Beautiful AFRO Clean Blocks in 46th Campaign

Thirty-six workers, along with captain Gerald Stokes and advisor Gregory Saleem, helped make 1800 block N. Castle St. clean and attractive.

It was toward the end of a long day when AFRO Clean Block judges visited 1500 Carey St. on recent inspection tour, but they were greeted by enthusiastic residents who were anxious to show off the results of a summer of very hard work.

400 block of 21st St., looked beautiful on AFRO Clean Block tour, it was part of a large area in the Greenmount-North Ave. community that had a severe rat problem. Captain Mrs. Mary Sue Johnson wrote AFRO, listing at least 21 streets and alleys that needed immediate attention from the city's rat eradication program.

Over 40 people worked together this summer in 2100 block Brunt St., according to captain John Boyce.

Clean Block Awards, Sun. Aug. 31 Masonic Temple

1600 block Holbrook St., worked hard this year. Captain was Ms. Naomi Thompson, co-captain was Ms. Sahara Carter, and the advisor was James Nicholas.

Mrs. Helen Jones, captain for the 2200 block of E. Oliver St., said that everyone in her block helped this year, keeping not only the street spotless, but also the alley behind the homes. Most annoying problem camd from children who attended School 97 across the street; it seemed they found it easier to dump trash on sidewalks than in trashcans. There was no sign of their handiwork, however, when AFRO Clean Block judges took recent inspection tour.

2400 block Madison Ave. had no complaints in campaign this year. Block captain Bernard Simon was assisted by co-captain Felix Spann, advisor Catherine Pettus, and a total of 30 workers.

This lady in 500 block Baker Street apparently had a little more work to do . . . much to the amusement of fellow residents. Thomas Henderson is captain.

REWARD

$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in the murder of Neal Michael Resnick on August 12th, 1980 at or about 5 p.m. in the 3600 blk. of Fordleigh Rd.

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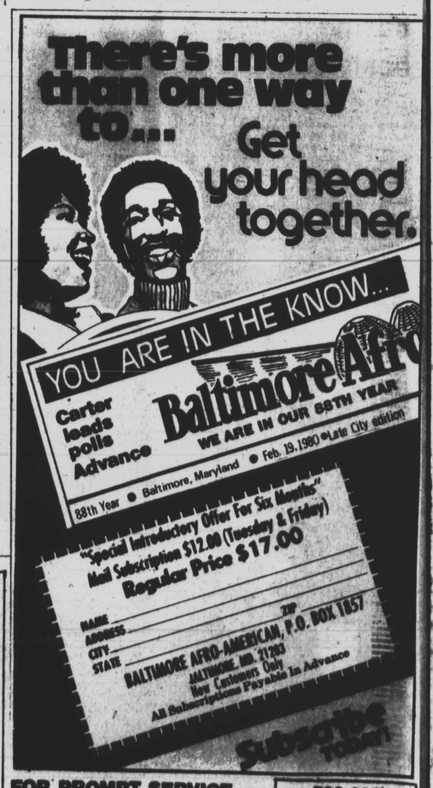

AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz
AUTUMN FORECAST — Gloria "Rocky" Brown is one of several models who will be seen in the Fashion Extraordinaire to be presented by the Travis Winkey modeling troupe Sunday, Aug. 31. See Our World for story, more photographs.

Was fire set to hide murder?

Was a fire set at 2519 Linden Ave., Aug. 26 to hide a murder?

Police have not been able to answer the question and are still investigating the case.

Ms. Margaret Hall, 56, who lived with her sister and brother-in-law in the Linden Avenue apartment, was stabbed 16 times in the chest, stomach and back, according to police.

A neighbor, who smelledsmoke coming from the apartment stated he called the fire department after he and the maintenance man alerted other tenants to leave the apartment house.

When firemen arrived, Ms. Hall was found lying across her bed. The fire was reported at 11:45 a.m. and was confined to the first floor rear bedroom. A neighbor who carried Ms. Hall from her apartment told police he noticed cuts and [illegible] on the victim.

Mrs. Gladys [illegible], sister of Ms. Hall, said her sister left home for work around 7:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, her sister was fine. "I left her (Ms. Gibson) waving to me. I don't think it was robbery because nothing was missing," said Mrs. Gibson.

Mrs. Gibson stated her sister did not work because of her health. She would usually spend her day looking at television or would take a walk. Mrs. Gibson thinks her sister might have known the person who killed her. Funeral arrangements were not complete at AFRO presstime.

'Outsider' running hard for Supreme Bench seat

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

"I'm running hard," said Tom Ward, former city councilman and current contender for a Supreme Bench judgeship. "I'm trying to break in from the outside."

Ward and William H. Murphy, both city lawyers, are the two "outsiders" seeking a seat on the Supreme Bench. As evidenced by May's primary elections, both stand a good chance of attaining their goals.

According to Ward, Murphy's victory is almost guaranteed, and he says that his campaign will be concentrated not on the popular lawyer, but on the two sitting judges whom he views as being the most susceptible to defeat: Elsbeth Bothe and Joseph Pines.

A precedent of sorts has already been set in the race, as Judge M. Albert Figinski, who was appointed to the Bench in early 1980, lost his judgeship during the May primaries.

Elsbeth Bothe barely retained her seat as she lost the Democratic race but squeaked past on the Republican ballot.

"I think it's between me, Pines and Bothe, particularly Bothe," said Ward.

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Family upset about eye operation

Corpse's corneas taken by coroner

A week after the George Street housing projects of Murphy Homes exploded in gunfire, suspicion and unanswered questions still fill the air.

The project was the scene of a grisly double-homicide Aug. 19, and another shooting victim who was wounded in the same incident was rushed to University Hospital in critical condition with gunshot wounds of the face and chest.

The family of James A. Turner, 27, who was killed in the shootings, is upset, and is calling for an investigation of the city's medical examiner's office after discovering that Mr. Turner's corneas had been removed from his eyes without their permission.

His mother explained what happened.

"The day of the funeral, my three daughters went to look at the body before ten o'clock, my daughter noticed that the eyes looked ugly or something. She asked why, the mortician told her that the eyes had been removed."

A call to the medical examiner's office confirmed that Mr. Turner's corneas had been

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NOTICE

The AFRO-AMERICAN will be closed Monday, Sept. 1 for Labor Day.

Deadline for classified word ads is Friday, Aug. 29, at noon.

Offices will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 8:15 a.m.

AFRO churchwoman contest leader

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AFRO Clean Block awards Sunday

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Arlington Baptist School called 'racist'

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Parents who have unsuccessfully tried to enter their children in a Christian school in Baltimore County now question the school's enrollment policies, calling them 'racist.'

David Meile is white. His wife, Mary is black and their son, 4-year-old David Meile III is a product of a mixed marriage. Meile maintains that he wants his son exposed to all types of people and that is why he considered Arlington Baptist School.

But, after applying for enrollment two months ago at the North Rolling Road facility, Meile states that his son's application was turned down because he was a product of a interracial marriage.

"The board voted not to accept my son because he was from a mixed marriage," said Meile. "But I questioned the decision and the board met again and voted to reconsider my son's application."

Meile said the decision was then made to accept his son but that he was told that the school "did not tolerate any black-white relationships."

Although Meile has enrolled his son in another school, operated by the Lutheran Church, he still finds it hard to believe that this could happen at a Christian school.

"This is the kind of atmosphere I'm trying to get my son away from said the father.

However, Paul Pantzer who is the development director and handles the registration for the school which opened in 1971 and has a current student body of 950, denied that the school would exclude a student because of color.

"We would never, ever say to a parent that we would not take your child because he's black," he said.

But he added that the school was private with its own board of trustees and was independent of state requirements regarding enrollment policies and race.

However, when asked by an AFRO reporter what those enrollment policies were, Pantzer stated that the questions would have to be submitted in writing. The board of trustees of the school would also have to vote on whether the policies could be discussed with the press.

Pantzer pointed out sthat the board meets bi-monthly and that he expected the decision on whether to reveal enrollment policies would "take awhile."

Meile is a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and reports that a minister of the church who is black encountered similar problems when he tried to enroll his daughter.

David Gaines submitted an application last spring at Arlington Baptist School. He stated that he received a notice and that his daughter had been placed on a waiting list.

But after talking with Meile, Gaines then called the school and talked with Pantzer about the application and the waiting list.

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DISGRUNTLED FAMILY — The Meile Family feels that their son, David Miele III was denied admission to a Christian school because he was from an interracial marriage. Pictured are (L to R) David Miele Jr., Mary Meile and David III.

Feds say $98,668 overpaid

12 indicted in Social Security fraud

Federal prosecutors have charged 12 Maryland residents with fraudulently obtaining $98,668 in overpayments under the federal government's supplemental Social Security Income program and Social Security program.

U. S. Attorney Russell T. Baker Jr. said the 12 were accused of filing false applications to obtain benefits for which they were ineligible. Each defendant could face one year in jail and a $1,000 fine if convicted.

A recent study by the Social Security Administration's Quality Assurance Office showed that over $1 millionin unauthorized benefits were paid out in Maryland during a six-month period in 1979.

Baker stated that deliberate falsification or failure to notify Social Security authorities of changes in factors considered in awarding benefits could subject an individual to criminal charges.

Baltimore residents charged and the amount of money they are alleged to have obtained were:

Daisy Buck, 50, $16,783; John Ganoe, 46, $4,011; Samuel Dorsey Jr., 60, $9,825; Roddy Gillis, 23, $3,968; Catherine Moye, 46, $8,296; Willie Newsome, 53, $8,821.

Others charged were Jessie L. Usher, 46, $5,167; George Voss, 58, $7,801; and Charles L. Wise Jr., 36, Donald C. B. Lee, 45, of Hillcrest heights, $13,402; Renee A. McCiver, 24, of Suitland, $4,742; Sharon E. Runyon, 33, of New Carrollton, $8,313.

AFRO Clean Block awards set for Sunday

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers 46th annual clean block awards will be held Sunday, Aug. 31 at 2 p.m. at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 1307 Eutaw Place.

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell will give the keynote address. AFRO Clean Blockers who have worked hard all summer will share in a prize fund of more than $6,000 with the top cash award of $150 going to the top block. Other blocks will share awards of $100, $75 and $35 to hold parties in their blocks.

Top entertainers on the program include the Softones and Frist Class. Top winners will also win 200 dinners at Gino's worth $400; 50 free tickets to King's Dominion; 20 free subscriptions to the AFRO-AMERICAN and three disco parties given by WWIN.

City and state dignitaries will be on hand to congratulate the top winners in 402 blocks who cooperated.

Druid YMCA welcomes old, new friends

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

OPEN HOUSE WAS HELD Aug. 26 at the Druid Hill Branch YMCA at 1619 Druid Hill Ave. Kareem A. Aziz, executive director (L) is shown with John Clark Mayden, who is holding a YMCA T-shirt. Mayden is a member of the steering committee and was the YMCA youth of the year in 1969 and 1970. See more photos, page 28.

The Druid Hill branch of the YMCA at 1619 Druid Hill Ave., has opened its doors again after being closed for two years.

The newly renovated Y is in the same location of the new Lillie Mae Jackson Multi-Purpose Center and is offering the same types of quality programs for which it is so well known.

It was like a reunion on Aug. 26, when old Y buddies met with their families and friends for a few hours.

Kareem A. Aziz is the new executive director of the YMCA. The Y was forced to close two years ago because of financial problems. Aziz says the Y is now offering programs especially designed to meet fitness needs.

A 20 percent discount on all full privilege membership is now being offered for all memberships paid in full on or before Aug. 31. The YMCA is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

There is fun for the whole family at the Druid Hill Avenue Y. The program includes swimming, water safety, weight lifting, exercise, basketball, tennis, volleyball, gymnastics, badminton, judo, karate and natural dance aerobics. An afte school day care is also available at the Y.

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