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Booker T. Jones shooting:
Did police use excessive force?
Ministers, NAACP call for an investigation

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

Booker T. Jones was convinced that his debt to society could only be paid by his death.

Jones told family members that the five years that he had spent behind bars for a previous murder only multiplied his chances of being shot by police officers.

Jones told his girlfriend, Angelita Scales, "I know the justice system and I don't trust it."

On the Thursday night of his death, Jones said his goodbyes to his mother, girlfriend and sister. "He felt that his death was inevitable, he was tired of running, and had made up his mind to make one last stand," said Scales.

His mother-in-law said that Jones told her running could not prolong his trial, sentencing, and possible execution at the hands of police officers intent upon finding the murderer wanted in connection with the deaths of Brian Lee Lemmons, 12 and Morgan Delayne Delost, 13, who was also sexually molested.

The police were conducting an intensive search for Jones. As the dragnet closed in on him, the places he was known to frequent were visited first.

The Pimlico home of girlfriend, Angelita Scales, 20, who was also the mother of Jones' 18-month-old son, was one of two places where they concentrated the search.

Angelita says that police came to her house Thursday, May 18 around 8'clock at night.

They asked for Jones, and when she told them she did not know where he was, they

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Emergency meeting

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

Responding to the alleged use of excessive force by police officers in the apprehension and subsequent death of Booker Tony Jones, area ministers have called for an independent investigation.

Rev. Daki Napata, Wednesday, requested that a special meeting of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance be called by Alliance president, Dr. Sidney Daniels.

Rev. Daniels said, "No matter how horrendous the crime, police can not be execu-

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Lest we forget

MIDDLE BRANCH PARK is the site of Maryland's Vietnam Memorial, dedicated to the 1,046 Marylanders who died in the war, 417 of them were Baltimoreans.

Monday is Memorial Day

By Alisa Samuels
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Twenty-eight-year-old Urie B. Glass went to war-ravaged Vietnam intentionally and for love.

Glass, then a U.S. Army sergeant, said he did not want his younger brother to go to Vietnam, so he managed to persuade Army personnel to switch his brother's assignment to Germany.

Urie, already a "professional soldier", went to Vietnam instead.

"I didn't want Edwin to go to Vietnam and take orders as a private, when I could go as a sergeant and give orders," said Glass now 50.

"I was the oldest and it was my responsibility to look out for the youngest," Glass said. He served three tours in Vietnam as a platoon sergeant and engineer building LZ's (helicopter landing zones), bridges and roads.

Five of his buddies were killed in the war, but "I never lost anyone in my own platoon," he said.

"That was very fortunate," said the management analyst for the Health Care Financing Administration in Woodlawn.

But Glass said it was only due to discussions with peers about his "inner problems" was he able to recover from three years of Vietnam nightmares that interrupted his sleep.

"After a while, the body becomes automatic and it goes through a winding down period," said Glass. He left Vietnam in 1971 and

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The $99 down man is out of business

By Charles H. Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

It was a bright, summery, long awaited day for the majority of Baltimore.

The running of the 114th Preakness was underway north of the city, but to the south, the day John Minor had been attempting to ward off through months of negotiations, had also finally arrived.

But at Inner Harbor Ford the only crowds were the bewildered employees who were given no warning and little time to prepare for the sudden closing.

"All we heard were the same rumors that everyone else heard," said one employee.

For many it was the end of a job, for others it was the end of the one chance for a new car - many say that was the problem.

"A lot of poor people were going to Inner Harbor Ford and now that is no longer there," said Shirley Tabb, a former agent with Inner Harbor and now a financial and credit consultant.

"A lot of people were getting financed with John because he was a minority broker. They (Ford) tried to work with him as much as possible."

Working with Minor meant allowing him leeway on questionable loans, which helped to make his slogan "$99 Down or $99 a Month" larger than life and suitable to the Minor image.

John Minor

Through the use of constant television advertising, Minor quickly turned the ailing South Baltimore dealership around, eventually building to over 200 cars a month while

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Report Card

This is the final week for the AFRO's Mayor's Report Card. You can find a copy on Page A7. Let's see . . . will it be black pen or red . . .

Hope fades for a property tax cut

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

Unless the Baltimore City Council can find alternatives, city homeowners will not get the property-tax cut they wanted as the mayor's proposed $1.7 billion budget — void of property-tax reductions, nears passage.

"It cannot be changed precipitously any more than a dam can simply be knocked down once it's holding back water," said Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke about the city's property-tax rate in his written budget message.

Mayor Schmoke admits the city's property-tax rate of $6 per $100 assessed value is "too high," but said cutting it would mean slashing funds for education, health and safety and other city services.

"Our finger is now in the dike, so to speak, and to remove it will require setting up a series of new tax and revenue arrangements with the state and surrounding jurisdictions," Schmoke said.

To find new tax and revenue outlets, some Baltimore City Council

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AMEZ's meeting in Balto.

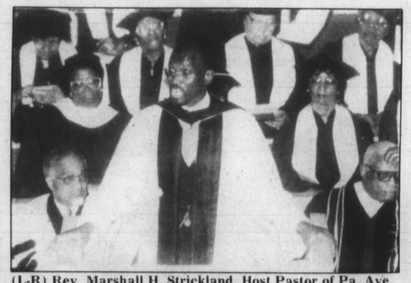
The 163rd session of the Philadelphia - Baltimore Annual Conference, hosted by Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion Church, Dr. Marshall Strickland, pastor has brought into the city of Baltimore, almost 1,500 members and visitors of the AME Zion Church.

They have come from as far south as Mobile, ALA, and Charlotte, N.C., and as far north as Buffalo, N.Y.

The AME Zion Church as a denomination, reports nationally a membership of 1.3 million members, having 13 Episcopal Districts. The Philadelphia-Baltimore Conference is in the Third Episcopal District, presided over by Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard, who was assigned to this district at the annual conference of the General Conference, held in Charlotte, N.C. in 1988.

He is an ecumenical leader and is internationally known in world church affairs. Bishop Hoggard is in his 17th year as a bishop.

He is one of the most articulate bishops in relation to the Council of Church Union and the proposed union of the AME Zion Church and the CME Church.



(L-R) Rev. Marshall H. Strickland, Host Pastor of Pa. Ave. AME Zion, Rev. Richard Chapple, Pastor St. Paul AME Zion, Salisbury, Md., Rev. Robert H. Richmond, presiding Elder of the Salisbury District. In the background, Chancel choir of Pa. AME Zion Church.

Hearings continue on private clubs

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

The Maryland Commission on Human Relations is determined to destroy what it considers to be one of the last vestiges of sexism and racial segregation within the state — the private club.

Last week, the commission held the third of four scheduled herings in which interested parties were invited to testify about their private club experience.

Several respondents provided the commission with a behind-the-scenes look at the typical private club, offering eyewitness accounts of the racial and sexual discrimination they have encountered in those clubs.

The Baltimore hearing was conducted at the Central Branch of the Enoch Pratt Library.

Testimony was heard by Commission Chair, Donald Fry; Vice Chair, Leonard Jackson, Sr.; Commissioners,

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