LATEST ON BALTIMORE NEWS OF THE HOUR

Miss Maryland signs in for Miss America Pageant

Miss Maryland, Amy Elizabeth Keys, will go to Atlantic City next week to sign in for the Miss America Beauty Pageant. She will be accompanied and under the watchful eye of her chaperone, Beverly Skinner, and Baltimoreans Diana Kane, Floraine Applefeld, Penny Swartz and Vanessa Jackson

Johnson, whose cousin is Miss North Carolina.

Mrs. Kane is a member of the Miss Baltimore's Best Pageant which was won in 1981 by Miss Keys. Mrs. Applefeld is the Miss Baltimore's Best executive director. Mrs. Kane has served as grooming coach for Amy and will keep tuned in to Amy's image while in Atlantic City.

Last week, Miss Maryland was in North Carolina with the officials for fittings for her evening gown competition and for consultation in the various areas which will help assure her matching all other contestants from the 50 states. Preparations have begun for the preliminary telecast from Atlantic City. The Baltimore folks hover in nearby hotels.

The Baltimore committee reports that all hotels are filled.

Amy Elizabeth Keys is the former Miss Howard County. To become Miss Maryland, she won over 20 other contestants vying for the chance to represent the state in the Miss America Beauty Pageant which year after year attracts a worldwide audience. The 1983 Miss America Pageant has three other black beauties: Miss North Carolina, Deneen Gresham; Miss New York, Vanessa Williams and Miss New Jersey, Suzette Charles.

Miss Maryland, the daughter of Romey W. and Amy E. Keys of Lanham, Md., will be 27 on Sept. 15 and will celebrate her birthday in Atlantic City. She is a Bowie State College honor graduate and will pursue the study of biology and the health field for her masters and Ph.D. degrees under beauty pageant scholarships.

She plays tennis, likes skating and swimming.

Standing 5 ft. 7 inches, Miss Maryland weighs 115 pounds. Of medium brown complexion, she has long dark brown hair and sparkling brown eyes.

The talent portion of the pageant that brought her the Miss Maryland crown, literally "brought the house down." According to Mrs. Kane, "This will happen again in Atlantic City. Her voice is one in a million and rings like silver."

Mrs. Applefeld who has followed Miss Keys through the three other Miss Maryland Pageants, also believes her voice will carry her through to the top 10 in the Miss American Pageant.

The Maryland crown brought Miss Keys a total of $1,200 in scholarships and $2,750 in gifts.

She sang Bert Bacharach's "I'll Never Love Again" for the Miss Maryland title but has not revealed the title of the Miss America song so far.

OFFICIAL BALTIMORE supporter on the way with Miss Maryland is Mrs. Floraine Applefeld.

GROOMING COACH for Miss Maryland is Mrs. Diana Kane.

For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

WEARING THE CROWN and representing the state of Maryland is Miss Amy Elizabeth Keys who checks in next week at Atlantic City.

Miniature Miss Pageant winners

MINIATURE MISS PAGEANT

Mrs. Kane is noted for her own Miniature Miss Pageant which has run four consecutive years to start young beauties, ages six through 12 years, on the course to winning contests.

This year's event at the downtown Hilton Hotel saw an interracial group of 20 miniature ladies contesting for the World Airways trip to California's Disney Land, two scholarships to Peabody Institute and Baltimore's Best charm barcelets.

TV 11's Anchorman Stan Stovall and Mary Beth Horoth, Miss Baltimore's Best 1982, were M-Cees.

Capturing the crown was 9-year-old Julia Graham who sang "Believe in Yourself" and received standing ovations.

Little Miss Grace Saradpon, age 11, won the 10-12 age crown with her piano solo. Both winners will go with their parents to California and return World Airways.

Runners-up were Maureen Sullivan of the Friends School who played the violin; Paulette Baxter of Harford Heights Elementary who danced. Naomi Shay won the "Miss Photogenic" Award and Cherry Carter, the "Miss Congeniality" title.

Judges were Baltimore's Office of Culture Enrichment official Natalie Bellows; Trazana Beverly, the Tony Award winner of Broadway is "For Colored Girls;" Penny Swartz, coordinator of Miss Baltimore's Best Pageant.

Also, Antonio Onsingco of Peabody's Modern Dance Prep School and Sam Wilson, president of the Arena Players.

Mrs. Kane was producer-director; Gail Hemphill, coordinator-stage manager with Floraine Howard assistant. Gordon Parks and Linda Smith were coaches; Vanessa Jackson Johnson, choreographer and Erlinda La Chica, musical director.

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WE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON TOMORROW

Baltimore funds, citizens give DC March big boost

Thursday latest reports from Roy Fuller, the office manager at the Baltimore Coalition for the March on Washington reveal that some 9,000 persons from the metropolitan area will go for the historic event Saturday at the Lincoln Memorial in the nation's capitol.

Nearly $10,000 has been contributed to share expenses of the Baltimore office. The Catholic Diocese and the United Steelworkers of America lead those giving funds.

Other strong backers listed early this week are United Auto Workers, United Transportation Union, Douglas Memorial Church, Greater St. John Baptist Church, Union Baptist Church, Americans for Democratic Action: Local 4, International Garment Workers Union; Citizens for Sachs, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Blacks in Government;

Parks Sausage Co., International Asso. of Merchants, Baltimore Laity and Clergy, American Federation of State; County and Municipal Employees Local 199 E Hospital Workers; White Lung Organizing Campaign, Dundalk-Sparrows Point NAACP and Eastern Shore Area Council.

However, many other groups have donated plus many individuals, Mr. Fuller states.

An early report reveals that about 75 buses will leave from 1100 Eutaw Place to carry passengers in regular buses and senior citizens and the handicapped in coaches.

Other buses are leaving from Metropolitan area points such as Broening Hwy. United Auto Workers; 2527 St. Paul, Teachers Union; 305 W. Monument, 1199 E.; 2609 Reisterstown, New Shiloh Baptist Church, 540 Dundalk Ave., C.W.A. 2609 and 1619; Centennial Methodist Church will leave from its East Monument St. location.

YOUTH JOIN IN

There are many of Baltimore's 48,000 unemployed gathering in car pools plus hundreds of unemployed young people who are making their own way to voice their cause main for "Jobs Now." Their statement reveals they want affirmative action to counter discriminatory layoffs which have hit youths, women and the elderly hardest.

"We come together in 1983 to commemorate the 1963 March and to renew the fight for Jobs, Peace and Freedom."

An 8 a.m. Prayer Breakfast is schedule by Mike Mitchell for City Council Friends at New Psalmist Baptist Church at Park and Franklin with Rev. Walter Thomas, pastor. Persons attending will leave by car for Washington.

COLUMBIA MARCHERS

Tonight, Friday, A March on Washington Rally will be held at the Lakefront, in Columbia with Cong. Parren J. Mitchell speaker. Some 20 buses will carry those from Columbia and vicinity from Guilford Baptist Church, Rte. 32 at Rte. 1 early Saturday morning. For information dial 1-596-6412.

The Baltimore March on Washington Coalition Manager Fuller announced late Thursday that the number of buses leaving the 1100 Eutaw Place parking lot has jumped from 75 to 85 with more to come late Thursday and Friday to accommodate over 4,000 persons.

The March Headquarters is at 305 W. Monument St.-Room 218. Phones 244- through 8179. Other officials are Ken Morgan, coordinator; Bernard Parrish, treasurer and representative of the United Steel Workers of America; G. J. Johnson, coordinator of Special Funds, Steel Workers of America; G. J. Johnson, coordinator of Special Funds, Steel Workers of America; Karen Simmons, Media Committee chief. Centennial Methodist's Rev. Mamie Williams is Funds co-chairman.

Persons boarding the seven buses of Bethel AME Church will meet them at the Druid Hill Avenue church entrance. The A. Philip Randolph Organization will board their buses at 2527 St. Paul St.

In a report on finances which will come later, are costs of phone calls. buses, vans, supplies, signs, posters, banners, leaflets and expenses involved in transportation to and from Washington.

Most Baltimore area buses are departing at 7 a.m. Saturday but the time of return is not certain. However, the return will be announced aboard each bus. Leaflets aboard buses explain the procedure after arriving in Washington.

WAS HIS DREAM in vain? This is the 1963 cartoon by award-winning AFRO artist Thomas Stockett.

WILL YOU be in that number when the estimated 250,000 marchers get to Washington Saturday? (AFRO file photo).

VIP's invited to view Aug. 30 space launch

Among those named as persons scheduled to check in for the third flight of Space Shuttle Challenger from Kennedy Space Center in Florida are many Baltimore VIP's.

A partial NASA listing at AFRO pressime includes Commissioner Frank Battaglia, Sen. Clarence Blount, Henry Butta, chairman of the board, C and P Telephone Co., of Maryland; Al Burke; Masonic Grand Master Sam Daniels; Raymond V. Haysbert, Parks Sausage president; Linwood Ivey, Del. Dennis McCoy; Dr. Uthman Ray; Deputy Commissioner Bishop Robinson, Attorney George Russell, Howard Scaggs, Del. Larry Young; Charles Tildon, CCB president; Dr. Virgil Webb, Dr. Jewel Mason, Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Gray, Otis Warren, Al Stewart, Sen. Troy Brailey, Mr. Perry and Del. Jerry Perry.

Leon Perry of the NASA News Room told the AFRO the above persons on the computer are among many others who have invitations to view the flight of the first black American astronaut, Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford. Dr. Bluford of Philadelphia serves as one of the three mission specialists

MORE VIP'S

On the Distinguished Guest list are Maryland Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, other members of the U.S. Congress, Senate and U.S. diplomatic Corps who will fly in an Eastern Airlines 747leased by NASA for the Aug. 30 pre-dawn flight.

Following the 2:15 a.m. lift-off, invited guests will enjoy a champagne breakfast and other high social events.

Guests will meet the surviving members of the first black pilots of the 99th Pursuit Squadron of World War II. A memorial will be held for the deceased ones including Capt. Charlie Hall of Brazil, Ind. who is credited with shooting down the first German plane.

The 99th Squadron was trained at Tuskegee. Although a segregated group, it set many records as Armed Forces fliers.

NEWS MEDIA

Among minority news media listed on the NASA computer to check in at Gate 2 Aug. 30 at the Kennedy Space Center are journalists and editors from Black Enterprise Magazine, Ebony, Florida Times and other Florida papers; Chicago Defender, Philadelphia Tribune, Elizabeth M. Oliver, AFRO City Editor and Glasco Ryales, photographer.

Journalists covering this first night flight will be issued press credentials at the site either of the launch at Kennedy or the night landing at Hugh L. Dryden Flight Facility, Edwards, CA.

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Well-known in Baltimore is another special guest, Mrs. Betty P. Burrell, science coordinator of New York's District 5 Community School. Her husband is Mr. Beverly E. Burrell, the former and first black constable of Baltimore city. Her parents are Rev. Clyde Derrill Sr. and Mrs. Cedelia Spurgeon Derrill of Baltimore.

A graduate of Baltimore public schools, Mrs. Burrell is certified by New York as a public school administrator. On return from the Shuttle Flight, she is commissioned to report to New York's school districts through workshops, seminars and lectures.

The launch opportunity Aug. 30 extends 34 minutes from 2:15 a.m. EDT until 2:49 a.m. EDT. Challenger will be launched into a circular 277.6 - kilometer (172.5-statute mile) orbit with an inclination to the equator of 28.45 degrees.

BLUFORD DUTIES

Mission specialists Bluford and Gardner will deploy the Indian National Satellite, INSAT-IB, from Challenger's cargo bay on the second day of the mission.

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An extensive shopping list of detailed test and supplementary objectives — ranging from biomedical observations to orbiter performance measurements are used in planning flight crew activities.

the Animal Enclosure Module (AEM) will be carried aloft on the STS-8 flight with six rats as residents. The module, built by Convair Div. of General Dynamics Corp., will first be used in a Space Shuttle Student Involvement Project on a later mission.

IDA PETERS What's Happening

Models and Body Builders participating in the 500 blk. of Baker Street's 5th Annual AFRO Clean Block Back to School Party. Above, George Taylor, Jackie Johnson, Pizza Latonya and Theresa Mundell.

T. Hollywood Henderson and Christine Dorsey of 500 Baker Street hold their 5th Annual AFRO Clean Block Back to School Party, Saturday, Aug. 27.

All day block party starts with a parade at 10 a.m. with the Marquis Drum and Bugle Corps. Also entertaining will be Second Generation Band and Singers plus there will be body building and modeling entertainment. Chico Warren Thompson Jr. a member of the USA Boxing team for the 1984 Olympics will give a boxing exhibition.

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AFRO Clean Blocks....March to August

At AFRO presstime the Clean Block program was still looking for angels so that cash prizes as well as McDonald's coupons, and Roy Rogers coupons would be available so that worthy blocks would be able to have block parties.

On August 19 a check for $1,000 was received from the City of Baltimore and Mayor William Donald Schaefer. Dr. W.O. Bryson of Advance Federal Savings and Loan also sent a note and check for $50 to the prize fund, making a total of $5,679.00. This means that this Sunday, Aug. 28, more than $6,000 will be distributed to worthy blocks.

Since March, $2,326.10 has been spent by AFRO Clean Block for white paint. If you tour our prize blocks, listed in this issue, you will note how creatively Clean Blockers have used this paint.

In April and May, 1,000 packages of Marigold and Petunia seeds at a cost of $125 was distributed to the blocks. In June, 2,000 live plants were distributed at a cost of $910. In July Red AFRO T-Shirts were distributed at a cost of $2,944.80. In August, 96 brooms at $237.60 were distributed to captains who marched in the AFRO's 91st Birthday Parade.

CREATIVE MEETINGS- At the opening meeting in March, 25 AFRO Clean Blockers remembered Mother Elinor Powell of Grayson Street who was buried on March 29. She had worked in the campaign for 25 years and in 1982 served as a judge.

At this leadership meeting held at the Arena Playhouse, Leonard Folio, head of the Bureau of Solid Waste pledged his departments cooperation and he and Charles Ferguson along with Shirley Madden attended all meetings.

Miss Pamela King of the Cooperative Extension Service of Urban Gardening Program attended during March, April, May and June giving tips on how to prepare soil and plant flowers and vegetables. James Grant of Recreation and Parks attended as well as Carl Stokes, Mondawmin Merchants and Carl Smith of the C & P Telephone Co.

Ben Prestbury and Mrs. Camilta Sherrard of the Arena Players were our hosts tell ng neighborhood groups how they may run theatre parties to raise funds.

James (Jim) Roberts, supervisor for McDonald's Broadway-Payne attended meetings and played hosts to AFRO Judges on two city-wide tours.

April 22- AFRO Clean Blockers held a leadership meeting at the AFRO office and toured the city. Ron Rose and Emmanuel Karim introduced us to Shake and Bake Family Fun Center and gave out 500 discount tickets. Tyrone Bell of Bureau of Animal Control talked on rabies shots for dogs and cats. Other guests were Clayton Tucker, Self-Help Housing; Cleveland Baker, St. James Teen Centers; Nathaniel McFadden, City Council 2nd District.

In April we attempted to organize a Clean Block on Pennsylvania Avenue but the dope problems were too great for us to make any kind of headway.

May 26- AFRO Clean Block leaders met at Shake and Bake Family Fun Center on Pennsylvania Avenue with Glen Doughty as host. City Councilman Michael Mitchell made the first $100 donation to the Clean Block Fund in memory of his grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Jackson, the freedom fighter.

By the end of May more than 60 blocks had registered and pledged to keep their blocks clean all summer.

George Larkins Jr. of the Marriott Corp. (Roy Rogers Restaurants) presented the campaign with 200 Junior Oriole Kits worth $500. These kits contained all kinds of coupons as well as free Oriole tickets.

At this May meeting at Shake and Bake, Judge Billy Murphy Jr. asked block leaders to volunteer in his campaign for Mayor. Other guests were Carl E. Stokes, candidate for City Council 2nd District; Titus Garnett, candidate for City Council 2nd and Mrs. Barbara Cooper of the NAACP Register and Vote Campaign. Block leaders worked in the NAACP drive in their neighborhoods all summer with James Abraham.

At each meeting, block leaders listed problems in their blocks which were turned over to HCD, Ms Mereida Goodman; Solid Waste, Leonard Folio or Self-Help Housing, Clayton Tucker.

Trash in the inner-city is such a serious problem that Clean Blockers have had to complain and complain to get results. However, once they have a Clean Block or lot they aim to keep it that way. It's a big fight in a block when these determined people find folks dumping in their block.

As school closed in June, Clean Block activities stepped up. Meetings were held June 17 at Arena Playhouse; every week in July at either Dunbar High School or McCulloh Homes with a closing meeting Aug. 5. There were 10 city-wide meetings held and three theatre parties at which 3,000 youngsters were entertained thru courtesy of J.F. Theatres. The youngsters saw "Trading Places", "Superman III" and "Twilight Zone". More than 1,000 youngsters were treated by Melvin

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(Photo by Kathy O. Parrott)

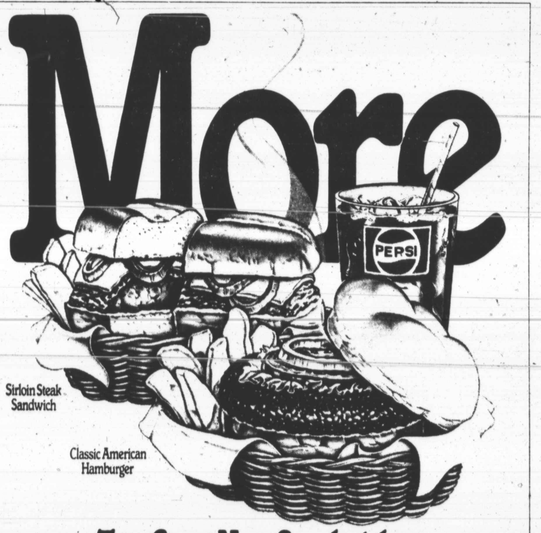
2800 Woodbrook Ave. in Northwest Baltimore is a beautiful red and white and clean, clean block. Residents have very unique sidewalk planters, adopted trees, and window boxes to show off their pretty flowers.

(Photo by Sharon R. Jordan)

1700 Port St. has large, white sidewalk urns with plenty of flowers to add color.

(Photo by Kathy O. Parrott)

2000 Sinclair Lane was painted all white, with flowers galore and beautiful evergreen trees throughout the block.



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