Viet vets' families sought

By Gloria L. Howe
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The Maryland State Vietnam Veterna's Memorial Commission is conducting a wide spread search for the families of all Maryland vietnam veterans.

"Several families from Baltimore, Belair, Columbia, Prince Georges, Frederick, and Montgomery counties, the Eastern Shore, Western Maryland, and West Virginia, were contacted and gave positive responses," said Project Cooridnator John F. Burk.

Burk also said that almost 50% of the females contacted were Gold Star Mothers, an organization of mothers who have lost their sons in the two World Wars, Korea and the Vietnam War.

The commission's goal is to develop a system where the families would be aware of current ceremonies and memorial dedications.

There are 988 Maryland men known to have been illed or who died as a direct result of the hostilities. Thirty two Marylanders are listed as Missing-in-Action.

The commission urges families of veterans to write to the Maryland Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Commission, 118 North Howard Street, Suite 702, Baltimore, Maryland 21210 and to provide the commission with the following information:

Full name of veteran, the veteran's branch of service, home address at time of death or when declared as missing-in-action, and the next-of-kin's full name, address and family relationship to deceased or missing veteran.

BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS

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CHILDREN'S COMPANIONS — The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Maryland recently held a major party to celebrate their success and raise funds to continue their work. Above Jean Radcliffe, Kimberly Gilbe. and Raymond Cain sample delicacies. Below Laurence Johnson, Nancy Speaks and Emma Roberson talk it up.

Murder suspect loose

By Ejike Obineme
AFRO Staff Writer

When Reginald D. Wilson of 2300 block of Winchester Street was arrested for a serious stabbing incident on May 13, the man he allegedly stabbed, Odell Robinson 'El, 38 of the 2700 block of Gwynns Falls Parkway was still alive.

Wilson, who was charged with assault with intent to murder got out on bail pending the trial of the case. But Robinson 'El died before the case went to court, and the charges against Wilson were upgraded to homicide,

Apparently, the 40-year Wilson could not take the heat so he has disappeared and police are now looking for him.

Police report show that when Officer Peter Sullivan arrived at the scene of the incident just before 10 p.m. in the 1900 block of N. Payson Street, he found Robinson 'El unconscious and bleeding from stab. wounds of the chest. He was transported to the University Hospital for treatment.

Reginald D. Wilson — wanted for murder

Investigation revealed that Robinson 'El was in an argument with Wilson. The argument turned to a fight, at which time the stabbing took place.

Metro Crime Stoppers (Telephone No. 276-8888) will offer cash rewards up to $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of Wilson. All callers will remain anonymous.

Wilson is known to frequent the area of North Avenue and Payson Street. His mother lives in the 1900 block of N. Payson Stret.

SMOOTH OPERATOR — The above man is wanted in connection with a string of bank robberies.

Accused murderer Lucas acquitted

By Ejike Obineme
AFRO Staff Writer

A Baltimore City Circuit Court jury Tuesday declared Antonio Lucas, 30, of the 600 block of North Fulton Avenue not guilty for the March 2 death of Melvin Holt, 52, of the same address. Holt died from the injury he sustained from a fight involving Lucas and two others.

"It sounds unusual," said Timothy Knepp, who defended Lucas, "But the mere fact that a killing took place does not mean that a person is guilty. It could have been an accident."

Apparently, the jury believed that Lucas' death was accidental, and it took them only about an hour to come to that conclusion, thereby freeing Lucas who had been in jail since the incident occurred.

The facts of the case show that Holt and his family, including Louvena Wayman, 59, and their daughter, Victoria, moved in with Lucas, when they were ejected from their apartment. Before this development, Lucas was having an off-and-on relationship with Victoria.

Lucas got fed up with living arrangements, and wanted Holt and his family to leave. Lucas said they agreed to move out, but when it was time to do so, they started dragging their feet.

The two sides have conflicting stories about what happened on March 2. The Waymans testified that they all went out to have a drink that evening. They said that a fight ensued after they had the drink and came home.

Lucas said he did not come back with them to the house. He said he went to see a Michael Jackson special on television at a friend's house, and that when he came back, he told Holt and his family to leave. At that point, Lucas said he attempted to take out a bag belonging to his visitors when he was hit in the head, with an object, which later turned out to be an iron.

Lucas said he did not remember hitting Holt as he was dazed from the blow. He said he may have hit Holt in an attempt to ward them off.

Police report showed that the investigating officer was met by Lucas who stated that he was fighting with Holt. "I hit him and he won't get up." Lucas had said. The officer then tried in vain to wake Holt up. Medic No. 15 arrived at the scene, and pronounced Holt dead, at which time Lucas was arrested.

Dr. Charles Kokes, who prepared the autopsy reported that Holt died as a result of a punch to his head. It was also learned during testimony that Holt had been operated upon the head, during which part of his skull was removed and later replaced. A soft spot remained.

Assistant State Attorney Amy Lombardo said in her closing arguments that Lucas was aware that Holt had a head injury and still hit him in the head during the fight. She called Lucas' testimony "totally unbelievable, and not supported by evidence."

Lombardo told the jury that it was not a question of Lucas and his girlfriend getting into a fight, but that Lucas beat Holt to death, when he got between Lucas who was arguing and fighting with Victoria.

Defense attorney Knepp said the argument was not on Victoria. "The argument was that he (Lucas) was tired of them being there." He said, "He saw them drunk and wanted them out."

He said the testimony of the victim's wife showed she had a selective memory. Wayman had testified that she saw Lucas throw the punch that killed Holt. "She did not remember how the fight started, but remembered only one punch." Kneep said.

He told the jury that Lucas was attacked by a drunk fellow with an iron. Evidence showed that an iron was found some feet away from where the police found Holt's body. The iron had blood on it, but no analysis was done to determine whose blood it was.

Since Dr. Kokes had testified that he did not see any blood on Holt's head, Kneep said the blood came from the head of Lucas, and produced pictures taken by the police, which showed his client bleeding from the head.

Knepp argued that although Holt was dead, it did not necessarily mean that Lucas killed him.

The jury agreed with him that Lucas was innocent.

NAACP holds drug conference

By Alicia Benjamin
AFRO Staff Writer

To better inform community residents and leaders about ways they can help solve the drug problem which plagues Baltimore, the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held a conference Saturday at the Enoch Pratt Library.

Mayor Kurt Schmoke, along with Dr. Maxie Collier, Commissioner of the Baltimore Health Department and keynote speaker Judge Robert Bell, began the conference with their ideas about how to solve the probiem.

George Buntin, NAACP Executive Secretary, acted as moderator. He told the audience of about 40 people that as ordinary citizens, the could join together and find solutions to the drug epidemic.

"Sometimes if we look into ourselves, we can find solutions to our problems," said Buntin.

Schmoke told the audience that churches and families must become involved in the war to combat drug abuse.

Drugs have contributed to the disproportionate amount of blacks who have contracted Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome because there is an increase in the number of intravenous drug users in the black community, Schmoke said.

Drug abusers are being reached through untraditional methods such as distributing clean needles and educating people who come to clinics for treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, the mayor added.

The crime associated with the trafficking of drugs has changed the face of American cities, Schmoke stated. But he left the crowd with words of hope.

"I believe that together we can fight back and overcome this scourge," he stated.

Collier said city residents should appreciate Schmoke because he has courageously faced the drug problem.

In the past, many chief administrators have ignored substance abuse problems, Collier said.

Solutions to the epidemic requires creative thinking and Schmoke has come up with a creative start to solving the problem with his suggestion to hold a conference to discuss drug abuse and the possibility of decriminalizing drugs, Collier said.

At the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Washington, D.C. last April, Schmoke suggested that congressional hearings be held to discuss the effects of decriminalizing drugs.

Also included in the conference were representatives from agencies as the Mayor's Drug Advisor Council, the Park Heights Community Corporation, the Maryland Citizen Action Coalition, the Children Adolescent Health Advocacy project and others.

BEAUTY AND THE BUSINESS

By Bernette Jones
Rogers Beauty Supply Company

The thrill and excitement of new talent surrounds **Cheryl Johnson**, first place winner of the 1988 Cosmetology Student of the Year Competition held June 12th at the Palladium.

Cheryl is currently a student at **Eldorado Academy of Cosmetology** expecting to graduate in September.

As first place winner Cheryl received a handsome plaque and appliances, products and styling tools from industry manufacturers such as Lustrasilk, Dudley's, Kemi Labs, TCB and Johnson Products.

Cheryl placed first among students attending **Ron Thomas Cosmetology School, Baltimore Studio of Hair Design, Chateau, Jules** and **Northwest Beauty School.**

The prize winning designs included an elaborate, stylized stand up crimp which Cheryl calls New Wave Seduction and describes as "pencil waves into a circular formation and crimps standing at our attention."

Also says Cheryl, "if you like aworld of twirls then you would love the spiral curl."

This style is an updated version of the Shirley Temple curl. Both styles evoke a sense of high energy and vivid imagination which Cheryl says she developed over the years, inspired by stylist **Diane Owens** of **Lady Dianna Salon** and working with stylist **Denise Gladden** who taught her a lot about hair prior to entering Eldorado Academy.

The Cosmetology Student of the Year was her first competitive experience.

In the future Cheryl plans to open her own salon and to travel, sharing her creative approach to styling with people in other cities.

At the New York International Beauty Show this year, Cheryl had this type of experience when the manufacturers of **Ampro Styling Gel,** the leading product used in this market for waves and sculptured styling was amazed to see how she had used their product for stand up, sculptured, crimps.

"I was surprised that women from New York were learning a new style from me," she said. The manufacturers was so impressed that they offered me a job working at their booth."

Other winners in the Cosmetology Student Competition were **Raymont Bailey** also of **Eldorado Academey** who was second place winner and **Michele Johnson** of **Northwest Beauty School,** third place winner.

Judges included The Baltimore Style Stylist of the Year first prize winner **Denise Simone** of **A Touch of Paris Salon, China Redding, Ben Adams** of **Dudley's Products** and **Rami Bey.**

The Cosmetology Student of the Year Competition was co-sponsored by **Hollywood International Productions, V103 Radio** and **The Baltimore Times.**

COSMETOLOGY EDUCATION

Outstanding artists and educators of the National Cosmetology Association will be featured at the 20th Annual Seminar of the Maryland Cosmetology Association, Continuing Cosmetology Education Program at Salisbury State College from August 7-11, 1988.

This annual week long gathering of licensed cosmetologists has an agenda designed for the professional and personal growth of the salon professional.

In addition to hair care and styling related topics, such areas as salon computers, stress, AIDS in the salon, state laws, art and teaching directives will be included.

This is a certification program approved by NCA and the Maryland State Board of Cosmetology for Continuing Education Unit (CEU) in Post Grade, Teacher License Recertification and those completing a 3 year progressive program.

Maryland's first black member of NCA HAIR-AMERICA, Mary Stevens of Baltimore, Betti Aughenbaugh of Columbia, Maryland, and Scott Hale of Hagerstown, Maryland will be guest artists conducting training sessions.

COMMUNITY SPORTS ACTION

Eastside Bocek pace picks up

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

Last Saturday started the second half of the Bocek Unlimited Basketball League. At that point, both Murray's Fuel and the Greyhounds were undefeated in their league.

In the Sunday League, the Running Rebels were the only undefeated team. Aggressive may be the best way to describe them. With their fine array of talent, they are fast emerging as the only team to beat.

Heading into the All-Star Games, beginning July 3 at 6:00 p.m., the Bocek League appears to be the only league in town, if large audiences are any indication.

Last week's results:

Jr. Rebels 49, Ashland Street Runners 48

The Runners (3-1) fell from the unbeaten ranks losing a tight game to the Jr. Rebels 2-2 behind Timothy McCrea's 20 points. Tony Barnes added 10 points to the Rebels's score, while Gregory Cawthorn led the Runners with 11 points.

Greyhounds 86, Collington Square 64

Collington Square (0-5) remained winless after everybody on the Greynounds (5-0) team scored. Marty Johnson and Kerry Kinnard had 17 and 16 points respectively to lead the Greyhounds. Zachary Small had 21 points for the losers.

Westsiders 56, Bojangles 52

The Westsiders (4-1) improved their record by one with Kenny Simmons scoring 15 points. Bojangles (1-3) continues to struggle. James Green had 17 points and Pete Peterson had 12 for the losers.

Little Family 49, Kays 40

Little Family (3-1) is still trying for more respect. Craig Tyson led the victors with 15 points. Donald Sneed added 12. For the losers, it was Robert Sprigg's 15 points that made the game interesting. The Kays are 1-3.

Eastside 74, Sommerset Hustlers 65

Getting back on the right track, Eastside (3-2) added a digit to the win column as Percy Bowles's 25 points carried his team to their third victory. Herb Moore had 17 points for the Hustlers, who are now 1-4.

Last weeks results (Sunday):

Didaredman 46, Kendro Kings 40

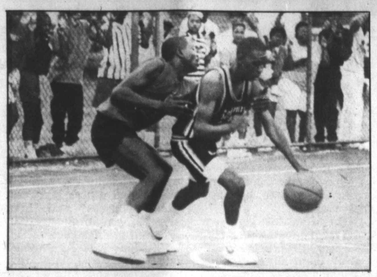
Lewis Lambert's 18 points carried Didaredman (3-1) past the Kings (1-3). Mack McConnell had 14 points and Charlie Hurt added 13 points for the Kings who appear to be making a fast fade. U Jazz 71, Warriors 49.

In a game of misfortunates, U Jazz (1-4) had a relatively easy time of it winning decisively over the inconsistent Warriors (0-5) Marcel Byers led the victors with 17 points. Moonie Wallace had 20 points in another losing cause.

Runnign Rebels 45, McDonalds 40

In a game close than most would expect, the Running Rebels (5-0) pulled out the victory in the closing minutes of the game. Sam Cassell and Ronald Boyd, led the winners with 13 points each.

BOCEK B-BALL



McDonald's Freddie Lisbon committing a foul on the Running Rebels Sam Cassell.

Charm City's Keith Blackwell, getting ready to dance around the Rockets' Jeff Wise.

Freddie Mohr had 14 points for McDonalds (2-3).

Charm City Breakers 58, Rockets 52.

Lafayette Witherspoon continues his fine play, leading his team with 17 points on route to their third victory. Earl Chapman and Keith Blackwell each had 11 points for the Breakers (3-2). Antonio Jones had 17 points for the Rockets (2-3).

Adidas 49, Express 24

The Express (0-4) appears hopeless at times. This was one of those times. Mike Jones scored 12 points and Gerald Burnside added 10 for Adidas (3-1). Anthony Bratcher had 10 for the losers.

Masters duel in sun

Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

In the Masters Basketball League at Cloverdale, Albert (Rico Baldy) Harris celebrated his 64th birthday, Sunday.

Amid claims that "I can still handle it," Harris is an original Cloverdale A/C member. Harris is still playing basketball and is still doing strong at whatever else he does.

Bernard Scales initiated the upset of the day, scoring 17 points, in leading the Orange (3-1) to a 42-37 victory over the Gold (3-1) team.

As the opposition scrambled to defend against Scales, his teammates played a good, sound brand of basketball to hand the Gold their first lost of the season and send them home in disarray.

Melvin Johnson scored 13 points for the Gold.

The White (2-2) team, in the second game, evened its record by thrashing the winless Red (0-4) team 58-41.

The wise rotation of substitutes appeared to key the Red victory to offset 24 points by Donnie Evans, the League's leading scorer.

Frank James led the Red team with ten points.

Cromwell League starts

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

The Craig Cromwell Basketball League began Friday for its fourth year at Madison Square Recreation center.

With a collection of twelve high school boys teams, the League has become one of the best high school summer basketball leagues on the East coast, ranking consistently in the top five, according to U.S.A. Today.

The League, in its annual tribute Cromwell, the slain Calvert Hall student who died in 1985, will have its official opening ceremonies on July 8th.

Playing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m., this year's participants include Lake Clifton, Dunbar, Southern, Walbrook, Cardinal Gibbons, Northwestern, Woodlawn, Towson Catholic, Calvert Hall, Carver, Wilde Lake and St. Frances High School.

The first half schedule is listed as follows:

Craig Cromwell Summer Basketball League
1988 Schedule
(Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays)

Friday June 24, 1988
Lake Clifton vs. Gibbons 6:00 p.m.
Dunbar vs. Northwestern 7:00 p.m.
Southern vs. Woodlawn 8:00 p.m.

Monday June 27, 1988
Walbrook vs. Wilde Lake 6:00 p.m.
Towson Catholic vs. Carver 7:00 p.m.
Calvert Hall vs. St. Frances 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday June 29, 1988
Towson Catholic vs. Calvert Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Walbrook vs. St. Frances 7:00 p.m.
Southern vs. Carver 8:00 p.m.

Friday July 1, 1988
Dunbar vs. Wilde Lake 6:00 p.m.
Gibbons vs. Woodlawn 7:00 p.m.
Lake Clifton vs. Northwestern 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 6, 1988
Lake Clifton vs. Woodlawn 6:00 p.m.
Northwestern vs. Wilde Lake 7:00 p.m.
Gibbons vs. Carver 8:00 p.m.

Friday July 8, 1988
Dunbar vs. St. Frances 6:00 p.m.
Southern vs. Calvert Hall 7:00 p.m.
Towson Catholic vs. Walbrook 8:00 p.m.

Monday July 11, 1988
Southern vs. Walbrook 6:00 p.m.
Dunbar vs. Towson Catholic 7:00p.m.
Gibbons vs. Calvert Hall 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 13, 1988
Northeastern vs. St. Frances 6:00 p.m.
Woodlawn vs. Carver 7:00 p.m.
Lake Clifton vs. Wilde Lake 8:00 p.m.

Friday July 15, 1988
Lake Clifton vs. Carver 6:00 p.m.
Wilde Lake vs. St. Frances 7:00 p.m.
Woodlawn vs. Calvert Hall 8:00 p.m.

Monday July 18, 1988
Northwestern vs. Towson Catolic 6:00 p.m.
Gibbons vs. Walbrook 7:00 p.m.
Dunbar vs. Southern 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 20, 1988
Gibbons vs. Dunbar 6:00 p.m.
Northwestern vs. Southern 7:00 p.m.
Woodlawn vs. Walbrook 8:00 p.m.

UDC seeks corporate support for a new era

By Jim McCannon
Special to the AFRO

Dr. Lee McElroy has been in town and on his new job as director of Intercollegiate Athletics for the University of the District of Columbia less than 10 days.

But already he has started to make his presence felt with his workman-like approach to problem solving and his infectious enthusiasm. Sitting in his office last Monday, a warm smile greeting each of the problem-plagued administrators, coaches, students and staff members beating a steady path to his door with tale-after-tale of woe, he was a man in his element.

"I have completed staff interviews and have a better idea of the real root causes of some of our problems here," he said. This is a time of assessment, of cautious advancement, of creating a new philosophy and putting into black and white all of the rules and regulations that will control our actions in the next few years. I took the job at UDC after much thought and I did not walk into the situation here at the university with my eyes closed. I knew that this would be a large challenge."

"We want to begin simply by marketing UDC and Firebird athletics just as a test of that, I would like advertisers and business owners to start to show their support by calling Jim McCannon of our marketing and promotions area, to reserve space on our fall calendar, in our football programs, in our monthly newspaper, and in our color fall brochure."

"That's a start. On our end, you will soon be hearing of some fund raising proposals that will excite the business community. Join us now," he said.

UDC's TOP JOCK—Lee McElroy, most recently the associate director of athletics at the University of Houston, reported for duty at the University of the District of Columbia as director of intercollegiate athletics at UDC. McElroy was introduced to the UDC community immediately after his selection in May at the annual UDC Athletics Awards Banquet by James McIver (left) acting vice president for student affairs.

Cherry Hill hoop loop set

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

The Say "NO" To Drugs Cherry Hill Unlimited Basketball League started Sunday at Reed Bird park.

Operating from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Sundays only, the league is credited with instilling information and knowledge about drugs in its crusade to combat the community's fight against this social ill.

"The League, over the last three years, has been very good for the community at-large," said league commissioner Nate Brown. "There is a bond between it and the people who live in Cherry Hill."

"The League is our way of saying **Stop the Killing - We don't need Drugs,**" Brown added, "and we try to spread the word to our kids through basketball."

For further information, call Nate Brown at 396-1401.

USTA seeks net hopefuls

By Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

The USTA (United States Tennis Association) National Junior Tennis League began this week for youngsters six through eighteen in area parks and recreation centers.

For the next six weeks, the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks and the Greater Baltimore Tennis Patrons Association will cosponsor tennis instruction for city youth.

Team shirts, racquets, tennis balls and affordable special events will be available to all who are interested in developing their tennis skills.

"This League is about five years old," said program director Pat Thompson, "and it really gives the kids a chance to learn and play tennis and to meet other like players for friendly competition."

"Every youngster," continues Thompson, "will be placed on a team. This approach has been successful in motivating kids to return each week to play.

The fee for the National Junior Tennis is ten dollars for the six weeks.

"Every youngster that signs up plays," repeated Thompson, "and he/she will also have the opportunity to receive instructions from one of our professional instructors. The only requirement is to wear tennis shoes to registration so that you can play immediately."

The sign-up centers on Mondays and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. are North Harford Recreation Center, Druid Hill Park, Forest Park High School and Cherryhill Recreation.

At 1:00 p.m. on those days sign-ups will be taken at Luckman Recreation Center, Garrett Park and Arcadia Recreation.

On Tuesdays/Thursdays at 9:00 a.m., the sign-up centers are Hanlon Park, Edmondson High School, Clifton Park and Wakefield. At 1:00 p.m. signees should go to Deewees, Carroll Park, Easterwood Park and Patterson Park.

In addition to instruction for youngsters, the League is offering comprehensive training at all levels at Wakefield and Clifton Park and adult clinics beginning this week at Easterwood Park, North Harford and Garrett Park. For more information call 366-6997.

Sports world mourns Scroggins

by Fred Lindsey
AFRO Sports Writer

The Baltimore community was saddened this week by the sudden death of former MSA star Calvin "Bunny" Scroggins.

Scroggins died last Saturday of an apparent heart attack while playing tennis in Buffalo, New York.

Known as a complete athlete, Scroggins starred in football, basketball and track at Mount Saint Joseph High School from 1964-1967.

He received an athletic scholarship to Loyola University, where he competed in cross counry and basketball for one year before transferring to Morgan State University. Scroggins graduated from Morgan with a BS degree in Business Administration in 1975.

Coming from a very athletic family, Scroggins was a popular figure in West Baltimore, especially in the neighborhood of Forest Park.

He gave the community, what it had given him - a chance to be a better person. He tutored kids in reading and writing.

He coached kids in the BNBL and Project Survival, and at one point in his career, he worked with kids at the Woodlawn Community Center.

Calvin "Bunny" Scroggins

For the last eleven years, Scroggins was an administrator for Business Services and Training with the Department of Manpower Resources at 24th and Maryland Avenue.

Scroggins is survived by his immediate family, wife, Gloria, daughter, Tiphanie, 16 and son, Calvin Ahmed 9.