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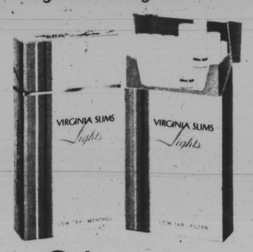

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Next for Ja-Wan McGee –the $15 million question

By Pam Widgeon
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The departmental hearing of Police Detective Stephen Scott McCown has ended with the panel of his fellow police officers finding him guilty and the next big question about Ja-Wan McGee is whether he will be able to collect $15 million in damages in a civil suit his family has filed.

McGee, 17, was shot by McCown while off duty on March 20 while he was standing in a pizza restaurant in Northeast Baltimore.

McCown said he thought McGee and another youth were attempting to rob the establishment when McGee pulled a silver object from his pocket.

The object was a cigarette lighter. McGee is now paralyzed from the chest down.

His attorney John Enoch told the AFRO, "The testimony presented before the board will be very important in the case." Enoch says that the Police Department's decision is not binding in the civil suit but it has some importance.

The youth's parents are asking for $5 million in compensatory damages, $5 million in punitive damages and $5 million for medical costs.

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Photo by Jay Baker

STEVIE STEVENSON, a Travis Winkey model wears a swim suit which may be considered too daring by some. The question is how much is too little? You be the judge. See our photo report on page 32.

Activist vows hunger strike over S. Africa, local housing issues

By James M. Abraham
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Daki Napata, a determined 28-year - old political activist, is embarking on a hunger strike to protest the current wave of violence in South Africa and the federal government's Area-wide Housing Opportunities Program.

Daki Napata

Students in South Africa recently decided to organize a demonstration to honor the fourth anniversary of the bloody Soweto riots which left more than 600 dead.

But police and the civil authorities of the country have banned all such demonstrations, and Monday, June 17, police opened fire on a group of protesters.

Rioting ensued, and by Wednesday, pitched battles were being fought between protesters and police.

Napata, a native Baltimorean, feels that politicians in this country, as well as private citizens, should be aware of what is happening in South Africa, and should develop a program for dealing with the situation.

"I'd like to request a boycott of the presidential elections until the candidates and the current administration can take a firm position on what they plan on doing about South Africa and the AHOP program." program."

AHOP is a project developed by the federal government which is designed to relocate central city families in the suburbs of major cities which have a congested, usually poor and black core.

Area activists have labelled the program a "sham," and say that it is actually designed to speed the "gentrification" of the inner city, or to encourage white resettlement in those areas by displacing black and poor residents.

"I protest the insensitivity on the part of our city's elected officials in relationship to AHOP," stated Napata. "This is a beginning, an attempt to critique leadership and talk about a system of accountability for our elected officials in the city."

He said that this is his first hunger strike, and that he will exist solely on water until his requests for action on both AHOP and South Africa are met.

CCB's Lockwood building saved

A special committee empowered by the head of the Community College of Baltimore's board of trustees has unanimously decided to retain the college's Lockwood Building, which the school had been asked to sell by Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

In a lengthy report submitted to board of trustees head Charles J. Tildon, the committee pointed out that the building, which houses industrial and technical training facilities, has not yet realized its full potential.

The committee noted that the 1950s and 1960s witnessed a greater proportion of college students who sought white collar skills, and stated that the "'70s and '80s will be the 'grey collar' era."

They pointed out that the Lockwood building, along with the rest of the Harbor Campus Plant, housed such programs as auto technology, electronics, drafting, heating ventilation, air conditioning, highway design, mechanical technology, plant engineering and construction technology.

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Nigerian CCB student slain by passenger in his cab

A 27-year-old Nigerian student who attended Community College of Baltimore during the day and drove a cab at night, was heard crying out loud for help by residents of the Parkside Garden Apartments nearly two hours before he was pronounced dead at City Hospitals.

Police report Samuel Ogunsanyga, of the 800 block of Exeter Hall Road was stabbed in the abdomen and robbed shortly after midnight June 17 after picking up a passenger in the 5200 block of Goodnow Road.

Residents of the Parkside apartments told police they heard someone shouting "help" but they did not open their doors because they were afraid.

Police report the student started beating on apartment doors on the first floor and finally collapsed on the third floor.

Citizens in the area told police they looked out of their windows and saw the cab speed away but could not see the driver.

The cab was found in the 1100 block of Watson Street, several miles from the murder scene and the keys were still in the ignition, doors were open and the meter was running.

Ogunsanyga had been driving a cab since April and police report Embassy officials in Washington will contact his family because he does not have any relatives in Baltimore.

GWEN COOKE GARNERS DELEGATE SEAT

Metro Dems in big 3rd District victory

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Despite the furor which has surrounded the recent Democratic Convention delegate elections, one black political club has emerged with a resounding triumph, its first since being organized slightly over one year ago.

The Third District Metro Democratic Organization, a fledgling political club, had backed Dr. Gwen Cooke, a local education administrator, in the delegate race as a Carter convention delegate.

Blacks make up a small proportion of residents of the 3rd Congressional District, and their voting strength is even less.

Dr. Cooke's fortunes in the election depended on one of two things; either a phenomenal black voter turnout in her district or a coalition.

Hard-nosed political strategist Kenneth Webster, a ranking member of the Third District Metro club, decided a coalition would be the best way to victory.

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Mayor says new Park Heights project will make 2,500 jobs

By Ann Sagi
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Mayor William Donald Schaefer this week announced a development project for the Park Heights community which is aimed at creating 2,500 jobs.

The plan calls for the construction of a light industrial park to be developed at Park Circle which will include a control data business and technology center to aid small businesses.

The Park Heights area has been plagued by unemployment and current figures put the jobless rate as high as 40 percent.

The city's partner in the project is City Venture Corporation, a group of 15 church and business organizations formed in 1978. CVC will oversee the development of the industrial park.

Schaefer, who called the plan "ambitious," credited Rep. Parren J. itchell, D - 7th, for his support and participation.

He also expressed appreciation to the Park Heights Development Corporation, PHDC, which he said will play an important role in the plan's implementation.

Morris Iles, head of PHDC, said his group looks forward to working with City Venture.

"The bottom line is new jobs and new opportunities for Park Heights residents," he said.

Bernard Berkowitz, the city's director of economic development, said the project will cost approximately $3.5 million in federal, state and city funds which will be used to purchase land. Money from the private sector will be in the form of investment in the plants in the park.

Training programs, including on the job instruction and classroom training, will be funded with Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, CETA, funds, according to Marion Pines, director of the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources.

Schaefer called the project "as important to Baltimore and its citizens as the city's efforts in the Inner Harbor."

After Schaefer finished his statement, he told the audience at the press conference that the "Silence gets me down." He asked Quentin Lawson, special assistant in charge of human resources, to applaud. Lawson obliged and most of the assembled group applauded.

"Do you have any idea how much work and how much time went into this?

"Creating 2,500 jobs, that's a tremendous number of people off welfare, off crime, off problems," Schaefer said.

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Embattled prexy squeaks through

MSU's Billingsley gets 7-5 vote to continue

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

The Morgan State University board of regents decided this week to keep President Andrew Billingsley and bring the university out of its management and fiscal crisis.

Billingsley's job as president of the predominantly black institution which became a university in 1975, was saved by a 7-5 vote taken by the board following a review of a report prepared by outside evaluators.

The 39-page report placed the blame of the troubled institution not only on Billingsley but the board of regents, faculty and the state and stated that "there should be no changes in the presidency of MSU at this time."

Included in the report were several recommendations for the president and the university to follow to strengthen its weaknesses. One recommendation suggested that the president attend, at the university's expense, one of the better short term training programs for college and university executives.

David Johnson, who becomes the new board chairman July 1, stated that the recommendation for a training program for Billingsley would be considered by a special committee he will appoint after July 1.

"The board has not discussed or made plans as yet to implement any of the recommendations from the evaluation," he said.

Johnson added that he hoped the university would be brought together and that everyone will cooperate to strengthen the school. Johnson voted to retain Billingsley.

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AFRO photo by Mark Gail

LITTLE GRADUATE — Eraina Gray, one of the graduates of the Seven Dwarfs Nursery School proudly holds her book bag with her name on it that she received during cap and gown ceremonies while her mother, Sherryl Gray looks on.

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