Join AFRO's 43rd Annual Clean Block Campaign

Free Oriole tickets when you register your block

New AFRO Clean Blockers

1000 blk. N. Arlington Ave. — Captain, Adrianne Lawrence, Co-Captain, Shirley Johnson; and Advisor, Mrs. Rosie Sullivan.

Workers: Blanche Wiggins, Allen Wilson, Kevin Wilson, Cynthia Wilson, Theresa Wilson, Tonya Ridgeway, Karen Sullivan, Wesley Sullivan Jr., Henry Rodwell, Shantell Martin, Jeffrey Johnson, Tammy Johnson, Jesse Johnson, Karen Johnson, Sharon Johnson, James Johnson, Alves Wilson, Lillian Johnson, May Smith and Mrs. Rice.

500 blk. W. Lafayette Ave. — Captain, Sharron Middleton; Co-Captain, Anthony Austin; and Advisor, Mrs. Esther Middleton.

Workers: Cheryl Tyson, Lynettie Tyson, Winston TysonJr., Rickey Austin, Daniel Austin, Charles Cook, Roberta Austin, Lillian V. Shaw, Sandra Shaw, Valentina Shaw, Mecca Shaw, Willie Shaw Jr., Clifford Shaw, Dolly Middleton, Carol Butler, Eugenia Foxx, Franklin Foxx, Kerry Foxx, Paul Foxx, Marie Wright, Doris Wright, Marlow Wright, Domonis Wright, Norma Rollins, Anthony Rollins, Sharon Rollins, Travis Lewis, Norman Jackson, Renee Jackson, Martha Thompson and Edward Hall.

600 blk. W. Lafayette Ave. — Captain, Velma Moore; Co-Captain, Shirley Pitt; and Advisor, Pauline Pitt.

Workers: Mary Stubbs, Kenneth Moore, Sharon Moore, Cynthia Moore, Frederica Pitt, Betty Pitt, Latonya Pitt, Rose Jettson, Mr. Washington, Minnie William, Mrs. Weeden, Gwendolyn Madden, Gerrid Pitt, Mrs. Jones, Diane Jackson, Steven Jackson, Mrs. Rebacca, Natalie Stubbs, Cynthia Medley, Lillian Anderson, Jacob. Robertson, Francis Tucker, Rev. Williams, Earline Smith, Ted Madden and Velda Moore.

1200 blk. N. Parrish St. — Captain, Darlene Cole; Co-Captain, Sampson Jones; and Advisor, Mrs. Mary Williams.

Workers: Frances Corporal, David Hawkins, Samson Jones, Arthur Akinson, Marcell Cobb, Maurice Comogies, Martha Curtis, Joanne Mackall, Delores Worsley, Jean Butler and Cora Wood.

1100 blk. N. Stricker St. — Captain, Henry Spencer, Co-Captain, Chenell Covington; and Advisor, Naomi.

Workers: Tina, Pam Gary, Dooren, David, Miss Doll and Miss Brown.

1700 blk. E. Chase St. — Captain, Ejekiell Woodrup; Co-Captain, Sandra Oakley and Advisor, Mrs. Mary Woodrup.

Workers: Carolyn Oakley, Queenie Butts, Bernard Lee, David Williams, Anne Walker, Vanessa Baker, Anthony Woodrup, Theress Woodrup, Robert Woodrup, Mary Woodrup, Kevin Woodrup, Cynthia Woodrup, Lavonne Lifsey, Erette Woodrup, Lucille Shaw, Deborah Oakley, Nadine Boyd, Michael Boyd, Glendora Lifsey, Derek Lifsey, Beatrice Burns, Thomas Kune, Annie Howard and Thomas Woodrup.

Phillip Clay, Clean Block Captain 2000 Barclay St. wants to thank the workers who helped make their block so beautiful last year, included was Meadames Mary Clay, Lois Jenny, Catherine Earl, McCarty, Erien, Reddick, D. Matters. A very special thanks to Mrs. Karn-Watkins.

Every block bring a block

AFRO Clean Block needs you and $ $ $

Yes! We Will Help!

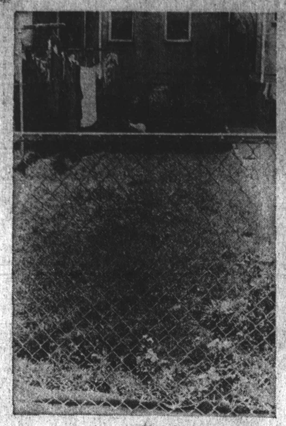
Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Make checks payable to AFRO Charities
Mail AFRO Clean Block
628 N. Eutaw Street
Baltimore, Md. 21201

All groups making contributions of $50.00 or more will have picture made at a Clean Block meeting.



(Photo by Arnetta Lottier)

The prettiest yard in the 900 block N. Stricker St. is a city owned house. It has grass planted in it with pretty flowers around the borders. Shows what can be done if people care. Too bad it is surrounded with yards like the one next to it shown in other picture.

(Photo by Arnetta Lottier)

Yard of a vacant house in the 900 blk. N. Stricker St. is filled with debris. Youngsters in the background play in this rubbish.

Win free WWIN Disco parties

Lucky blocks all over town will win one of six WWIN Disco Parties to be awarded during the AFRO's 43rd Annual Clean Block Campaign to blocks showing the most improvements.

Hurry and get in on the action. Register your block by calling 728-8200, AFRO Clean block. Lucky winners of the six parties will receive free records, free party and your favorite WWIN Disc Jockey right in your own neighborhood.

Clean Block prize fund $1,707.00

$1,000.00 Charley Pride Concert	$44.00 Mrs. Elinor Dimmy
$350.00 M. Goldseker Co.	$25.00 Homewood Realty, Inc., Dr. and Mrs. Emerson C. Walden
$100.00 Prince Hall Masons Century 21 - Otis C. Warren	$10.00 Ernest H. Smith
$50.00 Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Iota Chapter	$3.00 Leon N. Thompson

Old Somerset Homes starts clean up

By Arnetta Lottier

Mrs. Mary Egdes, (RAB) representative for the Old Somerset Homes, called from Good Samaritan hospital, where she is confined, to say this project is starting a clean up and beautification program. The kick-off was a few weeks ago at the recreation center where they had a disco party for the youngsters.

Old Somerset Project is bounded by Aisquith, Central, Orleans, and Little Edith St. There are 420 tenants living in the nine courts in this project. Gus McLaughlin is manager.

Mrs. Viola Gingles, president of the Tenant Council, supervised 500 youngsters who attended the disco party. Silver Ray Light and Sound group under the direction of Raymond played for the group. The youngsters had a grand time even though the air conditioner wasn't working.

Mrs. Gingles thanks the tenants who helped with the party and Eastern Police District for their vigilance to make things go smoothly.

A meeting will be planned for tenants to discuss joining the AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

Sidelights

By Arnetta Lottier

AFRO Clean Blockers in the 500 block N. Mount St. and 1600 Edmondson Ave. are most upset about frequent accidents at the corner of Mount and Edmondson.

In one day there were three accidents at this corner. Officials said it was due to a tree hiding the STOP sign there but neighbors say there are accidents there all the time.

It is very dangerous for neighbors to sit outside because of the auto accidents. Many of the cars end up on the pavements. One house in the block had its steps broken. Anyone sitting there would have been seriously hurt or killed. Many of the neighbors here are elderly and like to sit outside once in awhile but they are afraid now. Neighbors want a stop light put at this corner.

Another problem in the 1600 block Edmondson Ave. concerns people who live in city-owned houses. After the city fixes up these houses so beautifully, some of the people who move in make life miserable for their neighbors.

They sit on the steps eating their meals; residents throw garbage in Clean Block Captain, Mrs. Annie Thomas' yard. They throw rocks at her dog, sometimes breaking her windows. The Thomas' have appealed to these people to get them to stop their children from this type of thing to no avail. The Thomas family has been living there for over 25 years and it seems a shame the city would allow their tenants to harass neighbors this way.

Complaints about tenants living in city owned houses should call 396-1222.

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500 N. Gilmor St. is complaining about men using the empty yard at the corner of Gilmor and Edmondson for a urinal. This yard is behind an empty house. It should be boarded up so no one can get in or throw trash in it. Mrs. Louise Flood, AFRO Clean Block Captain, says the odor is so bad she hates to go in there to pick up the bottles which children will break all over the street.

Another problem around here is residents putting plastic filled bags on the play lots as fast as they care cleaned. Many people use the 500 blk. Gilmor St. to sit on the steps, drink whiskey, play loud music between 11-3 a.m. Then they leave the whiskey bottles on the steps or ground.

1500 Edmondson Ave. residents are still bringing out their trash daily in plastic bags and parking them on the corner next to the trash can there when they know it is not a trash day.

Gilmor St. residents feel it would be easier to keep the park clean behind the 1600 block Edmondson Ave. if trash pick up for this block would be in front. As it is these people throw their garbage and trash on the park grass, killing it. Bureau of Parks has resoded so much they say they will not do it anymore.

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1400 School St. has joined the AFRO Clean Block and is doing a fine job getting their block together. They are having a problem with the resident at 1434 Presstman St. He is operating a huckster's business from his home. His yard is one filthy mess. There are fish boxes all over the yard. Neighbors say there are about 50 rat roles in the yard. Next week we'll have new phone numbers for you to call for help to the Health Department. Right now Health Department inspectors are merging with Housing and Community Development inspectors. Right now they are going through a training period and we can't reach them.

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500 N. Mount St. has already started their beautification program. They have painted everything orchid and yellow. It looks real pretty.

Vacant house on the corner of Mosher and Stricker St. looks like this. Broken windows can be very dangerous for anyone passing by. Basement door on the side appears to be boarded after the junk inside; note tires and milk crate along with other junk, has been cleaned out.

(Photo by Arnetta Lottier)

Rules

PURPOSE

The purpose of this campaign is to get all residents in your block to keep clean this summer and beautify the block.

A clean block is one in which steps and sidewalks are washed once a day and the street kept free from trash.

Woodwork is kept free from fingerprints and vestibules are scrubbed.

Windows are kept clean and curtains hung evenly.

Garbage and trash cans are removed as soon as emptied.

Window boxes have flowers in them as well as on the porch.

No one sits at the front window or on the front steps, unless his clothing is neat and clean.

WINDOW SIGNS

One hundred per cent cooperation of the block residents will be attested by the window signs as well as by the improved appearance of the block itself.

EXPLANATION

A block is a row of houses between two cross streets. For the purpose of this campaign, a block includes the houses on both sides of the street.

There must be three or more houses before there is a block.

JUDGES

Judges appointed by the director, will choose the best block on these counts. (1) Appearance of block at time of inspection. (2) Improvement of block over what it was when contest began (3) The beauty of the flowers.

Virginia Ave. Neighborhood Assoc.

"All eyes are on you. To get help, you have to show you care. Don't let your block down." These are but a few of the slogans of the Virginia Ave. Environmental Neighborhood Association (VAENA).

In a joint effort to bring these slogans to a reality, four young ladies took the initiative to improve the eyesores of the 3400 block Dupont Ave. last week.

Park Heights Community Corporation supplied working tools and seeds to these ladies. They planted grass seeds throughout this block in an effort to beautify the fronts of this neighborhood.

Junior Oriole game schedule

These are the dates AFRO Clean Blockers will be going to the Oriole games at Memorial stadium this summer, free tickets from Crown Central Petroleum Company and Crown station manager, Gwynns Falls Parkway and Evergreen St.

Tuesday - June 14 vs	Milwaukee	7:30
Thursday - June 23 vs	Boston	7:30
Sunday - June 26 vs	Toronto	2:00
Wednesday - July 6 vs	Detroit	7:30
Saturday - July 23 vs	Texas	2:00
Sunday - August 14 vs	Oakland	2:00
Sunday - August 28 vs	Kansas City	2:00
Wednesday - August 31 vs	California	7:30

Blocks who register early or blocks who show the most improvement will receive free tickets to these ball games.

43rd ANNUAL AFRO CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN

APPLICATION BLANK

I WOULD LIKE TO BE CAPTAIN MY BLOCK AND PLEDGE TO HELP KEEP OUR BLOCK CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Zip Code _____

TALENTS AND HOBBIES

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Mail To The
AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS
624 N. EUTAW STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201

Cops warn of con games

MEDIA, Pa — Delaware county police are warning residents to watch out for flim-flam artists operating with a black bag of con schemes such as burning money as a surefire way of curing ills.

However as Thomas Gallagher, chief of Delaware County's Criminal Investigation Department, noted last week, the money never is really burned. Instead, it is pocketed by thieves.

Chester Detective Daniel Iacono said teams of flim-flam artists have been operating from the Maryland to the New York border since about March.

"As soon as the hot weather gets here, it's their day," he said.

He said there appear to be about five teams of four or five people each. One New York-based team wanted in Chester was arrested in Wilmington, Del. but released on bail.

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Iacono said he is investigating four jobs believe pulled by the team in the city which netted them about $7,000. Gallagher said their "take" for the area was well over that.

He said some male teams attempt to sell cheap lawn furniture, repave driveways for fat roofs. The tar may never dry however, or it could be gasoline to make it shine, Gallagher said. In either case, he said the cheats will be gone before the victim knows for sure.

Female teams usually start off with one or two women asking if a housewife needs some work done, Gallagher said. Then they work their way into the house and distract the victim while an accomplice sneaks in on hands and knees and ransacks other rooms.

One trick is to convince people they will feel better if they put their money in a cardboard box and burn it. The money is switched with paper, Gallagher said.

"That might seem amazing, but you'd be surprised at the intelligent people that fall for it," he said. (UPI)

Death penalty gaining across U.S.

WASHINGTON — Despite anti-execution activism across the U.S., at least 25 states have adopted death penalty laws that may be valid in light of the Supreme Court's 1976 rulings permitting capital punishment.

But the next execution in the U.S. still could be a year or more away.

The high court is expected to rule before the end of its current term on a series of cases that will clarify its stand and the fate of some of the more than 350 men and women — most of the low-income minority members — on death rows across the country.

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Meanwhile, 10 more state legislatures are debating new laws. And prisoners sentenced to death in Georgia, Florida and Texas — whose laws the Supreme Court already has upheld—are using up appeals which have delayed their executions.

David Kendall, a lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, which tries to provide attorneys for inmates fighting death sentences, said, "It is very difficult to know" when the next execution will occur.

Some people thought the Jan. 17 Utah firing squad execution of Gary Gilmore — who did not contest his sentence and who blasted the fund for trying to save him — might spur more executions. Gilmore's death was the first use of capital punishment since June 1967.

Unless there is "another Gary Gilmore" who wants to die, Kendall said, the next execution is likely to be in Texas, Florida or Georgia — where about 200 people are under death sentences.

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME— Mrs. Chalrie Briscoe of 1312 Slater Rd. won $10 last Saturday because she had Friday's AFRO in her home.

(AFRO photo by Robert Rea Sr.)

Mr. Fro visits by phone

Mr. Fro makes at least five phone calls every Wednesday and Saturday to find the AFRO in Your Home.

Last Saturday, Kenneth Jackson in the 3500 block Hayward St. had the Tuesday AFRO but hadn't purchased Friday's yet.

Mr. J.C. Hatchett in the 500 block of Robert St. also had the Tuesday AFRO instead of Friday's.

James Hunter of Eutaw Place. wasn't an AFRO reader.

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Mrs. Virginia Thorpe, who had sent her Mr. Fro coupon to the AFRO, said she had been an AFRO reader for 35 years and won $10.00.

All winners in the AFRO in Your Home Contest have a chance to win $100.00 by hitting their Lucky Number on the AFRO Lucky Number Calendar.

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Mr. Fro just couldn't make a lucky phone call on Wednesday evening.

He couldn't get an answer from the Masons in the 500 block of Mt. Holly or Calvin Jones on Linden Ave. after several tries.

Both Paul Minor in the 1800 block of McCulloh St. and Dorothy Cyrus in the 3400 block of Edmondson Ave. had the Friday AFRO but not Tuesday's.

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Mrs. Mary Moore of the 2000 block of Oswego Ave. and Marie Elliott, 3300 block of Westmont Ave., both sent in Mr. Fro coupons but failed to have the Tuesday AFRO in their homes.

The final call to the Tuckers in the 700 block of Mt. Holly found no AFRO although they are regular readers.

Remember, put those AFRO Lucky Stickers in a prominent spot so Mr. Fro can see them and stop at your house.

It pays to have the AFRO in Your Home.

Virginia Crusade acts in effort to solidify vote for Henry Howell

RICHMOND

The Virginia Crusade for Voters has sent out a call urging its members across the state "to get out a solid vote for Crusade-endorsed candidates" in the June 14 Democratic Primary.

The call is apparently aimed mainly to keep the black vote solid for Henry E. Howell in the gubernatorial election and to head off further defections of blacks to the camp of Howell's opponent, Andrew P. Miller.

The call went out in the form of a "Dear Crusader" letter. It was dated May 11 — but an AFRO check revealed that it was not received by some Crusade members until last week.

The letter was signed by Dr. William S. Thornton of Richmond, president of the influential political organization, and John M. Brooks who gave his title as that of a Crusade "consultant." Brooks is a former director of the NAACP's national voter registration program.

The letter urged immediate action to produce black solidarity at the polls on June 14. "Don't wait for our next communication," the letter said. "Put your get-out-the-vote committee in action now."

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In addition to Howell, the Crusade has endorsed Richard S. (Major) Reynolds 3d for lieutenant governor; and John Schell for attorney general.

The letter points out that at a joint meeting the Crusade held April 16 with the Democratic Black Caucus of Virginia, "there was obvious agreement that in order to gain the fruits of political power, blacks must endorse candidates and turn out heavy, solid votes for the candidates of their choice on election days."

However, some smaller black organizations have announced support for Miller. On the eve of the April Crusade-Caucus meeting, Miller released the names of 30 blacks individually supporting him.

Foremost politically among the supporters of Howell in past elections who this year are supporting Miller is the Rev. Curtis L. Harris, Hopewell civil rights activist.

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Political observers have noted that in past elections blacks never faced the problem of having to choose between Howell and Miller because the two hadn't opposed each other before.

Miller was running for attorney general when Howell ran previously for lieutenant governor and governor, and both received strong black support.

Dr. William S. Thornton

This year Democrats have to make a choice between them in the fast approaching primary which will decide which one will oppose the certain Republican gubernatorial candidate, Lt. Gov. John N. Dalton.

The letter-writing Crusade officials told members that between the time of the message June 14 "we will do everything within our power to help you around your community and get out a large and solid vote for the Crusade-endorsed candidates

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"Please keep us informed as to your district, city, county, and precinct meeting dates," the letter said. "We will be sending you correspondence and sample ballots in the very near future. In the meantime, write or call us for help or information."

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Miller has also picked up support from a Richmond church, a small political group and a couple of losing candidates in the March City Council race.

Dr. Benjamin W. Robertson, pastor of Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church, has announced his church's support of Miller, as has the West End Political Association, according to Revell Hicks, president.

Also, Curtis Holt Sr. and Charles Walker, who both lost to Henry L. Marsh 3d in the council race, have formed the Grass Roots Political Association to endorse Miller.

The West End group also endorsed Charles S. Robb for lieutenant governor.

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PHONE _____

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