

Point of View

The Las Vegas Sentinel Review:

Miss Galaxy International Pageant

Las Vegas is priming for the 5th Annual Miss Galaxy International Pageant scheduled for the Landmark Hotel & Casino on August 16 at 3 p.m. 25 young, talented and beautiful women from across the nation will be vying for the coveted crown.

Leigh Christian, the former "Revlon Girls" will serve as emcee. She has co-starred in the films: "Beyond Atlantis," "Doll Squad," and starred on such television programs as "Tama," "Marcus Welby, M.D.," "Blue Knight," "Barnaby Jones," "Hawaii Five-O" and served as host of commercials and for national magazine covers.

The pageant is hosted by the Landmark Hotel & Casino. It promises to be an entertaining and exciting entree to the Las Vegas scene with the appearances of LaWanda (Aunt Esther) Page, Don "Bubba" Baxley and many other stars.

Directed by Jim Dixon, outstanding lounge entertainer at the Landmark Hotel's Club 27, the pageant will feature productions by Johnny Ricco, president of "Science Of Performing, Inc."

The talented 25 contestants will make presentations never before seen in this "entertainment capital of the world."

Pamela Bosley, St.

Louis, Mo., the reigning Miss Galaxy International Queen will be participating throughout the pageant.

Miss Galaxy International Pageant is an outgrowth of a project developed five years ago known as Youth Together, Inc., a federal tax exempt program, headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona.

Youth Together Inc. was founded through the efforts of promoting the Miss Black Arizona Beauty Pageant for the Miss Black America Pageant.

Five years ago, Major Davis, Executive Director of Youth Together Inc. recognized the necessity of having a pageant and

other programs that would fulfill the needs of youths in terms of credibility, exposure and education. He noticed after years of working with the only alternative black beauty pageant (Miss Black America), that it was not adequately providing a full spectrum of programs needed in today's society for youth.

Seeing and experiencing events of this nature and attempting to upgrade matters, Major Davis finally decided to organize the MISS GALAXY INTERNATIONAL and YOUTH TOGETHER, INC. program.

The first YOUTH TOGETHER, INC. program the Miss Galaxy

pageant, was held July 25, 1976 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona where 15 young women competed for the title. Directors, assistant directors, and coordinators from across the United States traveled to Phoenix in a show of support for the beginning of this program. Since that time, more and more promoters, chaperones and international staff members have joined these efforts.

The second Miss Galaxy International program was held at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis, Mo., on June 29, 1977 with some of the top officials of the city and state present with a near capacity crowd.

The third pageant returned to Phoenix with 10 Black College Campus Queens from across the nation. The Secretary of State, Rose Moffitt, hosted a dinner/dance and was a special guest at the pageant. One third of the states were represented along with the ten campus queens.

Los Angeles was the scene for the fourth pageant and held at the Los Angeles Downtown Hilton Hotel where many local organizations and state joined to make it one of the most outstanding and successful pageants held to date.

23 contestants, 25 promoters and 150 guests from across the (See Pageant, page 8)

Norman Hill

Polling Black Middle Class

BLACK ENTERPRISE MAGAZINE recently polled its readership on a wide range of social, economic, and political topics. The results of this poll, the first such comprehensive study of the attitudes of middle-class, college-educated blacks, are sometimes surprising and always illuminating.

Most importantly, the BLACK ENTERPRISE poll's results belie the claims of pundits who have suggested that the black middle class is becoming increasingly conservative, complacent, and content, and that its interests are somehow at odds with the interests of working class blacks and the poor.

More than nine out of ten of the poll's respondents indicated that they felt a moral obligation to help those blacks who are educationally and/or economically disadvantaged. Moreover, middle-class blacks are aware of the debt they owe to the civil rights movement. 91

percent of them agree that the gains they have made are a product of the movement of the 1960s.

This is not, however, to suggest that all is well or that the war has been won. 72 percent of the respondents in fact felt that racism is no less prevalent today than it was a decade ago. In addition, virtually all the respondents (95.6 percent) felt that whites harbor some form of racism toward blacks. And 78 percent admitted to having some negative feelings toward whites.

The poll likewise revealed a deep sense of frustration with the political progress of blacks. Over 31 percent of those polled felt that blacks should form their own political party. Such a prescription, however, is not only unworkable but would spell disaster for blacks who today are already woefully underrepresented in government.

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CARL ROWAN

The New Burdens Of Jimmy Carter

WASHINGTON — If Jimmy Carter is dumped as the Democratic Party's nominee, it surely ought not be because of the furor over Billy Carter's Libyan connection. And it probably won't be, because by week's end it ought to be clear to Americans that in "Billygate" a few politicians and the press have gone to ludicrous efforts to make trifling and innocuous actions in the White House look like a major scandal.

I find it hard to believe that newsmen who have had Lyndon Johnson read to them from "top secret" cables would produce front-page headlines implying grave security breaches when President Carter tells his brother how U.S. officials in Libya characterized his visit.

But a lot of people want to embarrass Jimmy Carter — some because they want Ronald Reagan to face a discredited incumbent, others because they believe Carter, whatever his condition, cannot defeat Reagan and that the Democratic convention must nominate someone who can keep Reagan out of the White House.

It is smart politics for the Republicans to pump up the "Billygate" nonsense; it may be very dumb politics for Democrats to play the same game, because if they fail to block Mr. Carter's renomination they will have crippled the president for his battle with Reagan and perhaps guaranteed the defeats of many Democratic senators and congressmen.

It is clear, though, that a lot of Democrats are going to take this gamble as they press for "an open convention" in which delegates are free "to vote their consciences."

Lawyer Edward Bennett Williams makes the seemingly convincing argument that if delegates are bound by the primaries and cannot vote for whomever they choose, then why hold a convention? Why not let the delegates mail in their ballots and avoid all the hoopla and boring speeches?

The Carter people respond with this equally compelling argument: Why have 20 million Americans vote in primaries in which delegates pledged to certain candidates are chosen if "sore losers" can change the rules on

the eve of the convention to say that "those primary results don't mean anything?"

Let there be no confusion about what "an open convention" really means: simply that the power brokers, state and city machines and the smoke-filled rooms will be back in vogue because a lot of Democrats have decided that "party reforms" and the new primaries have served up a Jimmy Carter whom they find lacking as a leader.

The president faces a dilemma. If he refuses to release his delegates and runs roughshod to renomination, disgruntled elements in the party could refuse to work for him; if he releases his delegates, he risks the ignominy of being denied renomination — (See Carl Rowan, page 4)