'TGIF' premiere raises $1,044.50 for AFRO Clean Block

Thanks to Columbia Pictures and J.F. Theatres the "Thank God It's Friday" movie premiere at the New Theatre Tuesday night raised $1,044.50 for the AFRO Clean Block Program to help buy paint and flowers.

Total pledges from General Electric Employees fund in Columbia, the C and P Telphone Company and Mondawmin Merchants will raise the total funds raised another $1,000.

Special thanks also to the Montego Pleasure Club, James Blackman, president, $50.; Dr. and Mrs. Emerson Walden, $25. and Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Mrs. Ruth Hanks, $25.

Theatre packed

It was an enthusiastic audience who packed the New Theatre Tuesday night, Ray Vitte who plays Deejay in the film "Thank God It's Friday" arrived from Hollywood just in time for the opening ceremonies after attending the premiere for the movie in Hollywood the night before.

Earlier, Columbia Pictures represented by Linda Goldenberg held a press lunch for Hilary Beane, who plays Shirley in the Motown - Casablanca disco film which stars Donna Summer and the Commodores.

She flew in earlier from a Boston premiere of the film.

The Walbrook Jazz Band under the direction of Willie McElroy gave a swinging concert in the lobby before ceremonies opening the premiere. Comments heard from spectators who surrounded them were that this young group sounds better than many professional groups.

Presiding at the opening ceremonies was Mrs. Ida Peters, director of the AFRO Clean Block program who thanked Jack Fruchtman and the JF Theatres for donating the film and the theatre to help raise funds for the 44th AFRO Clean Block Program. She put special emphasis on thanking the audience for their support.

Curtis Anderson of WWIN served as MC and introduced Ray Vitte who clowned around just as he does in the film and Hilary Beane.

Special celebrities in the audience included the Softones, Marvin Brown, Clarise Smith, Steve Jackson and Elton Lynch who just this week flew back into town from a European concert tour. The audience gave them an enthusiastic reception.

Also on hand was Sylvester Reddit of First Class.

The AFRO gratefully acknowledges the support of the New Theatre staff, Jim Phetterplace, general manager; Robert Mogofski, manager; George Johnson, doorman; Leslie Gordon, cashier and employees Leslie Wright, Sandy Carroll and Vivki Brown.

The Softones were celebrity guests and pose with Ray Vitte and Hilary Beane, Hollywood stars and Curtis Anderson of WWIN.

The Walbrook Jazz Band of Walbrook High School had the crowd swinging in the New Theatre lobby at AFRO Benefit premiere. Above, Kevin Barnes, Mack Hines and Darry Joines. Willie McElroy is director.

The crowd was enthusiastic "Thank God It's Friday" film.

Curtis Anderson WWIN DJ was MC.

Mrs. Ida Peters, Clean Block director prepares to introduce Ray Vitte and Hilary Beane.

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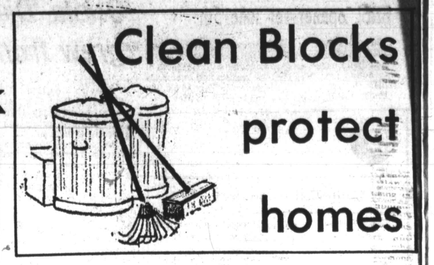

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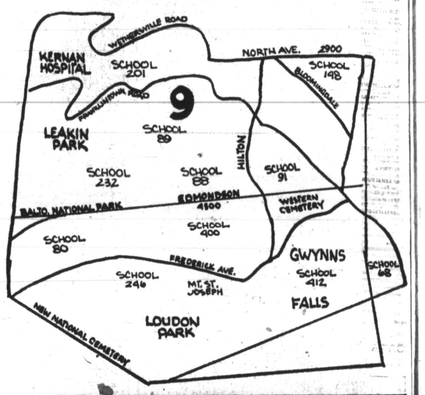

Trash at the corners of alleys makes our city look like a trash drump. Residents are asked to put their trash in metal containers to avoid this kind of eyesore.

Feature

Norman Connors ... smoking

By Frederick I. Douglass

Norman Connors, the drummer who has recorded with Miles Davis, Pharaoh Sanders and countless other Jazz greats, is smoking for days on his latest album "This Is Your Life."

The album contains an amazing variety of sounds, skillfully orchestrated in a manner that should appeal to all kinds of music lovers. The title track "This Is Your Life" is a delicate ballad featuring Baltimore's own Eleanor Mills belting out a powerful and moving interpretation of the Jimmy Webb composition. You won't believe the spine chilling high notes she delivers near the song's end. Our lady of song Eleanor is also spectacular on "Wouldn't You Like to See Me," another ballad that will have you moving and grooving during the long hot months of summer. But the lady is only getting warmed up for her duets with Norman Connors on "The Creator" and "You Make Me Feel Brand New."

You will probably remember Pharaoh Sanders' incredible album "Karma" which contained the classic composition "The Creator Has a Master Plan," featuring the yodeling of brother Leon Thomas. Well, this time Pharaoh is teamed up with vocalists Norman Connors and Eleanor Mills who augment his saxophone playing to the max. Pharaoh is in great form on this tune, blowing tenor with all his heart and soul. Norman and Eleanor breath new life into "You Make Me Feel Brand New," a ballad that was released a few years back.

Eleanor Mills does it again on Herbie Hancock's composition "Butterfly" on which she teams up with vocalist James Robinson, the man with whom she also works impressively with on "Stella." The lady is absolutely fantastic, not just because she is from B-More, but because she has pure talent.

The album is balanced out with an instrumental entitled "Captain Conners" which features storming, smoking Norman working out on drums with another Baltimorean Gary Barts on saxophone and some fleet fingered keyboard work by Bobby Lyle. Norman Connors is really smoking on this album.

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Intruder shoots couple in bed

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LUNCH BREAK — Alvin Tacker, 27, and Ms. Kathy Rideout, 27, enjoy June weather. Ms. Rideout works at the World Trade Center.

Man killed, woman survives, ex-friend charged with slaying

An intruder managed to burst into a bedroom where a couple lay asleep and fired several gunshots at close range, leaving one victim dead and the other wounded before he fled Monday, May 29.

The gunman, who was accompanied by another male, then dashed out of the house, threatened a bystander and sped off in a 1974 Lincoln Continental Mark IV.

Dead is George Martin, 40, of the 5600 block Weslie Ave.

Injured is Ms. Delores Stuckey, 40, 1900 block W. Baltimore St.

Apprehended shortly afterward was Jack Boyd Sr., 40, 3100 block Windsor Ave. He is charged with murder and assault with intent to murder.

Ms. Stuckey told police an old boyfriend of hers came into the house carrying a gun.

Boyd's son, Jack Boyd Jr., was identified by police as having accompanied his father to the death scene.

Police report the shooting took place around 9:30 a.m. in the second floor, rear bedroom of Ms. Stuckey's home.

When police arrived on the scene, they found Ms. Stuckey lying in bed on her back dressed in night clothes and bleeding from the left breast area.

Mr. Martin, who was wearing underwear, was lying face down beside Ms. Stuckey.

A neighbor who was about to enter Ms. Stuckey's home said she met Boyd and his son as they left the scene and asked both men what happened.

According to the neighbor, the elder Boyd dropped the gun when he hit her on the arm. His son picked it up before they got into their car.

Funeral services for Mr. Martin were held Thursday, June 1. He had been employed by A and P Bakery for 12 years.

Inner Harbor battle

By Fred Hines
AFRO Staff Writer

There is a war going on between the mayor and a group called Citizens for Preservation of Inner Harbor (CPIH). At stake is the planned Rouse Company marketplace slated for this area.

The citizens' group succeeded last week in submitting to the mayor 12,000 signatures in support of a petition that asks that the Inner Harbor be designated totally as a public park. They needed 10,000 signatures.

If their proposal is certified by the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the CPIH proposal will be placed on the Baltimore City ballot in the November general elections.

One day after CPIH handed in the signatures (May 25), Schaefer issued a statement announcing a counter proposal that would permit 3.2 acres — 20 percent of the harbor—to be used for the Rouse marketplace.

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Church home victim was from D.C.

Found beside blonde's body

The young blonde woman stabbed to death in a local church home on May 27, the AFRO has learned, was a Washington, D.C. resident who was estranged from her family. Though 27 years of age, she could be considered a runaway who used four different identities.

Eileen Joy Ackerman, slain May 27, in the bedroom she shared with two other women at the United Brethren For Christ Home in the 2100 block McCulloh St., the AFRO also learned, was clad in a blue shortie nightgown when her body was found.

She was lying face up on a mattress on the floor and the man charged with her murder was, according to police, lying face down on a second mattress beside her corpse.

Ernest Drew, 26, who has been charged with the stabbing, is now confined to Clifton T. Perkins Hospital for psychiatric evaluation. His trial date is June 23.

Elder William Gaines, director of the United Brethren For Christ Home, stated Ms. Ackerman was referred to the home through the Department of Social Services and Drew came to the home through a friend.

Elder Gaines told the AFRO that Drew had been attempting to be admitted to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C. at the time of the tragedy.

Elder Gaines said, "The tragedy would not have taken place if Mr. Drew had been admitted to the hospital.

"He needed peofessional help and mental hospitals wait until the problem becomes severe."

Elder Gaines is known to provide temporary shelter for the needy until they are able to find a home.

"Ms. Ackerman was scheduled to move May 29," said Elder Gaines.

Homicide detectives uncovered three other names the victim used: Ilene Parlette, Ileen Barber and Irene Anderson.

However, Ms. Ackerman was receiving social social service assistance and a check for $109 from the social service department was found in her room by police.

When asked if she received more than one check from social service under another name, Elder Gaines stated, "Possibly, but only one check was found in her room."

Reports that both the Ackerman woman and Drew had been hospitalized in the same institution at the same time could not be confirmed at AFRO presstime.

The investigation is continuing.

Protest UM school move

Commencement exercises at the University of Maryland at Baltimore Friday were held in a atmosphere of forboding and controversy over plans to move the School of Social Work and Community Planning from the Baltimore City campus to the Baltimore County campus.

The possibility that the Social Work School may be transferred to the Baltimore County campus has generated a lot of opposition from community, city and political groups as well as the social work staff itself.

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The next Miss Black Maryland?

Marcia Lee, the 1977 Miss Black America of Maryland, will relinquish her crown to one of 24 contestants on Sunday, June 4, in auditorium of Greenspring Junior High School, 4701 Greenspring Ave.

The winner will spend two weeks in Hollywood, Calif. for the big night, the nationally televised "Miss Black America finals."

Tickets can be obtained from the contestants and at the door.

For more information call 542-6873.

END OF A REIGN—Ms. Marcia Lee, 1977 Miss Black America of Maryland, will relinquish her crown to one of the 24 contestants on Sunday, June 4 at Greenspring Junior High School

Rival teachers' unions fight for control

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

A new political war began Thursday, June 1.

The contestants: the Public School Teachers Association and the United Teachers of Baltimore City.

The objective: to be the exclusive bargaining agent for the estimated 8,500 teachers in the Baltimore school system.

The union's struggle to win bargaining power has lasted two years and both groups have a single thought: do whatever is necessary to become sole bargaining agent for teachers.

Although the campaign will not reach its highest pitch until after summer vacation, both sides have been working since last fall to demonstrate they have enough members to qualify for the election.

Each must have support from at least 30 percent of the teachers as of June 1.

The two unions are affiliated with national organizations — the PSTA with the National Education Association and the BTU with the American Federation of Teachers

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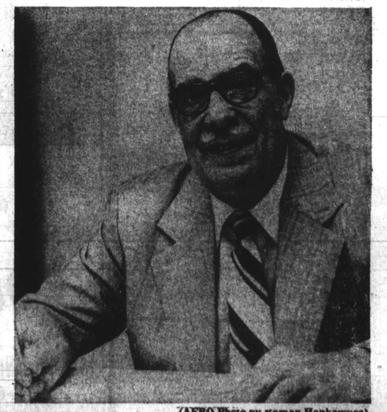

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CALLING IT QUITS—L. Clements Nixon, assistant superintendent for the Bureau of Recreation, is retiring after 32 years of service.

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