AFRO Clean Block opens with planning meeting

By Ida Peters
Clean Block Director

A planning meeting was held today (Friday) to open the 44th Annual AFRO Clean Block Summer Campaign.

City, state, community and business persons representing all parts of the city met to coordinate plans for an efficient, smooth campaign.

You are invited to enroll your block, your church, your neighborhood group and your housing project, city or suburban in this summer drive.

If you would like to enroll your block, fill out the coupon in this issue and mail or bring to the AFRO Clean Block Office at 628 N. Eutaw St.

Rules, regulations, registration blanks, worker sheets as well as window stickers are ready for distribution.

The first 30 blocks who completely register with complete worker's names, addresses, at this office, will receive free paint and flower seeds.

There is no age limit to being an AFRO Clean Block Captain or Advisor. Get together with your neighbors and get started.

Ask your self these questions:

Have I swept my sidewalk today?

Are my steps clean or do I need a paint job?

Is my yard clean?

Are there fingerprints around my door facings or door?

Are my windows clean?

Do I need a new garbage can?

Does my grass need cutting?

Do I need to sow grass seeds?

Do I have bald spots?

Spring is the perfect time to get started cleaning. Let's all try to be better citizens and neighbors.

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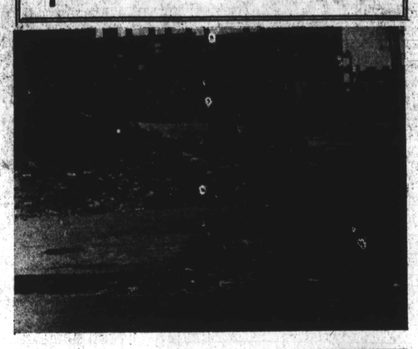

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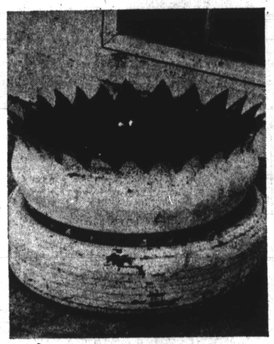

....Not this!

Plant now

Start now to plant urns

By Arnetta Lottier
Clean Block Deputy Director

The weather is beautiful and folks are getting the urge to get out and clean up their blocks. Once that is done it is time to get things ready for planting.

The first thing you have to do is inspect your tire urns. If they are flopping over and the shape is bad, throw them away. Nothing looks worse than a tired tire urn. Decide whether you are going to buy new ones or whether your block will replace tire urns with some other type of container.

There are a variety of containers you can purchase from variety stores or flower stores. There are the ceramic pots, huge clay pots you can paint and metal urns, to name a few. If you decide to buy any of these always try to buy them in large numbers so you can ask for a discount.

While you are trying to decide what you're going to put your flowers in, you can start your flower seeds indoors. This way you can save a lot of money. Flower seeds will give you enough flowers to plant everywhere.

These are the steps you take in planting indoors.

First, you prepare your soil by mixing it with vermiculite which can be purchased from variety and food stores.

When your soil is light in texture you are ready to sprinkle seeds. If the flower seeds are anything but petunias, lightly sprinkle a little soil over the seeds to cover them. Note: Petunia seeds are not covered, you just leave them on top of the soil.

After you plant the seeds, water them thoroughly. Slightly water petunias.

Cover the box now with plastic and put in place where they will get only a small amount of light, for about four to six weeks.

Remove plastic daily, and wipe off water. Water the plants daily, keeping the soil moist but not soggy.

After about four weeks or so your little plants should be ready to transplant to other containers. Note: You can use any kind of plastic or styrofoam containers, even cups.

Now that you've separated the small plants and transplanted them, water them daily and keep them in a sunny place. Do not put any plastic over them.

Two weeks after you've transplanted your flowers they should be about three or four inches high. They are now ready to be planted in your window boxes or other flower containers.

It is important to remember although the weather is mild you still should not put out your flowers before the middle of May when you are sure there is no more danger of frost which will kill them.

Next Meeting
AFRO Building
April 28
12 Noon promptly
Bus tour of city
Special Guest
Jermaine Jackson

BY JOE BLACK

Byte Way

How many times have you grumbled when you read or heard how more than forty percent of our Black youths are unemployed? What thoughts came to your mind? Racism? Unqualified? Well, some thoughts come to my mind, but they are not racism nor unqualified.

All negatives in the Black community are not the result of racism, and I am proud of the thousands of youthful Blacks who have acquired college educations. Unqualified is an excuse that the private sector will have to eliminate. But, my young friends, I want you to remember that acquiring an education should have done more than prepare you for a job, it should have also taught you how to think.

So, you haven't been able to find a position in the field in which you studied, but is that reason enough to sacrifice your pride and dignity. That's right! When you are not working, you are not only an unemployed statistic, but you are also without pride and dignity. You can't force business and industry to create new jobs, but you can retain independence and pride by working. Where? The same jobs that helped your parents and grandparents survive years ago . . . that's right, waiters, bellhops, and waitresses. As the old adage goes: "A bird in the hand beats two in the bush," and always remember that you can still look for your ideal position while working on the less desirable job.

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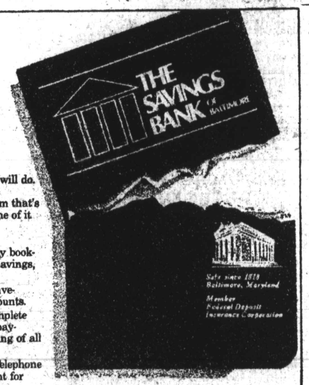

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New Provident boss getting his feet wet

Chapman to meet health commission head on under-populated hospitals

The new executive director of Provident Hospital is planning to meet with the chairman of the State Health Services Cost Review Commission to discuss remarks concerning under - populated hospitals.

Thomas Chapman, executive director of the hospital, said Wednesday he plans to meet with Alvin P. rs, chairman of the commission, to talk about Powers' statement that six under-populated hospitals should merge or close down.

Powers had said two weeks ago that hospitals with a surplus of unoccupied beds should be closed down or combined with more populated hospitals.

He named Bon Secours, Lutheran, Maryland General, Kernan, Children's and Provident as the hospitals.

Chapman said merging the six hospitals with more solvent hospitals is not the answer.

"Provident has the highest occupancy rate and is more stable than the others. I don't think the other hospitals can match that," Chapman said.

Powers had made his statement after the commission staff found a low percentage of occupancy rates for medical - surgical beds at the six hospitals as of December 1977.

"The figures showed: Bon Secours, 68 percent; Children's 54 percent; Kernan, 54 percent; Lutheran, 66 percent; Maryland General, 61 percent and Provident, 78 percent.

"The low volumes clearly indicate a need to consolidate beds," Powers said.

John P. McDaniel, a spokesman for Lutheran Hospital, called Powers' statements "unfounded, statements based on erroneous information.

"We think it's totally irresponsible on the part of the commission chairman to have released the statement, particularly without consulting the hospitals first."

Barry Bowers, administrator of Maryland General, said he was distressed by the statement because he feels his hospital is making progress.

"We're doing a far superior job this year than last year," he said.

NO NONSENSE — The $1 million check ready for deposit in the Provident Hospital bank account is handed over from Mayor Schaefer and City Solicitor Benjamin Brown to the hospital's administrator, Thomas Chapman and Board President Rosetta Sands. The occasion at the Board of Estimates meeting April 12 marked a milestone in the troubled hospital's climb to success which began two years ago. Funds come from a bond issue and were Ok'd by the voters two years ago. Deposited in the Maryland National Bank immediately, the sum will go into interest bearing certificates.

Photo by A. P. Snowden

PCP penalties stiffened

ANNAPOLIS — A bill to increase the penalties for people who manufacture and distribute PCP — a drug medical authorities say induces death dreams, suicide attempts and potential schizophrenia — has gone to acting Gov. Blair Lee III for his signature.

Unde the measure, the maximum prison term for manufacture and distribution of PCP — Phencyclidine — would be raised from five years to 10 years and the possible fine would be raised from $10,000 to $20,000.

In other action, the Senate passed and sent to the governor a bill that would provide $27 million in additional state aid to education.

Acting Gov. Blair Lee III is expected to sign the bill.

The money will be distributed to schools according to the number of students they have.

Each school will get about $33 more per pupil in state aid, to be matched by another extra $33 in county aid.

The Senate also sent to Lee a resolution that calls on Lee to appoint a commission to develop tourism in Maryland.

Another bill passed by the Senate and sent to the governor would provide $7.5 million in state money to build a concert hall in Baltimore. The state aid would be matched by $2.5 million in city funds and $5 million in private donations.

A bill was passed that would provide about $2 million in state aid for renovation of the Lyric theatre, also in Baltimore.

Both bills have passed the House of Delegates.

On another issue, critics of a bill that would consolidate the state's computers said the measure would threaten the privacy of police records. But proponents said the consolidation would save taxpayers money.

After extensive debate, the Senate postponed until Friday a decision on whether the bill should be given preliminary approval.

There are numerous state computers located in state offices around the state as well as three majors computer centers.

The bill would establish a commission to consolidate the computer facilities. It also would call for competitive bidding on computer equipment and services.

Sen. Victor Cushwa, D - Washington, said consolidation would threaten the privacy of records on state residents stored in the computers.

But Sen. Victor Crawford, D - Montgomery, said the bill will save money.

"This business of invading someone's privacy is a red herring to kill the bill," Crawford said.

The measure already has passed the House of Delegates.

The Senate gave preliminary approval to a bill that would require theaters, taverns and other similar commercial establishments to post a warning that strobe lighting is used and may be harmful to people who are susceptible to epileptic or similar seizures.

Sen. Harry McGuirk, D - Baltimore, said some epileptic seizures are stimulated by strobe — or flashing — lights.

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Workshops for women

The Center for Displaced Homemakers offers a series of workshops in April. Daytime workshops are at 1 p.m. "Legal Problems in Separation and Divorce" will be led by Emily Rody, an attorney from the Women's Law Center, on April 20. "Housing Problems," a workshop on April 26, will be led by Gwen Tromley, Legal Assistant with Legal Aid in Baltimore. Ms. Tromley will provide information about how to make application for public and low-income housing. On April 28, "Dressing With Flair On a Budget" will aid participants in developing their present wardrobe with style appropriate for job hunting.

Lausch plans a new City College

Solomon Lausch is out to create a new City College High School.

The former Walbrook Senior High School vice principal, who was appointed to see the school strive for academic excellence with the student body which he wants co-educational and racially integrated.

And he has 400 ninth grade students to start with.

"My goal is to develop students who can think clearly and analytically," said the 31 - year - old Pennsylvania native, who will receive his doctorate in educational administration this summer from the University of Maryland.

"We're going to strive for academic excellence with the student and not try to reinstitute the past glories of the school, although we will build on that tradition," he said.

Lausch, who believes it is important for educators to involve themselves in areas outside education, taught English in Micronesia for two years with the Peace Corps and taught at Rock Glen Junior High School before becoming Walbrook's assistant principal three years ago.

He served as state vice president for Common Cause and is currently on the board of directors of the Park Community Center in West Baltimore.

Lausch said he will have a very strong say in the faculty and staff chosen for the new City College, which officially opens in September, and intends to build an extremely strong team.

He is also participating in the development of a curriculum and points out it will be a rigourous one.

"If there is a choice between quantity and quality we are going to opt for quality," he said. "We may not have as many courses as other schools."

City will stress the social sciences and humanities.

Women at the crossroads

Baltimore New Directions for women announces a change in its weekly radio programming schedule, "Women at the Crossroads."

Future programs include interviews with Sandra Hillman, executive director of promotion and tourism for Baltimore City; Bonnie Rapoport, director and owner of a gourmet cooking school and her co-director Anne Barry; Carol Frank, co - ordinator of Jewish Family and Life Education for Jewish Family and Children Services; and Debra Zeyen, new producer of WJZ's "Evening Magazine" program.

Lausch has taken part in the recruitment of students as well and plans to spread the word by speaking to students, parents and community groups.

The staff and student body will be housed at Eastern High School until renovation on the City College building is completed next year.

RESIDENT HONORED AT DINEER — Jonathan Wallace (C), of Harlwood Circle, was honored by the Baltimore Regional Red Cross at its 37th annual Safety Programs recognition dinner. Wallace was presented with the Baltimore Chapter's Lifesaving Award, the Longfellow Trophy and the National Red Cross Certificate of Recognition. He rescued a man from the bottom of a Clifton Park swimming pool and revived the man by using mouth - to - mouth resuscitation. Presenting the awards to Wallace are Ike Harles Jr. (L), chairman of the Baltimore Regional Red Cross Safety Program and George Hankins (R), chairman of the Baltimore Regional Red Cross.

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Homebuyers seminar, tour to be held

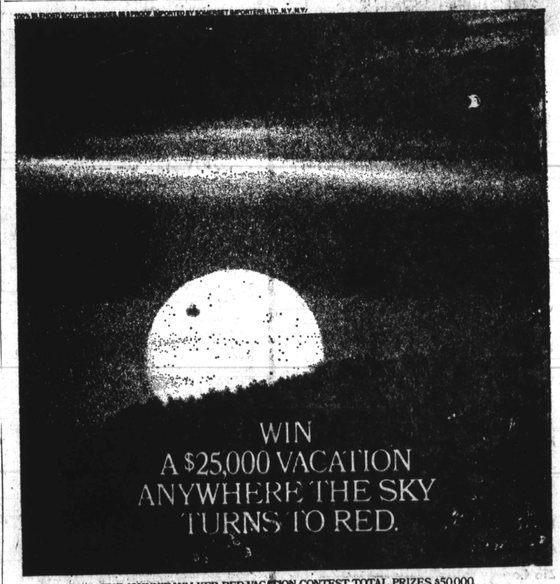
"Homebuying Made Easy" will be the title of a free seminar for prospective homebuyers being sponsored by the Northeast Real Estate Center on Thursday, April 20.

The two - hour seminar will be held at the Leith Walk Recreation Center at Leith Walk and Sherwood Avenue, starting at 8 p.m.

A panel including a realtor and a banker will cover choosing, financing and purchasing a home.

The center will also conduct a bus tour of neighborhoods in the community, including viewing of homes available, on Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m.

Reservations may be made by calling the Northeast Real Estate Center, 433 - 4700.



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