Bring your workers, bring your flags Sunday, Mondawmin, Clean Block awards

Award Ceremony Sunday

This Sunday, Aug. 27, the AFRO Clean Block Awards Ceremony will be held in Mondawmin Mall at 2 p.m.

The Mondawmin Shopping Center is located at the corners of Reisterstown Road, Liberty Heights Avenue and Gwynns Falls Parkway.

All Clean Blockers are encouraged to attend this ceremony. Get your workers together and bring your flags.

There will be all kinds of prizes for blocks participating in this year's summer campaign.

There will be cash prizes, Colt Tickets, roller skating passes, 240 Gino's certificates, WWIN disco party, and trophies . . . plus a lot of other goodies.

There will be music and marching by the Silver Eagles Drum and Bugle Corps under the direction of Mrs. Mary Sue Johnson and the Drill Team and Marching Band of Jerusalem Temple No. 4 directed by Tom Thompson.

Get your workers dressed up and bring them to the Awards Ceremony. See you there.

McCulloh Homes flag winners include Mrs. Evelyn Wellbourne, advisor; Shanda Welbourne, captain. Also, Mrs. Thelma Lawson, Walton Ct.; Hoschild Jefferson, Walton Ct.; James Ward, 900 Stoddard Ct. and Mrs. Parrish.

Judges tour 480 blocks

By Arnetta Lottier

Last Sunday, August 20, judges along with AFRO Clean Block staff left the AFRO building in a limousine, and bus with police escort to inspect the 480 blocks involved in the 44th Annual AFRO Clean Block Program.

They toured West Baltimore, first, beginning with 200 N. Carey St. and covered most of that part of town ending on 1400 School Street. (See Tuesday, Aug. 22 AFRO).

Judges on the tour were Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, Mayor's office; Officer Wendell Reid, Police Department, Community Relations who drove the police car; George Parrish, Consumer Research, Department of Public Works; Edward Moore, chief, Department of Sanitation; Arthur Buchanan, representing Van Storey Branch, Housing and Community Development; George Larkins, Jr. Gino's, Inc.

Also, Mrs. Twilah Scarborough, Public Relation, Urban Services; Ms Mereida Goodman, Housing and Community Development; George C. Lottier, treasurer, AFRO.

Steering committee members were Meadames Ora Weathers, Ruth Sye and Cordella Bryant.

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The judges continued on from 1400 School Street to 1500 Woodyear Street between Calhoun and Carey Streets. This is a small street and it was just lovely. They had red and white decorations. The tire urns between the houses were red and white with beautiful live flowers. Each house had pretty red and white window boxes.

The caravan moved on to visit the blocks in Druid Heights, bounded by Pennsylvania Ave., McCulloh Street, Laurens and North Avenue.

First block was **500 Baker Street** which was dressed up in red and white with blue chairs.

Around the corner in **200 Druid Hill Ave**, we were greatly disappointed. This block was so beautiful last year in red and white and clean as could be. Sunday, it was not only half dressed up and the gutters were filthy, it hadn't looked that bad all summer.

Down to **1900 Druid Hill Avenue** where neighbors painted their flower urns orange. This block was pretty but it needed sweeping. It would also be nice if this block adopted their trees.

1800 Druid Hill Avenue had really tried this summer. Don't know what happened but Sunday the gutters were terrible. The orange tire urns didn't show up as much as they might due to the dirt.

Around to **1800 Etting St.** which also wasn't any better. Most of the alleys looked better than the fronts.

1900 Etting St. was fair but their alleys were dirty.

2000 Etting was a real oasis in Druid Heights. This is a small street and neighbors have fixed it up beautifully.

They have black window boxes with addresses written in white. Tire urns are white with black buses and loaded with gorgeous live flowers. Their steps are painted white with black trim. Worth a trip to Druid Heights to see this lovely block.

Around the corner to **1800 Division Street** which used orchid and white. This block had looked fairly good most of the summer but it looked like it had fallen apart on Sunday. The street was dirty as could be. Don't know what happened.

2100 McCulloh Street used orange and white. One neighbor used blue but it didn't take away from this block. This block has maintained itself all summer and has been clean every time you go by.

Leaving Clean Blocks in Druid Heights we visited **2500 Madison Avenue.** Neighbors there have done a fine job cleaning that block and putting out red flower pots. That block is very long and used to be dirty all the time.

This summer it has been a joy to visit and see how clean it is. They deserve a great deal of credit. They don't have fancy decorations but you can tell it's a Clean Block. Keep up the good work.

2400 Lakeview avenue, off Whitlock Street, was real nice. There are large apartments in this block which make it a hard block to keep clean. Each visit this summer to this block was quite rewarding because it was clean.

There are tire urns of different colors between each house as well as by the apartment houses. If landlords would paint some of the houses in this block it would really be pretty.

We left Lakeview and travelled back down **through 2300 Druid Hill Ave. This is a new block this year.** They have done a nice job trying to keep this block clean and you know it's a Clean block when you go through.

They have light green tire urns between most of the houses. Too bad some landlords wouldn't allow their tenants to have tire urns. It took away from the unity of the block.

Forgot to tell you, we passed **500 Sanford Place.** Even though Mrs. Sadie Givens hasn't been able to do as she has done in the past due to illness of her daughter, it still looked nice.

McCulloh Homes Project, off Druid Hill and McCulloh Streets, was the next stop. This project had some lovely courts in the Clean Block this year.

We visited **936 Stoddard Court.** They had painted using silver and black. The chains around the lawns were painted silver and trimmed in black. Likewise the clothes line poles. They also had painted the bricks decorating around the lawn in silver and black.

450 Walton Court overlooks 900 Stoddard. They have red and silver decorations. It makes a pretty picture to see these courts together. Both decorated in the sme manner.

450 Manse Courtused yellow and blue decorations.

1000 Stooddard Court was decorated in red and white. They even had white benches in the court.

532 W. Preston Street court was pretty in yellow and white. Neighbor on the end painted her tire urns and decorations in pink. Surprisingly, it made the entire block stand out.

502 W. Preston Street. court used a pretty shade of blue to decorate with shite.

From McCulloh Homes we went through **500 W. Lafayette Avenue.** They picked light green and white for their colors this year.

As we passed through **600 W. Lafayette Ave.** we missed seeing this block all prettied up. It's too bad vandals kept tearing up or stealing their flowers to a point Mrs. Velma Moore, Advisor, just gave up. We understand, but we miss her.

Riding through **600 Pitcher Street** made you wonder what happened they didn't fix up like they have done in the past. They used to change the image of this street each summer for the past few years. This year it looked like they tried.

We drove through **900 N. Arlington Avenue.** They had green and white decorations. They also still had the problem of dirty alleys. They have complained all summer about neighbors in 1100 block W. Lafayette Avenue throwing trash in the alley because they have no metal trash containers.

1000 N. Carrollton Ave. had white and red tire urns lining the curbs. It was most attractive.

Passed **1000 Woodyear Street.** It didn't look anyway near the way it did last year. It was a disappointment.

800 Harlem Avenue was pretty in blue and white. This is a long block and when all the neighbors decide to fix up, it is really pretty. Folks were out enjoying their block when we arrived and seemed real proud of their block.

We left Harlem Ave. and traveled on around to **George B. Murphy Homes.** There wasn't time to go into these highrisers again so the condition of the grounds outside around the highrisers wasn't held against them. 1089 Argyle Ave. building was looking good from top to bottom when they were inspected a few weeks ago.

We looked at the courts as we traveled down Myrtle Avenue and George Street. They have some pretty courts in this project.

Out Franklin Street again to **500 N. Gilmor Street.** This block was lovely. It is a real long block and with no cars parked to mar your view you could really enjoy this block.

They had white tire urns trimmed in black lined along the curbs and between the houses. Some of the steps had planters of the same color on their steps. All of the containers were brimming over with flowers.

Around to **500 N. Mount** Street where neighbors had painted their tire urns in pale green and white.

When we turned the corner into the 500 block N. Fulton Avenue neighbors were waiting. There wasa hustle and bustle as folks began going in and out of their houses, bringing food out for the judges.

This was a welcoming sight as the sun by this time had started getting to us. There was salad, deviled eggs and cake and punch. It was delicious. Thanks to the neighbors who had worked to fix this repast for us.

450 Walton Court used orange and white with black.

300 Dallas Court used blue and white with white flower pots.

328 Dallas Court section decorated in red and white. It made a very pretty picture.

Up the street, **300 Herring Courts** were trimmed in black and white. It was really looking good.

When the Steering Committee of the Clean Block toured a few weeks ago they had just finished painting and they even had white crepe paper around the black clothes lines and black around the white ones.

From Perkins Homes we went to 800 McDonogh Street, just off Madison Street near Johns Hopkins Hospital.

This block was positively beautiful with decorations in a pretty shade of pink. They had tire urns beside each house and window boxes in the windows. This block has come a long way.

At the beginning of the summer it looked like and other block but on Sunday it was a different story. They deserve a lot of credit.

From there to **800 N. Chapel Street.** They used pink and white and had some flowers in the windows.

900 N. Chapel Street looked bright with its pretty yellow decorations. Neighbors had put out some extras on Sunday to help make it attractive. One neighbor had put a large doll in one of the chairs. (Continued in Tuesday's AFRO).

Clean Block fund $8,918.

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Mrs. Maggie Peay

12th Floor AFRO Honor Flag winners of the 851 Building, George B. Murphy Homes are Thomas Langley and daughter, Karen.

Clean Block

600 Pitcher St. — Captain Beulah Coates; Co-captain, Sam Brown; Advisor, Michael Seaberry.

Workers: Yvette Whittington, Melissa Harris, Monica Queen, Robin Massenburg, Robert Massenburg, Gary Staff, Doran Lokey, Anna Coates.

348 Mason Ct. — Perkins Homes— Captain, Dorothy Davis; Co-captain, Rosa Marron; Advisor, Bessie Williams.

Workers: Terri Fruman, Sonja White, James Hall, A. Clark, C. Parks. L. Lanely, L. Ware, R. Webb, E. Hall, R. Patterson, L. Freeman, N. Parker, P. Quick, J. Wiley, M. Brown, George Dorsey, Mary Dorsey, Bessie Williams, Vanessa Cousin, Norma Barksdale, Linda Brown, Anna Brooks, Mamie Richardson, Shirley Jones, Debbie McCrimmon, T. Brooks, D. Barksdale, S. Barksdale.

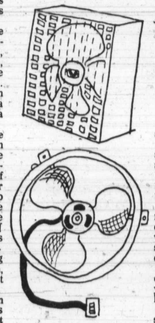
500 N. Mount St. — Captain, Ms. Lillian Green; Co-captain, Frank Baynor; Advisor, Thomas Christian.

Workers: Doris Coleman, Mary Lewis, Antoinette Coleman, Clara Clark, Mary Holly, Earmie Nelson, Dewey Parker.

13th Floor of 1058 George B. Murphy Homes has murals reading "Togetherness."

Energy tips

Cool ways to use fans



Window fans can be a good way to stay cool in the summer, especially IF YOU TRY THESE IDEAS:

First, place your fan in a hot room that is on the sunnier side of the house — let's say you put in an upstairs room.

Next, open a few downstairs windows. If you open them only 6 -8 inches there will be more wind going through your home.

If you can, close off every room upstairs except the room your fan is in — this will cool the downstairs quicker. Be sure to close all the windows in the room where the fan is located. Now turn on your fan and make sure it is blowing the air OUT of the window. It will not cool as fast if it blows the air into your house.

After your home cools, crack the windows to the other rooms you want to cool. Finally, if you can, use your fan only during the cooler morning and evening hours.

For more information call the City Energy Conservation Education Office 396-9303.

Fletcier J. Crew, E. Lafayette Avenue grows these foot long string beans in his AFRO Clean Block. He was given the seeds three years ago by an Italian for whom he used to work. She lived in Baltimore 23 years and recently returned to Italy.

Reflections of Afro-American lifestyles, ideas, society fashion, food

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By Michele L. McRae and Pattie Hodges

"A Citizens Salute to **Maurice 'Hot-Rod' Hulbert** for continously enhancing the hopes and aspirations of the young and the years of joy, consolation and unbiased considerations brought to the community of Baltimore and surrounding areas through excellence in broadcasting, deeds and personal attention."

So read the beautiful gold record plaque presented to Maurice 'Hot-Rod' Hulbert last Tuesday night at a Citizens Salute in his honor. The affair was hosted at Baltimore's newest disco nightspot, Giovanchy's. Some 350 persons representing various segments of the city of Baltimore attended the affair.

Del. Larry Young along with **Michael Jones Jr.** and **Ms. Roxanne Mann,** formerly Miss Black Maryland served as honorary chairpersons for the affair.

'Hot-Rod' is best known for his Baltimore disc-jockey days for WWIN and WITH radio stations.

Prior to coming to Baltimore, 'Hot-Rod' was a disc-jockey for WHAT in Philadelphia, WWRL, New York and WDIA in Memphis, Tenn. where he first got his start in the radio business.

In addition to his radio duties, 'Hot-Rod' has also served as executive producer of the Miss U.S. Talented Teen pageant. He produced the pageant for five years before **Ms. Pinnie L. Ross** of Columbia became executive producer.

'Hot-Rod' is now executive producer and director of the Miss Black Maryland of America Pageant, a position which he's held for the past three years.

'Hot-Rod' now, as of Monday, August 28 joins the sales staff of WEBB Radio.

Good luck Rod'. We all love you!

Speaking of WEBB Radio — we were alerted the other day by our friend, Mrs. Louise Johnson, Public Relations Director for the station that a big 25th anniversary bang affair is being planned.

The anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, September 16 at the downtown, Hilton Hotel, 8 p.m. National entertainment is scheduled to be on hand, but we'll keep those names a secret until later.

For tickets to the affair call 539-3200.

Travelers Still On The Go

The Jet Set Pleasure Club of Baltimore did it again this year. Each year for the past three the club has traveled to some place of interest.

This year the club decided to take a seven-day cruise on the SS Oceanic. The trip included a day of touring the island of Bermuda and a day and night in the waters of Nassau including the beautiful Paradise Island.

The officers of the club are **Jentry McDonald,** president; **Ms. Marguerite Walker,** secretary; **Mrs. Cassandra McDonald,** treasurer. Other members are **Miss Barbara Branch** and **Ms. Elaine E. Lee** of Newark, N.J.

AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewyz

'HOT - ROD' SALUTED —Giovanchy's Baltimore's newest night spot was the setting last Tuesday evening for the 'Citizens Salute to Maurice 'Hot - Rod' Hulbert. Here Mr. Hulbert shows off his plaque to Edward 'Slim' Butler, owner of the new nightclub.

Aboard the SS Oceanic were **Mrs. Olivia Branch** and **daughters, Joyce** and **Barbara** of Catonsville; **Ms. Annie Edwards** of **Winston-Salem, N.C., Mrs. Ruth Grifth, Mr.** and **Mrs. Basil L. (Elaine) Lee** of **Newark, N.J. the Rev.** and **Mrs. Jentry (Annie), Mr.** and **Mrs. Jentry McDonald (Cassandra), Mrs. Irita Pack, Ms. Vivian Rowland, Ms. Katherine Toney (Newark, N.J.), Mrs. Marguerite Walker** and **daughter, Pam.**

William C. and **Madelaine J. Lamb** of Columbia, Maryland recently returned from a month-long tour, three weeks of which were spent visiting Mrs. Lamb's sister, **Mrs. Anita J. McHugh, her husband Dermot,** and **their young son** and **daughter in Africa.**

The Lambs went to Nairobi, the westernized capital of Kenya. There with the McHughs they visited the National Baha'i Center and Baha'i friends. Claiming their attention was art in the form of rugs, tapestry, pictures, baskets — all beautiful to behold.

A deep desire to visit Israel was realized when they arrived in Haifa and were awed by the Baha'i shrines and gardens (called "the Persian gardens" by many) visited by thousands daily.

En route home a second stop in Paris gave them the opportunity to see shoppers on the streets customarily carrying unwrapped fresh bread in their hands.

Mr. Lamb is a former resident of Staunton, where his parents Mr. and Mrs. William L. Lamb reside. His brother James is engaged in historical restorations. **Mrs. Madeline Lamb** and **Mrs. Anita McHugh** are daughters of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Albert B. James of Jessup, Md.**

Debutante Gathering

The Me De So Club is observing its 50th anniversary this year. During the years the group has presented over 300 debutantes to the Baltimore community and it is planning hto have as many of those young women participate in the celebration as possible.

A gala Anniversary Dinner has been planned for Sunday, September 24 at the Blue Crest North. Proceeds from the affair will benefit the United Negro College Fund.

Gala Birthday Party

Talk about surprises — recently **Mrs. Joyce McNeill** was feted by relatives and friends at a surprise birthday party given at the Lantern Hill Apartments Club House. The affair was hosted by her mom, **Mrs. Ruth Edwards.**

Joyce is a reading specialist at Pimlico Junior High School and received the surprise of her life when she entered the clubhouse.

Fun was had by all! Family and friends were "Freaky deaking" from tenish 'til almost dawn to live music provided by a relatively new group in town called, **Celestrial Movement.**

The group is bad and if you haven't heard them you're really missing something. There was plenty of food and beverage, everything from meat to nuts and champagne to the hard stuff.

The highlight of the evening was the soulful rendition of "Chapel of Love" by the honoree and friends, **Pamela Richardson, Patricia McKaskill** and **Barbara Parver.** It really brought the house down and the guests gave this impromtu group a standing ovation.

After leaving the hall, some of the guests arrived at the beautiful home of the McNeills in Pikesville and the party continued until 7 a.m. in the morning.

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Siri Sat Nam Singh and Hari Dam Kaur united in impressive Sikh religious rites

By Michele L. McRae

One of the most unusual weddings in the history of Baltimore took place last Saturday morning in the beautifully decorated Blue Crest North, 401 Reisterstown Rd.

In a very impressive Sikh religious service, Hari Dam Kaur (Rae Collette Ross) and Siri Sat Nam Singh (Ron Bush) were united in marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William (Pinnie L.) Ross of Columbia, Md. and is a graduate of Adelphi University in New York City. She is presently living in New York where she is a professional dancer teaching for the Alvin Ailey American Dance Company.

Prior to her marriage, the former Miss Ross was given the Sikh religious name, Hari Dam Kaur which means, "God's Breath."

The bridegroom, Siri Sat Nam Singh, the former Ron Bush of California now resides in New York. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bush, both physical education instructors in Carson, California

A professional singer, dancer and actor, Siri Sat Nam Singh is a cast member of the Broadway play, 'The Wiz' and understudies the role of the Tin Man.

The Wedding

As guests entered the Blue Crest North for the 10:30 a.m. wedding rites they were greeted at the door by Sikhs who took their shoes and lined them up neatly around the foyer. The ground on which the Sikh couples are married is sacred and no shoes are allowed.

Guests were also required to wear head coverings in respect for the Siri Guru Grant Sahib, the collection of writings by Sikh Gurus and other holy men. Therefore, all guests who didn't have head coverings were given white silk yamulkas to place upon their heads.

Hostesses met guests in bare feet and handed each one a program which included the text of the entire wedding service.

Hostesses included close friends of the bride, Misses Michelle Clay, who also designed the unique wedding invitation; Gail Hilson, Edna Hall, Christine Hilton and Gail Evans of New York; Joan Dasher and Marti Franklin.

Before guests entered the room where the actual nuptial rites would take place, they were gathered in the foyer of the Blue Crest North until after the Sikhs came forth to offer prayer.

During the period of time, members of the bride and bridegroom's families were assembled in an adjacent room where they discussed the Sikh religion and the steps of the marriage program.

The Seating and Decorations

Guests were ushered to their seats by the Sikhs who placed the females to the right and the males to the left. Everyone sat on the floor, except those who were unable.

The bride and bridegroom were then ushered into the room by their parents.

The colorful garments of the guests complemented the decor of the hall. The floor was covered with pure white sheeting and in the center of the room was a huge canopy-styled altar with a beautiful array of flowers and greenery by George Taylor Arts and Flowers, Inc.

On the canopy sat the Granti, Siri Seva Kaur of New York, protecting the Holy Book.

Following the seating came the Anand Karaj. This was the explanation of the Sikh concept of marriage discussed by the minister, Gurucharan Singh of Boston, Mass.

The Ardas, a prayer for the bride and bridegroom was then offered by the minister and Granti with the couple and their parents standing. The prayer was delivered in Gurmukhi, the language of the Siri Guru Grant Sahib.

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SIRI SAT NAM SINGH AND HARI DAM KAUR
Wed last Saturday in Sikh religious ceremony
The former Ron Bush and Rae C. Ross

MINISTER EXPLAINS — The Sikh minister, Gurucharan Singh came from Boston, Mass. to Baltimore last Saturday to united Siri Sat Nam Singh and Hari Dam Kaur in marriage.

SIGNIFIES ASSENT — Following each of the nuptials rounds of which there were four, the couple signified assent by circling the Siri Guru Granth Sahib, the collection of writings by Sikh Gurus and other Holy Men. Sikhs bow in respect to what the writings represent, the state of Goc consciousness.

The Pacesetters

Ms. Carolyn Wainwright

Carolyn D. Wainwright was recently appointed as Director of Communications for the Regional Planning Council.

A native Baltimorean graduating from Morgan State University, she comes to the Council with a diversified background in Public Information, Administration and Management, Community Organization and Civil Rights.

Prior to joining the RPC staff, she was an investigator of discrimination complaints with the Maryland Commission on Human Relations.

As the Council's principal representative to the public, Ms. Wainwright responsibilities will include liaisons with the media community, coordination of public information programs, and the development of citizen participation efforts.

Mother to six - year old daughter Nicole, she is married to Steven Wainwright, a Center Director with the Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation.

Robert M. Willis

Robert Marcellus Willis has joined the C and P Telephone Company as an attorney in its Legal Department, with responsibility for legal matters in C and P's operating areas in Baltimore City, Western and Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore.

Willis succeeds Michael D. Stroud, who has accepted a position in the office of the General Counsel for C and P's Headquarters in Washington, D.C., dealing with regulatory commission matters.

Willis, who has degrees in Business Administration and Law from Howard University, had been Director of Corporate Taxes in the Comptrollers Department at C and P Headquarters since 1976.

He is a member of the Tax Executives Institute and the Federal Communications Commission Bar Association, as well as of the National Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Bar Associations of Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

He was a guest lecturer in 1977 before the National Bar Association and has been an adjunct professor at the Howard University School of Law.