Kids Talk

Do you know this person?

Born Nov. 30, 1924, this woman has been an innovator in the field of politics. She attended Brooklyn College and Columbia University. She also served as an educator, nursery school teacher and the director of a day care center before she entered politics in 1964.

In 1964, she was elected to the New York State Assembly and in 1969, she was the first black woman elected to Congress. In 1972 she became the first black woman to seek the presidential nomination from a major political party -the Democratic Party. She spent 26 years in politics.

She is one of the founders of the National Political Congress for Black Women, a group which encourages black women to become involved in elective politics.

She is Shirley Chisholm.

Fourth of July Celebrations

The annual July 4 celebrations to mark America's independence from Great Britain have become popular since the 13 colonies won the Revolutionary War.. And this year's celebrations are no different.

These celebrations, which vary from year to year, always have something to entertain the entire family.

If you happen to be in the Washington area and want to see a real live band, the U.S. Navy Band will serenade the audience at the Sylvan Theater beginning at 5:30 p.m. At 8 p.m. the National Symphony will play on the west lawn of the Capitol to continue the evening of music.

But if you are not able to see the band or the symphony, you can wait for the big celebration at 9 p.m., on the grounds of the Washington Monument— the fireworks display.

This annual event, which brings large crowds of people to the Washington Monument, is always a fun sight to see. The fireworks will entertain you by lighting up the skies with bursts of blues, greens and reds.

In other parts of the countries, Fourth of July celebrations can range from big family picnics to big festivals.

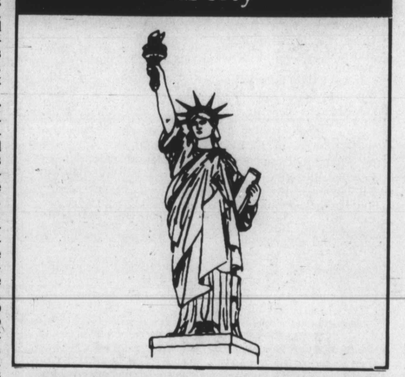
In Richmond, the Dollwood Park will hold an evening program of music and fireworks to entertain the entire family. The evening's events will kick off at 8 p.m.

The Independence Day or the Fourth of July is a national holiday which represented America's birth and freedom from England. It is celebrated on the fourth of July to mark the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

On July 4, 1776, the delegates to the Second Continental Congress in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania decided to adopt the Declaration of Independence, in which the people decided to revolt against England to form their own country. It was first observed on July 8, 1776 with games, parades, bonfires (big fires) and bells and this tradition has continued since.

In 1941, the U.S. Congress voted to make the Fourth of July a federal and legal holiday.

Liberty



LADY OF LIBERTY — Presented in 1886 by the Frenchman Frederic Bartholdi, The Statue of Liberty has become the symbol of liberty, justice and independence that Americans have come to associate with the pride of America. The statue, which is a female figure, rises' 301 feet above the water of the New York Harbor.

Kids Calendar

Sports Camp

The University of District of Columbia is sponsoring a six- week sports camp for ages 10 to 16. The sports featured at the camp include basketball, tennis, swimming, dance and weight training. No equipment is needed. For information, call Mr. Lewis at (202) 282-2163.

Girl Scouts Summer Camp

The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) announces another summer of filled resident camp activities beginning July 2 through Aug. 19. The camps, Camp Potomac Woods and Camp May Flather, are open to all girls. For information, call Barbara Luskin at (202) 337-4300.

Drop-In Table Tennis

The Bowie Community Center, Route 450 and Stonybrook Dr., Bowie, MD will hold a drop-in table tennis competition on July 4, 11, 18, and 25.
For information, call (301) 464-1737.

Annual July 4th Parade and Celebration

The residents of Takoma Park will hold the annual July 4th Parade and Celebration at Carroll & Maple Ave., Takoma, MD from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. For information, call (301) 270-4048.

Ravine Hike

The Clearwater Nature Center, 11000 Thrift Rd, Clinton, MD, is sponsoring a ravine hike on July 5 at 2 p.m. Come dressed prepared to get wet. For information, call (301) 297-4575.

Family Fun-Rollerskating

Enjoy a family night at the Prince George's Plaza Community Center, 6600 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville, MD on July 7 and 21. Call for information at (301) 864-1611.

PJ Party

The Berywn Heights Community Center, 6200 Pontiac St., Berywn Heights, MD for a night of movies and fun for ages 10-15 on July 7, 14, 21 and 28. Call (301) 345-2808.

Cultural Center Workshop

The Children's Cultural Exploration Workshop is sponsoring a summer camp for children 5 to 12 from July 10 to Aug. 4 at Hilton Elementary School, 3301 Carlisle Avenue, Baltimore, MD. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call Rose McNeill (301) 233-0670.

Zoo Volunteers

The Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ) organization is looking for volunteers 18 and older to work in the Zoo's new Invertebrate Exhibit.

Volunteers are needed to work three- hour shifts weekly, on Thursdays and Fridays, doing such things as conducting public feeding demonstrations, staffing the soil table and microtheater.

For information, call Helen Moore at (202) 673-4955.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS — smile after receiving college scholarships from the Washington Gas Light Company. From Left to Right: (1st row) Thomas Duckenfield, D. C. Natural Gas Company vice president and general manager, Deborah Lake, Veronica Quintanilla, Gena Johnson-top recipient who awarded $1500, Patrick Maher, president of Washington Gas Light Company. (2nd row) Evette Davis, Rhonda N. Dudley, Tina L. Dempsey. (3rd row) Monica Perry, who received a special award from Councilmember John Wilson. (4th row) Sharron Stroman, Erica Berry, Merwyn Taylor, Iris Austin, Keya S. Cooper.

July 4

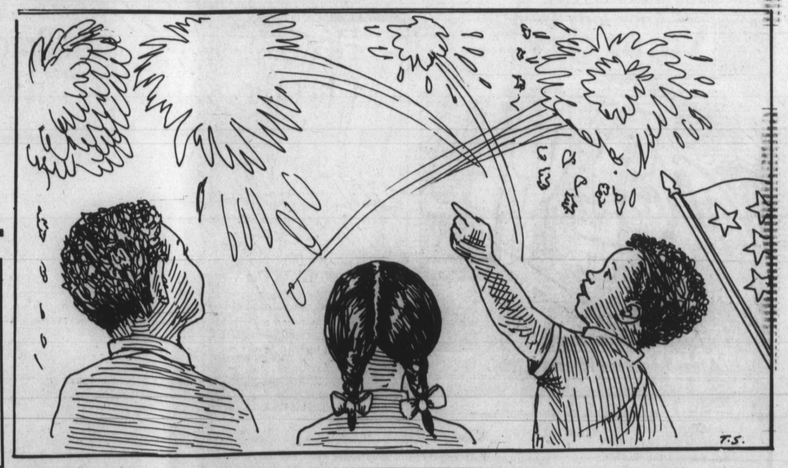
Hot dogs,
hamburgers,
chicken,
the family picnic.

Sparklers,
snakes,
cherry bombs,
the fireworks.

The Statue of Liberty,
200 years,
no more rulers,
the symbols.

Liberty,
justice,
independence and
freedom,
what the day is all about.

Color Me



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AFRO Clean Block Campaign 1989

By Lynette Locke, Director

The last clean block meeting was held at Dunbar High School. The guest speaker was Mr. Orvill Swafford from the Bureau of Solid Waste.

Mr. Swafford spoke about what his agency can do to assist the Clean Block campaign in its efforts to beautify and keep the neighborhoods clean.

Mr. Swafford entertained several questions from the audience. He also gave helpful hints on how to get government agencies to respond quickly where appropriate.

We were able to give away T-shirts to all captains who were at the meeting. A drawing was held to give away 2 tickets to a summer Moonlight cruise and Fashion Show aboard the Bay Lady on Saturday, July 22, 1989 donated by Mr. James E. Murrill who is sponsoring the cruise. Mr. Murrill also donated 100 dollars to the Clean Block campaign. Mrs. Betty Campbell of the 1600 W. Fayette Street was the lucky winner.

If you have not picked-up your brooms, trash bags or flower seeds please do so. We want your gardens and flowers to be in bloom for the judging. Applications are still being accepted and can be picked up at the Clean Block Office or you can call the office at 383-3256 and the application will be mailed to you.

Thank You for your Contributions

Mr. James Murrill

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