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THE CREATIVITY OF CHILDREN will never cease to amaze you, as our Kids Talk page shows. Children aged 5 to 14 are taking part in a special after-school program offered by the Washington Capital Children's Museum. The program explores the world of the arts from a youngster's point of view and teaches them the joys of self-expression.....**Page A6.**

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Rev. Stovall tells the AFRO:

Police brutality rears its ugly head again!

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Reporter

Those who live in the inner city of Baltimore have often complained of what they feel is unnecessary violence inflicted upon them by police officers.

Police violence is often targeted at black unemployed males who are usually in their teens through thirties, but Saturday evening that profile changed when a respected member of the ministerial community joined their ranks.

Reverend James Stovall and his wife Ella were in the process of moving furniture from their home into the basement of a Caroline St. home belonging to the mother of Mrs. Stovall.

Reverend Stovall left the house to check on the contents in his automobile after he heard police helicopters overhead.

As he left the rear entrance of the Caroline St. address a uniformed policeman with his gun raised and aimed at the Reverend shouted "raise your hands." The policeman then demanded that Rev. Stovall assume a "spread eagled position" with his hands against the back yard fence.

In an exclusive interview with the AFRO, Rev. Stovall said the policeman violently shoved him against the fence, injuring his chest.

Rev. Stovall says he repeatedly asked the policeman, "Why are you treating me like this, I am an ordained minister and assistant pastor at the First Baptist Church on Caroline St. Why must you shove me when I have complied with your demands?"

Rev. Stovall quoted the policeman as saying, "I don't care, I am in control here, turn around and lead me to the front of the house that you say you came out of!"

Rev. Stovall directed the policeman to the front entrance of the house, as he was demanded. When they entered the house Rev. Stovall demanded to know why he was subjected to such rough,

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Rev. James Stovall

State legislature holds hearings on handgun bills

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

Dozens of people testified earlier this week in Annapolis on handgun bills, including one that would charge a suspect with a separate crime for possessing a handgun or antique firearm during a violent crime.

The bill, sponsored by Del. Ellen R. Sauerbrey, Baltimore County, would make it a misdemeanor for criminals to use handguns or antique firearms in the commission of crimes and impose a mandatory five-year sentence for a first offense and a five-to-20-year sentence for repeated offenses.

The piece of legislation, heard before the House Judiciary Committee, would also stop the state's attorney from entering into plea bargains with defendants who carry handguns during crimes.

"Many of the cases never get mandatory sentences because of plea bargaining in which the handgun charges are dropped," said Del. Sauerbrey. "It's time to really look at this issue."

A similar bill would make it a separate offense for someone to overtly or covertly wear, carry, or transport a weapon during a violent crime, such as kidnapping, robbery, murder, housebreaking or sexual offenses.

This bill attempts to reverse a 1988 Maryland Court of Appeals decision that ruled a suspect had to actually use a handgun to be found guilty of a handgun violation, opposed to mere possession.

The bill's proponents said it was likely a person who car-

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WALKING TOUR—Mayor Schmoke and members of his staff made a walking tour inspection of the Walbrook section of the city. He is joined by Mrs. Dorothy Dixon and Albert C. Wilson, residents of the community.

Mayor takes a close look at Walbrook community problems

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Reporter

Dorothy Dixon listed some of the problems and improvements that she felt were needed in her Walbrook neighborhood and submitted that list to the Mayor's office.

Much to her surprise His Honor showed up for a walking tour of her neighborhood, accompanied by community activists and staff personnel who oversee the departments whose duty it is to correct those problems.

Dorothy Dixon said, "We needed the top man, that's how bad our problems in this neighborhood had become. When I moved around here 35 years ago you could eat off the alley floor, now you don't even want to drive a car or touch the alley in any way, most people try to avoid it."

Dixon, who has been voted President of the Walbrook Neighborhood Association three times, wrote to Mayor Schmoke asking for solutions to problems concerning neighborhood trash collection, refuse removal, cleaning empty lots and yards and the removal of trees that are obstructing entrances to homes and in one case a street intersection.

Walking South on Longwood St., procession

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Brailey car fire still a mystery

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

Police are still investigating the unusual scorching destruction of Sen. Troy Brailey's daughter-in-law's 1984 two-door BMW.

Last Thursday, the fire department was called to the 2400 block of Baker Street at about 3:46 a.m. to an ablazed car.

Capt. Patrick P. Flynn, of the Baltimore City Fire Department, said earlier this week one unit and four men worked for 15 minutes to extinguish the fire.

The car was totalled.

Dennis Hill, a spokesman for the Baltimore City Police Department, said Wednesday police still have not determined a cause or a motive for the car's destruction.

"We know the car was set (on fire), but we don't know how it was set," said Hill.

The police spokesman said someone might have poured a flammable liquid on the car.

Capt. Flynn said about $25,000 worth of damages was done to the German-made car.

Barbara Brailey, the senator's daughter-in-law, had parked the car outside her in-laws' home since Christmas to avoid paying parking meters in front of her and her husband's East 21st Street home.

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Carl Murphy named to MDDC Hall of Fame

Dr. Carl Murphy

The late Dr. Carl J. Murphy will be inducted into the Maryland-Delaware-DC (MDDC) Press Association's Hall of Fame at a formal ceremony Feb. 25 at the MDDC winter convention set for Feb. 23-26 in Wilmington, Del.

Dr. Murphy, who was editor/publisher of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers from 1918 until his death in 1967, watched his newspaper grow from a weekly in Baltimore to a chain of newspapers in Richmond,

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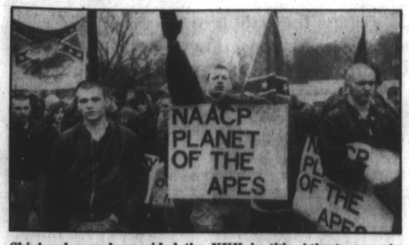
Racial violence on the rise as Skinhead group increases

MONTGOMERY — Klanwatch, an Alabama-based project of the Southern Poverty Law Center — which monitors white supremacist activities nationwide — has reported a revitalization of violence largely due to the spread of skinhead gangs around the country.



Skinhead members aided the KKK in this Atlanta march against the King holiday.

The Skinheads began as spontaneous teen gangs and are now organized into a national network by older white supremacists, such as Tom Metzger of the White Aryan Resistance and Richard Butler of Aryan Nations. Skinheads are valued by the older white supremacists because of their tendency toward violence, Klanwatch stated. The report said, "Not since the height of Klan activity during the civil rights era has there been a white supremacist group so obsessed with violence or so reckless in its disregard for the law."

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