Congratulations

By Ida Peters

The 50th Annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers is living proof that strong- willed people, with a great desire for a clean environment CAN move mountains of trash.

And once again it has been proved that when thousands of black people band together with one common goal, city government will respond.

If we attack rats, filth, roach and trash problems and if we insist on metal garbage cans and no litter on our sidewalks and gutters, we'll all live happier and healthier lives.

The AFRO knows it has not been easy. In some projects the management insistence on green dumpsters and not on the color scheme of the block has put a damper on many blocks.

One year we saw yellow and blue dumpsters with flowers and slogans. Some managements feel that because you live in a project you must be quiet, stupid and not object to being treated like cattle. There is no excuse for leaking roofs, overstopped toilets that leak into other apartments and elevators that do not work.

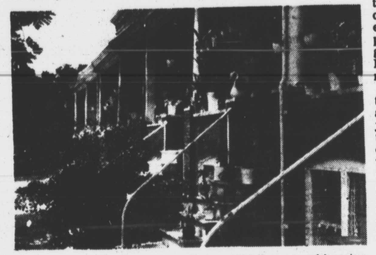
In other blocks we find absentee landlords cleaning out houses and hiring Arab haulers to dump in other blocks.

Thru it all, most of you have made friends of your neighbors and continued to call your Urban Services, Mayor's Stations, HCD- Neighborhood Progress and Leonard Folio's Solid Waste Department.

The key to city services is to get out the VOTE this fall. When you are registered voters the Mayor and City Council will respond.

City Agencies write off your block because you do not vote. If you don't you'll still have broken curbs, pot holes and irregular trash collections.

Remember, the Lord helps those who help themselves!



$100 Winner — 1500 E. 28th St. with beautiful flowers and hanging baskets. Under the leadership of Dolly Wesby and Willie Mae Hill they have fough apathy, cat problems, trash and rats on Abbottson St.

Pom-Pom Girls in 1500 E. 28th St. perform for judges their AFRO Clean Block cheer. Above, Lady Knight, Monique Oliver, LaKeisha McGraw, Michelle Edwards and Shanika McGraw (not shown).

$100 Winner is 2800 Woodbrook with their beautiful flowers and sidewalk gardens. Mrs. Henrietta Mosley is Advisor; Mrs. Helen Chase, Captain and Mrs. Hettie Pompey, Co-Captain. They have 82 houses in this block and all families working. All houses and yards have beautiful flowers.

$75 Winners — 1700 Braddish where Mrs. Rosalina Boone is Advisor. They have 40 houses in block with 35 families working. Mrs. Boone has worked in the AFRO Campaign for 25 years and is a member of St. Katherine of Alexandria Church.

COMING Tuesday's AFRO

...More beautiful 1984 Clean Blocks

$100 Winner

"I Remember AFRO"

I remember when I had a Clean Block in the 1400 blk. of Myrtle Avenue in 1973. My block was an outstanding block. I made sure that the people of this community would pitch in and help me and the kids to keep our block clean.

I remember when I went to each neighbor and asked them if they could donate some paint or paint brushes or flowers so I could paint their windows and their tires. Mrs. Peters I'd worked very hard to have a clean block because our adults would not try to help me.

They made it harder for me. I believe that God will make a way for me. And as a young black man who has been in this community I have learned a lot. As long as I believe that God will take care of me I don't worry anymore.

I remember when my block won $50 for the outstanding service that the captain and co-captain had done for the block. I only had one person who would help me with the clean block. People would throw bottles and cans all over the street and they would even put trash bags on other peoples pavement. So I just gave everything up to the Lord and he made away for me and the clean block.

After I won the $50 prize, I then gave a party for the kids and I rented a suit, I looked just like Mickey Mouse. All the kids and adults thought I came from Disney World. It was a happy day. I love to make kids happy. Then we marched in the AFRO Clean Block parade. So those were the happy days for me. Thank you for the good old days. JOHN HANCOCK.

$100 Winner — 1679 Freedomway where Briheem Hamilton Ademilji is Captain; Michele Ademilji is Co-Captain and Mrs. Verna Harris, Advisor. They have painted their dumpsters red and have green runners on their steps.

$150 Winner is the 500 blk. Fulton Ave. Advisor George B. Dozier rounds out 50 years of working in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

$50 Winner

"I Remember AFRO Clean Block"

We first became involved in the AFRO Clean Block back in 1963. After we became involved we included other blocks. Such as the 2000 and 2100 blks. of Barclay Streets, 300, 500 and 700 blks. of East 21st. Streets, 1900 blk. of Guilford Avenue and other blocks.

When we realized how beautiful and cleaner the block (our block), began to look, we decided to continue with the Clean Block Campaign.

When we first began, we had an estimate of five families that particiated. As the years came and left, these five families expanded and grew to have one of the TOP HONOR BLOCKS.

With the help of the five families we are continuing to receive the help of other families in our neighborhood, to help keep the neighborhood a better and cleaner place to live.

We organized under the direction of Ms. Latell. Now we are under the direction of Mrs. Ida Peters, who has come a long way to help improve and better the operation.

The AFRO CLEAN BLOCK CAMPAIGN, will be one that will be truly remembered and appreciated. If other blocks, not involved, would become involved in this campaign, the WORLD WOULD TRULY BE A BRIGHTER and BETTER place for all to live and love in. 400 blk. of East 21st. Street. Mrs. MARY SUE JOHNSON- Advisor.

$100 Winner is 2000 Barclay St. where Mrs. Mary Clay is Advisor and Mrs. Catherine Beard, Co-Captain. Mrs. Clay's son Philip was Captain for five years before going in the Armed Services. This block gives special thanks to their neighbors for their donations.

Why have a Clean Block?

Why has the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers been conducting a Clean Block Program for the past 50 years? Is it necessary? Does it benefit the community?

The AFRO Clean Block Program is the oldest environmental program in the United States and while the format has changed over the years, it still carries out the same simple formula of organization and teaches the same habits of cleanliness.

The AFRO believes that cleanliness starts with each person in the family, in the home. The family then takes care of the front and back and places its garbage and trash in metal trash cans to protects against rats.

Children are taught early not to throw trash in the streets and the Clean Block Program helps to change personal behavior patterns and attitudes, developed in many adults over many years.

Neighbors working together learn how to make city agencies respond to their needs. Representatives of Solid Waste, consumer services, police and fire departments delegate representatives to serve as consultants.

Young people who serve as captain, co-captains and advisors have learned how to call city agencies and say:

"I'm an AFRO Clean Block and I have a problem."

1100 N. Port Street with Mrs. Christine Brown is Captain. They have painted steps blue and white and grown beautiful flowers. This block between Montford and Milton and Biddle and Chase is very pretty. They have fought mountains of trash, rats and complain about broken curbs and pavements. They are a $100 winner.

Evelyn Ashford sets new mark

ZURICH, Switzerland (UPI) — Olympic champion sprinter Evelyn Ashford broke her own world record at 100 meters Wednesday, finishings in 10.76 at the Weltklasse international track meet.

Ashford overhauled her archrival, former world record holder Marlies Goehr of East Germany, just after the half-way point and sliced three hundredths of a second off her record set at high altitude in Colorado Springs, Colo., in July of 1983.

Goehr missed the Los Angeles Olympic Games because of the Soviet-led boycott.

Another Olympic champion, Briton Sebastian Coe, scored an impressive victory over Steve Scott of the United States, Switzerland's Pierre Deleze and Spain's Jose Abascal in the 1500 meters.

Ashford admitted she was at least as tense before this race as she felt before the Olympic final.

"There was a lot of pressure before this race and I thought it was important to beat Goehr so I could prove I'm the best in the world," Ashford said.

"It certainly was a motivation to beat the record at sea level, I'm tired of seeing my world record with an 'A' (for altitude) behind it. That's kind of depressing because I felt Colorado Springs was in the world.

"In the Olympic final, I knew I could win if I was healthy, Here I just wanted to win because it was important that I beat Goehr, but here the pressure on me was possibly higher," she added.

Ashford admitted she had doubts about the outcome until the end.

"The only thing I remember was as we got to the finish line I felt she (Goehr) was even," Ashford said, "I just relaxed and tried to pull away and I did."

Goehr, who has a short-stridings upright style that contrast with Ashford's rangy gait, was quick to congratulate the American on her superb performance, perhaps acknowledging that her own reign as sprint queen is finally over.

In head-to-head clashes, Goehr and Ashford now stand at six wins apiece.

Carl Lewis, whose crown as king of man's sprinting lacks the jewel of a world record, produced his customary second-half purse to win the 100 meters in 9.99 seconds, beating fellow American Harvey Glance by seven hundredths of a second. Calvin Smith, world record holder at 9.93, had to settle for fourth place, one-hundredth of a second behind Canadian Ben Johnson in 10.13.

"I'm just too tired to break any world records. I expected something more out of my starts in Europe, but I feel too tired," Lewis explained.

GETTING BETTER — Evelyn Ashford, second from right, set a new world record by running in a 10.76 race in the 100m dash in the International Track and Field Meeting in Zurich, Switzerland Wednesday. East Germany's Marties Coehr, right, came in second. Others finishing were Grace Jackson, left, and Diane Williams. UPI photo

Thompson signed by Blazers

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — Bernard Thompson, a 6-6 guard-forward out of Fresno State, has signed a multi-year contract with the Portland Trail Blazers, the NBA team announced Monday.

Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

Thompson, the Blazers' first-round pick and the 19th player taken overall in the June draft, set a school career shooting percentage record of .577 and had a record 151 steals while at Fresno State.

Thompson is the third-leading scorer in Bulldog history with a career total of 1,452 points. He averaged 15.7 points per game in the 1983-84 season.

The Blazers believe Thompson will occupy the shooting guard position behind Jim Paxson, a free agent whose contract with the team expired at the end of last season, said Stu Inman, Blazers' genoral manager.

Ed Moses takes break

HANOVER, West Germany (UPI) — Edwin Moses, the Olympic 400-meter hurdles champion, said he is calling off the rest of his European tour because he is not in form.

Moses on Sunday warmed up but did not compete as scheduled in an international track meet in Hanover. Boos greeted an announcement he would not compete because he felt weak.

Moses, 28, the world record-holder who has won 105 consecutive races over the past seven years, became sick after drinking cold milk, his wife Myrella told reporters.

Before flying off to Berlin Moses said, "I don't feel in form and will not compete in Zurich Wednesday, and this season I will not compete in Europe anymore."

The Hanover meet organizers said Moses had not been paid the $15,000 he had been promised for competing. They said he had been given only travel and other expenses.

There were reports Moses asked more money than sponsors were willing to pay.

A LOSS FOR LEWIS — Carl Lewis (R), talks with Kirk Baptiste, USA, who beat the winner of four gold Olympic medals in the 200 meter race in the Nike Classic athletics at Crystal Palace last weekend in London. The 300 is not one of Lewis's regular distances and he came in fourth behind Todd Bennett (UK) and Walter McCoy (USA). UPI Photo.

MISSED RACE — In West Germany, Olympic gold medalist Edwin Moses talked with German-born wife Myrella after being treated by doctors for dizziness at a track meet in Hannover, Moses was forced by the incident to drop out of the 400-meter hurdles event. — UPI Photo.

Cavaliers sign Mel Turpin

RICHFIELD, Ohio (UPI)— The Cleveland Cavaliers scheduled a news conference Thursday to formally announce the signing of rookie center Melvin Turpin.

A Cavaliers' spokesman said the 6-foot-11, 275-pound product of Kentucky has agreed to a multi-year contract.

Reports indicated that Turpin and his agent, David Falk, have hammered out a contract worth approximately $600,000 per season. The agreement is said to be guaranteed for a minimum of three years, and includes performance and other incentive bonuses.

Turpin was obtained during the June 19 NBA draft from Washington in exchange for center Tim McCormick of Michigan, veteran forward Cliff Robinson and an undisclosed amount of cash. McCormick was Cleveland's top draft choice.

Sports awards

The Baltimore City Public Schools Coaches Association Awards for outstanding sportsmanship, will be presented to Polytechnic Institute Senior High of the Western Division and New City College High School of the Eastern Division in September.

The Catholic School Award goes to the John Carroll High School, and the Independent School Award will be presented to St. Paul.

The Paul Menton Award for the most outstanding sportsmanship record for the M.S.A. will be awarded to St. Paul.

All the awards will be presented at special school assemblies in September.

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Philly Stars heading to Baltimore in 1986

Football is coming back to Baltimore next season — even if the Colts remain in Indiana.

The announcement came Wednesday shortly after the U.S. Football League voted unanimously to play one more spring season then move to the fall against the National Football League in 1986.

John Bassett, owner of the Tampa Bay Bandits and chairman of the league's executive committee, sounded as excited about the upcoming move of the Philadelphia Stars as did Baltimoreans.

Bassett predicted the Stars would set the professional world on fire when they switch to Baltimore.

Bassett said he told Philadelphia Star owner Myles Tanenbaum that he is "a real football genius, a great financial consultant, but he does not know much about marketings."

Bassett's comments came after Tanenbaum announced he would move his USFL championship team to Baltimore because he cannot compete with the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies in the stadium.

"Not only will Tanenbaum get enough fans in Baltimore, but he will probably sell more tickets in Philadelphia next season because of the fact he is moving his team" Bassett said.

The Philadelphia Stars could beat the NFL Colts, who moved from Baltimore to Indianapolis, right now, he said.

"(Tanenbaum) has a good team and I know the mayor of Baltimore and other civic leaders there, as well as the the fans, will welcome the Stars with open arms," Bassett said.

If Tanenbaum is smart, he will start selling season tickets for 1986 right now because they will go real fast, just like tickets for the Indianapolis Colts games were sold out in a matter of days" he said. "The (Baltimore) fans are hungry for professional football," he said.

In Baltimore, Ambrose Hartman — who is heading the city's legal attempt to regain the lost NFL franchise, said he could not predict whether the city would drop the case if it not the USFL team.

"The city wants a football team. It doesn't have to be the Colts," Hartman said. "But the Colts are an NFL team and the stars are not."

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