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Automatic expulsion for weapons as:

Hunter cracks down!

Richard C. Hunter

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

When he first came to Baltimore as new superintendent of city schools, Richard C. Hunter said "Together, We Will Make a Difference." Bombarded from the beginning by uncontrollable episodes of school violence, he now says "Together, We Will Make Schools Safe."

After spending the last month listening to community, committee, and most recently, TV, last night all ears were on him.

Hunter had his say in the form of eight recommendations presented to the Board of School Commissioners. His words will be heard by every student and faculty member in every public school in Baltimore City. His words will become policy.

Hunter called for the automatic expulsion of anyone possessing a weapon in schools, a mandatory dress code for all students, and the possible use of scanners at some schools.

He mandated that any incidents involving an illegal handgun or other dangerous weapon be immediately reported to the police by school administrators.

The "mandatory minimum dress code," scheduled to be implemented in February,

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Tyson is baptized

CLEVELAND, OH — World heavyweight boxing champ Mike Tyson was in Cleveland over the Thanksgiving holiday where he gave out turkeys to the needy. It was also a time where he was baptized by immersion at Cleveland Holy Trinity Baptist Church. The Rev. Jesse Jackson (R) and Rev. Henry J. Payden pray over Tyson just before immersion.

Wendell Phillips may succeed Oaks

By Helen Glover Cook
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Maryland State election laws stipulate that the January 30,1989 sentencing of State Delegate, Nathaniel Oaks (D) for theft, perjury, misconduct in office, and failure to complete an accurate campaign report will obligate Oaks to relinquish his seat in the Maryland House of Delegates.

After deliberating for over five hours at the November 28 trial of Oaks, a jury composed of five men and seven women found the 42 year old legislator guilty of stealing over $13,000 from his campaign fund.

Oaks submitted bills to his campaign treasurer, Ronald Dillard and the State of Maryland in order to receive reimbursement from both parties.

Until Judge Joseph I. Pines sentences Oaks on January 30,1989 he will continue his duties as an active State Delegate and remain on the General Assembly payroll.

After the sentencing Oaks will immediately step down and the process for determining his replacement will begin.

Each Legislative District elects one Senator and three Delegates to the Maryland General Assembly,as well as five members to the State Central Committee.

The 41st Legislative District

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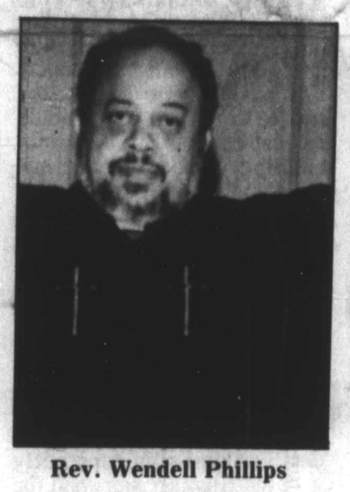

Rev. Wendell Phillips

Aftermath of visit by Oprah Winfrey

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

Oprah Winfrey is tagged the number one star of television talk shows. But during her two-day trip to Baltimore, she was more of a star off-camera than on.

Eyes and ears across the country were focused on Baltimore when Oprah taped a show on school violence at Southwestern High School. More than 600 students, teachers, parents, administrators, and concerned citizens crammed the school's gymnasium to discuss causes of violence and offer solutions.

When the show ended and the gymnasium was cleared, and when the cameras and equipment were packed and loaded into an 18-wheeler, Oprah's desire to help students resolve problems became apparent. She tossed off her jacket and took a seat on the floor of the auditorium stage.

"We've been through slavery, and you are saying we can't handle a minority of children who are disruptive,"

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Mild care of malaria

Bishop John Bryant recovers in Africa

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

After spending a month in West Africa delivering the gospel, Bishop John R. Bryant has contracted a mild case of malaria, but the prognosis is good family and friends said.

"He's not down sick," said Bishop Harrison J. Bryant, the new bishop's father, Nov. 29. "He's up."

There is uncertainty on the specifics of how Bryant contracted malaria. For example, the father did not know when his son caught the infection or if he was hospitalized.

The elder Bryant said he talked with his son Monday night and the travelling Bishop "seemingly was in good spirits."

Malaria, often found in swampy areas, is caused by a mosquito bite that ejects a parasite in red blood cells. The symptoms include high fevers and chills.

There is no known cure or

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Bishop John Bryant

No smoking in city buildings?

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

Smokers be warned when entering city buildings in the future and heed the words on the probable soon-to-come posters to be nailed at the entrances: "Smoking prohibited by law, except in designated smoking areas."

The city intends to ban smoking in city offices, meeting and conference rooms. Smoking would only be allowed in designated smoking areas and at social functions.

The signs will be quick reminders to visitors or workers that smoking is not allowed when they enter city-owned buildings.

If Baltimore City Council Bill 167 is approved by the Council and the mayor, a smoker would be subject to a misdemeanor and a small fine for smoking in non-designated smoking areas on

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AFRO SURVEY ASKS ABOUT NEW LOTTO PROPOSALS

CHARLIE CARR — Student — "I really don't gamble but I think that this is just another scheme to make those in power richer than they already are. My mother plays and I try to discourage her for the same reasons."

WILLIE RYANS — Retired rubber company employee — "I always play the three way numbers and have been pretty lucky with them. I just won some money from my favorite number 438. The new lotto sounds alright to me but I have to try it out first and then I'll make up my mind."

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

Lotto players have mixed reactions to the changes proposed by the Maryland Lottery Agency, according to Carol Henson, director of public affairs for the agency.

"We are not getting a strong negative reaction," Henson said. Many of the people who had negative reactions because they did not understand our reasons, but once they call and we explain it to them they understand it is a positive move.

Under the proposed changes, the weekly Lotto jackpot would be increased from $1.3 million to $2 million, with odds of winning the jackpot increasing about 3 1/2 times.

Instead of picking six correct numbers between one and 40, winners would have to choose six correct numbers between one and 44.

The changes also would double the cost of bets, from the current price of two bets for $1 to one bet for $1.

The loner odds — chances of matching six correct numbers would increase from one in 1.9 million to one in 7 million. This would make the jackpot "turn over" more often. Now players win the jackpot at least 40 weeks a year — a figure lottery officials hope to halve with the new game.

Henson said increasing the matrix will give players higher jackpots which studies have shown players need.

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ADELLE LAWSON — Janitorial Worker — "Poor folks shouldn't buy lotto tickets anyway. The entire system is made so that the upperclass can win, but poor folks don't get to win anything."

RICHARD CORNISH — Retired Meatcutter — "If you spend $1,000 you may get back $500, that $500 will usually be put right back into the lottery's money anyway. The odds are against anybody dumb enough to play with a lot of their hard earned money, that could be used for some other purpose."

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