46th Annual AFRO Clean Block Awards Sunday

By Ida Peters

The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers held their 46th Annual AFRO Clean Block Awards Sunday at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple.

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell gave the keynote address, "The Racists Are Voting — Are We?", the full text being printed in today's AFRO on the Editorial Page.

The top block in the 1980 campaign, 1500 blk of Carey St. won $150. and a WWIN disco party. In all, $8,100 in cash prizes of $100, $75, $50. and $25. were divided among 120 blocks out of the 402 registered for showing the most progress.

Murphy Homes with 58 blocks registered won a WWIN Disco Party as did Florence Hope whose East Baltimore area had the hardest job.

Blocks also won tickets to King's Dominion, courtesy of A and P Stores, 200 Gino's gift certificates to take their workers for a party and 30 six-month subscriptions to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Judges in the 1980 Clean Block Campaign were William Bowers, Rat Rub Out; Norman Brailey, Ms Mereida Goodman, HDC; Dr. Doris Hall, Bureau of Consumer Services, George W. Larkins Jr., Gino's; Mrs. Camay Calloway Murphy, Rev. Elinor Powell, Grayson Street; Ms Ronna Stokes, Baltimore Gas and Electric Co., and Reuben Tisdale, Rat Rub Out Team.

Greetings were extended to AFRO Clean Blockers by Councilmen Kweisi Mfume, Nathan C. Irby Jr., Norman Reeves, Senator Verda Welcome, and Delegates John Douglass, Hattie Harrison, and Larry Young.

Also, Travis Vauls, Baltimore Urban League and Kareem A. Aziz, director Druid Hill YMCA who presented $100. family membership to the AFRO Celan Block families.

Certificates of Appreciation went to Claude Patterson HCD, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, M. Jay Brodie, Edward J. Moore, Lenwood Ivey, Leonard Folio, Van Storey Branch, Benjamin Brown, Clayton Tucker, Charles Gilliam, Cleveland Brister, Pamela King, Mrs. Julia Woodland, principal Dunbar High; Charles Parker, manager McCulloh Homes;

Also, Mrs. Gloria Burton, Murphy Homes, Mrs. LaVerne McWhite, manager Murphy Homes; Ivan Harlee, manager Fairfield Homes; Percy Moore of the Afro; Mrs. Cole; Mrs. Zola Cooper, Sylvester Cook, Parsons, Arnold Richards and the General Welfare Fund Team of Columbia. All of these groups, city agencies, businesses and individuals helped make the 1980 campaign a success.

Pix No. 1 — Mrs. Ida Murphy Peters, AFRO Clean Block Director who congratulated the winners and urged them to register to vote giving explicit directions.

Pix No. 2 — John H. Murphy III, Chairman of the Board, AFRO AMERICAN Newspapers who outlined history of Clean Block over 46 years as the newspapers' public service.

Pix No. 3 — Platform guests for the closing ceremony of the 46th annual AFRO Clean Block included: (L - R) Travis Vauls, Executive Director, Baltimore Urban League; Councilman Nathan Irby; Senator Verda Welcome; Councilman Norman Reeves; Rev. Elinor Powell; Mrs. Mae Dyson, secretary, AFRO AMERICAN Newspapers; Kareem Aziz, Executive Director, Druid Hill Branch YMCA; Delegate Troy Brailey; Councilman Kweisi Mfume; Mrs. Jeanette Leath, past director, AFRO Clean Block; George Larkins, Director, Community Relations, Gino's; Cleadith Lee, Gino's; Mrs. Vanessa Johnson, Gino's; Mr. and Mrs. George Lottier (Arnetta) AFRO Board members; Mereida Goodman, HCD; Delegate John Douglass; George Dozier, AFRO Clean Blocker for 46 years. Rear: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Everett. Everett is Director of Promotion for radio station WWIN. Not shown, Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Moss, AFRO Board member; Carl E. Smith, C & P Telephone Co.; Delegate Hattie Harrison, Delegate Walter Dean, Mrs. Howard Murphy, AFRO Board member; Mrs. Camay Calloway Murphy, wife of the chairman.

Pix No. 4 — Little Miss Leandra Faulkner, queen of Perkins Homes. "Miss Perkins" was crowned at ceremony at homes featuring Mrs. Julia Woodland, principal of Dunbar High School; Jonathan Edges, of the East Baltimore Drug Abuse Program and guest speaker Mrs. Hattie Harrison, Director, Dunbar Neighborhood Facility and "mayor" of East Baltimore. Mrs. Ethel Hobbs, captain for the 200 block Ballou Court, sponsored Leandra in the Miss Perkins contest.

Pix No. 5 — View of the stage and audience of the beautiful Willard W. Allen Auditorium of the Prince Hall Masons.

Pix No. 6 — Mrs. Vanessa Johnson, former AFRO Clean Block Assistant, now with Gino's was honored for her service; Cleadith Lee, manager of the downtown Gino's and chief of Community Relations. Gino's made largest contribution to Clean Block with check for $200; 400 AFRO T Shirts worth $400. and $200. worth of dinners as prizes.

Pix No. 7 — The Softones, Marvin Brown, Elton Lynch and Steve Jackson sang. They were honored for continued support of the program along with First Class, Tony Yarborough, Syvester Redditt, Harold Bell and Fred Brown. Citations also went to Rod Armstrong and Ernest Donaldson.

Pix No. 8 — Rev. Elinor Powell, served as judge and is long time Clean Block worker. George Dozier, 500 Fulton has served 46 years with campaign.

Pix No. 9 — Charles Christian, 570 W. Preston (L) won $35; John Boyce, 2100 Brunt, $35.

Pix No. 10 — 1700 N. Carey won $50, Front, James Jones, Melissa Sherrod and Antoinette Stratton. Rear: Carl Smith, C and P Telephone Co., advisor; Councilman NaChan Irby, (R).

Pix No. 11 — 2100 E. Preston, Miranda Ray, captain (L) and Mrs. Pearl Dowdy, advisor won $35.

Pix No. 12 — Mrs. Mary Wake, 319 Herring Court, Perkins Homes, (L) won $50. and Mrs. Ethel Hobbs, 200 Ballou Court, $50. are shown with Councilman Kweisi Mfume (R).

$75. Winners — Cynthia Blake, Mereida Goodman, HCD; Donna Murphy, Steven Brown, Parrish Howard, Elizabeth Heath, Cynthia Hilton - Bey, 900 N. Stricker; Jamie Murphy and Mrs. Mary James, 2000 Sinclair Lane.

Mrs. Mary Thompson won $100. 900 McDonough; Mrs. Goldie Chase, Henrietta Mosley, Hettie Pompey, 2800 Woodbrook, $100.

Mrs. Roberta Davis, 2500 Madison Ave., $75; Mrs. Jessie Davis, 2100 E. Federal, $100. They are shown with Kareem Aziz, executive secretary Druid Hill YMCA.

State worker wins big discrimination case

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STILL TIME TO REGISTER TO VOTE

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'Good Samaritan' rescues woman from nursing home

WANTS TO ADOPT — Ms. Millicent J. Merrit (L) has filed a petition in Circuit Court for the custody of Ms. Mary Dickson, a disabled person, who has been confined to a nursing home.

AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz

Medical worker, 24, wants to adopt patient, 32

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

A 24-year-old woman who was employed at the Midtown Nursing home at 808 St.Paul St., states through a petition filed in Circuit Court that she was a daily witness to a female patient being mistreated and as a result wants legal custody of the woman until she can get better care.

Ms. Millicent J. Merrit told the AFRO, "I resigned from my job because it was like working in a snake pit and I could no longer take working under those conditions."

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Hughes orders aid for 60,000 welfare children

Gov. Harry Hughes has ordered the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide medical and dental care for about 60,000 children whose parents are on welfare.

The program of periodic examinations and treatment was ordered in response to a threatened lawsuit by the Legal Aid Bureau to force compliance with new federal regulations concerning medical care for welfare children.

These regulations were issued last October to require states to provide care under a 10 - year - old program partially funded by the federal government.

About half the cost of the program, which could reach $7 million during the current fiscal year, will be funded by the federal government, a spokesman for the governor said.

Under the federal regulations for the Aid For Dependent Children program, babies must be examined by doctors eight times before age 2. Children must be examined annually until they are 21.

Legal Aid attorney James Lyke said he was ready to file a lawsuit to force the state to provide the medical care to children according to the regulations. "But the governor's expression of a public commitment has eliminated the need for that."

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Cop's treatment of teacher angers her neighbors

Residents of the 1700 block of Ruxton Ave. are still upset with the way one of their neighbors, Delorees Clark, was treated by city police during the Labor Day weekend.

Mrs. Clark, a city school teacher, says that the policeman verbally abused both her and her two sons, after attempting to place a ticket on the car owned by Mark Kevin Clark.

City police deny the charges of brutality, however, and Mike Bass, public relations representative from the force, said that the incident was provoked by the family. He told the AFRO that both Mark and Kin Clarke came out of the house screaming at the arresting officer.

He contended that Kevin's car was double-parked, and that the motor was running with no one in the car when the officer arrived, and that the family protested vehemently when the officer attempted to ticket the car.

But Mrs. Clarke contends that she ran into the house for a moment when the officer drove up and began haressing her sons.

Several neighbors in the block who witnessed the incident agreed, and have united to request an investigation The Concerned Citizens For Action, a local community group, has sent letters to Maj. Edward Tilghman, head of the Western police district, and several city and federal legislators in an attempt to have some action taken against the arresting officer.

The officers who responded to the scene have been placed on administrative duty by Tilghman who said that such an action was "discretionary on the part of the commanding officer, (himself)."

Tilghman also said that the case has been referred to the Internal Investigation Division of the department, and that a hearing concerning the incident is scheduled for Sept. 30.

Several neighbors and a state legislator, Delegate Troy Brailey, D-45, have announced their intentions of supporting Ms. Clark.

There are several unanswered questions which still puzzle the neighbors in the area.

Although Tilghman denied that the officer in question actually returned to the scene to ticket the car, Ms. Clarke has a ticket signed by the same officer which is dated shortly after she and her sons were arrested.

The residents of the area say that protests have been made against the officer in question on several occasions, according to Brailey, yet Tilghman says that he has no record of any previous complaints.

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BRUISED — Mrs. Delores Clarke of the 1700 block Ruxton Ave. points to bruises on her upper arm after an altercation with a white policeman on Labor Day.

AFRO Photo by Mark Gail

Samuel Yette to keynote NAACP Unity Banquet

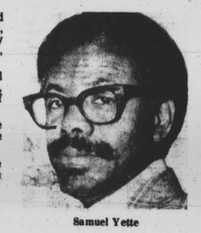
The Baltimore NAACP will hold its fourth annual Unity Banquet, Sept. 13, at Martin's West, Security Boulevard and the beltway, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Samuel F. Yette, professor of journalism, Howard University and author of the "The Choice".

"Come What May — We Are Here to Stay," is the theme for the banquet.

Yette will address the issue of the black man's choices for survival in America.

For more information or tickets, contact Margaret Dyer or Barbara Cooper at 837-6778.



Samuel Yette

Racism in shadow of State House

Maryland employee wins bias suit

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Ralph Hughes, a state employee whose charges of discrimination were upheld by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, recently received an advance in his pay grade and a cash settlement.

The settlement was the result of a complaint filedby Hughes with the EEOC against the state Legislative reference Department one year ago in which he alleged that the department had failed to promote him because of his race, and that the department had practiced a policy of refusing to hire or advance blacks.

The Legislative Reference Department denied the charges, but, as a result of the findings by the EEOC, which were released in February of this year, several steps have been taken by the department to rectify its pastrecord of minority employment and retention.

"The matter has been resolved satisfactorily by the state and Hughes," said attorney Robert Zarnoch, who represented the department and the state before the EEOC. Although Zarnoch said that a policy of minority hiring had been implemented during the period between the filing of the charges and the findings by the EEOC, he did admit that "the case, (filed by Hughes), did help."

Ralph Hughes

State Sen. Clarence Mitchell III who, along with his father Clarence Mitchell Jr. and mother, Juanita Jackson Mitchell; was instrumental in helping Hughes develop his case, was more explicit.

"It was as a result of Hughes' filing of the complaint that the department was forced to initiate an affirmative action policy. In the past, the department had been run like a plantation by (Carl) Everstein, and although I had previously complained, no action was taken except for the appointment of Hughes and one other black," he said.

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Did Sphinx Club get raw deal?

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

The black community is still reeling after the news that the Sphinx club was found guilty of several liquor board violations and was ordered to close.

George Collins, newsperson at a local station and a member of the board of the Sphinx, decried the move as an example of "dualism" on the part of the State Liquor Board.

"We resent any dualism as far as the Sphinx club is concerned," said Collins. "The club is 36 years old, and we have never had a violation. The thing that confounds us the most is that we didn't think the penalty should be this severe."

But both George Brown a commissioner on the board, and James McCully, head of the board say that the penalty was a normal punishment for the nature of the offense.

"The board is not going to be influenced," said McCully. "We felt that the owners of the club just wouldn't listen. They were caught three times in a row." He added that another popular nightspot frequented by a predominantly white clientele Girard's, also was closed in the past for liquor board violations.

"It came about as a normal process," said Brown. "I don't think that the punishment was too severe. I've known of more severe penalties."

Several patrons of the club intimated that the liquor board hearing which resulted in the three-day suspension notice was deliberately held when Brown, who is black, was on vacation, but both Brown and McCully disagreed with that allegation.

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They've got big labor's okay

In a unanimous vote of the executive board of the Maryland State AFL - CIO, meeting in Annapolis recently, U.S. Sen. Charles Mc Mathias, R, U.S. Rep. Barbara Mikulski, D - 3rd, and U.S. Rep. Parren Mitchell, D - 7th, won labor's backing.

Mathias, seeking his third, six - year' term in the U.S. Senate sits on the Appropriations, Government Affairs, and Judiciary and Ethics Committees; Ms. Mikulski seeks re - election for her third, two - year term in the U.S. House of Representatives, where she serves on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce and Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committees; and Mitchell, seeking a sixth, two - year term in the U.S. House of Representatives, serving on the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, Small Business and Joint Economic Committees. All received labor endorsements in the May primaries.

State Federation President Thomas M. Bradley indicated that labor support of Mathias, Ms. Mikulski and Mitchell was based on "solid records in Congress on behalf of the working people across the nation and the state of Maryland."

Bradley also said, "These congressional representatives are doers . . . they work hard . . . they produce. They have proven labor records well known among the labor movement."

Metropolitan Baltimore Council, AFL - CIO President, Henry Koellein said that the re - election of Mathias, Mitchell and Ms. Mikulski are "top priority for the working people of this state."

Edward Lamon, State Federation COPE director, together with Ernie Greco, COPE director for the Metropolitan Baltimore Council announced a three - point program. Union volunteers will be making a concerted effort for 100 percent registration among members and families.

Rep. Parren Mitchell

Rep. Barbara Mikulski

Sen. Charles Mathias

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