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Hastings, Borders charged in \$150 G bribe attempt

WASHINGTON (UPI) - A federal grand jury on Thursday ndicted William A. Borders Jr., a Washington, D.C. attorney, and U.S. District Judge Alcee Hastings of Miami on charges of conspiracy to commit bribery and obstruction of justice.

The four - count indictment was returned in U.S. District Court in Miami, the Justice Department

The first count of the indictment charged both men with conspiracy to commit bribery and to defraud the United States. Count two charged both defendants with obstruction of

Counts three and four charged Borders with traveling interstate to commit bribery.

The indicement ended a 21/2nonth grand jury investigation hat began after Borders was arrested and charged with Travel Act Bribery in Arlington, VA, on October 9, 1981.

The arrest followed an undercover operation by the FBI in which a retired FBI agent posed as Frank Romano. Romano is a eriminal defendant, who, with his prother Thomas, had been senenced by Judge Hastings.

The undercover agent posing as "Frank Romano" responded to the defendants' solitications to



William Borders



Alcee Hastings

pay money in order to have the sentence reduced, the indictment

According to the indictment, it was part of the conspiracy that Borders and Hastings would receive \$150,000 from the man. The prosecution is being handled by the Public Integrity

Section of the Justice Depart-

for conviction on each count. An FBI affidavit said Borders was paid with the understanding that Hastings would reduce the three - year jail sentences he gave Romano and his brother Thomas. and would lift an order impounding \$1.2 million of the

Hefore Hastings turned all his cases over to other judges, he had Romanos' jail terms. But he did lift part of the impoundment order a day after Borders allegedly called the undercover FBI agent to report that the deal was on, the affidavit said.

Charges against Borders that were filed in a federal court in Alexandria, VA. were dropped following what the Justice Department called procedural technicalities.



BEWARE - Terrell Sellman, 7, poses for the AFRO in front of an abandoned, dilapidated building which may have hazardous, flaking lead-

based paint. Some 200 Eastside children have been affected by such chemicals. See story at right.

(among other things it ushered in Reagonomics)

1981 saw the passing of a number, of great black individuals, some of them veritable

Roy Wilkins, former NAACP leader and the "last of the giants" in the battle to win equality for blacks, died Sept. 9.

Wilkins, whose fight against school desegregation laid the foundation for the civil rights gains of the 60s, died of uremia in New York.

Blacks and civil rights leaders said he ranked with Martin Luther King, Jr. and Whitney Young as the major forces in the civil rights movement. He was a "towering figure in American history," said Benjamin Hooks, current director of the NAACP.

1981 also claimed the soul of Joe Louis, the legendary "Brown Bomber" who ruled the heavyweight boxing division longer than any other man. Louis died on April 12. He was

The most memorable moment of his long and illustrious career was on June 22, 1938, a sweltering night in Yankee Stadium in New York, before a packed house. There, in a rematch after having lost a previous bout with racist and chauvinistic overtones, he pummeled German boxer Schmeling to submission, finishing

the fight by the 2:04 mark of the

very first round. Jamaican reggae superstar Bob Marley also departed in 1981, succumbing to brain cancer on May 11 in Miami while on his way home to receive his nation's

Final round for Brown Bomber



Joe Louis

highest award from Seaga, the Order of Merit.

Police led a mile-long motorcade of cars, busses and motorcycles that followed a hearse with Marley's body along 60 miles from the capital to the small tow of Nine Miles, where he was buried only yards away from the one-room shack of his birth 365 years ago.

Hazel Scott, former jazz pianis and the former wife of the late U.S. Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, died in New York Oct. 2. She was 61.

A performer of notoriety in the 30s and 40s, she earned he reputation in Greenwich Village nightclubs and in films, including "Rhapsody in Blue" and "I Dood

The struggle for civil rights was continued in 1981.

A city-wide boycott of stores and the "general marketplace" was staged by the Citizens Coalition for Urban Survival. The Baltimore community was asked not to spend "a single penny."

The coalition sought to encourage Congress to "stop dragging its feet" on the establishment of Dr. Martina Luther Kings's birthday as national holiday.

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By Ann Sagi

Crapulence, katenjammer -

queule de bois, the morning after

- by whatever name the malady

is known, a hangover can be pure

'Tis the season to make merry

BALTIMORE

Eastside Community Corp. sues landlords for children's medical fees

The East Baltimore Community Corp. has filed lawsuits against three landlords to recover monies the corporation's medical center paid for the treatment of children, whom it claims were poisoned by lead-based paint on the landlords property.

Roberta Gill, an administrator of the East Baltimore Medical Plan, 1000 E. Eager St., told the AFRO the lawsuits were filed Dec. 21, in the city Court of Common Pleas against R.S. Construction Co. Inc., Bernard Realty Co., of Pikesville, and Guardian Management Co. Inc. Ms. Gill said lead poisoning is a

"terrible health problem, affecting black kids and poor people," who live in sub-standard housing with lead (based) paint According to the court documents, the three companies "negligently failed to correct unsafe conditions" which they knew about or should have known about and seeks reimbursement of money the medical center paid in treatment for treating 3-yearold Lakeshia McBride, Michael

"My suit is based on a strict liability theory," Ms. Gill said. She cited as an example, "if you buy a car and the steering wheel comes off in your hand, you can sue the car manufacturer for selling a defective product."

Tiggle, 2, and Corey Auston, 3.

"The landlords are letting product on the market that is causing injury," she said. Landlords are required to

correct the situation by burning, or scrapping off lead-based paint or by covering it with sheets of plywood before housing units can be rented.

Howard Offit, president of R.S. Construction is reported as saying, such a system is impractical for landlords.

"It's an unfair problem. The responsibility belongs in the home with the parents, whether in older anywhere, to make sure their children don't eat the paint," Offit

Spokesman for the other companies sued could not be reached for comment by AFRO presstime.

In East Baltimore, the lead poisoning problem is being combatted. The East Baltimore Medical Plan established a lead poisoning clinic about two years ago, Ms. Gill said. The clinic now has about 200 active cases of lead poisoning. Most of them involve children, ages one year to five

"I was just flabbergasted" to learn of the high incidence of lead poisoning in Baltimore. thought it was something in the past," Ms. Gill said.

there are no symptoms of lead poisoning, there is "a big problem in trying to treat it."

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Postal employees concerned after co-worker's death on job

The recent death of a United States Postal Service employee at the main post office in Baltimore has some of the dead man's coworkers concerned about what they call inadequate medical services at the facility during the

weekends and holidays. Earl Giles death, a mail handler employed at the post office for about two years, was the result of natural causes - a heart attack, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office told the AFRO.

According to a fire department report, fire officials received a call from the main post office, 900 E. Fayette St., at about 9:28 p.m., Dec. 26. The attendants arrived at 9:31 p.m. and began giving Giles oxygen and performed CPR on

Giles was later taken to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead, a fire official

One of Giles' co-workers, who asked his name be withheld, told the AFRO he and Giles were working last Saturday night in the

Avoiding holiday hangovers

light duty section of the post office on the second floor. The two men had recently returned from lunch and were talking as they worked, he said.

"He was sitting on a stool and he picked up a spray can," the coworker said. "I asked him, 'how do you feel?' He just smiled at me and slumped over." Giles "wasn't too well," he said.

Giles' ankles stayed "swollen" but on the night of his death, "he told me he felt good," the coworker said. The man said he rushed to

Giles' stool and "held him underneath my arms and asked 'are you okay, you okay!' " "He just took a deep breath and

that was it," the co-worker said. The man said he called the foreman and a wheelchair was brought to the second floor and Giles was rolled away to a platform downstairs. After Giles left the floor, the man said he returned to his work site.

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Drunk driver crackdown The penalty could mean five decreasing Md. deaths years in prison and a \$10,000 fine

The state police crackdown to remove drunken drivers from Maryland roads has caused a marked decrease in the percentage of traffic deaths, a

spokesman says. Clark, Spokesman responding to a published report that indicated the campaign was ineffective, said for the first four months of 1981 the death rate was up 12 percent from the same time

last year. "We started the crackdown on May 1 and the 12 percent increase in deaths started to slow. It came down dramatically this summer and has stayed at about 1 percent

since," he said Sunday. If the percentage had not been lowered, 90 more people might have died on Maryland roads in 1981, Clark pointed out.

"We called that a very positive trend," he said. "The increase in deaths has been turned around and we feel the crackdown has been effective."

Clark said 784 people have died on Maryland roads so far in 1981 and state police records showed almost six of every 10 accidents were alcohol - related. The 1981 death rate exceeded last year's which was the highest highway fatality toll in seven years.

Since the crackdown began eight months ago, state and local police have arrested about 20,000 inebriated drivers, more than twice the number arrested in 1980. "There are still too many drunk

drivers on the road and we will

continue our program" to get

inebriated motorists off state

highways, Clark said. (UPI)

and the holidays bring office parties, spiked punch, New Year's eve bashe, egg nog. And unfortunately, imbibing oftern leads to a hangover. The most flagrant symptoms are a thundering headache

queasy stomach, parched pipes_ desert mouth, road map eyes and _ in extremis, a profound urge to end it all. Rock Hudson must have had a beaut in the movie "Pillow Talk"

> had hangovers before but this time even my hair hurts." Folklore remedies, ranging from the "hair of the dog" to egg _ soy sauce and water concoctions -

when he told Tony Randall, "I've

abound. But most experts agree on two things: moderation and patience are the best prevention and the best cure.

"Avoid overindulgence. Be responsible for yourself and be responsible for others," said Dr. Harvey Clearwater, an associate professor of health education at the University of Maryland, College Park.

He suggested eating a light meal before sipping the sauce. and added protein is probably the best nutrient because scientists believe it slows alcohol ab-

Clearwater's other recommendations including getting plenty of rest "because you want to be in decent shape if you plan to do serious drinking," know your limit, and keep a tally to stay within it.

And know the ingredients in your liquid refreshments, he

"This time of year especially, you go to a cocktail party and they're serving fruit punch. Find out exactly what's in it and how much," said Clearwater, who teaches a course called "alcohol use and abuse."

Drinking should not be the sole reason to party, he said. "Alcohol should enhance the

social setting . There should be lots of activities, such as dancing or playing charades," Clearwater

He gave a simple formula for determining when a person is approaching the dangerous consumption level.

Take the number of average drinks (the equivalent of one bottle of beer, one class of wine or one shot of liquor), subtract the number of hours since consumption began.

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