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SINCE JULY, 1983 in MARYLAND:

Smoke detectors are a MUST!



OOH . . . THAT'S MY BABY!—Mrs. Linda L. Johnson kisses her brand new daughter, Vance Andrennetta, the first baby born in Baltimore in 1984.

1st Balto. baby born at Provident at 12:01

was the first baby born in

left the safety of her mother's womb AFRO. at 12:01 a.m. New Year's morning by "I'm going to try not to spoil her, Patricia Salda natural childbirth at Provident but it's going to be kind of difficult," Vanee's claim.

until ten days later.

boys, Vandre, 10, and Vance, 3. When sked if she had been hoping for a girl, Mrs. Johnson answered without hesitation, "Yes!".

As Mrs. Johnson kissed and smiled at her daughter just before their discharge from the hospital Tuesday morning, she commented on her New Year's baby who was dressed in a diaper and white T-shirt with the DENT HOSPITAL printed across the

"I think it's great. It wasn't planned that way," she said as she wrapped a soft blanket around Vanee.

OTHER A

The State Lottery announced

the Lotto Jackpot for the drawing

of Saturday, Jan. 7, 1984 will have

an estimated annuity value for a

The winning lottery numbers

THREE-DIGIT

FOUR-DIGIT

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single winner of \$4,000,000.

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"The first (of the year) for the first laughter), My first girl and my last aby," said Mrs. Johnson who added that Vance will complete the Johnson As the parents of Baltimore's first 1984-born child, the Johnsons will

the first daughter born to Mrs. Lin- receive a check for \$25, the mother de L. Johnson, a housewife, and her and child will appear on the AFRO susband Van Andrew Johnson, Sr., a front page, and the family will receive a year's subscription to the

said Mrs. Johnson without ever taking her eyes off Vanee.

The AFRO prize money will be used to purchase baby clothes, she says. Though she is only a new days old,

Vanee is already involved in a controversy over her title as Baltimore's first baby of 1984. A child born at midnight Sunday at

Franklin Square Hospital by caesarian section has also staked a claim to the title of the first-born of the new year.

"Vanee was born by vaginal delivery and should be the legal (first) baby because with caesarian babies you can always control the time of delivery, whereas in a vaginal birth you cannot control (the time)," said Provident pediatrician Dr. Patricia Saldana in defense of

The Johnson family's first girl was due Dec. 21, according to Mrs. Last chance Monday to Johnson's physician, but the 19 and one half inch little girl did not arrive Mrs. Johnson, 29, and her husband change party affiliation was already the parents of two boys, Vandre, 10, and Vance, 3 When

Unless they act quickly, about and Gay streets by 4 p.m. Monday 20,000 registered Baltimore voters January 9th. will have to watch from the sidelines while other voters choose Republican and Democratic presidential candidates in the upcoming May 8th state

Currently about 20,000 Baltimoreans are registered as Independents; or with parties not on the Maryland primary ballot and will be unable to influence party, endorsements. Primary voters may only choose fellow party members.

Registered people interested in switching their party affiliation to become eligible to vote in the primary the city. must apply in person at the Supervisors of Elections offices in the District Court Building at Fayette

Unregistered voters have until April 9th to sign-up in time to cast ballots in the May 8th state primary.

The candidacy of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and opposition to the presidency of Ronald Reagan could lead to increased voter interest in the primary, which helps determine the composition of the state's delegations to the respective national party conventions.

Currently 370,703 Democrats and 35,047 Republicans are registered in

An estimated 500,000 black Marylanders, many of them living in

Baltimore city, are unregistered.

Shake & Bake Bowling fest

The first annual Martin Luther King Tenpin Bowling Tournament will get underway tomorrow at the Shake & Bake Family Fun Center.

Sponsored by Shake & Bake; Caltec and the AFRO-AMERICAN, the bowling series is open to all tenpin bowlers with qualifying times scheduled for January 7-14 at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. daily. A prize of \$500 will be awarded to both the top male and female bowler. Entry fee cost is \$10 and the finals will

be held on Dr. King's birthday, January 15th. For additional information stop by the Shake & Bake Family Fun Center

728-7607.



at 1601 Pennsylvania Ave. or call Shake and Bake on Pennsylvania

By Racine S. Winborne **AFRO Staff Writer**

For the past six months it has been mandatory that every household in the state maintain a working smoke detector. With the advent of this program, the city's fire department has been able to successfully reduce the number of fire related deaths.

Since House Bill 1299-Smoke Detector Systems Multi-Family Buildings and Hotels—went into effect only July 1, 1983, the mortality rate has decreased by 11 over the previous year, according to information released by the fire department. A total of 53 residents died in fires

in 1983 as compared to 84 in 1982. The department credits the statewide fire safety legislation for the decline.

decrease in the number of multiple fire deaths recorded in the city. Whereas some 36 people were killed two years ago, only 14 cases of multiple deaths were reported last year. Department spokesperson Capt.

Patrick Flynn further speculates that

the figure would be even lower if the

households involved had bothered to install smoke detectors. "Since we've had the smoke detector program we find that a whole family does not get wiped out in a fire.

People are alerted and most of them He cites as example, last month's tragic incident that claimed the lives of eight children and adults.

Says Flynn, "We found that there was no smoke detector on Monroe St. Another factor pointing to the pro-gram's success is the overwhelming people could have been saved."

A similar situation occurred early Tuesday morning (January 3) and left two adults and two children dead. The department believes that some if not all of the victims would have survived if a smoke detector had been placed in the proper spot.

Combined, these two multiple death incidents account for 12 of the 13 fire fatalities in Baltimore during the period of December 9-January 3. Fire officials contend that all but

one victim would still be alive today. The recent surge of deaths has sparked concern at City Hall where the mayor, at a mid-week press conference, alerted residents as to the hazards of not having smoke detectors.

Though alarmed, he refused to endorse any legislation that would call Continued on page 2

Minister Farrakhan: 'I saw God at work in Rev. Jesse Jackson'

By Nicholas C. McBride AFRO Staff Writer

The Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson's delicate mixture of church morality and state politics had tears streaming from the eyes of the Syrian Ambassador during an hour long prayer

Bethel Baptist Church yesterday. Jackson wrote his own chapter in American diplomatic history when he obtained the release of captured Navy airman Lt. Robert O. Goodman by appealing to the humanitarian in-

stincts of the war-torn nation. Representatives from all religious creeds expressed thanks to God for

Jackson and the success of his "moral mission." Ambassador Rafic Joeujati called the Jackson mission a "pilgrimage"

by a devout servant of God. view of the world," he said. "He stands for a communion of Continued on page 2



his return from captivity in Syria. Looking on from left Goodman, Sr., and the Rev. Jesse Jackson. are Lt. Goodman's wife, Terry Lynn Goodman, his

HISTORIC PHOTO—Reception at the White House where brother, Sec. of State Shultz, Mrs. Marilyn Goodman President Reagan greeting Lt. Robert Goodman Jr. after (mother of the Lt.); Defense Sec. Weinberger, Robert

Gov. reported to be cooling off on higher spending for education

By Martin Evans

AFRO Staff Writer Concern is mounting among

Schaefer administration officials, teachers groups and some state lawmakers that Governor Harry Hughes may be backing away from support of higher spending levels for the state's public schools.

Hughes had initially endorsed an education task force recommendation that the state spend as much as \$244 million more on education, dividing the increase among school systems across Maryland.

The task force, which was chaired by former U.S. District Attorney Benjamin Civiletti and composed of state politicians, school administrators teachers representatives and community leaders, released its report in November.

Baltimore city, one of the state's poorest school systems in terms of per-pupil spending, would be one of the biggest beneficiaries if the Civiletti report recommendations are

But sources in contact with Hughes, including city lobbyists, state education administrators and the governor's press secretary, say pressure to avoid a tax increase this year, and to fund other big-ticket projects such as the cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay and increases in state employee pay

higher aid to education.

Lew Panos, the governor's press spokesperson, said Hughes still supports the concept of greater education outlays, but may opt for a slower rate

"The governor has said he believes we should try to achieve the objectives of the Civiletti report, but is not sure we can at the pace recommended," Panos said.

rates, have cut into his support for Panos said while Hughes initially had endorsed the task force's most generous suggestion, known as the 3A plan, "The firm reality of th caused him to think that may be too am-

> The enactment of the task force recommendations are all but impossible without a tax hike, and without the governor's blessing, state lawmakers

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TATES

We're back—and are so glad you missed us—even if you didn't say so. We have been literally inundated, my deah, with rumors and speculations about the goings on over at TV hill—at Channel 13 to be exact. Now we heard—mind you we only heard—that one of the major news producers at the station is no longer carrying a stopwatch and clipboard

as a part of her daily news duties. She made a great reputation as a writer in the print media for one of our local dailies, but didn't work out in the TV biz—and is no longer

We only heard, ya understand.

The whole town is buzzing, ya know, about how the news coverage of Lt. Robert Goodman has been concentrating so much on his parents, and brothers.

A lot of people didn't even know he was married and had a family of his own. Can't help but wonder why so little was said...tee hee!