AFRO Mrs. Santa Softball Marathon raises $1,572.05 Cash-30 teams still have pledges to come

By Ida Peters

Thousands of people turned out in Druid Hill Park Last Saturday and Sunday for the AFRO's Mrs. Santa 2nd Annual Softball Marathon.

Thanks to Rayner Banks, originator of the idea and all the wonderful folks at Mass Transit Association, $1,572.05 in cash was raised with pledges still to come from 30 teams. Expenses were kept to a minimum with Rayner Banks taking two weeks off from his job to put the show together.

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa program is grateful to Rayner Banks and all of his crew for putting together a wonderful program to help needy children have food and toys at Christmas.

The top teams will be awarded trophies at a gala party in October.

Special thanks to Sheila Smith who collected money and pledge sheets and helped put the show on the road. Her helpers who put in long hours collecting money, counting and keeping scores were India Deanes, Shirley Moore and Tonya Smith.

Thanks also to Morris Vaughn of Dr. J's who helped set up scoreboards for the five diamonds; was scorekeeper; helped umpire games and helped fill in when a player was needed. Also to scorekeepers Victor Moody and Norris Hall.

Wayne (Flash) Rollins gets special thanks also. He controlled all the Fast Pitch games on Diamond 5. He scheduled all games when teams did not show up both days and controlled the score boards.

More thanks to Ronald Brown who worked with the Evergreen Ladies; Pappy Brooks, Kelly Mot and Donald Shields. Also to Herb Hare, Ernest Stokes, Ed Clark, John Staten, Charlie and Steven.

Helping also were Lee E. Eagen and Bill Yeager, sports directors of the Bureau of Recreation; and Clyde Headley of MTA.

Heroes were the Steps who played five games on Sunday and two on Sunday, the Finneys played six times; the Sabres, three times; Raiders, 5; West Side Bombers, 3; Finnergans, Players and West Side All Stars, 4 times each.

Teams still collecting pledges to win top honors are the Eastern Royals, Jolly Jacks, Raiders, S & W Spears, Hustlers A.C., Ramblers, Slammers, B-2 Raiders, All World;

Westside All Stars, Red Sox, A's, Dotson's, Vulcan Blazers, Pirates, Steps, Pharoahs, Outlaws, Sportsmen, 20 West, Jack's Ball All Stars, West Side Bombers, Wild Bunch, Sabres, 20 Grand (Scopio), MTA Eastern Divisions and MTA Washington Blvd.

Rayner Banks, MTA employee, took off two weeks to donate his time to AFRO's Mrs. Santa. Two day event was largest sports event in Druid Hill Park this summer.

Mrs. Sheila Smith and her daughter, Tanya helped organize Mrs. Santa's Softball Marathon and collected, recorded and counted pledge sheets.

THE STEPS — Shown are: Melvin Hines, Robert Madison, David Crafton and Stan March. Also, Victor Martin, Vincent Martin, Delroy Gaither, Keith Gaither, Steven Fleet, Eddie Henry, Paul Richardson and Larry Jones.

(Photo by Vanessa Johnson)

AFRO Team

The Afro's Mrs. Santa, Ida Peters, in the mist of the AFRO Clean Block Clean Block Judging all day Sunday spent all day Saturday in Druid Hill Park. Mrs. Vanessa Johnson, assistant, was faithful in seeing that pix of all the teams were made on five fields, a mile apart, Mrs. Kathy Parrott helped organize a pick-up AFRO team composed of some of AFRO founders John H. Murphy's great-great grandchildren Jon Love and Kevin Pack. Peter Brooks, AFRO summer interne and son of AFRO Chairman John Murphy III, played left field. Kathy played second base; George Lee, Circulation, was coach; Rev. James Gray, Advertising, was the star pitcher.

Team Totals

Crusaders - $216.67
Romans - 161.75
Road Runners - 160.75
Hustlers - 144.00
Finneys - 127.05
Players - 122.50
Steps - 81.00
MTA Retreat - 75.25
Mt. A. W. Blvd.-74.50
Kingsmen - 63.50
Finnegans - 56.08
Chargers A.C.55.00
Sportsmen - 49.25
MTA Redwood - 48.75
Little Willie's - 45.00
Hustler's - 38.00
20 West - 36.00
Adventist Falcons - 25.50
Poets-12.00

Scores

Saturday, August 22

Diamond 5

11 a.m. - Eastern Royals 3 - Jolly Jacks 1
1 p.m. - Finnegans 7 - Outlaws 0?
3 p.m. - All Stars 6 - Finnegans 0
5 p.m. - Eastern Royals (W) - 20 Grand (L)
6:30 p.m. - S & W Spears 12 - Hustlers 7

Diamond 7

9:30 a.m. - Dotson 9 - Players 6
11 a.m. - Road Runners 11 - Panthers 8
1 p.m. - B-2 Raiders 9 - Hustlers 8
3 p.m. - Road Runners 3 - All World 2
5 p.m. - Finney 20 - All Stars 2

Diamond 8

9:30 a.m. - Red Sox 19 - Hustlers 2
11 a.m. - Dotson 20 - Vulcan Blazers 5
1 p.m. - Kingsmen 6 - Little Willie's 4
3 p.m. - Romans 11 - Steps 2
5 p.m. - Pirates 7 - B-2 Raiders 6

Diamond 9

11 a.m. - AFRO 22 - Evergreen Ladies 7

Sunday, August 23

Diamond 5

1 p.m. - Eastern Royals 8 - Pharaohs 3
5 p.m. - 20 Grand (W) - Finnegan's (L)
6:30 p.m. - S & W Spears 9 - Finnegans 5

Diamond 6

11 a.m. - Steps 8 - Crusaders 3
3 p.m. - B-2 Raiders (W) - Crusaders (L)
5 p.m. - B-2 Raiders 21 - First Class 3
6:30 p.m. - B-2 Raiders 9 - Little Willie's 3

Diamond 7

9:30 a.m. - Players 8 - Crusaders 2
11 a.m. - Finneys 7 - Westside Bombers 4
1 p.m. - Westside All Stars 12 - Little Willies A.C. 8
3 p.m. - Poets 17 - Chargers A.C. 2
6:30 p.m. - Finneys 14 - West All Stars 13

Diamond 8

9:30 a.m. - Steps 8 - All World 7
11 a.m. - Sabers 11 - Adventist Falcons 5
1 p.m. - Players 14 - Sabers 9
3 p.m. - Red Sox (W) - Steps (L)
5 p.m. - Sabers 14 - Steps 10
6:30 p.m. - Steps 24 - Westside All Stars 24

Diamond 9

1 p.m. - Westside Bombers 4 - Finneys 1
3 p.m. - M.T.A. 1515 Washington Blvd. 16 - M.T.A. Redwood St. 11

AFRO Mrs. Santa Softball Marathon raises $1,590.30 to date

ROAD RUNNERS — Shown are: Larry Carroll, Bobby Wise, Terry Pindell, Eddie Wright and Paul Dorsey. Also, Larry Sykes, Atiba Wise, Larry Hinton, Eddie Poo, Dave Wilson, Reginald Conway, Mac Stepney, Joe Conway and Robert H. Blue.

(Photo by Vanessa Johnson)

THE SPORTSMEN—Shown are: Preston Simms, Leonard Davis, Percy Matthews, William Wallace, Duane Hawkins and Clarence Beckett.

(Photo by Vanessa Johnson)

FINNEGANS—Shown are: Jerome Bowles, Andre Graves Jr., Harry Dickeson, Bobby Burnett, James Wells, Arthur Fields, Tommie Alford, Wayne Jones, Eric Purnell, Lawrence Green, Sigfried Torain, Phillip Hawkes, Louis "Foots" Miles, Manager; Ottis Hughes and Jake Ferguson, umpire.

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THE SLAMMERS — Shown are: Kim Hoff, Lorraine McCullough and Darlene Davis. Linda Davis, Phyllis Berger, Kim Neal, Antoinette Soares, Jacqui Matthews and Andrew Washington, manager.

ALL WORLD — Shown are: Lee Davis, Calvin Shropshire, Horace Arnold, Ralph Jefferson, Jamar Roberson and Roosevelt Sunther. Also, Veronica Shropshire, Sharon Shropshire, Albert Shropshire, Marlon DeVaux, Larry Harlee Sr., Ivan "Ike" Harlee and Kenneth C. Fagan.

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The first black Miss America?

MEET ROBIN HARMON — Miss Maryland for 1981 and a prime contender this year for the Miss America title. Harmon, a Howard University graduate, had much to say about being black and female in an AFRO interview this week. See story, Our World section, page 9.

Returning school students face higher lunch costs

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Many of the projected 118,000 students returning to class Sept. 10 will find some grim news when the lunch bell rings. Lunch prices, almost like everything else, are going up again.

The prices for the regular hot breakfasts and lunches as well as the free and reduced priced meals are going up.

School officials report that the cuts in the federal subsidy to school systems for the cost of hot meals is the major reason for the increase.

Shirley Kane, Baltimore city schools' staff specialist in operations said, "The increase is due to the rise in food and labor costs as well as the reduction in federal subsidy."

Students in the elementary schools who paid 65 cents last year for a regular hot lunch, will pay 80 cents this year. A 40-cent breakfast will cost 55 cents.

On the junior and senior high levels, lunches increase from 75 cents to 90 cents while breakfasts jump from 40 cents to 55 cents.

Students participating in the free and reduced priced meal program will also see an increase. A 10-cent lunch will cost 40 cents this year while breakfast will increase from 5 cents to 30 cents.

> In elementary schools, a lunch that cost 65¢ last year will cost 80¢ this year.

School officials state that the prices are determined by the actual costs to prepare the food and that in some cases, the system is losing money on the meals. While the schools charge 90 cents for a hot lunch in junior and senior high schools, the actual cost to prepare the the meal is $1.35. The federal reimbursement is 12 and a half cents, therefore the schools are losing 32 and a half cents.

But, the rise in prices in the reduced meal program is also matched by a change in the eligibility requirements which may mean less needy students can participate in the program.

The hardship factors, including high medical bills, special medical expenses for a handicapped or disabled student or disaster or casualty, will not apply this year.

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Another robbery at SSA

Another mugging of a Social Security employee took place this week, with no promise or prospect for steeped-up police protection for that area of the city.

Carroll Freeman, a 12-year employee of SSA, was robbed this wek as he walked from his car to the Metro West complex. The incident came less than two days after more than 2,000 Metro West employees demonstrated and demanded more police protection.

According to police officials, however, there are still no plans for increased police protection for the complex because that area of the city has been determined to be one of the least likely places in the city a person may be victimized.

Within an eight-month period, however, there have been three assaults, one rape, two purse snatchings and eight other crimes. The incident of Freeman marks the ninth incident this year so far.

A spokesperson from the mayor's office has said the city will "look into" the problem.

But while the city seems slow on its feet to meet the needs of Metro West employees, police have increased their numbers in middle-class Bolton Hill following the death of a British antiques expert.

Employees of the SSA complex are reportedly planning a march in the city to protest the unsafe conditions there.

According to one employee, "we're also sick tired of being ignored."

MTA operator watches while teens rob passengers

Thomas Greene's nightmare happened less than a week before he was due to be transferred from the Number 20 bus line to another.

The 6 ½-year employee of MTA hadn't decided on what route he would like to apply for next, but the change, after having driven the Number 20 for two months, would be welcome.

Instead, Greene now sits at home, his nerves frayed, the result of having been held at gunpoint by a teen-ager, while two other teens proceeded to rob the 16 or so passengers who sat on the bus.

Visibly tense, Greene recalled that at the time, there was nothing he could do.

"I was at Catherine and Baltimore Sts, where I picked up these three young guys and a woman," he said quietly. They seemed well-mannered to him at that time—no cause for alarm or concern.

About seven blocks later, however, as Greene let a regular customer off the bus, the three youths got out of their seats.

"One of them approached me and put a gun to my face," Greene said, "and told me not to move or he'd kill me." While the bus driver was held at gunpoint, the other two youths began to collect purses and wallets from the passengers aboard. Nobody moved.

"Nobody said anything, everbody just did as they were told," Green said, adding that his assailant never once let the gun in his face move.

After the youths had gotten what they wanted, they fled by foot. One of them was apprehended immediately; the other two were caught by police later on. All of them, according to police, were armed...and all of the guns were loaded.

"There was really nothing I could do," Greene said of the incident. "After it was all over, the passengers just sat still for a moment, and then started coming up to me to see if I was okay."

A neighborhood resident, told of the incident by a passenger, brought Greene some water. Gathering his wits about him, Greene called police and MTA officials.

Keith Rawlinson, public relations spokesperson for MTA, told the AFRO that despite Greene's experience, reports of violent crimes on the city's buses are actually down.

"The statistics (for incidents of violent crime) for the first eight months of this year are down," Rawlinson said. He said that beefed up security forces, and exceptional cooperation between the transit company and the city police are probably the reasons why.

Unable to quote the precise number of security guards employed by MTA at this time, Rawlinson did say that 22 more are due to be hired by the end of the year. The security men ride the buses and patrol cars as well, Rawlinson explained.

"We do a lot of undercover work," he said, adding that all MTA operators are advised "not to be heroes" and to let the security officers and city police do their job.

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Change of venue granted for A.A. Co. policeman

The trial of David R. Hodge, an Anne Arundel County police officer accused of manslaughter in the shooting death of a 48-year-old black Annapolis man, has been moved to predominately white Garrett County.

A spokesman for E. Mackall Childs, the circuit court judge who ordered Hodge's trial moved to Garrett County Aug. 27, said the order came at officer Hodge's request.

Hodge was indicted by a Anne Arundel County grand jury in August in the shooting death of Leroy Perry, a stationary engineer who worked in Baltimore.

The incident which led to Perry's death and Hodge's suspension from the police force and his indictment began as a routine traffic stop early July 10 on Ritchie Highway near Annapolis.

Hodge told police Perry jumped at him with what appeared to be either a pistol or an ice pick. It was later discovered Perry was carrying a screw driver.

A spokesman for Garrett County said a trial date of Oct 22 has been set.

Eastern Shore youth to be sentenced Tuesday; Cambridge cop indicted in teen's shooting

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

On Tuesday of next week, Clayton Robinson will be sentenced for the shooting death of Leonard Pope at the courthouse in Denton on the Eastern Shore.

But black leaders and Denton residents are anxious and wary of the sentencing in the controversial case which has rocked the tiny town in its very foundation.

Robinson, 17, was convicted of manslaughter in the brutal shooting death of Pope early this year. Robinson, according to court testimony, shot his classmate, out of "fear and self defense." Pope's bullet-ridden body was found in a shallow grave a short distance from the high school they both attended.

The incident in and of itself was a shock to Denton residents, but the fact that Robinson is white and Pope was black has heightened tensions and brought out feelings of racial undertones.

Civil rights leaders, pressing for the maximum 10-year conviction for Robinson, have expressed worry that Robinson may not be sentenced at all, or that he may receive a light sentence which may be dismissed in the very near future.

They say that the fact that Robinson is white probably has a lot to do with why he was convicted of manslaughter instead of murder, and say his color may help him get a lighter—and unjust—sentence.

Dr. Emmett Burns, regional director of the NAACP who has been heavily involved in the case, told the AFRO his organization "wants justice," meaning the maximum 10-year sentence.

"If we don't get justice, we'll begin marching," he told the AFRO. Burns has been involved in the several rallies which have been held in Denton, some on the courthouse steps, to draw attention to the case.

Burns said representatives from the NAACP in Caroline County and four other counties have been meeting to determine how best to handle the situation.

A task force has been set up, he said, to develop strategies and guidelines for action.

Pope's mother, Mrs. Barbara Douglass, is bitter about the case, and says if things had been reversed, the outcome of the trial would have been much different.

"It was premeditated murder," she said. "You can believe that if my son had been convicted of shooting a white boy, he would have been charged with murder with no questions asked, and given the maximum sentence."

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AFRO Update:

Savina convicted

Richard Lee Savina, a self-proclaimed Maryland Ku Klux Klan leader on trial in federal court last week in the bombing attempt of a Baltimore County NAACP official's home and office, was convicted by an all-white jury on Aug. 27.

Savina was convicted on all three counts of a federal indictment for his part in attempting to bomb Col. James Pennington's Catonsville home in May.

He now faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison on the attempted bombing charge and a possible 10 years sentence on each of two lesser technical charges.

A court spokesman said Savina will be sentenced in about 30 to 45 days, but a sentencing date has not be set.

Congratulations AFRO

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TWIN BUSINESSMEN, Troy Mott and Roy Mott, both expert auto mechanics, sent Congratulations to the AFRO this week and wished us, "Happy 90th Year" the whole year around and many happy returns "up until the 100th Year at least." Both are known as Good Samaritans around town and considered the best singers you have ever heard. Our heartiest Thank You goes to the twins and to all others who have sent the AFRO congratulations. Look for Messers Mott to be features in our coming Special 90th Year Edition in full color on the street late this month.