AFRO Clean Block leaders tour city today

Scenes from Mayor's Trash Bash kickoff Geo. B. Murphy Homes parade Sat.

Mesdames Pauline Martin, Hattie Turner, Murphy Homes, Elizabeth Farmer, Minnie Mitchell and Gloria Holeman.

Rat Eradication Team, HCD-Delonia Shropshire, Ms. Catherine Matthews and Claude Patterson.

AFRO Clean Blockers attending the Mayor's Trash Bash luncheon were Elizabeth Cromartie and Velma Martin of 2000 Ellsworth St.; Berlian Thorne, 1700 N. Monroe St.; Sadie Givens, 500 Sanford Pl.; Ida Peters, Clean Block Director, Rev. E. McDaniel and Lucy Washington of the Pentridge Apartments.

Top R. & B. Singles			Top R. & B. Albums
1 SHAKE YOUR BODY (DOWN TO THE GROUND) THE JACKSONS	5 I GOT MY MIND MADE UP (YOU CAN GET IT GIRL) INSTANT FUNK	GARY'S GANG	1 DESTINY THE JACKSONS
2 HE'S THE GREATEST DANCER SISTER SLEDGE	6 I WANT YOUR LOVE CHIC		2 INSTANT FUNK
3 DISCO NIGHTS (ROCK FREAK) GQ	7 LOVE BALLAD GEORGE BENSON		3 7 HOT PEACHES & HERB
4 KNOCK ON WOOD AMII STEWART	8 OH HONEY DELEGATION		4 WE ARE FAMILY SISTER SLEDGE
	9 DA YA THINK I'm SEXY ROD STEWART		5 LIVIN' INSIDE YOUR LOVE
	10 KEEP ON DANCIN'		

Photo by Vanessa Johnson

Pauline Martin and Janie Robinson of Murphy Homes.

Beulah Coates, Mike Guerrer and Sam Brown of 600 Pitcher St.

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Fletcher Crews representing the 1200 Block of E. Lafayette Ave.

Thelma Banks and Minnie Williams of 2400 Lakeview Ave.

"Better Living Thru Community Cooperation," is the theme when the George B. Murphy Homes hold their 2nd Annual Spring Beautification Parade Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Van Story Branch is director of the division of Housing Management; Mrs. LaVerne McWhite, Housing Manager; Mrs. Hattie Turner, Program Director HCD.

The parade starts 12:30 p.m. at George Street and Myrtle Avenue; West on George; North on Fremont to Lafayette; East on Lafayette to Druid Hill, South on Druid Hill to Biddle; East on Biddle to Perkins Square.

Participants include the Baltimore City police and fire departments; Jerusalem Temple No. 4, Murphy Drill Team, Hallway Captains of Murphy Homes, The Westsiders, Enon Baptist Church Drill Team, Floats of Beauty Queens, Milton's Band and the Bicycle Corps.

For the program that follows, Mrs. Robin Scott will act as mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Tyreena Norris will give the welcome.

Mrs. Mabel Lindy, Tenant Council President will talk on Spring and Community Beautification. Mrs. Pauline Martin, volunteer community coordinator will also participate. The closing prayer will be given by Mrs. Goldie Phillips.

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Johnson C. Smith University, Incorporated, shall continue the present policy of admitting students of any race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin, to all of the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the University. No officer or employee of the University shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin in the administration of the University's educational, admissions, scholarship, loan and athletic policies and programs, or any policies and programs administered directly or indirectly by the University.

This policy of non-discrimination shall also apply equally in the employment by the University of the members of the faculty, administrative and clerical staff, and all other persons whose services are necessary for the proper discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the University.

$1,000 REWARD

Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company will pay a total of $1,000 as a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the four persons who assaulted and robbed its employee about 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 17, 1979, in the 700 block Harford Avenue, Baltimore City.

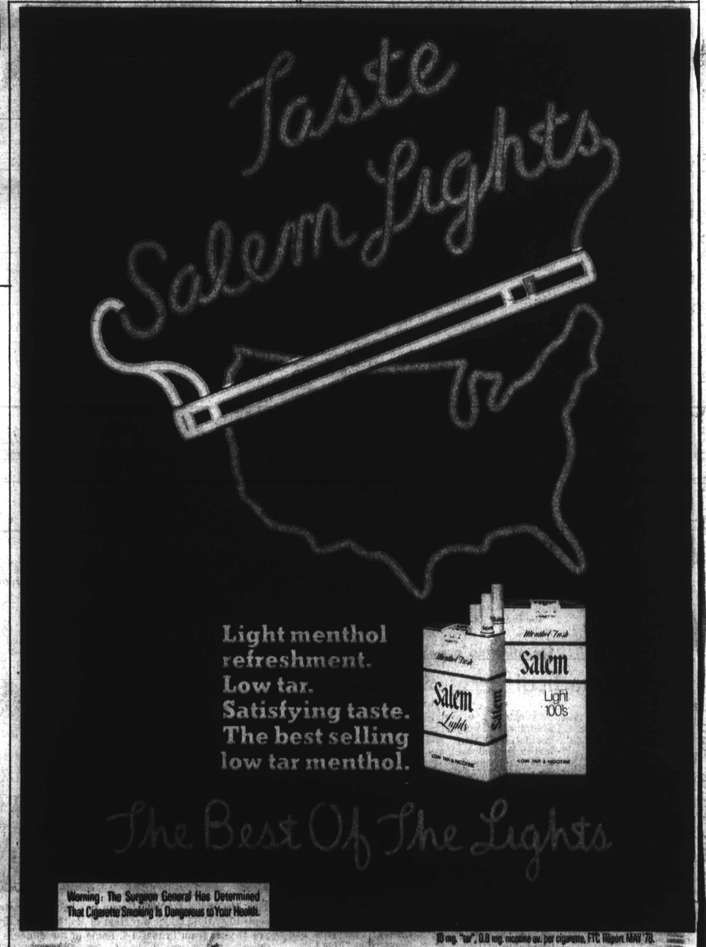
The Company has also offered rewards and is still seeking information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for two similar incidents recently in the same area:

- An assault and robbery of an employee which took place at 3:05 P.M. on March 20, 1979 at Madison Street and Harford Avenue.
- An assault and robbery of an employee which took place at 2:40 P.M. on March 23, 1979 in the 700 block Graves Street.

The Company will not disclose the name of any person or persons furnishing such information to it.

Anyone having such information should call 234-5197.

$1,000 REWARD



Debutantes presented at Elks Tri-State Cotillion

The Tri - State Association of Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia held its fifteenth annual Debutante Cotillion last Saturday evening in the ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

There was excitement in the air as each debutante waited her turn to make her bow in the archway made of fresh spring flowers. The ladies were beautiful as they strolled up the floor in long white gowns carrying old fashioned bouquets of pink and white flowers.

The two young girls were dressed in pink and blue and raccied baskets of flowers.

Choreographers for the affair was Mrs. Nikki Randolph. Assisting her was Mrs. Bernadine Harrison.

The debutantes were: Misses Daphne Anne Makle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Makle, a Gwynne Park Senior High School student of Brandywine, Md. sponsored by Loyal Ladies Temple No. 712. Escort, Rudolph Robinson.

Kim Antoinette McCoy, daughter of Mrs. Madeline M. Webster, University of Maryland, College Park, Md., sponsored by Spirit of Chesapeake Lodge No. 1107. Escort, Earl Goodwin.

Charlotte Georgianna Boston, Mrs. and Mrs. J. Edward Boston, Western High, Baltimore, sponsored by Monumental Lodge No. 3 and Greater Southern Temple No. 30, Robert Hines, escort.

Sandra Bernadette Brady, Mrs. Geraldine Brady; Southwestern High, Baltimore, sponsored by Spirit of Chesapeake Temple no. 761, Kenneth Waller, escort.

Cynthia Gail Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Catonsville High sponsored by Emma Williams Temple No. 358, Kevin Jackson, escort.

April Yvonne Crandell, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Crandell; University of Maryland, Baltimore County; sponsored by East Baltimore Lodge No. 1043, Phillip Allen Weatherford, escort.

Paula Yvette Ellis, Mrs. Eugenia V. Johnson; Dunbar Senior High, Baltimore, sponsored by F. E. W. Harpers Council of PDR; Erick Johnson, escort.

Twinette Barbette Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilbert Galloway; Glen Burnie High ; sponsored by Sampson Brooks Lodge and Sampson Brooks Temple No. 682; Christopher Hill, escort.

Tracey Ariette Ruth Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Harris, Towson High sponsored by Pride of Towson Lodge No. 842 and Esther Progressive Temple No. 396, Barry Watson, escort.

Shawn Maria Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Murray, Woodlawn High, sponsored by Alexander Dumas Lodge and Hester Dutton Temple, Milford, Del.; Carl Reaves, escort.

Damielle Denise Price, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Price, Annapolis High, sponsored by Ancient City Lodge No. 175 and Pride of Annapolis Temple No. 76; Anthony Savoy, escort.

Diane Patrica Rainey, Mrs. Elizabeth Day; Mergenthaler High, Baltimore; sponsored by Peace and Harmony Council, PDR; Jeff Cottman, escort.

Teresa Victoria Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Rochester, Kenty County High, Worton, Md.; sponsored by Bay City Lodge and Star Temple; Jackie Miller, escort.

Yvette Latanya Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Savage; Northern High, Baltimore; sponsored by Zorah Elliott Temple NLo. 717; Samuel Wilmore, escort.

Genora Sessomes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Sessomes; Catonsville Community College; sponsored by Ancient City Lodge No. 175 and Pride of Annapolis Temple No. 76; Donald Downes, escort

Robin Lenora Simmons, Mr. and Ms. Raymond Simmons; Catonsville High; sponsored by Pride of Dover Lodge and Temple; Lenny Simmons, escort.

Antionette Delores Turner, Mrs. Betty Ann Turner; Kent County High, Worton, Md; sponsored by Bay City Lodge and Star Temple; Perry Wilson, escort.

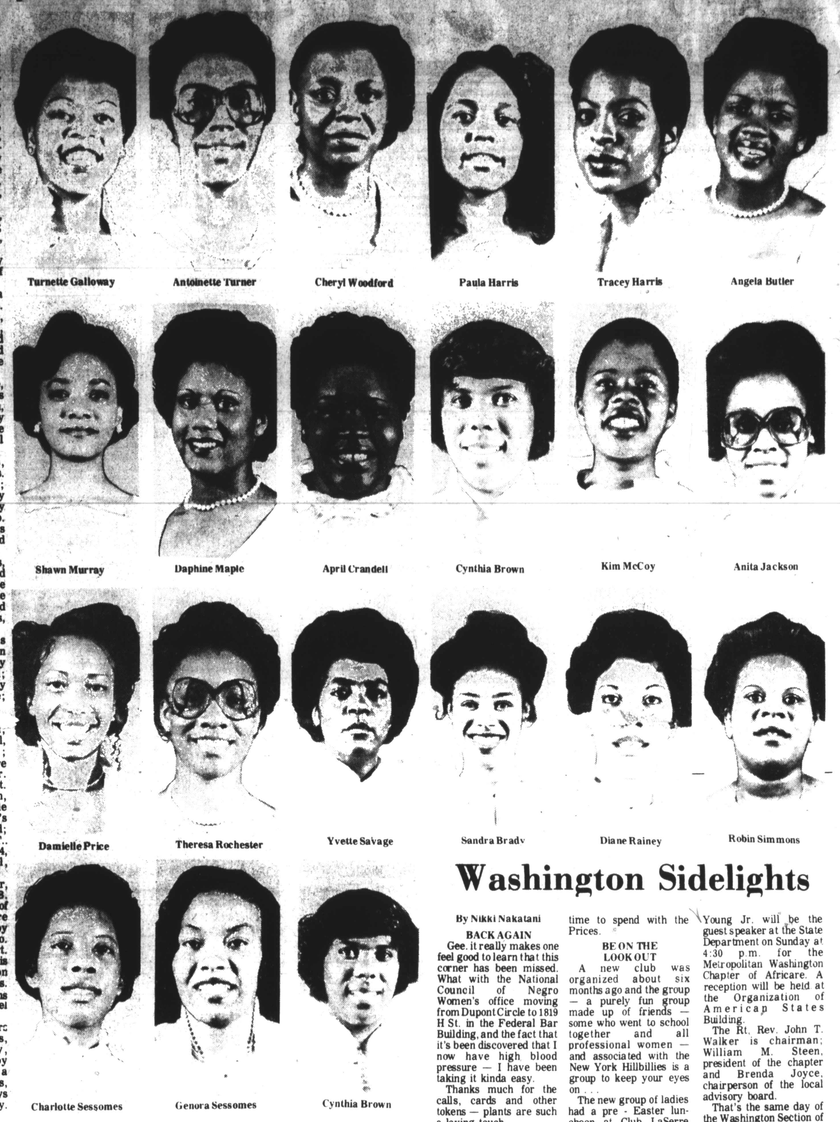
Cheryl [illegible] Mrs. Ruby Woolford, Cambridge High School, Cambridge, Md.; sponsored by Progressive Temple of Dorchester. Steve Woolford, escort.

Anita Lyne Jackson, daughter of Mrs. Bessie V. Jackson; St. Michael's High, St. Michaels, Md; sponsored by Samuel T. Hemsley Lodge No. 974, Traymore Caldwell, escort.

Angela waltine Butler, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Crandell; University of Maryland, Baltimore County; sponsored by Loyal Ladies Temple No. 712, Mark Taylor, escort.

Mrs. Ethel T. Harris and William Braxton were chairpersons. Mrs. Effie Oulman was patron chairperson and Samuel Gaines, co - chairman.

Committee members were Julia B. Miles, Beatrice Shockley, Charles Carroll, Leroy Matthews, Anita Stevenson, James Harris, Warnick Graves, Gladys Whye and Grace Dorsey.



Turnette Galloway | Antoinette Turner | Cheryl Woodford | Paula Harris | Tracey Harris | Angela Butler

Shawn Murray | Daphne Maple | April Crandell | Cynthia Brown | Kim McCoy | Anita Jackson

Damielle Price | Theresa Rochester | Yvette Savage | Sandra Brady | Diane Rainey | Robin Simmons

Charlotte Sessomes | Genora Sessomes | Cynthia Brown

The Art World

12th anniversary exhibit opens at Smith-Mason

By Charles Hall

The four - story brick building, at 1207 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., near Logan Circle is no ordinary art gallery. One must ring the door bell to be admitted and the person who ushers you in is likely to be James C. Mason, president, Smith - Mason Gallery of Art.

The door bell rule must have been suspended Sunday, April 1, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. because during that time more than 1,000 viewers, many from out of town, crowded through the doorway for the opening of the Smith - Mason Twelfth Anniversary Exhibition.

The show will continue through April 30.

When asked how artists are selected for his exhibitions, Mason speaks pointedly of "professionals." His description is precise, because the works of such well - known "pros" as James L. Wells and Delilah W. Pierce are now on display. Other artists represented are Corrine Mitchell, Georgette S. Powell, Peter Robinson, Ken Simpson and Jerry Prettyman; Phyllis Fauntleroy, Dr. Leroy Gaskin and Edna Koonce.

However, the works of a "rookie" Roland Ervin, are outstanding. He has produced serious works for only about two years, and his approach to air brush painting with water color and India ink is completely fresh. The paintings seem to catch the eye, no matter what the viewer's mood or prejudice. Ervin paints what could be termed "fancy spheres": basketballs, baseballs, tennis balls, billiard balls — but "they are marbles," he says.

The marbles are carefully decorated, highlighted, shadowed and grouped with a sure design sense. The artist says he has no preconceived notion of how the pictures will turn out — or what the titles will be — until they are finished. Pictures such as TRIBES, MOZAMBIQUE, and MAHOGANY are deep in color and fit their titles perfectly.

The marbles remain geometric and modern in shape and color although several are light in spirit. JADE has cool colors like lemon and lime BLUE PEARL has one marble, clearly "superior" to the others. The title CIRCUS is appropriate for spheres colored green, yellow, and red like a clown's make - up and costume.

Ervin discovered his marbles one day while demonstrating air brush techniques. He liked the idea and decided to continue designing more and more decorative spheres and placing them in exciting compositions.

Ervin, a medical illustrator for Virginia University Hospital in Charlottesville, cuts stencils with (what else?) a surgeon's scalpel. He then masks portions of the painting and sprays color into the exposed areas. "The process," he says, "doesn't allow for mistakes".

Recently the artist turned his attention from marbles to shells, which also can assume human characteristics. The shell in UNDECIDED is on the beach, half in and half out of water. ALONE and UNOCCUPIED evoke sadness, although the shells are inanimate objects.

A thorough exploration of pencil shading and a sympathetic view of people is seen in the works of Jerry Prettyman, a Baltimore artist, who apparently believes in careful drawing rather than loose sketching. AN EYE ON THE SPARROW is his most touching work, showing the soulful expression of singer - actress Ethel Waters. REFLECTION is very original in approach: A seated man is carefully rendered in tones of gray, but the area of his eyes and glasses is paper white with no drawing.

Prettyman's works are near - portraits: the subjects face the viewer. This is true in PORTRAIT IN BLACK, BOY ON A SWING, and GRANDDAUGHTER, and GRANDMOTHER. These three are drawn with very soft lead on textured paper. Two exceptions to shaded pencil drawing are OLD INDIAN, carefully done in pen and ink, and ASIAN WOMAN, his only color drawing.

Corrinne Mitchell has several canvases, some unframed, on which she harnessed the accidental flow of paint and urged it towards more specific form. Her largest painting is EARTHBOUND, which looks like the turbulent surface of a yet uninhabited planet.

To paint a rocky shoreline facing up to ndomitable water and sky is now almost the exclusive right of Delilah W. Pierce. She has three such paintings in the show.

James L. Wells has used wood block engraving for 50 years, but most of his prints were small and of religious or mythological themes. The artist credits a trip to Africa for some changes in his style. His YOUNG HERDSMAN AND FLOWER and STILL LIFE WITH AQUARIUM are large, near-abstract and in color.

— Phyllis Fauntleroy combines sea shells with her oil painting technique.

— Georgette S. Powell feels she has been "influenced by my Afro - American heritage since childhood".

— Peter Robinson says: "My themes are usually inspired by nature".

— Edna Koonce believes — "art — like the human figure is man's greatest gift in celebration of life. . ."

— Dr. Leroy Gaskin says: "I create because of the fulfillment I receive. . ."

— Ken Simpson speaks of art as a means of communicating with mankind".

The Smith - Mason Gallery of Art's Twelfth Anniversary Exhibition has great variety. Many pieces of sculpture on display are traditional African, others are African influenced.

The Smith - Mason Gallery is open daily 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Anniversary Exhibition continues through April 30.

Washington Sidelights

By Nikki Nakatani

BACK AGAIN

Gee, it really makes one feel good to learn that this corner has been missed. What with the National Council of Negro Women's office moving from Dupont Circle to 1819 H St. in the Federal Bar Building, and the fact that it's been discovered that I now have high blood pressure — I have been taking it kinda easy.

Thanks much for the calls, cards and other tokens — plants are such a loving touch.

SMALL WORLD

When Nigerian businessman Joseph Wayas landed in Washington, the Lloyd Prices (he's the "Hey Lawdy, Miss Claudy" famester and entertainer of note and she's the attractive Philadelphian who did quite a bit of modeling a few years back — the former Quanda Mitchell) did the honors and had Robert Brown of High Point, N.C. doing the honors. Bob didn't make it in before we left but his topnotch staffer, Mary Douglas and hubby, were in town doing a grand job.

Over cocktails and a super dinner — soup, salad, steak and ice cream and more of the bubbly, it was an interesting group who heard the distinguished African guest of honor, met his charming wife and the more than 50 diners including New York's Billy Rowe (my old homey and Courier buddy), Ruth A. Sykes, Dorothy I. Height, Susie M. Moore and T. M. and Lenora C. Alexander.

Discovered that TM is also a Piscean and friends in Atlanta gave him a surprise birthday party, which was really elegant — gathering of 100 friends and relatives — black and white and everyone had a ball. Lenora was delighted that the fete was truly a surprise. TM still can't get over it and is so appreciative of the gesture and friendship.

Speaking of friendships, Sue and Calvin Banks (he's a Philadelphian, too) were there and had time to spend with the Prices.

BE ON THE LOOK OUT

A new club was organized about six months ago and the group — a purely fun group made up of friends — some who went to school together and all professional women — and associated with the New York Hillbillies is a group to keep your eyes on . . .

The new group of ladies had a pre - Easter luncheon at Club LaSerre and what a good time they had. Part of the decorations were yellow ribbons and Easter egg baskets.

I wouldn't be surprised if they decided to call themselves CH. They are Derry Blount, Laura Brantley, Christine Davis, Wilhelmina Gardner of Baltimore, Jean Wilson also of Baltimore; Lessie Yancey, Savanna Clark, Doris Eiland, Blanche Jordan, Marjorie Lawson, Lillian Lawson, Marie Hicks, Mary Ann Niles, Ersa Poston, Jacqueline Robinson, Alma Rangel, Lynnette Taylor, Nola Washington and Carol Webster. When party time comes with the aforementioned — it's no doubt that it will be a swinging and memorable event.

GRACIOUS HOSTESS

Sarah Mack of Kenyon St., N.W. is always the gracious hostess when she and hubby, Peter, entertain friends and neighbors. A seamstress, Sara is also a gourmet cook and this time one of her 'round the world' dinners — the special of the day was Chinese and was it yummy. Joining the fun and food and the warmth of friends were Sam and Doris Poole, the John Eubanks and the Jonah Shorts.

Took time out after leaving the Macks to visit their neighbors across the street — Doc and Mazie Holland, who are doing interesting things with their home.

COMING UP

The Hon. Andrew J. Young Jr. will be the guest speaker at the State Department on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. for the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of Africare. A reception will be held at the Organization of American States Building.

The Rt. Rev. John T. Walker is chairman; William M. Steen, president of the chapter and Brenda Joyce, chairperson of the local advisory board.

That's the same day of the Washington Section of the NCNW has its fashion show luncheon.

On the 27th the Washington Chapter of the Virginia State College Alumni Association will have its Annual Spring Dance at the Shoreham Americana Hotel. Thomas Montague is president and Lawrence Emanuel, chairman of the dance.

Alpha Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority will hold forth with its Annual Scholarship Dance at St. Benedict the Moor's on the 28th with Jimmy McPhail. Eloise Ellis is the publicity chairperson and she always does a grand job in whatever capacity.

TID BITS

Having a good time just talking — and eating at the home of S. Bruce and Theressa Brown — a perfect way to relax. While house - sitting for Alyce Edwards and Dorothy Harris of Brookland, had a chance to pop in on the Browns.

The recent shopping trip sponsored by the John Wesley AME Zion Church and the Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Society proved a bananza for those with sharp eyes, good taste and money - charge cards. Chicken and sodas and lively conversations on the three buses — Charlotte Atkins, Marguertie Adams, Phyllis Anderson, Gertrude Kelley, Clementine Brown, Mabel Mosley, Susie Moore, Ruth A. Sykes, Ruth Bullock really scored with the bargains at the Baltimore store.