—Richard Hunter

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from their newly developed home in a growing area of Durham, NC, will mean a restructuring of their lives, but Hunter is looking forward to it.

"I'm still excited about the opportunity in the community of Baltimore," he said. "I am impressed with the staff, school board, and board of education; I look forward to meeting the teachers, administrators, children, and parents."

While his wife and daughter share in his decision to come here, they don't quite share his level of enthusiasm.

Margo is a real estate broker who has worked hard to build up her business, and Emily, his 12-year-old daughter is reluctant to give up her friends, according to Dr. Hunter.

Along with having an impressive background in school administration, he is also a proud father of six children and four grandchildren. Both Richard and Emily were previously married and brought children to this union. Emily is their only child from their present marriage.

A member of Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Delta Kappa fraternities, Dr. Hunter spends a lot of his time serving on various community boards and a writing discourse on education theory and practice.

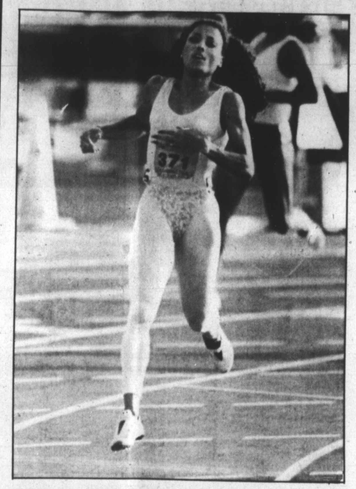
In the last 12 years, he has served on 14 boards and written at least four published works.

He also spends a great deal of his time consulting, traveling from state to state to spread his applied knowledge of running urban school systems.

His commitment to education doesn't leave him a lot of time for fun and relaxation, but on those rare occasions when he's able to, he and his wife enjoy traveling around to visit their children who have scattered to different states.

They traveled to London in the spring of this year and to the Orient at the beginning of summer. They also enjoy skiing in the mountains and spending time with friends.

Hunter says his wife loves to water ski and he is hoping to play more tennis when he moves to Baltimore.



World class runner Florence Griffith-Joyner displays one of 14 fashion setting outfits as she dashes toward a winning effort in the 200 meters race at the U.S. Olympic team qualifying match in Indianapolis, IN.

—Columbia family sues

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decree, ordering the JHHP to reinstate home health care services.

They also seek the cooperation of JHHP representatives with Pamela's physicians at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, Inc. and with all other involved parties.

A hearing on the Jacksons' request for a preliminary injunction is scheduled this week before U.S. District Court Judge Herbert N. Maletz of Maryland's circuit court.

Prior to the dispute, the child was under around-the-clock home care under the JHHP.

The complaint blasts JHHP's refusal to reinstate home care services for Pamela despite its retroactive reinstatement of the Jacksons' coverage last Christmas Eve.

"JHHP's actions were arbitrary and capricious' and part of an effort to coerce Mr. Jackson to select other group insurance coverage," the lawsuit charged.

The Jacksons also described JHHP's actions as being motivated by "bad faith and self-serving financial interests."

As a settlement, the Jacksons have requested that JHHP reinstate the full period of home care benefits which Pamela is entitled to under applicable federal law and renumeration for medical service claims outstanding which were provided to the Jackson family and covered by the JHHP.

Those costs have not been paid, according to court papers.

Court costs and attorney fees would also be included in the settlement.

The JHHP is a fiduciary of the Signet Plan, an employee welfare benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

—City honors worker

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religious man, whose work entailed making sure that everyone had pure drinking water.

Balog described Moore as an employee "we were all very proud of," and denied that the gesture was designed to pacify the family of the deceased.

"It was not done to appease the family," he said, "He was an excellence employee." Balog said that internal investigation into the drowning was still on, but in the meantime, his Department has discontinued the use of the small canoe, in working at the reservoir.

Dundi's mother said she hoped her son had been in a better boat. "That little canoe was too small for him (Dundi), the other man, and their equipment.

She said her son's death was very difficult to take and regretted that the Department had to wait until someone died, before using a helicopter to drop the chemical into the reservoir.

But she is not angry. "I hope and pray it will soon pass," she said "I don't have hatred against anyone."

Mrs. Moore said that how her son, who swam very well, drowned, is still a mystery to her.

She concluded that the suction in the reservoir got her son. "He was a wonderful swimmer," she said. "He has been swimming since he was four."

—Fire bill

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been cut, will close by the mayor's deadline — September 1.

Mayor Schmoke could not be reached for immediate comment.

The closures are expected to save the city about $2.4 million.

Cabbie killed first day on the job

By Ejike Obineme
AFRO Staff Writer

It was the first and last day on the job for a Baltimore City cab driver, whose life was mercilessly snuffed out in the early morning hours Thursday.

Alexander Marshall, 33, of the 900 block of Brooks Lane was driving the Royal Cab Number 756, when he was murdered in the 2300 block of Pressman Street.

When the police arrived at the scene, they observed that Marshall had been shot multiple times in the head. The police report said he was lying in the street, beside the cab, while the motor was still running.

Marshall was already dead when the police arrived.

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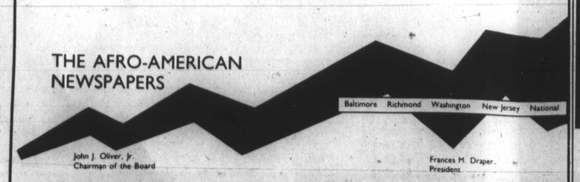

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HEALTH AND WELFARE

AIDS IN THE COMMUNITY

By Dr. Barbara Lyles

Many of the questions about AIDS have to do with where it came from, how it came to be in America, why it appears to be so common among homosexuals and bisexuals; why the rate of infection is so high among minority populations; why the rates of infection are so high in heavily populated urban areas; why so many I-V drug abusers are infected??? Questions? Questions? Questions?

Many of the questions are easily answered by looking at the life styles of drug abusers, homosexual/bisexuals, prostitutes and urban ghetto-slum dwellers.

There are those who are very much involved in attempting to suggest (yes, even work hard a convincing us that it is all an attempt by the government designed to kill off blacks and homosexual. Still others hold fast to the belief that the virus was planted in the green monkey of East and Central Africa.

An unbelievable number of people still stick to the notion that it is a plague sent from God to punish man (homosexuals: males, especially) for their ungodly ways. Not any of these answers appear to be both logical, complete and likely.

A recent report from Japanese researchers seem to negate the notion that the virus came from the green monkey. In nature, a British Medical Journal, these researchers claim that the AIDS virsus found in the green monkey is genetically different from that found in man.

There may be those who still will adhere to ¾the green monkey source, however, because one of the things that we do know about the virus is that it is constantly undergoing genetic change.

For those who entertain the green monkey hypothesis, support comes from the work of medical detective, James Sloff of NIH, who suggests that it appears that the first evidence of AIDS can be traced to East and Central Africa as early as the early seventies.

It is believed that the virus came to man from the green monkey, perhaps because of the fact that this primate is one with which humans have regular contact. Conversations with African nationals of that area suggest that bestial sex and the bite of an agitated monkey could be a vector.

It would likewise appear from evidence from Zairean patients, that there can be isolated from those patients a virus very much that found in the green monkey.

It is further to be noted that apparently, these patients have been able to carry this virus without having it destroy the immune system as HIV-1 does in AIDS victims in the current epidemic. Further support for the green monkey hypothesis can be found in the reports that there is an East African tribal rite which involves the injection of monkey blood into both males and females in the hope that their sexual capacity will be heightened.

This assumption is probably no more viable than is the widely held belief in oysters and other similar foods can be counted upon to increase sexual potency.

No matter the source of the possibilities, it remains of scientific as well as lay interest that the green monkey apparently has the capacity to control the virus without becoming ill; perhaps this is a viable mechanism for studying the activity of SAID (Simian Acquired Immunodeficiency) virus in order to produce a vaccine which will prevent the disease in man.

It is impossible, given the fact that we know that there are at least eighteen different variations of the AIDS virus and that the virus mutates (changes) constantly, that the biological history of viral mutation in the green monkey could well help scientists to better understand viral mutation in man. This information alone could be useful in our battle against AIDS.

It may also provide the answer as to why some people become ill within six to twelve weeks while others may be infected and remain well for five to ten years or more. Further, it might help us to tell the difference between those individuals who develop AIDS Related Complex (ARC) rather than full-blown AIDS.

Additional information about how AIDS got started in America comes from the fact that the first five cases diagnoses in five young homosexual males in California, and identified by CDC may well not have been the real beginning. Reclassification of past medical records are reported by NIH investigators Slaff and Brubaker to have revealed 57 cases, which upon redefinition were clearly cases of AIDS which had occurred prior to these 1981 cases.

The report identifies four cases in 1978, 9 cases in 1979 and 44 cases in 1980. You may also recall the reports of the young man in one of our large urban areas, the analysis of whose preserved body tissues and body fluids and medical reports strongly suggest that there was a case of AIDS as early as 1969.

Because of the extreme individual differences in the development of active symptoms of the disease, it is conceivable to believe that no one can really tell when the disease first began in this country.

One of the most widely held notions as to the first infected Americans comes from the researchers who suggest that tourists vacationing in the Caribbean (probably Haiti). This area is apparently a common meeting place for homosexuals and Haitian male prostitutes.

It is likely that this group may well as served as the mechanism for entry into New York, Miami, Los Angeles and San Francisco. It would also be wise to look into the 1977-88 Cuban "magalitos" (homosexuals) who were expelled from Cuban and sent to Miami.

The basic assumption may well be that the disease spread may very well have been through sexual contact with both male and female prostitutes, since more than 80 percent of the first 300 cases in American were urban male homosexuals. The spread to the next group was efficiently accomplished through the use of infected needles into the drug population.

The questions and answers about the when, where, how many and such may well be of no great towering importance to the person who is already ill, but with the idea that more than one and half million Americans are already infected, such information may well help people to examine past behaviors in an effort to stop behaviors which put them at risk in the past.

It is apparent that in the black communities of our nation, the message to change at-risk behaviors is falling on deaf ears. Is it because we are not hearing? It cannot be that we do not choose to live.

Is it that since the word "possible" is not a certainty that we are willing to take the chance? Maybe it is because we still look for the man to save us. I'd like to believe that we don't intend to keep on with the truth that genocide is us killing us.

STUDENT ARTISTS HONORED — More than 130 young artists were honored by leaders from business, government and the entertainment world when the 1988 Congressional high school art exhibition opened recently in washington, D.C. The exhibit, sponsored annually by General Motors, is the result of art competitions conducted in Congressional Districts throughout the country by members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The winning art entries are displayed in a corridor leading to the U.S. Capitol until May, 1989. Shown here, from left, are Cong. Kweisi Mfume, Lewis Dale of GM, winning student artist Duane Johnson of Baltimore, his mother Eva, film star Judd Nelson and art teacher Hiram Ammons.

Summer intern

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation has begun a 10-week summer internship program designed to provide minority and female college students with valuable work experience in the field of Transportation.

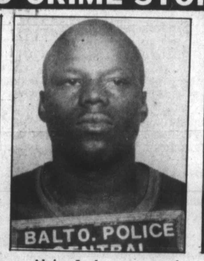
Three students enrolled in Morgan State University's Master of Science Program in Transportation Studies — Donna Cypress, Karen Moore and Wolde Arasa — were selected by the Department to participate in the program.

The internship program is the first of its kind for the Department of Transportation.

The student internships conclude on August 26th. If the program is successful, it will develop into a continuing work study program.

METRO CRIME STOPPERS

Patricia Shorter is wanted by Baltimore Police for Burglary of the Akbar Restaurant on June 12, 1988. Shorter also attempted to cash checks obtained in that burglary. This 23-year-old black female is 5'5" tall and weighs 153 pounds. Her last known address was in the 900 block of West Bennett Place. She is known to hang-out in East Baltimore.



Alvin Jackson escaped from Baltimore City Jail on January 19, 1987 where he was being held with no bail and awaiting trial on Rape, Kidnapping, Sodomy and other charges. He is also wanted in Baltimore County for robbery and intent to murder. The 22-year-old suspect is described as 5'8" and weighs 140 pounds. He has a tattoo on his right arm and a scar on his forehead. His last known address was 4411 Catherine Ave. and is known to frequent areas in Northwest Baltimore.

Carlton David Barber is wanted for burglarizing the Akbar Restaurant in the 800 block of N. Charles Street on June 12, 1988. Barber also attempted to cash checks obtained in that burglary. This 34-year-old black male is 5'8" tall and weighs 145 pounds. His last known address was in the 1800 block of Guilford Ave.

Metro Crime Stoppers, 276-8888, will offer cash rewards up to $1,000 for information leading to arrest and indictment. All callers will remain anonymous.