Abuser of black boys is sentenced by judge to 4½-year prison term

By Lamont Curry
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In the wake of the Tuesday sentencing of John L. Ashby, Jr., a prominent corporate executive nabbed for molesting little boys from the Lexington Terrace, housing project, disappointment at what they consider a light sentence and concern for psychological effects on children have outraged parents.

Ashby, 37, in the presence of his wife, former employer and some of the parents of his victims, told a Baltimore Circuit Court judge that practically every waking hour, and often in dreams, he's been plagued by an overwhelming urge for little boys since he was a boy. Judge Clifton J. Gordy, Jr. sentenced Ashby to four and one-half years hard time and five years probation for sexually abusing three boys.

"If he was a n——r they woulda gave him life," said one parent. "He's gonna buy his time and be in the street again. He's got money," she said.

"If I woulda been out (of jail) I woulda killed him myself," said a brother of one of the victims when the AFRO visited Lexington Terrace Thursday.

"What? Hell no. I don't know anything about it but if I did I woulda (Bleeps)," said a resident.

Ashby pleaded guilty on Sept. 20 to three counts of second-degree sex offenses for the series of assaults against three boys, ages nine to 13, between 1983 and August, 1985.

"They woulda never caught him if it wasn't for me. I came home one night and couldn't find my son. At 1 a.m. I called the police. I was in the police car when he came running up. I asked him where he had been. I went through his pockets, found $15 and I asked him where he had gotten it from," said a victim's mother.

"A black police officer pulled him aside and got the story. He found out that my son was to meet Ashby the next Friday, so we set 'em up," she said.

Ashby, a 6'3" thin man, clad in a polyester suit in court, is the former vice president of the District of Columbia Hospital Association and has achieved national prominence as a skillful administrator.

"One of those kids is acting like a faggot already," said one of the parents. She referred to the child as the one who had got her son and others involved, and said that the boy had fallen in love with Ashby.

When his mother was asked if her son had in fact fallen in love with Ashby, she said that she didn't know, but if he had she could understand.

"When the judge game him four and one half years I looked at my son. He was sleeping. I woke him up and told him that they gave his friend four and one half years and he said 'Is that all?'"

Asked why she referred to Ashby as her son's friend, she said:

"They were friends. We're just catching him, but this thing has been going on since 1983."

Ashby's counsels Attorney Kevin P. Murphy, lined up an impressive list of witnesses for the defense including Dr. Fred Berlin, internationally acclaimed clinician, another psychologist who works with sexual disorders, Mrs. Ashby, the defendant's former instructor and employer, and called Ashby himself to the stand.

Berlin testified that he first met Ashby in 1979 after being convicted of a similar sex offense in Washington. He received a suspended sentence and five years probation in that case, the doctor said.

Diagnosed as a fixated pedophile (lover of children) at Johns Hopkins, Ashby attended group therapy sessions at the clinic and was given Depo-Provera, a special drug that lowers an individuals sex drive, according to Berlin.

"Where I am attracted to age appropriate members of the opposite sex, John is attracted to children.

"He has no ability to resist."

"He had made great strides. In 1979 he had never experienced an adult relationship. After therapy he was able to get married and father a child. We knew he was moving away from the medication. We thought that his interest was shifting away from children, but we were wrong.

"We don't expect him to change his sexual orientation. I don't know how to erase the craving.

"We now know that in order for him to sustain arousal when performing with his wife, he had to fantasize that he was actually with a little boy," said Berlin.

Finally Berlin said that he believes that under medical care and treatment, Ashby can live in society without risk to that community. Dr. Michacl Patterson, the psychologist, agreed.

Mrs. Ashby said that her husband knows that the problem will not go away.

"Everyone knows... I'm giving him this chance, but not another. He knows that."

She said that she didn't know about Ashby's problem. She thought that his only problem was impotency (failure of erection) which he overcame shortly after they met.

According to doctors, Ashby overcame the impotency problem when he stopped taking the Depo-Provera. As much as he was then able to have normal relations with his wife and father a child, his other urges returned as well.

When Ashby took the stand, he admitted that he had in fact grown close to a boy and had lost all sense of reason.

"Those last several months I just couldn't walk away. I stopped being careful... I was so dumb... I lost all concern about not being arrested," he said.

Ashby said that he started experimenting sexually with boys in his neighborhood at the age of six and by nine he was aware of his preference for boys.

He said that he thought about little boys throughout school, college, and into his professional career everyday, but never tried anything.

But, he ran across a book that told him of the arcades in New York where little boys hustled sex for money.

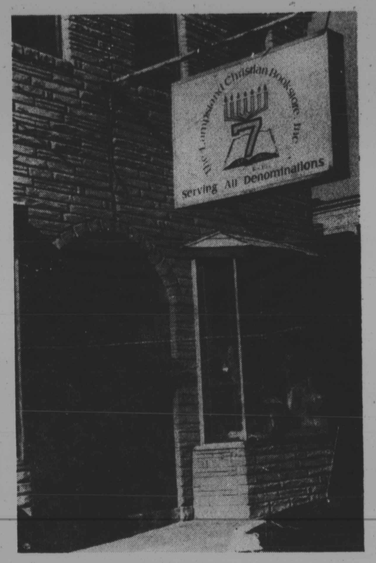
"I caved in all at once and immediately started making trips to New York," he said.

In rendering the sentence, Judge Gordy alluded to a conflict between clinical advances and Maryland law.

"The man is sick. He's got a mental disorder that the law doesn't recognize. A man can commit murder and prove that he's insane or was at the time and get off. But this kind of mental disorder is not recognized, in fact the state is at least 10 years behind the medical field in this area.

"He's a sick man but I had to punish him and keep something over his head (the threat of completing sentence and serving new charges if he should repeat the pattern)," he said.

The prosecuting attorney was Olga M. Bruning.



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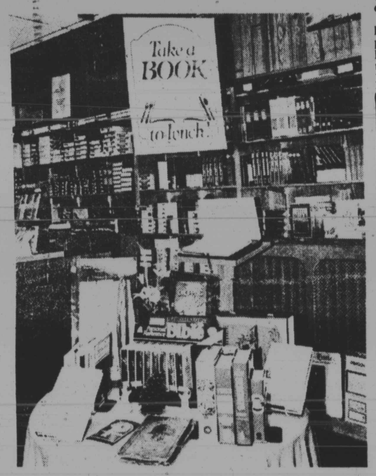

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Christian bookstore has gifts for the holidays

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Also, the store carries a wide range of ladies' and men's pocket Bibles, for the senior citizen it also has several styles in the compact Bible line. It also has inexpensive pew Bibles. Finally, The Lampstand has taken a special interest in providing children with Bibles in all sizes and understanding levels.

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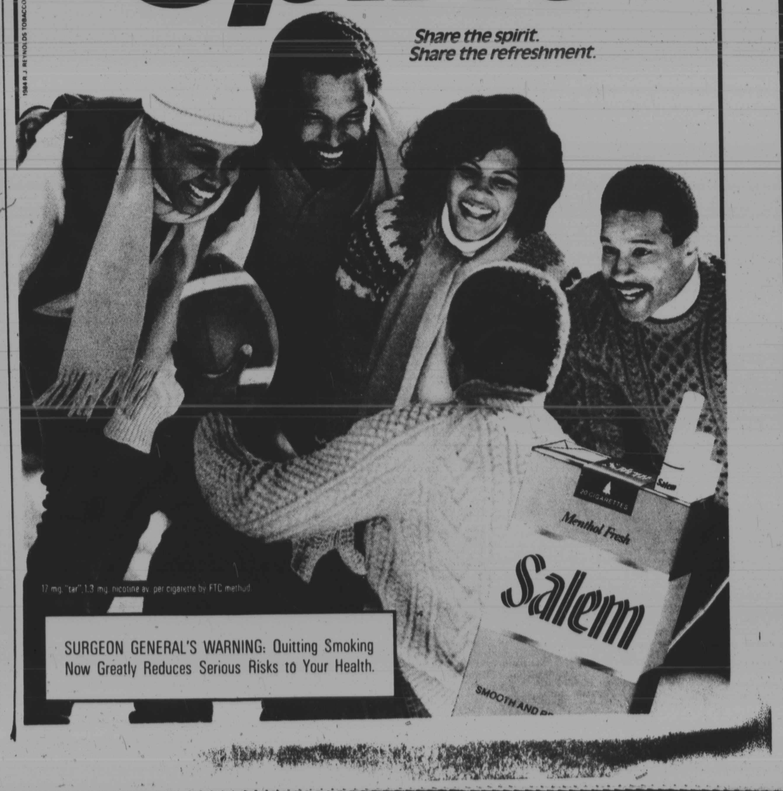

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AFRO SPORTS

PLATEAU 300 — The Georgetown Hoyas gave John Thompson his 300th career victory Tuesday night, when they defeated George Mason, 75-63, at Fairfax, Va. Ralph Dalton, David Wingate and Reggie Williams were in double figures as Thompson's record ran 300-107.

'Unsung Hero' dinner honors 29

Twenty-nine young high school football players will learn tonight at the Hunt Valley Inn which of the lot will receive a 4-year college scholarship awarded annually by McCormick's.

The 29 candidates were chosen by coaches at their respective schools. The winner will be determined after all qualifications – scholarship, athletic ability, civic responsibility and general decorum – have been evaluated.

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Following are the 29 nominees listed in alphabetical order:

Shean Armitage, guard, Patterson; Brendan Bagley, center-tackle, Martin Spalding; John Baugher, safety, Mt. St. Joseph; Pat Bellotte, guard, St. Mary's; Tyrus Conaway, guard-linebacker, City College; Ronald Davis, fullback, Southern;

Arien Doles, end-linebacker, Northern; William Dorrah, Jr., guard, Forest Park; Doug Gorius, guard, John Carroll, Eric Guy, flanker, Carver; Dajuan Harrison, running back, Curley;

Michael Henson, center-guard, Northwestern; Mike Holmes, linebacker, Lake Clifton; Reggie House, fullback, Poly; Jeff Keel, tackle, Calvert Hall;

Michael Leach, fullback, Southern; Pat Leahy, tight end, Loyola; Tim Oursler, quarterback, Gilman; John Quinlan, guard-linebacker, Severn; Tom Ratrie, tackle, Boys' Latin; Donte Robinson, tackle, Gibbons; Malcolm Showell, end-tackle, Dunbar; Jon Siegel, guard-tackle, Friends;

James Singletary, Jr., linebacker, Walbrook; Eric Smith, tackle, Douglass;

Guy Stafford, Jr., guard-tackle, Edmondson-Westside; Matt Welsh, center-tackle, St. Paul's; Michael Williams, halfback-linebacker, Mervo, and Robert Young, tackle, McDonogh.

Basketball schedule and results

COLLEGE GAMES
Friday
Coppin State at UMBC (women)
Albany State at West Georgia
Clinton at East Coast Bible
Saturday
Coppin State at Robert Morris
Coppin St. at Morris (women)
Lincoln at Cabrini (women)
Lincoln at Cabrini College
Delaware State at Utica (NY)
Clinton at East Coast Bible
COLLEGE RESULTS
Coppin State 89, bowie State 61
Bowie St. 61, Coppin St. 41 (women)
U. of D.C. 77, New York Tech 59 (women)
Rhode Island 72, Howard 54 (women)
New Mexico 66, Morgan State 50
St. Peter's 95, Coppin State 30
South Carolina 113, Md., E. Shore 77
Livingstone 74, Bowie St. 63 (women)
Livingston 87, Bowie St. 81
W. Va. State 86, Howard 83
Geo. Washington 89, Coppin St. 69
American U 61, Md., E. Shore 55 (women)
A and T 67, W. Salem 61
Charleston 89, UDC 73
S.C. State 68, Livingston St. 65
Delaware St. 85, Cheyney St. 83
St. Augustine's 90, Va. State 76
N.C. Central 78, Hampton 68
Vanderbilt 89, Tenn. St. 86 (women)
Ala. A & M 96, Tuskegee 86
Ft. Valley 80, Benedict 68 (women)
Fort Valley 96, Benedict 82
Stetson 105, Bethune-Cookman 78
Augusta 74, Miss Valley 63
S.C. State 78, Prairie View 76
Memphis St. 107, Tenn. State 61
Ala. A & M 104, Ala.-Huntsville 79
Fisk 91, Moorehouse 87
Alabama State 100, Dillard 96
Southern 77, Nicholls St. 55
Texas A & I 82, Bishop 80
Grambling 72, Jarvis 61

Howard 74, St. Francis 56 (women)
UDC 82, Va. Union 77 (UDC Tournament title)
Geo. Washington 107, Bowie St. 67
Univ. of DC 77, Fayetteville 73 (women)
Widener 68, Lincoln 61
Elizabeth City 81, N.Y. Tech 78
New York Tech 97, Lincoln 75 (women)
St. Paul's 61, NC Wesleyan 59
St. Augustine's 75, Fayetteville 63
W. Salem 58, Paine College 56, (OT)
S. Carolina 78, Tenn. State 62
Ala. A&M 78, Talladega 71
Tuskegee 85, Paul Quinn 83
Tampa 111, Edw. Waters 60
Savannah St. 83, West Georgia 81
Savannah St. 113, Morehouse 104
Jackson St. 97, Fla. A&M 76
Covenant 82, Lane College 56
Winthrop 132, Morris College 73
Southern Tech 79, Allen 63
Arkansas 76, Southern 75
Shorter 90, Ft. Valley 79
West Ga. 89, Allen 57
Miss. State 77, Jackson St. 62
Baptist 64, Miss. Valley 61
Ala.-Huntsville 87, Knoxville 60
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Bloomsburg 38, Hampton 28
North Ala. 14, Ft. Valley 7
South Dakota 13, Central State 10 (2 Ot)
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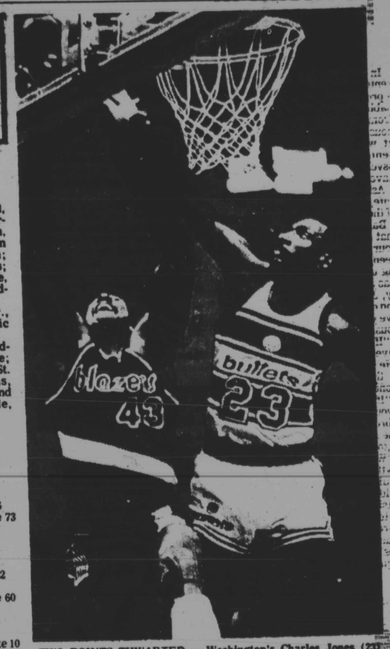
Ark. State 10, Grambling 7



TWO POINTS THWARTED — Washington's Charles Jones (23) blocks shot attempt by Portland ace Mychal Thompson (43), during course of the Bullets' 118-115 victory over the Trail Blazers at Capital Centre Tuesday night. It was Bullets' sixth straight win at home.

Lightning 5 debuts tonite

With former Maryland star Adrian Branch set to key the offense, the Baltimore Lightning makes it debut in the new Continental Basketball Association this weekend.

Branch and company take on Toronto tonight (Friday) in the inaugural game at Towson Center, where the Lightning will play home games.

On Sunday, Maine will be the second entry of the 14-team CBA to visit.

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Other clubs in the circuit are Albany (NY), Cincinnati (Ohio), Detroit (Mich), Evansville (Ind), Kansas City (Mo), Lacrosse (Ga), Tampa Bay (Fla), Bay State (Calif), Florida, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

On Saturday coach Henry Bibby will take the club to Toronto, and on Tuesday to Bay State.

Bears bow

CLEMSON, S.C. — Morgan State was never in the game following the opening minutes of their Wednesday night game here against Clemson.

Counting only four field goals and three free-throws in the first half, the Bears trailed 43-11 at the intermission, and ended the outing in a 79-36 deficit.

The loss to the Tigers was the fifth in a row for Morgan, all on the road.

Scholastic teams clash in Tip-Off tourney

Coca-Cola will sponsor the 1985 Coca-Cola Classic High School Tip-Off Tournament to be held at the newly opened Raymond A. DuFour Center at Catholic University Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14.

Four of the area's top high school teams will compete including DeMatha (Hyattsville, MD), Gonzaga (Washington, D.C.) St. Maria Goretti (Hagerstown, M.D), and Dunbar (Baltimore, M.D.) with the schedule of games as follows:

Friday, Dec 13— 7 p.m., DeMatha vs. St. Maria Goretti 8:45 p.m., Dunbar vs. Gonzaga

Saturday, Dec 14—7 p.m. Gonzaga vs St. Maria Goretti 8:45 p.m. DeMatha vs. Dunbar.

Last season, all four teams were highly rated in regional and national polls with Dunbar voted No. 1 in many final national polls.

This year, pre-season polls rank Gonzaga 22-8 last season) No. 2 in the nation: DeMatha (31-3) No. 5: Dunbar (29-1) No. 8 and St. Maria Goretti (30-6) in the Top 35 high School baskeball teams in the nation.

Defending tournament champion DeMatha will play Dunbar of Baltimore in the 2nd game Saturday night. The match-up brings back memories of the 1983 contest in which a standing room only crowd at Georgetown University watched DeMatha High School come from behind in the second half to defeat Dunbar High School, 76-73.

Tickets for the Coca-Cola Classic can be purchased in advance for $3 from the four schools playing in the tournament, for $4 at the door, or by calling (301) 948-0050.

BACK TO BIRDS? — Reports declare that longtime outfield star Al Bumbry will be back in a Baltimore Oriole uniform within 60 days. According to the popular ex-Bird, he expects to sign as a coach or minor league instructor.

Scholastic sports schedules

FRIDAY
Varsity Basketball
Southern at Gibbons
Northwestern at Lake Clifton
Poly at Mt. St. Joe
Walbrook at Lake Clifton
Dunbar at Cin. Ohio
Girls Basketball
Severna Park at Poly
Walbrook at Mt. Hebron
Eastern at City
Severna Park JV at Poly JV
Walbrook JV at Mt. Hebron JV
Eastern JV at City JV

SATURDAY
Varsity Basketball
Southern at Gibbons
Poly at Mt. St. Joe
Girls Basketball
Poly at Westminster
Poly JV at Westminster JV

SUNDAY
Varsity Basketball
Poet-Lake Clifton tourney at Lake Clifton

MONDAY
Basketball
Gilman at City
Gilman JV at City JV
Girls Basketball
Patterson at Western
Patterson JV at Western JV
Varsity Swimming
Severn at Northern

Scholastic scores

Basketball
Walbrook 64, Lake Clifton 63
Dunbar 76, Carver 35
Dunbar 79, Douglass 52
Douglass 69, Patterson 62
Lake Clifton 77, Edmondson 46
Walbrook 74, N. Western 72
Boys Latin 68, Curley 52

Zina loses rematch

MELBOURNE, Australia — Zina Garrison, leading black player on the women's pro tennis circuit, was ousted in the quarter-final round of the $1.5 million Australian Open Monday.

The young Texan from Houston bowed to Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

It was a rematch between the two and was a form of vengeance for Mandlikova. When they met two weeks ago in the Australian Indoor tourney, Garrison won the title by defeating the Czech. Hana is the U.S. Open champion, having downed Martina Navratilova at the Meadowlands in October.

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Garrison reached the quarters via a 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Ann Henrickson of Minnesota on Sunday.

Earlier, the sixth-seeded 20 - year - old defeated Belinda Cordwell of New Zealand, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in the first round, and downed Katrina Skronska of Czechoslovakia, 6-1, 6-1.

Camille Benjamin of Bakersfield, Calif, 18, was ousted in the opening round by Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, 6-2, 6-2.

CIAA teams in 'Mixer' tourney

St. Paul's College and Elizabeth City (NC) State are entered in the annual "Maryland Mixer" basketball, scheduled Friday and Saturday at Mt. St. Mary's.

The two Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association quints are listed along with the Mountaineers and UMBC.

On Friday, Elizabeth City plays UMBC and St. Paul's meets Mt. St. Mary's; on Saturday the Saints play UMBC, and the Vikings oppose the Mounts.

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Poets enter

The 1985 Coca-Cola High School basketball classic, scheduled Dec. 13-14, will pit Dunbar against three other topline area teams.

The two-day tournament will be held at the newly opened Raymond A. DuFour Center at Catholic University.

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The Friday program schedules DeMatha of Hyattsville against St. Maria Goretti of Hagerstown at 7 p.m. Dunbar opposes D.C.'s Gonzaga at 8:45.

On Saturday, Gonzaga takes on Goretti, and Dunbar meets DeMatha.

Wheelers to play

The Baltimore Wheelchair Athletic Club sends its basketball team into action Sunday afternoon at the University of Baltimore gym.

Tipoff against the Roanoke Star City Wheelers is 2 p.m.

12-rounder to determine Sugar Ray's successor

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — The welterweight unification title bout between Donald Curry and Milton McCrory Friday night will be scheduled for 12 rounds, as a result of a coin flip Saturday.

McCrory, the WBC champ, won the toss and chose 12 rounds — the WBC title limit. Curry is the World Boxing Association champion. The WBA sanctions 15-round title fights.

Curry got to choose the type of gloves and the rules of which governing body would apply. He selected the WBA to govern the bout, which means WBA officials will work the bout and the three-knockdown rule will be used. If either fight is knocked down three times in a round, he will automatically lose on a technical knockout.

The bout will be televised live on Home Box Office.

Curry, a 24-year-old from Fort Worth, Tex., has a 23-0 record with 18 knockouts. McCrory, 26, of Detroit, is 27-0-1 with 22 knockouts. The welterweight title hasn't been unified since Sugar Ray Leonard relinquished it in 1982 because of an eye injury.

Boxing weekend

Dec. 6 at Las Vegas, Nev. c-Milton McCrory vs. c-Donald Curry, tba, WBC-WBA title unification.

Dec. 7 at Washington - c-Boone Pultz vs. Stanley Ross, 12, USBA cruiserweight title; Maurice Blocker vs. Efrin Olivo, 10, welterweights.

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