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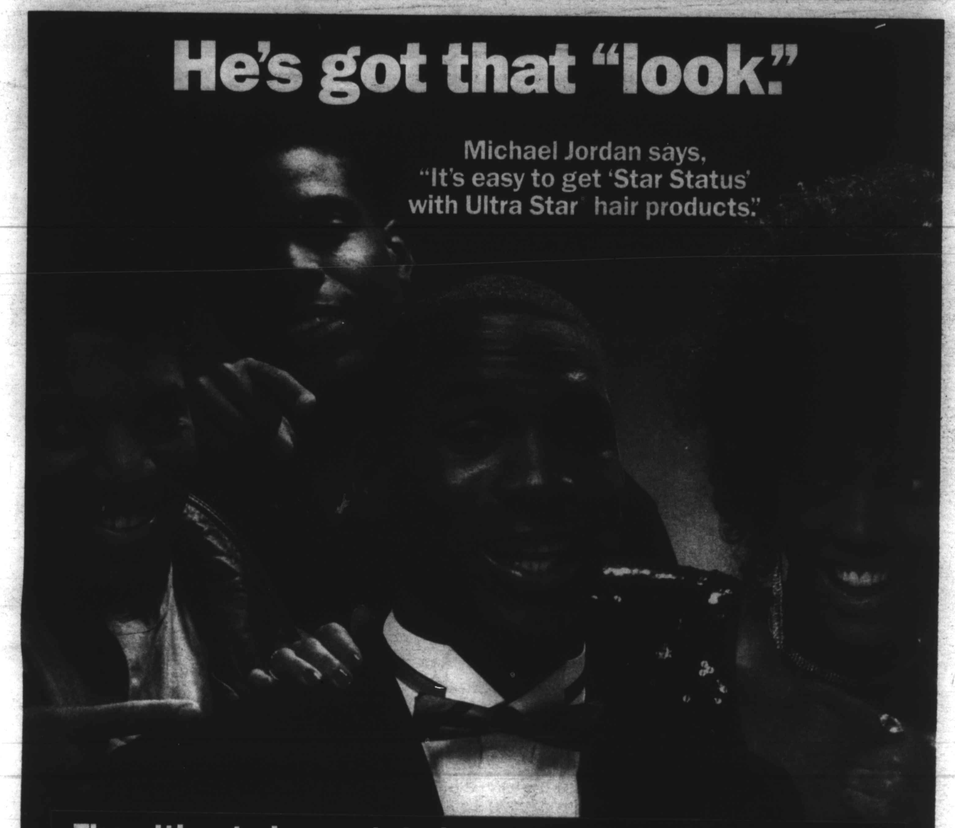

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Love triangle leaves one dead, two at large

Peteta Harris

An apparent lover's quarrel on Baltimore's East Side Feb. 12 has left one man dead and a couple on the loose, according to city police.

Detective Marvin Sydnor told the AFRO that Donald Sheppard, 38, of 2628 The Alameda, was stabbed in the lower back and killed while sitting with his lover and another man in a home at 1734 N. Gay St.

Sydnor said, according to witnesses, Peteta Harris, 34, and the victim went to the Gay Street address Feb. 12 at about 10:30, when they met with Edward Love, 41, of 2036 E. Federal St.

Witnesses said they left the three people sitting around a table and went into another room.

A short time later, screams and shouts filled the air, accompanied by the sound of chairs being overturned and scuffling.

Love and Harris had fled.

When witnesses rushed back into the living room, they found Sheppard dead, and noticed that

Sydnor said witnesses told him Love and Harris had been carrying on an affair while Harris had been living with Sheppard.

Police said two butcher knives were found near the body. Sydnor said police have been unable to establish an actual motive for the murder, but he said officials suspect love and jealousy played a role in the death.

The two have been charged with first-degree murder, and police are asking the community's help in tracking the duo down.

A $1,000 reward has been offered by Metro Crimestoppers for the apprehension of the lovers.

Citizens with any clues to the whereabouts of Love and Harris are urged to call the police at 396-2721.

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Two more victims of stabbings

By Alisa Samuels
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This week police reported two more stabbing deaths of women.

On Feb. 22, at approximately 4:30 p.m. neighbors of Charlene Lucas, 40, found Lucas's body lying on a bedroom floor in her 1700 block North Gilmore Street apartment, Agent Arlene Jenkins, of the Baltimore City Police Department, said.

She had suffered multiple stab wounds, Jenkins said.

Jenkins said police have no motive or suspects in the homicide.

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Mayor Schmoke meets with former Gary, Indian Mayor Richard Hatcher.

Black mayors map strategy

The question everyone asked at America's first Symposium on BlaCK Mayors held at Morgan State University Wednesday was, ". . . how do you meet the increasing expectations of both white and black constituents, in cities with rapidly diminishing fiscal resources?"

Baltimore City's Mayor Kurt Schmoke was present along with former mayors Kenneth Gibson (Newark, N.J.) and Richard Hatcher (Gary, Ind.) to participate in the conference where the escalating impact of black voters in major urban areas over the past 20 years was discussed.

Entitled "Black Mayors and the Challenge of Urban Governance," the conference also featured the participation of other elected officials and scholars specializing in political trends and demographics.

Assessing his experience in Gary, Richard Hatcher observed ". . . like many other black mayors, I inherited the leadership of a city that was declining. When I first became mayor, I was greeted with hatred which later turned into studied indifference when they realized that I was not going to go away.

"We were confronted with serious problems in Gary. Private investors withdrew their support of projects within the city while major corporations pretended to maintain their headquarters in Gary . . . actually, they were building up their facilities in the suburbs."

Hatcher added "But we refused to allow the city's growth to be stunted and we worked hard to secure Federal dollars to rebuild Gary. And we were successful.

"Our successes were observed, and then the gentrification process began . . . that is, whites who had fled to the suburbs began moving back into the city to capitalize on the physical improvements that had been made as well as the affordable housing and office space.

"I think that whites have come to realize that electing a black mayor does not mean the end of the city, it just means that we will have to learn to coexist and share the power in major urban areas.

"The problems of governing cities are so complex in the 1980's, particularly when it comes

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'Posse' promos slammed

Drug series hit

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This week Channel 13 is airing a "special" segment on its 6 p.m. newscast called "Drug Trafficking on I-95." This special will focus attention on the news imaged drug dealer for 1988: the African born on either Island of the West Indies too a wearer of dreadlocks.

To allow the hair to dreadlock represents the ultimate natural hairstyle. Patrons are also called dreadlocks.

To advertise this special, Channel 13 has been running 'promos' in which there are some atypical, demented looking dreadlocks being pictured smoking marijuana cigarettes.

However what viewers are not being told is that these dreadlocks are employees of Channel 13, professional actors who had been contracted to play these roles. When asked why this was not footnoted (considering the critical nature of the subject, the stereotyping im-

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Child bills draw tears

By Alicia Benjamin
AFRO Staff Writer

Most of the 12 bills on child support heard by the House Judiciary Committee Tuesday had distinct purposes but three called for the establishment of support payment guidelines for parents.

In an emotional testimony, Corliss Hartge, a custodial parent and accountant, told the committee the state's current system of determining child support payments is inefficient.

Throughout her testimony, Hartge was teary eyed and her voice was strained. She became so shaken up at one point that she excused herself and stepped outside the committee meeting room doors for a few moments.

When she returned she apologized and continued her testimony with confidence.

"Maryland families are suffering from nonfunctioning economic partners who are not adequately providing for their

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AIDS cutting swath through community

By Alisa Samuels
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Ninety-three percent of the women in Baltimore diagnosed with AIDS are black, reported the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The cases among black women in the city with the incurable Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome outnumber white women more than 13 times. Since the first AIDS case was discovered between 1980-1981, 41 black women in Baltimore have been affected, compared to only three white women, the MDHMH said.

"Seven out of 10 women with AIDS ... are women of color," says one of MDHMH's brochures. "...The fastest growing group with AIDS is women who got the virus during sex with men," it continued.

In an effort to promote AIDS education among minorities and dispel myths on contracting AIDS, the MDHMH's Minority-Outreach Program educates and informs community and civic organizations.

Many people believe only whites and homosexuals get the deadly disease, George Hurd, the program's director, said.

Nearly 30,000 Marylanders have the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which causes AIDS and destroys the human immune system, but are unaware of it, he said.

"We are all going to know somebody with the HIV virus," Hurd said ". . . if you know someone with AIDS, now it's already too late."

Hurd, 40, said minorities tend to deny the possibility of contracting AIDS.

"The community as a whole, both black as well as the Hispanic community, is basically engulfed in a certain amount of denial," he said. "They're saying 'what you're saying about AIDS is not true'."

AIDS can be contracted through sexual contact, sharing used needles to shoot drugs and from mother to unborn infant.

There have been cases where people who received blood transfusions contracted AIDS, also.

In Maryland, almost 87 percent of heterosexual men with AIDS that were intravenous drug users, are black, and 42 percent of the homosexuals and bisexuals who have contracted AIDS are black, the MDHMH said.

"This is a life and death situation," Hurd, formerly of the Health Education Resource Organization, said.

The Minority-Outreach Pro-

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Mike Golden and George Hurd are working to educate the black community to the AIDS menace.

Dick Gregory, who can make people laugh, listen, and ultimately help make people understand each other, comes to the University of Maryland Baltimore County on Monday evening, February 29. He will speak in the University Center Ballroom at 8 p.m. Tickets are $5 adults; $3 students. Call 455-3458 for reservations and details.

Welcome honored at City Council

By Alisa Samuels
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The City Council welcomed Verda Monday night.

Former State Sen. Verda F. Welcome, who became the first woman from Baltimore and first black woman to be elected to the state Senate in 1963, was at the Council to support twelve nominees to the Baltimore City Commission for Women. But all she got was praise.

"We're proud of you," said Councilwoman Agnes Welch, Fourth District.

Sen. Welcome's protege, Jacqueline F. McLean, the Council's vice president, thanked the civil rights leader for teaching and supporting her political efforts.

The two have developed a close bond, McLean, Second District, said.

"She's my honorary mother and I'm her honorary daughter," the councilwoman said. McLean used to be Welcome's political aide.

"Well Mother Welcome, I need to have a talk with you about your daughter," Council President Mary Pat Clarke said jokingly.

McClean and Clarke have occasionally been on opposing sides at Council issues.

In 1987, Welcome was inducted into the Baltimore City Commission for the Women's Hall of Fame. She is expected to be inducted into the state's Commission for the Women's Hall of Fame next Tuesday in Annapolis at the governor's mansion, she said.

After the meeting, Welcome said she was happy to see six women holding positions in the Council.

"We (women) have made progress. To see all these women here tonight in the Council, who all are chairing committees, makes me excited," she said. "I hope to see more."

One of her dreams is to have a woman senator from Maryland elected. "I want a woman senator," Welcome said. "I was the only woman for a while."

During her political career,

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