Turner, Tanya Turner, Michelle Turner, Donna Nixon, Danita Nixon, Thomas Nixon, Gia Travers, Kenny Travers, Stoey Travers, Annice Travers, Randy Travers, Kim Taylor, Donnie Tay-

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For The Record

New Birth cuts new Jam

By Frederick I. Douglass

I can't believe it--it's just to good to be true! New Birth the group that recorded "Comin' from all Ends," "Wild Flower," "Got to Get a Knutt" and myriad other jams, has finally recorded an album that captures the excitement the group generates onstage.

Their three previous LP's which were entitled "Birthday," "It's Been a Long Time," and "Comin From All Ends" were lack lustre and sterile compared to the galvanic, high energy performances that New Birth has put on at the Baltimore Civic Center, the Carter Barron in D.C. and throughout the country. New Birth can hang in with any band in the land--a fact which they prove on their new LP, "Blind Baby."

"Blind Baby," New Birth's first recording for Buddah records, is a concept album wherein all of the songs are thematically related to man's spiritual growth as exemplified through his ability or lack thereof to perceive and to understand all that is going on within his environment.

It would be mush easier to understand the message that New Birth is trying to convey if the lyrics to the songs had been printed on the cover. Nevertheless, the music is so good that you really don't have to get into the words to appreciate the group's artistry. Incidentally, all compositions on the LP were composed by members of New Birth except "Dream Merchant" which was a big hit for Jerry Butler a few years ago. Members of the group also produced and arranged the entire album.

That's right, New Birth put the whole package together--the members of this group can do it all. I'm particularly impressed with the calibre of the songs that they have written and predict that this LP will be one of he year's biggest sellers. New Birth has already released "Dream Merchant" as a single and it is climbing the charts rapidly. Their version of the song is every bit as mellow as Jerry Butler's recording. There is also plenty of other good material on the LP. "Blind Baby," for example, is a silky soft ballad which features excellent tenor sax improvisations by Tony Churchill, and has the potential of being a chartbuster.

"Forever," another ballad, probably has the most potential of any song on the album, "Forever" features the vocalizing of Louise Williams, the only female in a group of twelve people. She's saucy and feisky onstage and on record. This song will probably be the next time to be released as a single--it will be right on time at summer parties where people will be getting to know one another and having fun.

Yes indeed, people will be moving and grooving to the New Birth sound this summer. The album also features some funky uptempo jams like "Granddaddy" "I Remember You,!" and "Soul Man" which I guarantee will spark up any festivities that you might be planning for the season--be it a picnic, a beach party or whatever you will be into this summer. After you do the Bump, the Hustle and the Hijack to these jams, you'll still have left "Why Did I," another excellent ballad which will serve as background music for embracing your favorite lady. New Birth has really done it this time--as far as I'm concerned, "Blind Baby" represents the group's rebirth.

Clean Block

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lor, Lanessa Thomas, Wanda Carmichael, Tommy Carmichael, Dillett Giraudy, Carolyn Hall, Willie Hall Jr., Jackie Carmichael, Leonidas Bates, Darrin Bates, Calvin Martin, Craig Ford, Leroy Thomas, Delores Lee, Vanessa Thomas, Clifton Thomas, Yvonne Thomas, Anna Travers, Michelle Nixon.

2700 Block of Baker St. —Yvonne Augins, Captain.

Workers: Maxine Hall, Vanessa Greene, Wendy Hennah, Lady Stubbs, Wendy Taylor, Cheryl Lee, Jackie Bellamy, Beverly Ellerbe, Darline Ellerbe Cheryl Wiglus, Rosita Moody, Orange, Debbie Beesig.

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Citizen's questions and comments will be addressed with regard to the transit station, its utility and visual impact on the community area it will serve.
FINAL DESIGN TEAM
will present the general activities to take place within the community in connection with the design phase of the Lexington Market Station. An approximate time schedule for design and construction and for additional meetings with the community as design progresses will be discussed. It is expected that commentary from the community at large will assist the station Final Designer and Architects in addressing the concerns of community and business.
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School Board gets its report card

By Portia E. Badham

Members of the School Board received a copy of their own evaluation during the Thursday night board meeting which went on very quietly and orderly at Coldstream Park Elementary.

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The evaluation, prepared by a citizens' group, the School Board Evaluation Committee, was based on 46 criteria used by the California school system in rating its boards.

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Ms. Muriel Rice, chairperson, stated, "We feel it is appropriate that this evaluation should be done at this particular time because the present School Board has served what can be described as a probationary period, six months.

"As with any new employee in an organization or business, an evaluation is done after a prescribed period to determine the effectiveness or non-effectiveness of the employee's capabilities."

Of the 46 criteria in the evaluation, the board was listed as adequate in 15 items, two were below adequate and 29 were well below adequate.

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Ms. Rice told the board that a response to the evaluation was expected within 48 hours or an official complaint would be filed with federal agencies.

Members of the committee are Ms. Rice, A. Eugene Chase, Ms. Margaret Ivy, Ms. Doris Hall, O'Neal Koger, Donald C. Owens, Ms. Joan Taylor, Ms. Gloria Tournquist, Edward Richardson and Mrs. Dorothy E. Dais.

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Mrs. Helen Smith, a a parent, called for the immediate removal of Commissioner Robert Schaefer, who sits on the board in conflict interest.

Mr. Schaefer is the vice-president of First National Bank which is now soliciting patronage from school personnel. He is also chairman of the board's budget and finance committee.

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Mr. Schaefer was absent but present during the meeting were Board President Norman P. Ramsey, Dr. Beryl William, David E. Sloan, Howard E. Marshall, Mrs. Sheila Sachs, Oscar Helm, Dr. W. Eugene Scott and Grover L. McCrea.

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Ms. Harriet D. Vernon, head of guidance at Hampstead Junior High and who has been in education for 35 years, addressed the board on the importance of good human relations.

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She stated; "While I respect your integrity and your desires to do a thorough job in evaluating the services of our superintendent, I believe in the area in which you have been most critical of Dr. Roland Patterson, that of maintaining good human relations with the board and his associates. I believe you have failed to consider the warmth of understanding and good human relations which the board, his professional colleagues and the citizens of Baltimore need to extend to him."

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Ms. Vernon was unable to read her entire statement which ran over the alloted 5-minute period for audience speakers.

In other board action, Student Commissioners Miguel Aponte and Curtis Boothe, relinquished their seats to the new commissioners, Ms. Pamela McAdroyn, Douglass High and Erin Wrenn, Northwestern High.

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Elected by the Student Senate which is comprised of students from the city's junior and senior high schools, the new student commissioners will serve a one year term until their graduation from high school next June.

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The next meeting of the board is Thursday, June 26 at 7 p.m. at Coldstream Park Elementary, 100 Exeter Hall Ave. However, this is a special meeting without audience speakers and will address the desegregation budget proposal.

Trial for Griffin, Phillips postponed

The trial for AFRO photographer Benjamin M. Phillips IV, and James Griffin, former school board member, has been postponed to 2 p.m. July 29.

The two men are accused of disorderly conduct and acting in a manner to the disturbance of the public during a school board hearing which ousted Dr. Roland Patterson, superintendent of public schools, June 9.

Judge Jerome Robinson of Northern District Court granted the postponement after Mr. Griffin's new attorney, Milton Allen, who replaced Kaiser Barnes as the former school board member's lawyer, had requested it. Mr. Allen told the court he needed time to prepare his case.

Richard Falcon is attorney for Mr. Phillips, 21, while Alonzo Harrison, is co-attorney for both defendants. Assistant States Attorney Henry Graves is prosecuting.

Mr. Allen later told reporters the behavior of Mr. Griffin at the board meeting in no way constitutes disturbance of public peace.

"He was merely exercising his rights under first Article of the Constitution.

"We are going to contend that our client shouldn't have been arrested and we intend to prove he was exercising his right," Mr. Allen said.

Police reports show "Information from the security, Alberty stated Mr. Griffin and Mr. Phillips were on the fourth floor of 3 E. 25th St. acting disorderly and interfering in the meeting on that floor.

"Mr. Alberty, security for the Board of Education arrested suspects and transported same to Northern District. The two subjects were attending the meeting for the ouster of Dr. Patterson," the report said.

According to school board sources Mr. Griffin walked to the front while the board was in session and shouted. This meeting is out of order, this meeting is out of order. I'm not going out of here until this meeting is dissolved and put in a public place where it is understood the public would be there."

Mr. Griffin was subdued by two security officers and carried outside the building. Police state during the ruckus Mr. Phillips was arrested.

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