Group wants abortion issue on Sept. ballot

By John W. Frece

UPI — Maryland's highest court was to convene in special summer session Thursday to consider separate requests to place two referendum questions on the November ballot, including one that could affect the state's medicaid abortion program.

Stop Taxes for Abortion, a Rockville - based statewide group that opposes abortions, has asked the Court of Appeals to allow voters to decide whether state funds should be used to pay for non - therapeutic abortions for poor women under the federal medicaid program.

A similar request was denied in Montgomery County Circuit Court in June.

The other case involves a 40 - acre tract at a busy Baltimore County intersection where a developer plans to construct a major shopping center.

The suit asks the high court to permit voters to decide in a referendum whether the zoning on the land, located at the intersection of McDonogh and Reisterstown Road, should be changed.

Court officials said decisions in both cases could be made immediately or could be delayed for a few days.

In any event, the decisions are expected quickly. The high court agreed to hear the cases without them first going to the Court of Special Appeals because the proposed referendum questions must be certified by Aug. 21 if they are to appear on this year's state ballot.

The anti - abortion group contends use of state money for abortions is illegal because the state constitution requires that appropriations be "for maintaining the state government." Attorneys for the group say abortions do not fit that description.

The state, however, argues that state payments for abortions under the medicaid program are legitimate expenses.

Before the McDonogh referendum question is placed on the ballot, the court may have to decide what zoning would apply to the property if voters agree to rescind the current "major business" zoning category.

Prior to a 1976 change in the Baltimore County zoning law, the parcel had the same major business zoning.

But the McDonogh case also raises questions concerning the use of the state's power of referendum that transcend the specific questions of zoning of the McDonogh parcel.

Opponents fear that if the zoning question is permitted to be put to voters in a referendum, it could undermine the decision - making power of local zoning bodies and lead to other similar referendum questions on zoning issues.

SBA to hold clinics

The Baltimore district office of the U.S. Small Business Administration will conduct a series of problem clinics beginning Monday, Aug. 21, through and including Thursday, Aug. 24.

These clinics will deal with special problems affecting small business and will be held in the SBA Training Room, 630 Oxford Building, 8600 LaSalle Road, Towson, Md. 21204.

Problems such as business planning; cash flow and sales forecasting; break even point analysis; and law for the small business will be covered. The clinics are for two hour duration and will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Interested individuals are urged to call 962-2233 for detail information. Although these programs are free, seating is limited and individuals are urged to make reservations at the earliest possible time.

Wife beaters may be whipped

Persons convicted of beating their spouses or children could soon feel the lash of the strap if the State American Legion Chapter can convince the general assembly to bring back the whipping post as punishment.

Spokesman Daniel Burkhardt said the Legion will create a committee to study the whipping post theory and will seek legislation from the 1979 general assembly.

Burkhardt said the whipping post, which was used in Maryland until 1953, would not be used to punish first offenders.

He said five lashes would be appropriate for a second - time offender, up to 10 lashes for a third - time offender and up to 20 for subsequent offenses.

Burkhardt said the punishment would be up to the judge, but "We feel the punishment should fit the crime."

"If anyone got a taste of what they were doing, they'd never do it again," he said.

He said the legion has not decided where the whipping post would be located or who will do the whipping. UPI

Inequity in awarding contracts irks Clay

The Department of General Services says it is implementing a new plan to guarantee minority - owned firms a certain amount of state contracts because such firms were awarded only $45,000 of the $97 million in 1977 contracts.

Officials of the state agency released the figures at a meeting of minority groups, trade associations and white businessmen.

The meeting Wednesday was called to explain the state's new policy of awarding selected state contract worth $5,000 or less exclusively to minority owned businesses.

The contracts under $5,000 account for about 20 percent of all contracts awarded by the department.

"We wanted to solicit the help of these people," said Robin Zee, director of the department's Office of Central Services. "When they learned that only $45,000 had gone to minority firms last year, they were more receptive."

He said department files indicate that 59 of the 6,000 Maryland manufacturers and vendors are owned and operated by blacks — about one percent — but eight more firms have petitioned to be added to the list.

Robert L. Clean chairman of the Maryland Minority Contractors Association, said it is a "disgrace to have 18 percent of the population receiving far less than 1 percent of the business from a state agency."

He said affirmative action is needed.

"I was angry because I could see the kind of racism that has run rampant in this state and in the country," Clay said.

Diabetes Education Program offered

North Charles General Hospital's Diabetes Education Program will begin on Friday, Sept. 8.

Applications from diabetic patients and their families are currently being accepted.

Jointly sponsored by North Charles General and the Diabetes Association, Maryland Affiliate, the program consists of four 6-hour class sessions held on consecutive Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the hospital, Charles and 28th Sts.

Classes are under the supervision of Abraham Silver, M.D., chief of endocrinology and metabolism, North Charles General, and medical director at Camp Glyndon for Diabetic Children.

Diabetic patients and their families learn about the disease, diet, nutrition, insulin administration, urine testing, medication, complications, personal hygiene and personal adjustment problems.

Lunch will be served as part of the program.

For further details and registration information, call the Diabetes Association at 486-5515.

Along with Dr. Silver, program coordinators include Joan Scotch, R.D., Judith Boggs, L.P.N., and Janet Lapierre, M.S.W.

Urban Services sponsoring dinner

The Urban Services Agency's East-West Advisory Council invites the public to attend the first annual Dinner and Play.

This event will be held Friday, Aug. 18, 1978, at the Bolton Hill Dinner Theater, 1111 Park Ave.

For more information call 396-1768.

Suit filed to block inmate's 5 year confinement

The Legal Aid Bureau is expected to file a suit today, Friday seeking to block administrative action against a Penitentiary inmate placed in punitive segregation for five years for allegedly setting June 13 cellblock fire that killed two other inmates.

The action is being taken because, according to the bureau's counsel, Paul Lee, the prison's action against James Taylor, 27, is "illegal" and tantamount to "abuse of authority."

Lee said there was not a shred of evidence that the fire was caused by an arsonist, and even if it was, there was no evidence to connect Taylor.

Taylor was informed of the administrative action Aug. 8 after charges of assault and battery and destruction of state property had been filed against him.

The June 13 blaze occurred in the third floor cell in the early morning and was accompanied by a loud explosion. Killed in the blaze were Larry Fore, 21, who was serving life term for murder; and James Fitchett, 22, who was also serving 30 - year murder term.

Investigators at the scene after the blaze theorize that the fire was caused by a careless smoker. However, the state's attorney's office after a long investigation testified before a city grand jury that the fire was the result of arson and that the two deaths were murders.

According to Mr. Lee, the grand jury did not return indictment against anyone.

George Collins, the Penitentiary warden, said Taylor's segregation is based on the report of a three - man adjustment team. He said he felt the report was right and that he took the proper action. He would not elaborate further.

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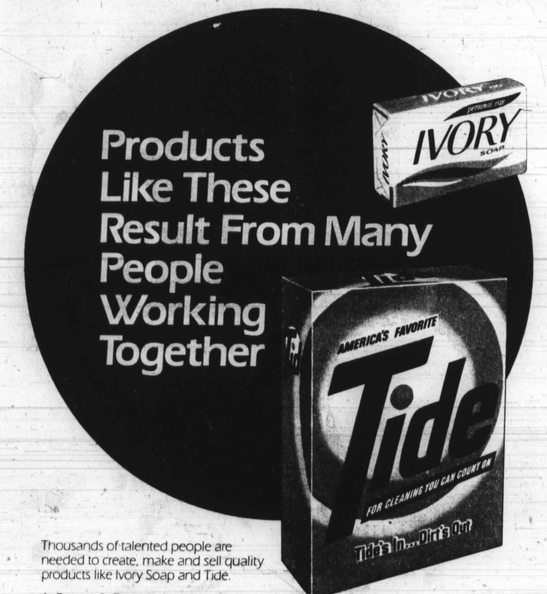

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Planning a block party

It's that time of year again when AFRO Clean Blockers will be planning to have block parties to celebrate the good job they have done in the summer AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

Here are a few tips that might help to involve most of your neighbors and also keep work on anyone's part down to a minimum

The key to a successful party is keeping it simple and low cost to encourage participation and requiring minimum time and effort.

The most important thing is to plan for the children. If they have a good time, everyone else will too.

Start discussing the party idea with neighbors now so you can set a date convenient to most.

Invite each household personally and explain the plans for the party in detail to avoid any misunderstandings.

If you have a long block, make flyers telling neighbors the plans and ask for suggestions. Get the youngsters in the block to put flyers in doors

Check with the Police Department about blocking off street. Get your permit at least ten days ahead. See article (How to Have Block Party) on this page.

Have a committee who will be responsible for finding out which neighbors want to do what and which ones have grills, tables, chairs, stereos, etc.

Let some of the young folks be responsible for the entertainment. They can find out from all the neighbors who want to participate, young and old alike.

This also lets the older people in the block know the youngsters are concerned about them.

Some neighbors might want to decorate. Let them join a committee and handle this detail.

Games and races for various age groups can begin as soon as the block is set up for the party.

Instead of giving prizes why not buy some colorful award ribbons. This way you can have more winners. Games could include a relay, wheelbarrow race, Frisbee toss, tug-of-war and sack race to name a few.

Also for entertainment, you could plan a little parade from one end of the block to the other. Have youngsters with bikes decorate them, also tots with wagons or tricycles could join in. Dress up a queen if you want to get real festive. The parade could be held while the food is being prepared.

A talent show could be planned for after dinner. You may have more talent in your block than you know. Give everyone a chance to participate if they care to.

Plan your budget ahead. No matter how much or how little you win in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign, you will no doubt still need more money. Try to figure out your costs so you will know how much each household will have to donate if they plan to participate.

If you only plan to feed households in your block, get a roll of tickets to give every block member to be served. This allows neighbors around you to enjoy the party entertainment but you don't have to feed them if you don't have enough food for them.

Summing up the preparations for the party, have a party leader and assistant;

Have committees for food, decorations, entertainment, setting up grills, tables, etc.

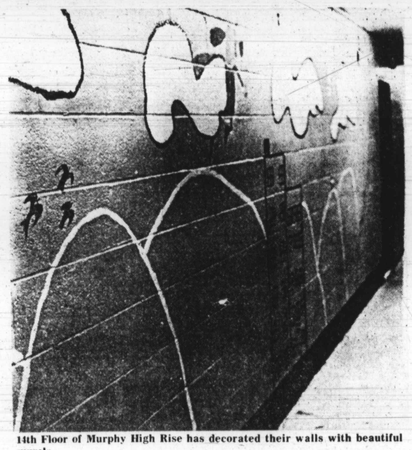
Don't forget a Clean up Committee. Remember, you could have visitors the next day to see your Clean Block.

When using neighbors' things, make sure you mark them so they can be returned following the party.

Get permits for the party early. Include a rain date in your plans.

Last but not least, plan on two people to write the notes on the party for the Clean Block page and if some neighbor can take pictures in black and white ask him - her to take them for you to go with your article.

Have a good time and try to be sure neighbors are having a good time. That way they will be ready to help with the block next year.



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1800 Division St.
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Housing Units

Gilmor Homes
1600 Baldwin Court

(Both Blocks)

1607 Bruce Ct.
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McCulloh Homes
522 W. Hoffman St.
438 Monroe Ct.
1014 Stoddard Ct.
902 Stoddard Ct.
1000 Druid Hill Ave.
502 W. Preston St.
532W. Preston St.
458 Walton Ct.
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456 Tubman Ct.
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Westport Homes
2625 Kent St.
2511 Salerno Place
2447 Maisel Ct.
2557 Salerno Place
2419 Maisel Ct.
2432 Wilgrey Ct.
2354 Norfolk St.
2403 Dunfries Ct.
2342 Nevada St.
2436 Dorton St.
2517 Maisel Ct.

Flag House Courts
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Perkins Homes
300 Herring Court

(Both Blocks)

300 Dallas Ct.

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New blocks

1400 N. Mount St. — Captain, Pamela McNeill; Co-captain, Anna Blakely, Advisor, Doris McNeill.

Workers: Donte Miller, Dana Miller, Bernard Burns, Travis Paul, Anita Burrus, Amanda Cooper, Jacqueline Burris, Shavette Chadwick, Charlette O'Neal, Lynn Royster, Richard Forman, Gail Royster, Alex Harris, Sabrina Harris, Anthony Kelly, Daryl Goldton, Angela Lee, Brian Thomas, Terri Robinson, George Jones, Tammy Jones, Antoine Darham, Maronica Sheriel, Sharon Royster, Rose Bryant, Margaret Holton, Elthelrine Bryant, Chris Perry, Paul McNeill, Freddie Campbell, Warren Taylor, Kevin Hughes.

1800 N. Dallas St. — Captain, Veronica Johnson; Co-captain, Michelle Woodley.

Workers: Chris Jones, Bridgette Wilkins, Jeanell Hughes, Michael Woodley, Herbert Hughes, Vincent Allen, Jackson Ellerbe, John Harris, Le Grant Little, Alfrod Garrison, Antonio Ellerbe, David Coleman, Dana Coleman, Terri Taylor, Toni Taylor, Michelle Woodley, Gregory Harrison, Ralph Wilkins, Stanley Woodley, Wanda Ellerbe, Kim Harris, Ailette Scott, Nancy Jones, Rose Allen, Pearline Douglas, Debbie Taylor, George Johnson.

Lafayette Ave. dedication

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held last Saturday for the new playground to be erected at Lafayette and Gay Streets.

The playground has been a dream of Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer and the 1800 Montford Ave. neighborhood club for the past four years. They saw the need for a place for small children in the neighborhood to play.

Douglass Tawney, director, Department of Recreation and Parks, was master of ceremonies.

The Rev. Marie P. Cooke, AFRO Women's Editor, gave the Invocation and Benediction.

Greetings were given by Harry Kaufman, president of the Park Board.

Donald Millard, Bureau of Recreation, also gave greetings.

Councilman Nathan Irby brought greetings from Mayor William Donald Schaefer. He also gave the regrets from councilpersons Mary Pat Clark and Clarence Du Burns along with Delegate Hattie Harrison who were attending another meeting.

Mrs. Arnetta Lottier, Clean Block deputy director, gave greetings from the AFRO.

Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer, president of the 1800 N. Montford Ave. Neighborhood Club, spoke for the community surrounding the playground.

1800 N. Montford Ave. Clean Block workers are very proud of their block. This year they decided on yellow and green for their tire urns, swindow boxes and picket fences around the tire urns. Shown here with their Advisor, Mrs. hElizabeth Farmer, are Gregory White, Eric Hursey, Phyllis Smith, NathanielCheeks, Belinda Ware, Shirley Brown, Ernestine Williams, and Rodney Hopkins.

AFRO birthday party

Lenwood Ivey - Director, Urban Services, at the AFRO's 86th Birthday and 4th Clean Block celebration with little Miss Teressa Schiltz - Queen for 2900 Walbrook Ave., as she accepts the AFRO Clean Block flag for her block.

Proudly holding an AFRO Clean Block banner are Lawrence Parker of Lawrence Parker Fashions, Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer, 1800 N. Montford Ave., advisor; Rev. John Bryant, Bethel AME Church, Mrs. Delores Jenkins, 2000 Sinclair Lane and Carl Smith, advisor, 1700 N. Carey St.

Ms. Rosalie Silber Abrams is shown here with John Murphy, III-Chairman of the Board of the AFRO American Newspapers, presenting a check for $100.00 to Mrs. Ida M. Peters - Director, AFRO Clean Block for the Clean Block fund.

Photo by Arnetta Lottier

Mesdames Ida Peters, Clean Block Director, Arnetta Lottier, Clean Block Deputy Director, announce Honor Flag winners as Mrs. Vanessa Johnson, Miss Sheila Scott, Public Relations and Mrs. Twilah ScarboroughUrban Services, help with thedistribution of flags. Also shown here are Ms. Carolyn McNair, 800 McDonogh St., DavidsSloan, Attorney Ms. Betty Harrison, co-captain, 1200 E. Lafayette, Mrs. Enolia McMillian NAACP President and Mr. Fletcher Crews, Captain 1200E. Lafayette Ave.