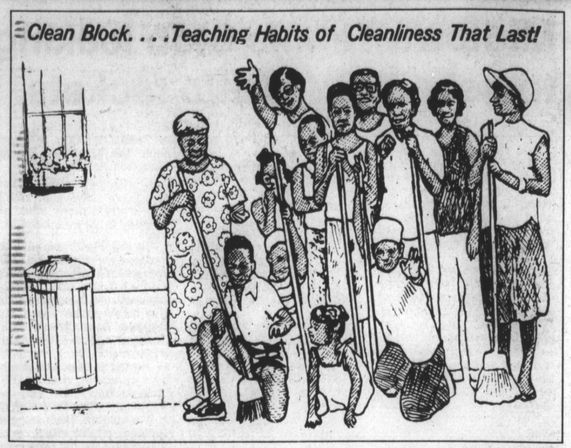
★ 1988 CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN ★



1988 Clean Block schedule

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

Next Meeting:
June 24th McCulloh Homes

Rules and Regulations

PURPOSE

The purpose of this campaign is to help create a clean living environment throughout the summer.

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.

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

Windows should be kept clean and curtains hung neatly.

Garbage and trash cans should be removed as soon as they are emptied.

Porches and window-boxes should have flowers or plants.

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

A beautiful block must have flowers in it and must be clean, in the back and front.

Do not whitewash trees or curbs; only the backyards and fences may be whitewashed.

JUDGES

Judges, appointed by the director, will choose the winning blocks in the following ways:

1. The appearance of the block at the time of inspection.
2. How the block has improved since the beginning of the campaign.
3. The beauty of the flowers.

Judges may make as many inspections as they see fit. The director's decision will be final in all cases.

BLOCK ORGANIZATION

The captain must get as many members of the block as possible to sign up and send their names immediately to the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers.

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

Each block must elect a secretary, who will record what is done at each meeting and send written reports to the AFRO.

Each block must elect a block inspector, who will see that no trash accumulates anywhere in the block.

Each block must elect a marshall, who will call out the cleanup brigade at a definite time each day.

MEETINGS

The captain or advisor must attend the weekly meetings. You must be sure to sign the attendance sheet.

At least three other members from the block should attend weekly meetings.

Contributions thus far. . .

Housing Authority of Baltimore City, NPA	$2,500.00
Bon Secours Hospital	200.00
McCormick & Co., Inc	150.00
Morton and Sophia Macht Foundation, Inc	125.00
Judge and Mrs. Solomon Baylor	100.00
Mr. Thomas H. Broadus, Jr.	100.00
Baltimore Uniform Rental, Inc.	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. James W. Rouse	100.00
The Time Group	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Hill	100.00
Whiteford, Taylor & Preston	100.00
The Winner Distributing Company	100.00
Maryland State Union Auto Workers	100.00
Mrs. Beatrice B. Shockley	100.00
Provident Bank of Maryland	100.00
Maryland Public Employees Council No. 67 AFSCME, AFL-CIO	100.00
United Way of the National Capital Area	92.67
Beatrice Howard Hall	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Goodwin, III	50.00
Friends of Clarence W. Blount	50.00
Mr. Allen H. Vessells	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. Diggs	50.00
Baltimore Jewish Times	50.00
Mrs. Jeanette L. Johnson	50.00
Mr. Melvin J. Sykes	50.00
Ms. Verda F. Welcome	50.00
Big Sisters of Baltimore, Inc.	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. William C. March	50.00
Mr. Wayne J. Harp	50.00
The Russell T. Baker Family Charitable Foundation, Inc.	50.00
Trinity Presbyterian Church	50.00
St. Luke United Methodist Church	50.00
Mr. DeHaven L. Smith	27.50
Mr. and Mrs. William C. Curtis	25.00
Mr. Stanley E. Sugarman	25.00
Ms. Lucille E. Stallings	25.00
Santoni's, Inc.	25.00
Dr. and Mrs. Emerson C. Walden, Sr.	25.00
Ms. Vivian Young	25.00
Ms. Mary S. Cooper	25.00
The John A. Holmes Lodge #89 F & AM	25.00
Ms. Ruby M. Taylor	25.00
Mr. John T. King, III	25.00
An Anonymous Friend	25.00
Ms. Mary C. Allen	25.00
Mr. Isaac Bristol	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Powell, Jr.	25.00
Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion	25.00
Mrs. Philip Whittlesey	25.00
Mrs. Alice S. Hazzard	25.00
Mrs. Louise K. Hines	25.00
Ms. Blanche B. Bell	25.00
Mr. John L. Staten	20.00
Mr. Walter Sondheim, Jr.	20.00
Lapides for State Senate	20.00
Ms. Mildred J. Seaborne	20.00
Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter	15.00
Dr. and Mrs. Richard D. Richards	15.00
Mr. Anthony C. Ward	15.00
Ms. Etna N. Blackwell	10.00
Mr. James R. Lewis	10.00
Ms. Beautine H. DeCosta	10.00
Mr. Stanley L. Cahn	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, Sr.	10.00
Ms. Erla M. McKinnon	10.00
Ms. Louise P. Cavagnaro	10.00
Mrs. Willie J. Murray	10.00
Miss D. Graftine Haynie	10.00
Mr. James Payne	5.00
Miss Thelma F. Johnson	5.00
TOTAL TO DATE:	$5,770.17

The gypsy moth is here

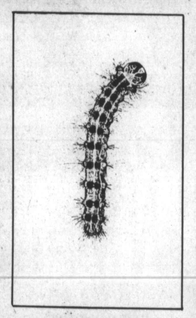
The Gypsy Moth is Here
By Pamela B. King
Extension Agent
Charles County

Gypsies are in Baltimore City. They won't steal your children or read your future, but if you have trees in your area, these gypsies may be a nuisance and a threat.

The amount of damage Gypsy moths cause depends on whether you have the kinds of trees they like best- oak and sweet gum. Where these trees are common, gypsy moth populations can become very large and destructive.

There is no effective and practical method for stopping the spread of gypsy moths. But remember, most trees can lose half their leaves without serious damage and most, except evergreens, can lose all their leaves without dying, although loss of leaves for several years can be fatal. Do not remove defoliated plants unless they fail to leaf out the following spring. Dry weather, poor soil, low tree vigor, disease and wood boring insects increase a tree's chance of dying.

When heavy infestations occur, the wandering caterpillars become not only a nuisance to trees, but to people too. Don't panic over every caterpillar you see, gypsy moths are easy to identify. Their eggs are laid in felt-like, golden masses on tree trunks and branches, on the ground, and even on lawn furniture. Scouts, who search for signs of gypsy moths in the winter, have found evidence of them in most of Baltimore City. The eggs hatch in April and early May, into tiny, hairy caterpillars that feed in the tops of the trees. This is the best time to spray, although the "shot hole" damage is not easy to see from the ground. The caterpillars may move from tree to tree by "ballooning"; they spin silken threads and hang from them until the wind carries them away.



Mature Caterpillar

As the caterpillars grow larger, they crawl from the trees during the daytime to hide. They are 1-2 inches long with long hairs and five pairs of blue dots followed by six pairs of red dots down their backs. They feed in June, causing a great deal of leaf loss. In late June they crawl away from the defoliated trees in large numbers, searching for more trees and hiding places.

Once well-fed, they go into a resting stage and emerge from late June to late July as adult moths. The females are about 1 inch long with white wings, but cannot fly. The males are brown with many black markings and fly well. Adults do not eat; but mate, spawning future ravagers.

Pesticides will keep the caterpillars from destroying valuable trees if applied at the correct time. The Maryland Department o Argriculture, the Forest Service and City Government have developed a suppression program to reduce gypsy moth populations by spraying areas that are in danger of defoliation due to the number of susceptible trees and the number of egg masses present. Sprays were done by helicopter in early May in these areas as long as no residents objected.

The worst time for many people is in June when the large caterpillars begin crawling away from the trees. They wander across lawns, climb on houses and some may even find their way inside. Some people are allergic to the long hairs of the caterpillars and will break out if they come in contact with them. These 1 inch long caterpillars are difficult to kill with sprays and new ones appear each day. If large numbers congregate in your area, do not use pesticides as they may not be very effective since the caterpillars are not feeding and may damage the environment. Instead, use a hose end sprayer with a little bit of soap in it to wash them away.

You can also help to reduce the gypsy month population in your area by:

***Planting resistant trees.** Normally the insects will not eat ash, tulip popular, sycamore, black locust, American holly, mulberry, eastern red cedar, or red spruce.

***Band trees.** Sticky bands can be used to keep caterpillars from crawling up the trees. Wrap a strip of 2 inch duct tape around the tree, sticky side to bark. Apply petroleum jelly onto the tape as stickly material. DO NOT allow sticky material to get on the tree bark as it may damage the tree. Clean and reapply stickly material as needed.

Burlap bands are made by wrapping a strip of burlap 12 inches wide around the middle of the tree trunk so a double flap 6 inches wide hangs down and provides a hiding place for caterpillars. Check under these bands every day in late afternoon and remove and kill the caterpillars you find.

***Destroy egg masses** you find by scraping them into a container of soapy water. Removes leaves and litter from your yard to eliminate hiding places.

***Keep trees healty** with proper watering, fertilization, insect and disease control, so they will be able to recover from attacks.

If you have questions about gypsy moths contact your local Cooperative Extension Service office, whose programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age or national origin.

AFRO Clean Block
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6. Do not paint trees or curbs.

Call 728-8200
To Participate

Elyn Garrett
AFRO Clean Block Director

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Edison sent up the river

Cherry Hill scourge gets term

By Ejike Obineme
AFRO Staff Writer

When he was given the opportunity to tell the judge why he should not be punished very severely for his crimes before being sentenced, Joseph W. Edison had very little to say.

"When I came into this court room," he said, "I was innocent. And I will remain innocent."

Thereafter, he was sentenced to a life prison term plus 36 years, with no appeal bonds.

Edison, 21, was convicted by a Baltimore jury about a month ago, for the July 16, 1986 murder of Ernest Leon Ellis, who was 21 at the time in Cherry Hill. The jury also convicted him of conspiracy to murder Ellis, escape from prison, and handgun violations.

During the trial, Sylvester Berry, 19, a former drug dealer who witnessed the crime, gave a chilling account of how Ellis was set up for the murder. Berry told the court that he and another man walked Ellis behind the school where he was killed by Edison, who was waiting with a gun.

But when he took the witness stand, Edison denied ever conspiring with Berry to murder Ellis. He said the only time he talked about Ellis was after his death because, "we cared for him."

After his request for postponement of the sentencing and motion for new trial were denied by Chief Judge Robert H. Hammerman, defense attorney Franklin Kolbe pleaded for one single sentence to be given for all the charges. He said that the court had both a duty and opportunity in Edison's case.

The duty of the court, Kolbe said, was to punish Edison for his conviction. But the court should also give Edison the opportunity to look forward to getting out of prison in reasonable time to resume his place in the society.

Assistant State Attorney Edwin O. Wenck argued that Edison's place in the society was the continuous killing of other people. He said that the only way to get the message across about senseless killing was to give Edison two life sentences plus 33 years for all charges.

Talking to Edison, Judge Hammerman said, "Unfortunately, I see no mitigating factor at all. My responsibility is to protect the society ... it may well be that someday you may come back into the society. It serves everybody's interest that you come out the best possible person that you can be."

After the Wednesday sentencing, it was not certain whether the state will prosecute Edison for two pending murder cases in addition to drug and trespass cases.

Since Kolbe has already indicated his intention to appeal Judge Hammerman's sentence, it is very likely that the State will want to know the outcome of that appeal before making any move.

Wenck said, however, that he will consult with his superiors before making any commitment. Likening another Edison trial to "sending coal to Newcastle," Wenck said that the feelings of the victims' families will be taken into consideration before a decision is reached.

Wenck estimated that it could be 20 to 25 years before Edison would be eligible for parole, at the age of 40 or 45.

But he said that two life sentences would not have given him satisfaction. "I would have been satisfied if Ernie Ellis was alive," he said.

Betty Edison, the 59-year-old mother of the convict, was fuming about the sentence handed down to her son.

"I feel it is wrong because he did not do it," she said. "The person who did it (killed Ellis) is still working around."

Edison's teenage wife, Tasha, who was carrying their two-year-old daughter, Joy, did not look upset at all.

"I know he's gonna come home on appeal," she said, "so it does not bother me."

Edison's mother is a believer. She said, "Jesus Christ will have the last say."

And as Edison was taken into a cell at the courthouse, another family member called out to him, "We are still praying babe. Keep the faith."

CRIME BULLETIN

Metro Crime Stoppers is offering up to $1,000 for the arrest and indictment of the suspect who shot a Baltimore City man.

In addition a private reward of $1,000 is being offered by the victim's employer.

This crime occurred on May 20, 1988 at approximately 9:00 p.m. when two suspects armed with guns robbed a group of teens who were in Evesham Park.

The suspects then entered the foot bridge at 700 Evesham Avenue where there were several people walking across.

A few minutes later shots rang out and a man was hit twice. The others on the bridge ran for help.

The suspects fled from the scene. The victim was taken to Sinai Hospital where he was treated for gunshot wounds to the chest and hand.

Baltimore Police are looking for two suspects. The first is described as a black male approximately 30 years of age. He is 5'9" to 6' tall and weights 140-145 pounds.

He has a dark completion with razor bumps on his face.

On the evening of the shooting he was wearing a gray and white hooded jacket with a red stripe and gray jeans.

The second suspect is described as a black male approximately 18-23 years of age.

He is 5'4" to 5'6" tall and wights 125-130 pounds. He had a mustache and flat top hair cut. On the evening of the shooting he was wearing a dark colored sweat suit with a hood.

If you have any information about this shooting you are urged to call the Metro Crime Stooper confidential Hotline at 276-888.

Tilghman announces promotions

George Christian

John Reintzell, Jr.

John A. Barnes

Three blacks were among four officers who were promoted recently by the Baltimore City Police Department. The appointment and promotional ceremonies took place last week at the City Police Headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel George L. Christian, formerly an area chief in the Patrol Division was appointed to the rank of colonel and is now the chief of the Patrol Division.

The former Eastern District commander, Major John A. Barnes was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and is now in the Patrol Division.

Appointed to the rank of major was former Captain John F. Reintzell, Jr., who now moves from Special Operations Division to Planning and Research Division.

Lieutenant Ronald L. Daniel was promoted to the post of Captain and has moved from the Inspection Service Division to become the Captain of Special Operations Division.

Ronald Daniel

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The Maryland State Lottery's Lotto Game is the fastest and most exciting way to build a dollar into a million or more.

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