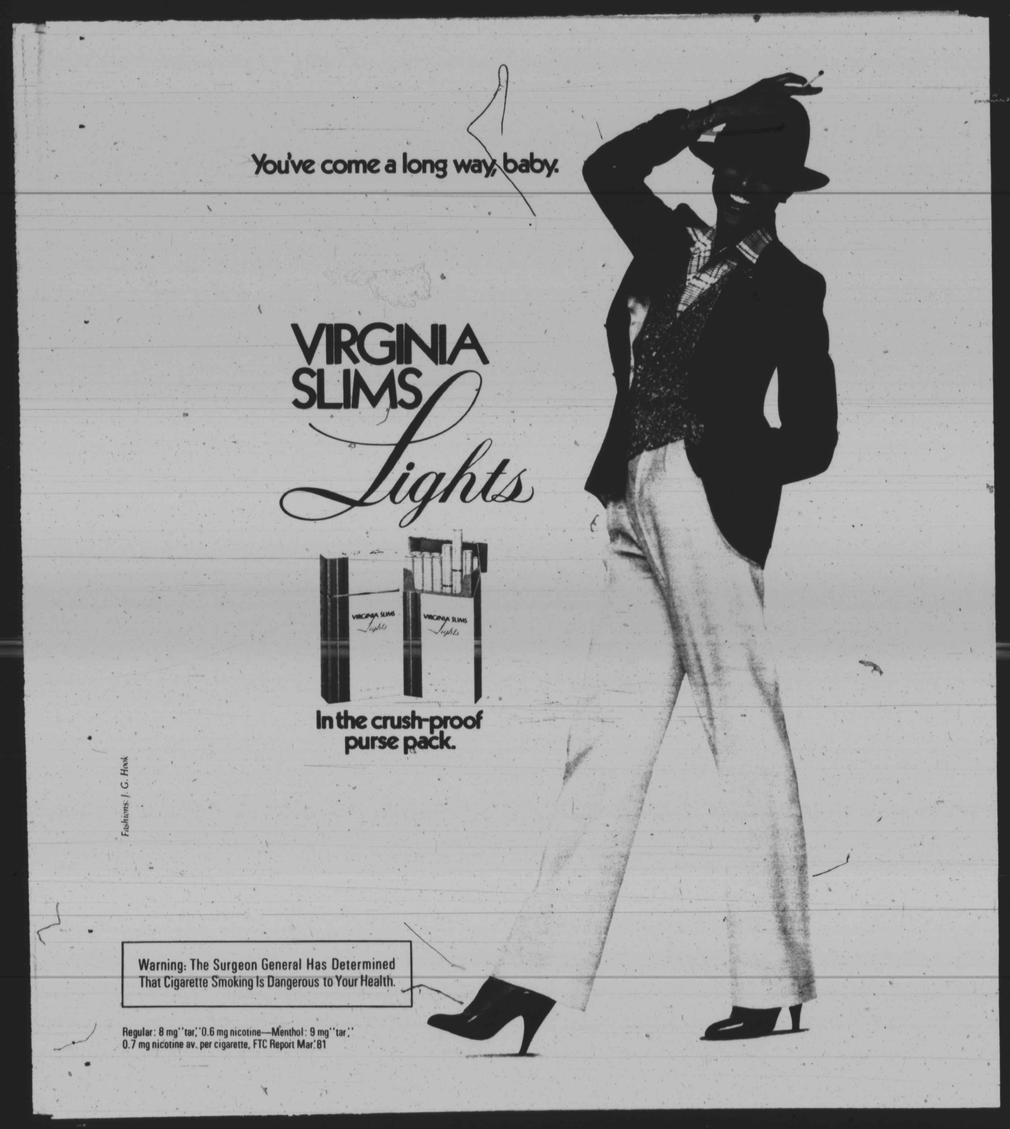

Blacks in baseball Hall of Fame

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5 tots die in fire, suspect questioned

Free cheese for needy off to slow start in Maryland

Annapolis — The State Social Services Department and the Maryland National Guard will distribute more than half a million pounds of cheese to needy state residents by Feb. 1, state officials said.

The move to distribute the cheese comes after state education officials said they lacked the resources needed to dole out 558,000 pounds of American cheese given Maryland by the federal government.

W. Kenneth Shifflett, head of Commodity Distribution for the state school lunch program, said most of the distribution problems were taken care of during a Tuesday meeting in Annapolis of various high-level officials.

Under the plan, the National Guard will distribute the cheese to distribution points in the 24 state subdivisions. Community action agencies in 16 of the jurisdictions will serve as distributing organizations, with other "central groups" taking that role in municipalities without community action agencies.

The State Human Resources Department will recommend the central groups, under the plan.

"Other groups can be a big help, if they will volunteer to help the designated distribution agencies, Joseph L. Shilling, deputy state school superintendent, said.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

'You know it doesn't make much sense, 'There ought to be a law against, 'Anyone who takes offense At a day in your celebration...'

Lyrics honoring Martin L. King by Stevie Wonder

(Photo by Kofi Owusu)

WORLD PROMINENT musician Stevie Wonder congratulates Michael Horne (right) for his winning essay on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Stevie is in town to lead a march on Friday (Jan. 15) to make the date, Dr. King's birthdate, a national holiday. Horne is a student at Johnson Junior High School and won the citywide essay contest sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta - Sorority. The two met at WHUR Tuesday when Stevie was there for an interview.

Carey Street blaze ruled homicide by arson

By Portia E. Badham and Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writers

Police questioned and released a suspect in connection with a case of arson in which five children perished Thursday morning in a rowhouse in the unit block S. Carey St.

A 22-year-old mother of four children who had told relatives her life had been threatened, was forced to leave her Lemmon Street home with her children and stay with relatives at 8 S. Carey St.

Nearly two weeks after moving in with her aunt, three of her children were among five children killed in a one-alarm blaze Thursday around 2 a.m.

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Courtroom tensions send some judges to 'head' doctors

Job-related stress that results in burnout, tension and anxiety is an inherent part of a judge's career, a clinical psychologist said Wednesday.

"In our culture, there is a commonly shared myth that no matter how heavy the demands are upon a highly responsible and prestigious person, he or she will continue to produce a high volume of work remain in reasonably good spirits," said Dr. Isaiah M. Zimmerman, who added he is treating 10 judges in his psychotherapy clinics.

Trial judges rarely escape the effects of cases they hear, he said.

They can become "trained and hardened by dealing with a steady stream of marginal people."

"Under a reasonable workload, this would not pose a problem, but under a chronic workload, it is probably asking too much to expect a person to maintain high internal standards of objectivity and a dispassionate attitude," Zimmerman said.

A Baltimore Supreme Bench judge agreed with the psychologist's findings.

"I find Criminal Court very interesting presiding over the trial, but the sentencing is horrible. It is just bad because you feel so futile," said Judge Marshall A. Levin.

"You start to think everyone is no good and that is not true. You start to think black people are not good because it is 95 percent black or more. Sometimes I have been the only white person in the courtroom.

"You foget when you go to an NAACP affair there are plenty of wonderful black people who are paying mortgages and paying taxes just like everyone else, but you don't see them here. You see rapists, murderers and what not," Levin said.

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Dr. King's son's visit to Hopkins stirs memories

"If we made his birthday a holiday we would be saying to the world "we're setting an example. "We're making a holiday for a man who was a humanitarian.' "

The bearded youth, who referred to himself as "Marty", spoke with a rythmic cadence that teased the memory.

Martin Luther King III was in town Monday afternoon to speak to members of the medical community at the Johns Hopkins medical facility in east Baltimore, to commemorate the life of his father, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and to urge support for a national holiday in his honor.

"He was a hero not only for black Americans, but for all of humanity," the younger King said, citing the efforts of the slain civil rights leader in advancing the causes of freedom, peace, civil and economic justice and goodwill among humankind.

"The poor peoples campaign was organized for blacks, whites, Puerto Rican Americans, for Native Americans...to say 'we have a right to a job,' " King said.

In a speech punctuated by barbs aimed at the Reagan administration, King said the civil rights movement had not been slain along with his father, and that the movement had matured and progressed under the leadership of others such as Vernon Jordan, Jesse Jackson and Ben Hooks.

He said his father had looked forward to a time in which he would not be the preeminent civil rights figure, and in which many others would share the responsibility for creating a just society, much as the situation exists today in the area of civil rights.

The tactics of non-violent confrontation and media-oriented demonstrations assembled and perfected by King have been credited with the inspiration for much of the social progress made in the 50s, 60s, and 70s, including the fruits of the anti-war, welfare rights and feminist movements, which have relied on impacting the consciousness of the nation and the world.

The younger King said his father would not have been disappointed by the level of success blacks have attained in America today, saying he would have continued his patient offensive.

"He was an optimist," King said. "Daddy did not need (clear cut) victories."

King, who is not a clergyman and who works with a hotel management concern in Washington, D.C., said he felt no pressure to follow in the giant footsteps of his father.

"My mother says I have to do the things that make Marty happy," he said.

A receptive audience of about 150 came perhaps to try to catch a glimpse of a memory, to savor the spirit of a fallen hero.

Michelle Farmer, a resident physician at the Johns Hopkins hospital said the experience was a special one, for her and the others who came.

"It was Hopkin's effort to pay respect to a great black man," she said. "I could show my respect and love..."

Redistricting stirs sparks as Assembly convenes

By John W. Frece

ANNAPOLIS— Gov. Harry Hughes submitted his plan for reapportioning the state's 47 legislative districts to the General Assembly Wednesday, sparking a barrage of complaints from lawmakers who did not get what they wanted.

Legislators from Howard County moaned Hughes' plan had robbed them of their rightful representation.

A delegate from Harford County accused the governor of making political deals with the senator from Harford County.

A pair of St. Mary's County delegates complained their pleas to the governor for a redistricting change in Southern Maryland went unnoticed.

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Strange winter!

How quickly things change, how fickle the weather. Monday, Jan. 4, saw temperatures in the relatively warm 50s. A week later, Monday, Jan. 11, temperatures had plunged below the basement ... to a chilly, record setting six degrees, a U.S Weather Service spokesman said.

Police, transit and utility officials told the AFRO setbacks and inconveniences caused by the snow and cold temperatures that reigned earlier this week caused no "major problems."

However, the year's first snow storm dumped about six inches on city streets and sidewalks, brought hardship, suffering and even death.

Naomi Ford, a Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization family support specialist, told the AFRO the BWRO has received quite a few calls from city and Baltimore County residents in need of assistance.

Ms. Ford said most of the problems have centered around people having no heat or food. The calls began coming in last Friday, she said.

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STROLLING IN THE SNOW — A very bundled Barbara Jackson walks along N. Howard St. Wednesday afternoon during this winter's first major snowstorm.

15,900 file for unemployment

A record 15,900 Marylanders filed unemployment claims during the first week of January and the state is paying $6 million a week in unemployment benefits, the Employment Security Administration director said.

"The situation is worsened by the fact that about 25 percent of the unemployed have exhausted their benefits and another 25 percent will lose their benefits by March," Frank Heintz said earlier this week.

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BIGGEST THEFT IN HISTORY

Convicted of $21.3 M swindle

BOXING PROMOTER CONVICTED — Harold Rossfields Smith and his wife, Vickie, leave the federal court building in Los Angeles after Smith was convicted of stealing $21.3 million from the Wells Fargo Bank, the biggest bank embezzlement in U.S. history. Smith is reported to have used the money to make himself a power in the fight game, operating under the name Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, although the former champion had nothing to do with Smith's operation.

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