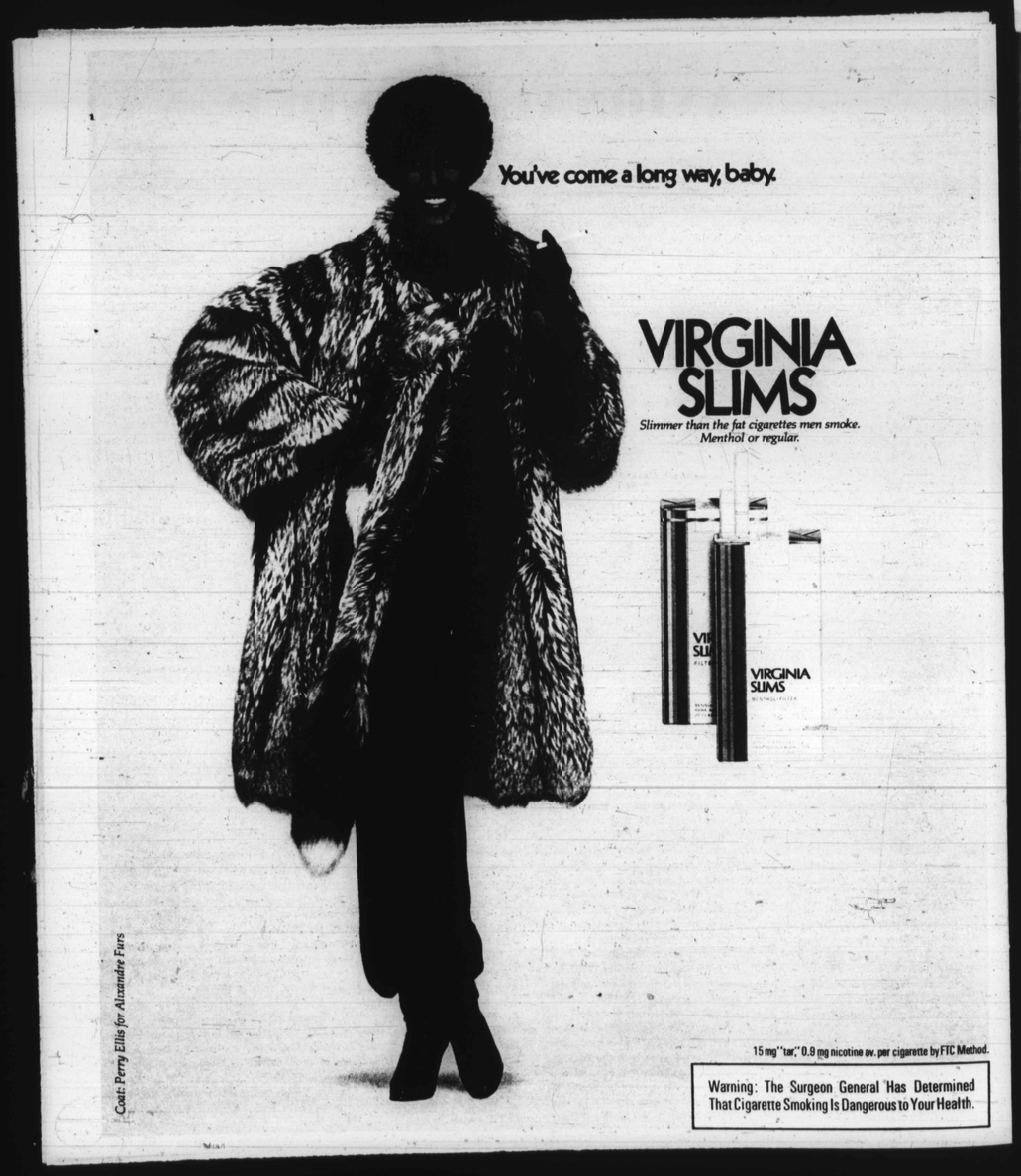

Mitchell charges Md. lottery 'rips off' blacks

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Did dope trigger holiday-eve death?

Cherry Hill girl strangled

P.J. urges state lottery boycott

In a pre - holiday message to black Marylanders, Rep. Parren J. Mitchell called for militant action regarding the state lottery and also demanded that minority firms get a fair share of the Harborplace construction money pot.

Mitchell, D - Md., Thursday, Dec. 21, called for blacks to boycott the Maryland Daily Lottery because it is a "legal rip - off of black citizens."

Mitchell also told a news conference the city of Baltimore should require that minority contractors be used to help construct Harborplace, an Inner Harbor marketplace being developed by a private firm.

He urged the lottery boycott after telling of Westinghouse Corp.'s refusal to re - hire 13 employees who had been fired for running an illegal numbers game at the company's Baltimore factory.

Seven of the employees were later acquitted of gambling charges in court.

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PLAYING SANTA — Herman Lee played Santa Claus when the Median Temple No. 1 provided merriment for Baer School children at the Rotunda this week.

Whose red scarf was used in slaying?

Whose red scarf was used to strangle Tanya M. Harris?

Tanya, a 16-year-old high school drop out has lived in a foster home since 1972. She was found dead Dec. 18 in a residential driveway in the affluent Winand Road section of Randallstown.

Homicide detectives are trying to determine ownership of the red scarf around her neck. Was it Tanya's or did it belong to the killer?

Police have not yet determined if the scarf was the actual instrument of death.

Tanya lived in the 3400 block Spellman Road.

Dr. Margaretta Korell, a medical examiner, told the AFRO the cause of death was "strangulation" and no marks were found on the victim's body. Dr. Korell says Tanya probably died between 1 and 5 a.m. Dec. 18.

Police described the youth as a "well dressed teenager." She was wearing gold hoop earrings, a rust colored pants suit, print shirt, red and white socks, knee high boots and a leather jacket.

Police said there were no signs of sexual assault and they believe the teenager had been strangled in another area of the city and "dumped" in Randallstown.

Mrs. Johnson told the AFRO, five days before her daughter was found, dead, she had reported her missing from home.

"I don't have any idea what happened. She was not attending school and left home Wednesday. When she did not return that night, I called the police."

The AFRO learned that the victim's 19-year-old boyfriend died from a drug overdose in November. Mrs. Johnson stated she did not know all of her daughter's friends and could not say where she was going when she left home on Dec. 13.

"She just decided she did not want to attend school and was not working," said Mrs. Johnson.

Funeral services for Tanya will be held 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22 at St. Veronica Catholic Church, 806 Cherry Hill Road.

Police investigating the case report they have no leads in the murder and are still investigating the case.

GBMPC — a way for black business to enter mainstream

How do minority firms get into the mainstream of the business world?

One answer may be the Greater Baltimore Minority Purchasing Council, Inc. (GBMPC), which has 42 member minority businesses who participate in matchmaker mini - fairs that link the small businesses with major corporations.

One of the mini - fairs was held last weekend in the downtown Holiday Inn where some of the minority businesses found tangible possibilities of obtaining contracts with the major corporations in the future.

In 1977 alone, minority businesses associated with GBMPC did $9 million worth of business.

The GBMPC also offers a training program for member businesses. The 12 week course provides sales training support services to the sales personnel of small minority - owned businesses.

GBPMC, funded by the private sector and the National Minority Purchasing Council, also has access to a large computerized Data Base information service with profiles on minority suppliers, nationally.

Able Building Maintenance Services, and Mallory's Flower Shop were two of the black - owned firms that participated in GBMPC's mini - fair last week.

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State agency tried to hire woman over higher ranked veterans

By Fred Hines
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Did high ranking officials at the Maryland State Department of Education falsify documents and bypass Merit System rules in an unsuccessful attempt to hire a white female over two veterans with higher test scores?

The two vets (one black, one white) both scored 99.9 on the Office Assistant II test while the white female only scored 97.3, the AFRO has learned.

The Office Assistant II vacancy occurred in the Library for the Blind and the Physically Handicapped, which comes under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Education.

According to documents the AFRO has uncovered, officials evidently tried to arrange for the woman to resign from a position she never held so that the Department would not appear to violate the Merit System Law.

That rule is Personnel Policy No. 17 of the Certification Instruction for Appointing Authorities which says that veterans are to be preferred over non - veterans unless a substantial reason exists for doing so.

The woman was never really employed by the Library, except on a short-time (one month) contractual basis as an Office Assistant. But that ended June 30, according to Edward Fleck, director of personnel at the Department of Education.

Fleck said that the woman had also been a volunteer for the library for five years.

Nevertheless the woman was encouraged to submit a questionable letter of resignation on Aug. 9, addressed to J. McComb Nichols, chief of fiscal operations and management.

"Dear M. Nichols," the letter begins, "I hereby wish to resign the position of Stockman I in order to accept the position of Office Assistant II on August 16, 1978 at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped."

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Still time to help Mrs. Santa

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Charged with harassing blacks

Gardenville youth beats mischief charge

By Ann Sagi
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Irma Prilliman, this week, received a letter from the city state's attorney's office telling her a white youth charged with vandalizing her car would not be prosecuted.

Miss Prilliman is one of two black Gardenville residents whose story was reported in recent editions of the AFRO in which one year of almost continual harassment, including racial epithets, property damage and vandalism, was detailed.

On Oct. 30, 1978, a neighborhood youth allegedly smashed raw eggs and paint on her car. She signed a complaint which was filed in Northeast District police station.

Miss Prilliman, who has since sold her home and moved from the area, said she received a letter from Sheldon Mazella, chief of the juvenile division of the state's attorney's office, saying the white youth who reportedly damaged her car would not be tried.

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Newsman sues ex-Bay president for 'pushing'

By Clarence W. Hunter
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Bay College may no longer exist but its trouble far from over.

Rich Hollander, a television reporter for WBAL-TV Channel 11, has filed a suit in Superior Court charging that ex-Bay president Charles P. Howard, pushed him down a flight of the school steps Aug. 25.

This stated Hollander caused him several minor injuries and further, interfered with him in the performance of his job.

The newsman is asking for $100,000 in compensatory damages and $250,000 in punitive damages.

Howard admits pushing Hollander but not in anyway to cause him injury.

He said, as head of the school and representative of the board of trustees, he was acting on its behalf when he allegedly pushed the television reporter.

Howard recently named the original 17-member-board third party defendants to Hollander's suit, stating that while the board was not directly responsible he was acting on its orders.

He said the board should share part of the costs of whatever suit is brought against him or the school.

The claim names former board members Sidney Kaplan, ex-president; businessman William "Little Willie" Adams, Linwood Ivey, Allen Quille and nine other members, resigned from the board prior to the incident.

It also named Del. Larry Young, Quentin Lawson, Dr. James Priest and Councilman Thomas Waxter who remained on the board through the final days of Bay College.

The filing of the third party claim by Howard was the latest in a series of legal maneuvers by both Howard and Hollander's attorneys in handling the $350,000 suit.

According to the suit, Hollander, Channel 11 camermen and a reporter from the News-American appeared at the school that day to witness the removal by Dr. Mont P. Shepler, deputy commissioner of the State Board of Higher Education, of student recording from the school as a condition of having its license revoked.

The suit states that Howard saw Hollander and began pushing him down the hall toward the door, then down a flight of eight steps where Hollander sustained several cuts and bruises.

Howard contends in his statement that while he did push the newsmen it was not enough to hurt him. He also states that Hollander was trepassing and that after the series of news story the reporter did on the school he had been instructed by the board not to allow Hollander on the premises.

But Kaplan sent a letter to A. Lattimer Geston, Howard's attorney, stating that the board "cannot be held responsible for Howard's action."

The case will be heard by Judge David Ross sometime next year

$300 GIFT — Western "Wes" Ivey, (standing, left) owner of Preakness Lounge and president of the Maryland United Licensee's Beverage Association representing more than 300 establishments presented $300 to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. With him are Westley Johnson, treasurer, 5 Mile House; Benjamin Turner, Ced's Bar, and Ellsworth Jackson, D & M Liquors, executive vice - president.

An Assembly first

Del. Harrison to chair committee

Del. Hattie Harrison, D-45th, has become the only black and the only woman to be named to a committee chairmanship in the House of delegates.

Del. Harrison, earlier this week, was appointed chairman of the House Rules and Executive Nominations committee by Speaker of the House - elect Benjamin L. Cardin.

Mrs. Harrison will replace Del. John S. Arnick of Baltimore county, who gave up his seat in an unsuccessful bid for the state senate.

Her appointment was a surprise to some black political leaders who expected either Dels. Walter Dean, John Douglass or Larry Young to be one of the black delegates to get a committee appointment.

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