Md. prison escapes decline

High of 609 in 1980 drops to 157 in 1982

The number of inmates who escaped from Maryland Correctional facilities in 1982 dropped to 157 compared to 609 in 1980, officials said this week.

In calendar 1981, 371 prisoners escaped, said Corrections Department Spokeswoman Beverly Marble.

She termed eight of the 1982 escapes "breaches of security," meaning inmates "had to do something to physically get through security" to flee from a correctional institution.

The rest of the escapes were "breaches of trust," where prisoners walked away from or failed to return to work and pre-release centers, Ms. Marble explained.

Forty of the 157 escapees in 1982 are still at-large and three are dead, she added.

Corrections officials attribute tougher screening procedures for the 74 percent decline in escapes from 1980 to 1982, Ms. Marble said.

"1982 is the first full year for all the new regulations put into effect in June 1981. The stricter screening requirements mean more inmates are being sent to facilities with higher security and less are going to work and pre-release facilities," she said.

Maryland Department of public safety and Correctional services Secretary Thomas Schmidt instituted the policies when he replaced Gordon Kamka, who resigned amid criticism that the department was lax.

Ms. Marable said corrections officials did not have the figures broken down by institution.

The three dead men were Kenneth Hatchett, a Maryland penitentiary escapee who was killed in a gun battle in Baltimore; James McDouglass, a pre-release inmate who died in a drug related argument, and Fred Sampson, a Maryland Penitentiary escapee who fell nine stories while trying to flee from federal authorities in New York, Ms. Marble said.

John Madison Moore

Funeral services for John Madison Moore were Sunday, Jan.2 t William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was the following day at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery.

Mr. Moore died Tuesday, Dec. 28 at Montebel: o Hospital. He was 62.

He was born in Jarrett, Va., and attended school in Sebrell, Va. He later moved to Baltimore where he continued his education in the Baltimore City Public School System.

Mr. Moore worked for the Social Security Administration for 30 years until his retirement in 1980.

He is survived by a son, Frederick M. Moore; a sister, Mary E. Henderson; and a grandson, Gregg.

Ms. Florence Brown

Funeral services for Florence Brown were Monday, Jan. 3 at William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was at the Baltimore Cemetery.

Ms. Brown died Wednesday, Dec. 29 at Baltimore City Hospital of chronic renal failure. She was 44.

She is survived by her mother and father Eddie and Mildred Jackson; two daughters, Patricia and Catherine Brown; one son, Gamel Brown; two sisters, Loretta and Dorothy Jackson; one brother Eddie Jackson.

Mrs. Viola B. Thomas

Funeral services for Viola B. Thomas were Monday, Jan 3 at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church. Burial was the next day at Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Union County, South Carolina. She led Monday, Dec 27 at Lutheran Hospital. She was 70.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary Henderson; on brothy, Mr. Robert Boyd of Asheville, N.C.

Miss Nicole Gardner

Funeral services for Nicole C. Gardner were Wednesday, Jan.5 t First Christian Community Church. Burial was at Arbutus Memorial Park.

Nicole died Saturday, Jani. She was 7 years old.

She is survived by her mother, Brenda Mason; her father, Nathniel Gerdner; and a brother Nathaniel R. Gardner.

Michael R. Allen

Funeral services for Michael R. Allen were Monday, Jan 3 t Union Baptist Church. Burial was at Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Mr. Allen died Wednesday, Dec. 29. He was 22.

He was born in Baltimore and educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools. He later attended th Community College of Baltimore.

He is survived by his mother Gladys; daughter Crystal Allen; two sisters, Deborah and Lynette; four brothers, Larry, John, Jr., Clifford and Anthony.

Clifton M. Johnson

Funeral services for Clifton Milton Johnson were Monday, Jan. at St. James St. John's Catholic Church. Burial was the following ay at th Baltimore Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson died Wednesday, Dec. 29. He was 56.

He was born in Baltimore and worked forthe L.E. Roth Company and had retired several years before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; five sons, Alfred, Charl gclarles, Dennis, Michael, and Lawrence; four daughters, Brenda, Patrici, Alice and Joyce; two brothers, John H. Johnson, Jr. and Joseph Johnson; and five sisters Alice Lewis, Phoebe Brown, Ardena Farrah, gbeatrice Gaddy and Bertha Johnson.

Joseph W. Butler

Funeral services for Joseph William Butler, 19, "lover of children" and former football player at Fayetteville State College, were held Friday, Dec. 31, at Mt. Airy Baptist Church, the Rev. Rafe M. Taylor officiating.

Rev. Taylor gave the eulogy and solos were provided by Mrs. Arlene Thompson and Donna Williams, and other music by the Mt. Airy Church Choir. Graveside rites were conduted at Harmony Cemetery.

Butler is survived by his wife Ernestine; three children - Rhonda, 20; Monica, 18; and Myra, 17. (Rodney was deceased on June 27, 1981.)

Four brothers - Leon, Lawrence and Robert of Washington, D.C. and James of Denver, Colorado; one sister, Elizabeth Cunningham of Glen Arden, Maryland; Parents-in-law-William and Elizabeth Edwards of Durham, N.C.

—Woman attorney

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degree from Morgan State University.

A former AFRO staff writer, Ms. Myles, after receiving her law degree had been working for the Federal government as a Board of Veterans Appeals attorney.

She will soon join the staff of Circuit Attorney Kurt Schmoke as a trial assistant.

Commenting on Ms. Myles victory, attorney Georgia Gosles first paid tribute to attorney David Mitchell "who waged a very good campaign" and then stated "We feel Bernadine is a tremendous person, a fine lawyer and a tireless worker . . . we are extremely pleased."

Ms. Gosles, who with attorney Jean Hitchcock, founded the Alliance For Black Female Lawyers two years ago, reported that Ms. Myles had been a very hard worker in both the women attorney's group and in the Monumental Bar Association as well.

—Mitchell

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why the matter came to the attention of the press at this time or what may have motivated its being pushed before the media just days away from the opening of the 1983 session of the General Assembly.

Gibson said the Senator learned of Martin's activities after he received a complaint from a buyer. Mitchell then questioned Martin about the matter.

Dissatisfied with Martin's responses, Gibson said Mitchell fired Martin around Aug. 13, 1981 and sent Martin's real estate licenses to the commission immediately.

Mitchell also directed people who had dealings with Martin to go to the real estate commission, which has a fund established for cases such as these, Gibson said.

Another matter in the case is a request by Gwendolyn Spann and Otis Cutler, who wrote to the commission asking for payment of $300 of interest on a $500 deposit that was kept by Martin according to commission records.

Gibson said Ms. Spann has received her deposit monies, but he has advised Mitchell to refuse to pay the additional $300.

He said while he thinks the Senator was not legally obligated to return the funds which never were submitted to his office, Mitchell did in fact return about $4,000 to people who had dealings with Martin.

If the charges of impropriety are upheld by the commission, Mitchell's real estate license could be suspended or revoked and he could be fined up to $2,000 in each case.

The commission has no power to take action against Martin because he no longer is licensed to do real estate work.

—Pinderhughes

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on academic requirements for students. He said college prepatory students now are required to take additional mathematics, science, foreign language and health courses.

He said the school also had met with doctors and officials from area hospitals and colleges such as Coppin State, the Community College of Baltimore and Provident and Johns Hopkins Hospitals.

Their expertise was offered to Dunbar officials to update the school's occupational areas if needed.

Charge two was to improve the appearance and tone of the school building and the student handbook.

Gladden told the board the roof had been repaired and several areas of the building had been repainted.

Charge three addressed Dunbar's cleaning and maintenance schedule. The work was divided into two parts, he said. Work that could be done immediately - the roof - and work that would require some engineering and physical plant planning.

Gladden made no recommendations on charges four and five. Those areas still are under study. They involved an appraisal of administrative and teaching staff and a feasibility study on the status of the school.

Gladden said he hopes to have recommendations for charges four and five completed by June.

His report comes three months after a report was released charging Dunbar had failed in its mission to prepare its students for gainful employment, for higher education and for careers in health related fields.

The 250 -page report prepared by the Baltimore Teachers Corps, an independent group of professionals, educators, and community residents created a furor among school officials, parents, Eastside residents and some of those who conducted the report.

Things apparently had cooled by Thursday, however. Gladden's findings illicited nothing more than a few commente and questions by board members.

Other agenda items being reviewed at AFRO presstime included progress reports on the school system's five-year plan and audience hearings for citizens to air their views on various topics including the school budget.

Calendar

The Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for recipients of its annual Human Rights awards.

The purpose of the award is to honor both an individual and an organization which have made significant contributions to the community in the area of human rights.

The awards will be presented at the Commission's annual Human Rights Day Celebration to be held on Jan. 15, at Howard High School from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. The theme of this year:s celebration is "Peace".

Any person or group can submit a nomination. There will be one award for an individual and one award for a group. Persons or groups which have been nominated in the past may be nominated again. A group may nominate itself.

Criteria for selection are:

1. Recipients may be volunteers or employed in the area of human rights.

2. The work should have an impact on the Howard County community.

3. Demonstrations of effectiveness, length of service, and commitment should be included in nomination statement.

The Human Rights Commission will select the winner. The deadline for submission has been extended to Jan. 10.

Nominations should be sent to: Commissioner Barbara Gilliard-Payne, Chairperson, Human Rights Celebration, John Lee Carroll Building, 3450 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Walk-in registration for undergraduate and graduate courses at the University of Baltimore will be Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 17-19, on an alphabetically assigned day basis from 1p.m. until 7 p.m. in the UofB Academic Center, Charles St. at Mount Royal Av.

Spring schedules and catalogs may be obtained by calling the UofB Admissions Office, 625-3348.

In order to make its nursing program available to more people, Coppin State College's Division of Nursing is expanding its fully accredited program to the Weekend - evening College.

Courses traditionally offered in the day program will now be offered during evening and weekend hours. Weekend-evening offering for the spring 1983 semester include: Chemistry for the Health Sciences; and Nursing Research.

For information on advisement and registration, call the Division of Continuing Education at 383-4540-4541.

The annual competitive scholarship examination for new applicants to The Bryn Mawr School will take place on Saturday, Jan. 15. Information is now available from the School's financial aid office (323 8800, ext. 32).

Three scholarships are awarded on the basis of the examination and supporting materials to applicants entering grades 1-12. The amount of the grant is based on the candidate's need.

Bryn Mawr awards $120,000 in financial aid to approximately 10 percent of the student body. The School admits only girls who have academic potential above the national average.

King Week to feature bill strategy

Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mi.) will convene a National Legislative Strategy Session on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Bill on January 15, at 10 a.m. in the Cannon Building, Room 345.

The strategy session will be part of King Week in Washington, which will consist of seminars, community forums, and interfaith services.

King Week 1983 (January 9-16) is designed to re-examine, recapture and build upon the moral force of Dr. King's ideas and politics for this generation of Americans.

Congressman Conyers, speaking on behalf of the National Committee for the King Holiday Bill, said:

"The historic coalition that Reverend King nurtured a generation ago needs to be rebuilt today. The issues and injustices that King spoke to in his day continue as the current crossroads we face as a society and as a people — full employment and economic justice; equality of opportunity; safeguarding the rights of working men and women to a decent, productive life; peace in the world, a halt to violence at home; and the abolition of racism.

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CRIME DISPATCH

Boy, 13, charged in robbery murder of 10th grader

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

"He would leave home at 5 a.m. every Saturday for his parttime job in Fort Meade, where he would bag groceries on the military base and assist people in carrying their bags to their cars.

"He would always buy his own clothes and had been saving his money to buy a leather coat for Christmas. He was a happy go lucky kid and never bothered anyone."

Those were the words of Mrs. Jacqueline Gough, mother of 16-yearold Michael Gough, who was fatally shot several times in the upper torso, with a small caliber handgun, when he refused to give his new leather coat to two unidentified teenagers.

Police report Gough, of the 400 block of Oxford Court in the McCulloh Homes was returning to his godfather's home in Edmondson Village with two friends from a grocery store when two teenagers approached him with a gun and demanded money.

Police said Gough and his friends told the suspects they did not have any money and one of the two suspects shot Gough.

According to police, Gough ran to his godfather's Edmondson Village apartment and collapsed in the hallway.

Police have charged a 13-year-old youth with first degree murder in the fatal shooting of Gough.

Homicide detectives said the suspect was arrested Jan. 5 and charged with the slaying of Gough. The suspect will be tried as a juvenile and his name was not released.

The suspect was being held at Maryland Traing School for boys pending a review of the cffse at AFRO presstime.

Police report they were still looking for the second teenage suspect. Police report the suspect who was arrested lived within walking distance of the shooting.

Seated in the living room of her West Baltimore home, Mrs. Gough told the AFRO, "All he (Michael) ever talked about was he wanted to take me out of the projects. This shows crime is everywhere and not just in the projects."

MICHAEL GOUGH, 16, was shot several times in the upper torso with a small caliber handgun in Leakin Park Tuesday, Jan. 4. Funeral service for Gough will be today (Friday) at William C. March Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gough said her son would always say, "Mama I am going to get you out of here."

According to Mrs. Gough, the leather coat Gough was wearing when he was killed cost $200. His godfather Bernard Harris, gave him a portion of the money as a Christmas gift. Mrs. Gough said she would often get upset with her son about buying expensive clothes.

"He saved his money and paid $60 for a pair of tennis shoes. I would often talk with him about his clothes. It is a shame teenaters can't wear the clothes they buy.

The short gray leather coat with fur hood Gough was wearing when slain is called a "bumper jacket" by teenagers according to Mrs. Gough.

Gough was a tenth grade student at Douglass High School and a member of the school high school baskeball team. Relatives said he also like playing football.

"His job was his pride and joy," said Mrs. Gough. Michael would often come home and count his money on the kitchen table. One Saturday he came home with $50 in change. He would sometimes give me $5 a week."

Funeral services for Gough will be held today (Friday) 7 p.m. at William C. March Funeral Home on North Avenue. The family will receive friends at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by two brothers, Reginald and Steven Gough; one sister, Nicole; one half-sister Tanore Gough and one half brother Othello Gough.

Sobriety checkpoint program to expand

By Rebecca Kolberg

State police are pleased with their "sobriety checkpoints" and plan to expand the program outside of Harford County in the near future, a state police spokesman said.

County and state police arrested at least 22 people for drunken driving and stopped more than 6,000 vehicles at roadblocks over the New Year's weekend in Harford, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

State police spokesman Dan McCarthy said 1,165 motorists were stopped at three roadblocks in Harford County on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, and six people were arrested for diving while intoxicated.

McCarthy said state troopers only set up sobriety checkpoints in Harford County.

"The chief of operations wanted to see how it would work in one county before he would feel comfortable moving it to other regions. We had to make sure there were no flaws, that the procedures are okay."

"It would be safe to say that the sobriety checkpoints will be moving outside of Harford County in the near future," McCarthy added.

On New Year's Eve, Prince George's County police stopped 4,050 drivers at two roadblocks on busy highways in the county. Police said eight people were arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Prince George's County police spokesman Bob Law said officers received no complaints from motorists stopped at the roadblocks. Law said police counted several taxis with intoxicated passengers and many drivers told officers they had been designated the non-drinkers at parties.

In Montgomery County, eight of the approximately 1,200 motorists stopped by local police on New Year's Eve were arrested for drunken driving. Montgomery County police conducted similar roadblocks during the 1981 holiday season, but no comparable figures were available.

County police said one person arrested had a blood alcohol content of 32 percent, nearly three times the legal standard for intoxication of 13 percent.

Montgomery County police set up roadblocks on Wisconsin Avenue, Georgia Avenue and Quince Orchard Road near Route 270.

King, co-defendents convicted by federal jury

Lawyers to appeal heroin trial verdict

A 26-year-old man who allegedly directed a heroin distribution ring that netted in excess of $50 million a year will appeal his conviction of conspiring to distribute heroin, his lawyers said.

A federal jury deliberated eight hours Wednesday, Jan. 5 and convicted Maurice "Peanut" King and eight co-defendants of conspiring to distribute heroin through an East Baltimore drug network.

The jury also found King and Thomas C. Ricks, his partner, guilty of violating the federal continuing criminal enterprise statute.

The statute provides for the government to seize property believed to have been acquired with profits from the criminal activity and calls for mandatory life sentences.

Lawyers for King and Ricks said they will appeal the convictions.

The six men and six women jurors also found James A. Carter, a bail bondsman guilty of conspiracy and not guilty on possession charges.

Other defendants convicted of conspiracy and possession with the intent to distribute are Marcel Moffatt and Kerney Lindsey, alleged to be the top lieutenants. Also, Kenneth L. Hurt, Clifton L. Frisby, Stanley Rogers and Beatrice Roberts.

Prosecutors charged that King masterminded an organization that used as many as 25 youths on mopeds to peddle the drugs. The youth were allegedly paid $500 a week to deliver drugs on mopeds.

Prosecutors presented 400 exhibits, including videotapes of drug transactions between Ricks and an informant who was cooperating with police.

The jury also ruled that the government should confiscate seven vehicles, including a 1981 Delorean car, a $175,000 home in Silver Spring that King bought for his mother, two diamond rings each valued at $17,000, a $6,000 gold pendant, two grocery stores, and two rental properties.

A hearing will be held to determine if the government sufficiently proved that the valuables were acquired with illegaly obtained funds. No date has been set for the hearing.

The two grocery stores owned by King, Ricks and Meredith are in the 2000 block North Ave. and the 2400 block of Greenmount Ave.

Although they dealt in groceries investigators were able to ascertain that they were used as operational offices for the distribution of heroin and at some points the drug was actually sold from these supermarkets.

No trial date has been set for sentencing.

A mural done by the great Mexican painter Diego Rivera for Rockefeller Center was destroyed by order of its sponsers because Rivera included a portrait of Lenin. The mural was reproduced in Mexico City at the Palace of Fine Arts.

Illegal drugs flooding state by boat, air and car

Illegal drugs are being smuggled into Maryland aboard boats on the Chesapeake Bay, in the bags of travelers at Baltimore Washington International airport, and by car and truck, a state lawmaker said.

Following a two-hour, closed door meeting with a dozen narcotics experts and lawmen from seven states and federal agencies, Sen. Elect Gerald Winegrad, D-Ann Arundel, said he planned to introduce legislation to stop what he described as a sharp increase in drug smuggling in Maryland.

Winegrad did not provide any statistics about the amount of drugs allegdly smuggled into the state or its street value, and he talked with reporters about the meeting only after the lawmen and narcotics experts had left.

But he said he was told the reason drug trafficking in Maryland has increased is because drug smugglers have been trying to avoid Florida, where federal narcotics agents have staged a recent crackdown.

Instead of dropping off South American Cocaine or marijuana on the shores of Florida, the drug smugglers are taking the illegal drugs up the coast by boat and into the Chesapeake Bay, Winegard said.

He said the bay was ripe for such illegal activities because Marine police and other law enforcement agencies operating on the bay were undermanned and underquipped.

Attending the meeting where the law enforcement agents said drugs and large amounts of cash were being exchanged on a daily basis.

Winegrad said other proposals discussed at the meeing included: modifying a law passed last year that permits money seized in drug raids to be funneled into the state treasury by earmarking that money for use in law enforcement activities.

Using the Maryland police training academy to educate prosecutors and police on the legal requirements that must be satisfied before contraband, money or other material may be confiscated during drug raids.

Introducing legislation that would make convicted drug smugglers pay back law enforcement agencies for the cost of cracking a drug case.

D.C. cop shot outside his home

A district of Columbia police officer was critically wounded Jan. 5 in a shooting outside his Anne Arundel County home, police said.

District of Columbia police identified the officer as Donald Bennett, 32, a 12-year-veteran who was assigned to Washington's fourth police district.

Bennett was shot in the pelvis with a shotgun as he walked to his car that was parked in the driveway of his residence, Annapolis police spokeswoman officer Barbara Hopkins said.

"We have not named a suspect yet," she said. "A task force formed between Annapolis and district police will meet to develop possible motives based on his job assignments."

Bennett, a detective, was flown by helicopter to the University of Maryland's shock trauma unit in Baltimore where he was listed in critical condition.

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