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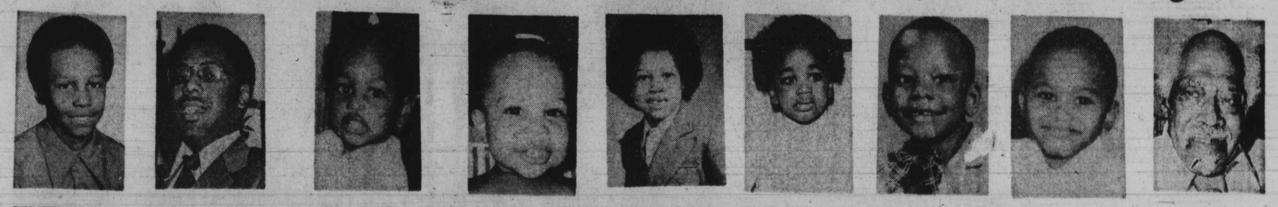
AFRO readers help to celebrate the August 13 birthday all month long



RODNEY CLINTON age 13 Aug. 13 | FRANKLIN C. SHOWELL age 35 Aug. 13 | SHEDANA LATISHA HAYES age 2. Aug. 13 | JOY PAULINE GORHAM age 2 Aug. 13 | RONALD JOHNSON age 7 Aug. 20. | DAMON T. EDWARDS age 5 Aug. 22 | RODNEY A. JAMISON age 6 Aug. 20 | MARCUS D. GREENE age 4 Aug. 11 | LUTHER DEAN age 86 Aug. 13

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MISS CHERIE DIEDRE JONES in photo the night she won the title "Miss North Baltimore."

Beauty queen to wed Saturday

The social event of the late summer season is the Saturday wedding of 1974 Miss Northwest Baltimore to a prominent Washington businessman.

The occasion, set for 5 p.m. at the Fort Myers, Va. post chapel, will witness beauteous Miss Cherie Diedre Jones and Alfred Edgar Bryan exchanging vows before scores of guests from the Eastern Seaboard.

Miss Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dewitt Williams, both Baltimore educators. Her father is William Wilfred Jones, prominent Danville, Va. realtor and her mother, the former Mrs. Juanita Jones, a former Coppin State College and Essex Community college professor.

The bridegroom is vice president of Booze, Hamilton and Allen, management consultants in D.C. and the son of Mrs. Margaret E. Bryan of Reston, Va. and Alfred E. Bryan, noted New York maciuinist.

Giving the bride away is her brother, Major William W. Jones II of Andrews Air Force Base. The Rev. Paul Spencer Williams will read the vows. A reception follows the ceremonies.

Eight victims of rape point out Pen guard

Since October 1975 police have been diligently working and checking every tip they received on a man who was called the "Northwest Rapist."

Early Monday morning, police arrested John W. Simms, 27, of the 4200 block Rogers Ave. and charged him with two murders, attempted murder and rape.

Simms is now being held for safety at Baltimore County Jail without bail.

Police say it was "pure luck" Sunday, when one of the rape victims spotted Simms driving a car. Being alert, the woman jotted down the license number and called the police.

Simms was positively identified by eight other rape victims when he appeared in a lineup Tuesday night.

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FIRST ASSAULT

The first woman was sexually assaulted last October while waiting for a bus in Northwest Baltimore.

MISS SANDRA M. MORRISON

Simms has been charged with the murder of Miss Sandra Michelle Morrison and Mrs. Sharon Taylor Tynes.

Simms allegedly killed Miss Morrison, 16, of the 3700 block Overview Rd., March 27, 1975. She was gunned down in cold blood outside her home.

Miss Morrison was a student at Douglass High Evening School and was described as a likeable and

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Accused guard is 27

John W. Simms, 27, has been charged as the "Northwest Rapist." Early Monday morning, he was arrested by Homicide detectives and charged with murdering two women, one attempted murder and rape in the Northwest section of Baltimore.

According to police, Simms of the 4200 block Rogers Ave. is married and lived with his wife.

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George H. Collins, warden of the Penitentiary, told the AFRO, "Simms has been employed at the Penitentiary since Jan. 19, 1972 as a correctional officer.

Collins also said, "I can not release any other information about Simms."

Simms has has been suspended without pay pending the outcome of the charges against him.

A prisoner tried to escape from University Hospital in November 1974, while Simms was watching him. Simms shot the prisoner and was acquitted in July 1975.

JOHN W. SIMMS arrested Aug. 9

NO. 1 VICTIM, Miss Sandra M. Morrison, was slain 11:56 p.m. May 27, 1975 outside her home in the 3700 block Overview Rd. just a month prior to the No. 2 victim

NO. 2 VICTIM was Mrs. Sharon Taylor Tynes, slain June 28, 1975 at 4:55 a.m. at the bus stop in the 4400 block Garrison Blvd. at Ridgewood Ave.

Julian sets record straight about job residency measure

City Councilman Dr. Emerson R. Julian this week issued a statement which sets the record straight on the opinion recently handed down by City Solicitor Benjamin L. Brown.

Julian recently successfully petitioned to referendum for a vote this fall to his proposed Charter amendment requiring all future city workers to be residents in Baltimore.

HIS STATEMENT

The following is the text of his statement.

"I have not actually seen a copy of Brown's former opinion. However, when one reads the daily paper which carries an account of Brown's opinion the headline is quite misleading.

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"At first glance, it would give one the impression that Judge Brown is saying all residential requirements are illegal.

"However, when time is taken to read the body of the story, what Brown is directive by the mayor Schaefer's directive is illegal.

"He has no basis in the city law of any kind to support such an order. I have said this on TV that such a directive by the Mayor was an illegal act.

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"The only way the residency law can be passed in this is by means of Charter revision. The City Council and mayor do not have the authority to do this by simple ordinance.

"The mayor can not do this as he has chosen to do. I am not at all surprised that Judge Brown would render such an opinion but it was the only one he could render.

"As written by me, it is perfectly legal in every respect and when passed by the voters we will have no difficulty with this law."

Martian soil still confuses Viking team

Is there life or isn't there?

That is the question Viking I scientists still ask as they gave a hesitant and tentative conclusion earlier this week that what they see in the soil of the mysterious red planet may be a life form unique to Mars as well as an exotic chemistry that has nothing to do with life.

"It is entirely possible that we see a very active chemistry and that buried in that chemistry is also biology," said Dr. Harold P. Klein, leader of the Viking team. "The biology could be there in spite of the chemistry or because of it."

However none of the six scientists on the team would say they had found life and none would say they had not. They sound confused and bewildered by the red sands.

So confused and bewildered were they that one Viking scientist withdrew his offer, made six months ago, to eat a sample of the Martian soil.

OLDEST CLEAN CITY CAMPAIGN IN USA

Clean Block last roundup Sunday

City officials including representatives from the mayor's office, housing, fire, health and Police Department will join the caravan touring 516 blocks to pick the winners in the AFRO's 42nd Annual Clean Block Program this Sunday at 10 a.m.

AFRO Clean Blocks are located in all sections of the city including eight housing projects.

It is significant that this Sunday's inspection marks the first day of the AFRO's 85th Anniversary year.

Today, Friday, AFRO captains, co-captains and advisors met at the McCulloh Homes Audito-

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300 Block N. Gilmor St. has flowers growing everywhere. Here you see them around the trees they've adopted and in the tire flower urns lined along the houses. (Photo by Arnetta Lottier)

$1,000 reward

A $1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailant in the April 26 murder of Miss Deborah Nadine Scott.

Baltimore County police report they are still investigating the case and all information called in (494-2220) about the case will be strictly confidential.

Miss Scott, a freshman at Morgan State University, was pronounced dead at the scene by Medical Examiner John Schaefer who said the cause of death was multiple head injuries caused by a blunt instrument.

She was found dressed in a robe and nightgown and was on the floor near the locked front door of the basement Clark Manor Apartments in the 2000 block Woodlawn Dr.

Police state the intruder apparently came in through a sliding glass door leading to a patio.

Miss Scott was an honor student at Morgan and majored in Urban Studies. She was also a lead singer with the Voices of New Shiloh Baptist Church.

Woman killed trying to catch bus

A middle-aged Irvington woman was killed near the Trailways Bus Terminal last night (Thursday) when she was run over by a Mass Transit Administration bus.

The woman, identified as Mrs. Lorraine Garbus, 5100 Irvington Ave., was running to catch a No. 8 bus when she "stumbled or ran into something and fell under the right rear wheel," according to [illegible]

The accident occurred at about 8:2[illegible] (Thursday). The victim was pronounced dead on arrival at University Hospital shortly afterwards.

Bicen Bits

The [illegible] for the training of black nurses opened at Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga. on [illegible] 881. Also on this day in [illegible] Baltimore AFRO-AMERI[illegible] AFRO-AMERICAN LEDGER hit the streets.

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