★1988 CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN★

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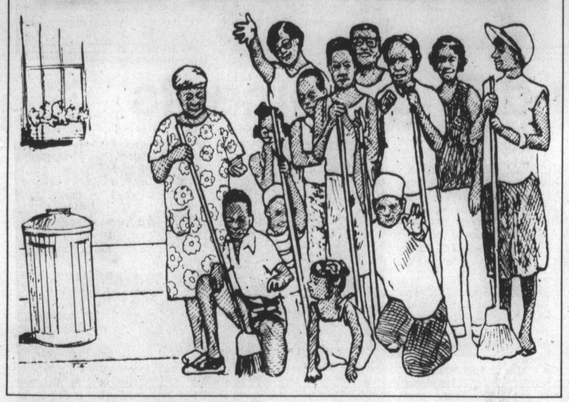

Facts About Clean Block

- Started by Miss Frances Murphy in 1934
- Was successfully run by Mrs. Ida Murphy Peters who retired in 1985
- Is the oldest environmental program in the United States
- Main thrust is helping to create a clean living environment for the citizens of Baltimore
- Has been awarded numerous citations from throughout the United States for achievements in helping to clean up the streets of Baltimore
- Raises money each year to provide neighborhoods the necessary materials for cleaning — that is, paint, brooms, trash cans, brushes, flowers, etc.
- Receives donations and support from community groups, individuals, and businesses in the state of Maryland
- Sponsors community-wide meetings to help the participating neighborhoods address its problems and concerns — that is rats, trash, deterioration house, etc.
- Motivates and encourages children to learn habits of cleanliness
- Provides incentives for neighborhoods to continue to work together to improve and clean its blocks
- Provides various awards and entertainment for the achievements and progress made during the campaign

HOW YOU CAN HELP

* Sponsor A Block
* Donate Supplies
* Be An Advisor
* Contribute To The Fund

1988 Clean Block schedule

June 17	12 Noon	*Arena Playhouse
June 24	12 Noon	**McCulloh Homes
July 1	12 Noon	*Arena Playhouse
July 6	10 A.M.	***Movie Party
July 8	12 Noon	****Dunbar Senior High
July 13	10 A.M.	***Movie Party
July 15	12 Noon	****Dunbar Senior High
July 20	10 A.M.	***Movie Party
July 22	12 Noon	*Arena Playhouse
July 27	10 A.M.	***Movie Party
July 29	12 Noon	**McCulloh Homes

* Arena Playhouse—801 McCulloh Street
**McCulloh Homes—1100 Druid Hill Avenue
***All movie theatres and locations will be announced.
****Dunbar Senior High School—1400 Orleans Street

When you think Clean Block think gardening

By Pamela B. King
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Getting geared up to clean and polish your block? Don't forget to plan in the garden. It will add an oasis of green in a desert of concrete, and can help to feed your family, too. Answer these questions to plan what you and your neighbors want to do and save time and money by avoiding mistakes.

WHO will use the produce? enjoy the flowers? Four tomato plants should provide enough fresh tomatoes for two, more will be needed if you want to make tomato sauce. Do you want cut flowers to take to an elderly relative, or just garden flowers to enjoy from the street? Grow a little extra to give away, but never let anything go to waste.

WHAT will you grow? Consider the likes and dislikes of your family. Don't grow six eggplant plants if you are the only one who will eat it. Choose vegetables and flowers that are expensive to buy or just unavailable in the store, like leaf lettuce and straw flowers. Grow vegetables that have high nutritional value as well as good taste and look pretty too- like collards. Zinnias will make better cut flowers than portulaca.

WHEN should you plant? Check planting dates so cabbage can mature when it is cool and petunias have the warm soil they need to get off the ground. The Cooperative Extension Servie has information on the best time to plant.

WHERE should you plant? Draw a simple plan for your block to coordinate everyone and draw a small plan for each individuals' garden. Be sure to allow enough room for plants to grow well. A tomato needs a 2 feet by 2 feet space and a marigold, 1 foot by 1 foot.

WHY not try something new this year? Try oyster plant, whose cooked roots taste like oysters or a new flower cultivar. Plant just a little and you might discover something wonderful.

HOW can I make this garden the best ever? Make plans to get plenty of organic material, like compost or peat moss, to mix into heavy soil. Take a soil test- available for $4.00 from the Extension Service- and add just the right amounts of fertilizer and limestone. Decide on a maintenance plan for weeding and controlling pests.

Adjust your plans as needed, but by setting goals to strive for, you can have the cleanest, greenest block in Baltiore. If you need information to help plan your garden this year contact your local Cooperative Extension Service office whose programs are open to all citizen's without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age, or national origin.

First Meeting This Friday, June 17, 1988

Let's get started

It's that time again! CLEAN BLOCK is officially underway and we hope that you are ready for a summer of cleaning, learning, and of having fun.

We hope that you have been keeping your neighborhoods in tact throughout the winter months. You will find that if you have continued with your routine even after our last Campaign came to a close, then you will be miles ahead in this Campaign.

But even if that is not the case or if this will be your first time working with the AFRO's CLEAN BLOCK Campaign, we are prepared to assist you with whatever problems and concerns you might have.

We have already solicited the support of the different city and private organizations. We had a leadership breakfast with them back in May and the response was excellent. Therefore, we are looking forward to their support for our efforts this summer.

Many of you might remember the excellent support and advice we have been receiving over the years from the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Program, and their representative, Mrs. Pamela King. Mrs. King has attended many of our meetings and helped many of you to grow vegetable gardens and flower beds where before their might have been nothing but cement, and we have been especially appreciative of her efforts.

I received the pledged support of the cooperative extension program for this year's Campaign, however, Mrs. King is no longer at the downtown Baltimore office. She is now located in the Charles County office.

Pamela King, of the Cooperative Extension Program has been one of the many people that have supported us. She served as a consultant to the program for many years now and pens a bi-weekly column that gives advice on everything from dealing with the locust to knowing the proper time to plant a vegetable garden. She is pictured talking to a group of CLEAN BLOCKERS while Rona Stokes, another one of our consultants, from the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company looks on.

Many of you may remember the insight you might have gained from many of the weekly articles Mrs. King wrote for us on these pages. She covered everything from "how to deal with the locust" to when was the ideal time to plant your lettuce. Well not to fear! Even though she is not in our area for this Campaign, she will still be writing articles for us. The first one appears on this page.

That is the type of commitment we have been fortunate enough to receive from those who have supported us. That is why we hope you will join us and stick throughout the entire Campaign. Whatever your concerns might be — from getting abandoned vehicles removed from your neighborhood to controlling rate infestation problems — we have the people working with us who can get the job done.

Don't forget! Our first meeting will be held this Friday, June 17th at the Arena Playhouse at 801 McCulloh Street. Be one of the firs to register your block and get a head start on winning a prize at the end of the program. If you have any questions, please call us at 728-8200. Just ask for the CLEAN BLOCK Office. We will be waiting to hear from you!

(Photo by Paul Greene)

Students at Furman L. Templeton Elementary spend what could be recess time for them, cleaning and sweeping away the trash and broken glass on their playground. What a way to spend recess!

Templeton sweeps up

This is why we need your support! There are too many neighborhoods that are in dire need of vast improvements. We visited an elementary school recently and the things we saw were outrageous!

Furman L. Templeton is located on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Dolphin Street. Right next to the school is a vacant lot that was filled with everything from broken bottles to discarded clothing. The rats were everywhere.

One of the teachers at the school, Mrs. Elizabeth Elliot called our office to ask if the school could be entered in our program. We told her that we would do whatever we could to assist her. She asked if we would come out to see the area. We did.

When we arrived, there were children sweeping off the area which was supposed to be their play area. There was monkey bars and swings available however, you had to wade through the broken glass to play on them. Mrs. Elliot had called the city's bulk trash department and when we arrived, there was a trash truck there. The crew was helping the kids sweep off the grounds. They had already removed what amounted to a truck load of trash off of the vacant lot next door. We were told that when hey started remov ing the waste, rats ran out of the pile into every direction.

We will be going into that area to recruit for our program, so be looking for us, and please be ready to sign up your block.

AFRO Clean Block

In Our 54th Year
1934—1988

JOIN NOW!

1. The captain must try to get all persons in the block to sign up and send their names to the AFRO-AMERICAN.

2. He or she must call a meeting of all adults and children and elect a president who will act as an advisor.

3. Have a secretary, who will write down what is done at each meeting and send reports to the AFRO-AMERICAN.

4. Elect a black inspector, who will see that no trash accumulates anywhere in the block.

5. Elect a marshal, who will call out the clean-up brigade at a definite time each day, so that by all working together at the same time, the block will soon improve in appearance.

6. Do not paint trees or curbs.

Call 728-8200
To Participate

Elyn Garrett
AFRO Clean Block Director

AFRO Clean Block
628 N. Eutaw St.
Baltimore, MD 21201

Yes, I want to be Captain of my block ( )

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ **St.** _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone _____

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Fell asleep after attacking child

Man guilty of raping 11-year-old girl

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AFRO Staff Writer

It took a jury of nine women and three men only one hour and 30 minutes, last week in a Baltimore City Circuit Court, to return a guilty verdict for Orlano Bailey, 27, of the 2800 block or Ridgewood Ave., for raping an 11 year-old girl in March.

Bailey, who was also found guilty of burglary can get life imprisonment and 20 years for both convictions. Judge Kenneth L. Johnson has set sentencing for July 20, after routine court investigations.

Bailey had rejected his lawyer's advice to plead guilty before the trial began, which would have given him the opportunity to bargain for a reduced sentence. He also had a second chance last week, when he started to plead guilty at middle of the trial, and suddenly changed his mind.

His mother, Geraldine Bailey, 47, said that her son, who was voted the best all round student at Pimlico Elementary School in June 1983 changed his mind on the guilty plea because he knew he was innocent. "I still stand by my thinking that he is innocent," she said last week as the jury deliberated on the case.

At the last day of testimony, Dr. Sondra Heiligman, the pediatrician who examined the 11-year-old girl at the University Hosptial said that there was no evidence of sperm, although there was laceration of the outer portion of the youngster's private part.

The defense attorney, Daniel J. Marcus used the doctor's testimony in his closing arguments to persuade the jury to throw out the charges against his client. He said the fact that they did not find sperm, and the fact that the physician could not make any conclusion that Bailey penetrated the girl cast a reasonable doubt over the case.

Marcus asked the jury to use their common sense in reaching a verdict. He wondered how a rapist can take off all his clothes and shoes before the act, and afterwards, put pillows on the floor and fall fast asleep as the testimonies in the trial had indicated. He further stated that the rape victim's testimony that the rape started with the defendant kissing her on the mouth made the case even more confusing. He implied that it was very unusual for rapists to spend some time kissing their victims, instead of quickly getting over with the act and running away.

Marcus said, "I don't know what happened that night, but I think that the state does not know either."

In his own argument, the state prosecutor Gregory Rothwell, said there was overwhelming evidence to prove that Bailey broke into the victim's house on March 10 and raped the young girl.

As to why Bailey had to take off his clothes and shoes, Rothwell said, "If I could say why he did what he did, I will not be here today. I will be in Washington running the country." He said the reason why Bailey sustained some injuries in the incident was because he wanted to escape before the police arrived and the family of the victim would not let him.

NEW YORK MYSTERY

Brawley case heats up

SANCTUARY — Rev. Al Sharpton holds aloft the hand of Glena Brawley during rally at Queens Church where she has sought "sanctuary" in an effort to avoid arrest. Later, Glenda was taken to the Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn. Brawley sought "sanctuary" when she was sentenced to 30 days in jail for ignoring a subpoena to testify before a grand jury.

VICTIM? — Tawana Brawley, 16-year-old black girl who says she was abducted and raped by a gang of white men, leaves the Bethany Baptist Church with the Rev. Al Sharpton, a family adviser. Making a rare public appearance, Tawana attended a Sunday service with her mother, Glenda Brawley, who is seeking refuge in the church from a subpoena which would force her to testify in the case.

NEW YORK — A prosecutor, who advisers to Tawana Brawley claim was involved in the alleged rape of the black teenager, is willing to appear before a grand jury if Brawley's advisers are forced to testify, his lawyer said.

Dutchess County Assistant District Attorney Steven Pagones made his feelings known in a letter released Thursday by his lawyer in Poughkeepsie.

In New York, Tawana Brawley's mother, Glenda, 33, spent a second day Thursday holed up in a New York City church, defying an arrest warrant issued after she refused to testify before the special grand jury investigating her 16-year-old daughter's claims that she was raped by six white men last November.

Brawley was found in contempt of court by a state judge who ordered her jailed for 30 days and fined $250 for spurning the grand jury's subpoena to testify.

Authorities believed Glenda Brawley remained at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Queens today, but her whereabouts could not be confirmed.

In the letter to the grand jury, a lawyer for Pagones said the prosecutor would waive immunity and testify if state Attorney General Robert Abrams, the special prosecutor in the Brawley case, subpoenaed Brawley's advisers.

The advisers — lawyers Alton Maddox, Jr. and C. Vernon Mason and the Rev. Al Sharpton — have said Pagones was involved in the purported attack but have offered nothing to corroborate the allegations. The grand jury reportedly has heard no evidence supporting the charges.

The letter said Pagones would testify only if the advisers made their charges before the grand jury instead of before the media.

"At least I want the truth to be known that Steven Pagones had nothing to do with this and this whole charade is nothing more than vicious lies of Maddox, Mason and Sharpton," said Pagones' lawyer, Gerald Hayes.

Tim Gilles, a spokesman for Abrams, said he could not comment on whether the three had been subpoenaed, but he said Hayes could not attach conditions to Pagones' testimony.

"We can't permit anyone to dictate the course of this investigation," he said. "We can no more accept conditions from Mr. Hayes than from Mr. Maddox."

Hayes said he would file a defamation suite against Mason, Maddox and Sharpton, but only after the grand jury completed its investigation.

Tawana Brawley disappeared Nov. 24 and was found four days later smeared with feces and racial epithets in her hometown of Wappingers Falls, about 80 miles north of New York City. She claimed she was abducted and raped by six white men, including one who carried a police-like badge, but has refused to cooperate with investigators.

Her lawyers object to the appointment of the state attorney general as special prosecutor and say the legal system discriminates against black people.

Early Thursday, Glenda Brawley's sister, Juanita, reported that the family apartment was broken into and "ramsacked" by burglars who stole $700 in cash, said Lt. William McCord of the Wappingers Falls police.

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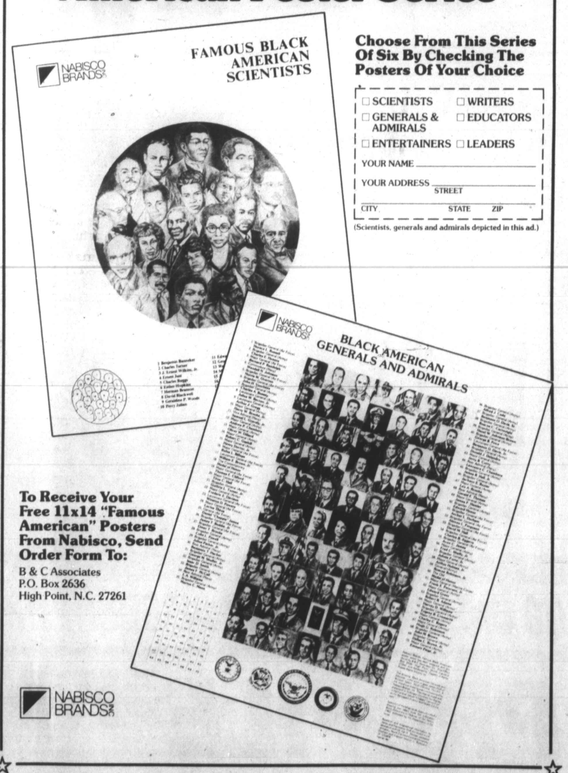

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