—Mis-diagnosed

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to the hospital. My baby died only 20 minutes after she got to that hospital.

Mrs. Johnson concluded, "A lot of valuable time was wasted by the first paramedic team. They did not know what they were doing and I think their lack of professional knowledge was responsible for Sam's death."

Mrs. Johnson said, "The autopsy listed her death as a heart attack, Sam knew what was wrong with her why didn't they listen?"

The names of the two paramedics who administered the baking soda and refused to take Samantha to the hospital are being withheld. Captain Patrick Flynn, Fire Department spokesman told the AFRO "We do not have any comment on that situation. I suggest that you call the city solicitors office."

Funeral services for Samantha will be held on Friday, July 21, at the Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church. Rev. Marshall Strickland will conduct the funeral service. The 6:30 p.m. wake will be followed by the funeral at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Johnson said, "Rev. Strickland has known Samantha for over 15 years. He officiated at her wedding. She and Rick had been married only two weeks when she died. If I choose a husband for her myself I could not have done a better job, he is wonderful; and they made a well matched pair."

Well wishers from the church flooded the house of Mrs. Johnson with food, cards and flowers upon receiving the news of Samantha's death.

Samantha's husband, Rick Said, "Samantha was a very kind person. She was always trying to bring stray cats home. She wanted to leave food outside our house for all the animals in the neighborhood. I had to stop her because she didn't realize the problems that could later cause when they all came here and wouldn't leave."

The family is demanding an investigation into the circumstances surrounding Samantha Young's death.

—Probe continues

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NAACP County President Col. Pennington, states Sparrow was allegedly beaten by several officers and disputes other factors of the story.

Pennington is calling for the officer, who is accused of beating Sparrow, to be dismissed. Currently the officer has been placed on desk duty until the investigation is completed.

Sparrow has been officially charged with two counts of attempted burglary, assault and battery, and resisting arrest.

Mrs. Ross, mother of Sparrow, who went to the county NAACP for help in her case alleging brutality, has yet to file with police on the incident.

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HAROLD R. TALL
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

—Prisoner release

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option for those who are on AFDC, Medicare, or under fixed incomes restraints but require telephone service."

Cummings said, "I have a meeting with representatives from C&P today concerning the availability of telephones for low income inmates who are eligible for HMP."

"We are now in a crisis in reference to overcrowding situation at the Baltimore City Jail, crisis situations demand crisis solutions."

Cummings said, "We have requested a $250,000 grant from the State to be placed in a high interest bearing account for use by the Offender Aid Restoration Program (OAR). This money will be used for the purchasing of bail for those without bail money, but who are low risk inmates.

"Del. Young said, These efforts will be finalized after the meetings between Bishop Robinson who is out of town at the moment and the meeting between Del. Cummings and C&P.We have had a positive feedback from both of these offices including the Governor's office."

"The delegation agreed that efforts needed to be made to make to find longterm solutions to the overcrowding situation. These are only immediate answers to the problem," said Del. Young.

—AFRO talks

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sion news mentioning the Mayor's plan and next the early release announcement was made by Pat Archer" (Director of the Home Monitoring Program, HMP).

"I thought it would be nice to be one of the ones picked to be released, but they quickly told us not to be too ready to go because not everyone was eligible."

"I was in the residential labor program where we do work under the supervision of a correctional officer. We pick up trash and clean around the jail buildings.I had been in jail eight days before joining the HMP program," said Randall.

"After waiting about six hours, we were told to get our belongings together and released after signing a release telling us that we would still be under the control of the Baltimore City Jail."

Randall said, "I am working for a construction demolition company. I got the job on my own through family friends."

The HMP program is an electronic means of keeping in direct communication with the prisoner. The prisoner can go to work and HMP's computer will dial the home of the prisoner several times a day to ensure compliance with HMP rules.

HMP enrollees are required to come to jail to give urine specimens to insure compliance with HMP's no alcohol and drug rules.

HMP candidates must wear an electronic monitoring bracelet on their wrist or ankle. The bracelet allows constant monitoring of the prisoner so that he or she can be contacted at all times by the HMP computer.

Alonzo Hardy got drunk one night and decided to physically attack a police cruiser — with the police officer in the car! He was unable to post bail of $1,500 so he found himself in the Baltimore City Jail awaiting trial.

Tom Fitzgerald, HMP Counselor said, "Hardy is a good candidate for HMP because of his background stability. He has a telephone where he can be contacted and lives with a stable family."

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—Citizens speakout

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nant Cornell Marcel Boles, who is head of operations of the Baltimore Police Department (former commissioner of the Western District), and District Commander Joseph Nixon attended.

Numerous political officials attended including City Council President Mary Pat Clarke, Councilwoman Sheila Dixon, Delegates Tony Fulton (40th district), Larry Young (39th district), and many others in the political arena.

Executive Secretary George Buntin stated that the reason for conducting the report and getting responses from the public was "to confront the abuse and disrespect that citizens feel the police department shows the Afro-American community."

"Lack of sensitivity by the department is also a major problem. The force needs to be trained in cultural differences and be able to understand problems within each sector they must serve," said Buntin.

He stated a blatant example of what kinds of attitudes he feels certain officers take in doing their job.

"Recently, a top official spokesman of the police department stated in defense of a police action, 'well you have to understand the conditions by which these officers are working under. It's a jungle out there,' thereby implying that Afro-Americans in Baltimore are animals," said Buntin.

Progress has been attained in dealing with citizens who wish to file a brutality report. A shake-up in the formation of the complaint and evaluation board has been a priority.

Those who previously tried to file a complaint did not have a vehicle to make complaints, feel comfortable making them, and did not feel assured that it would be thoroughly investigated and adjudicated.

In the past citizens were not adequately informed of what processes or official routes to take in efforts to see that an internal investigation would be initiated, according to the NAACP.

A system that is more community representative and more independent of the department, would lead to a conducive relationship between citizens and the department and increase the amount of corporation between the two because a level of trust is introduced, stated Buntin.

This would also initiate a more active group of Afro Americans qualified to join the department, according to the report.

Then came the fury. Citizens were given the floor to tell testimonies that have left them with feelings of distrust, anger and humiliation.

The first witness, Carla Rigby who works with the prison system, was pulled over initially for a smoking tail pipe, and upon handing over her license, was told she was under arrest for driving with a suspended license.

Rigby is a well known member in her community and asked not to be placed in handcuffs, which the officer did, and placed her in a paddywagon.

Two other officers shortly arrived and decided not to place Rigby in the wagon, but transported her in a caged car to the precinct where she was kept in handcuffs for more than three hours.

The arresting officer paid little mind to the confidential documents of clients left behind in her car which was left unattended and towed without regard to the helplessness of Rigby.

After being released Rigby discovered that the license had been suspended, but the motor vehicle department had sent the papers to a nonexistent address, and she had not received any notification.

Rigby now says she has reoccurring flashbacks, avoids traveling in that area when she thinks that officer will be on duty there.

Another witness, Warren Lewis was arrested for burglary, when in fact he had contacted police and pointed out a particular restaurant was too quiet.

Upon going to find out what the problem at the establishment was, he found a group of people locked in a deep freezer during the burglary.

Instead of being congratulated for helping those who could have fallen under dire consequences, Lewis had to face a judge in court for being the scapegoat in the burglary.

The forum spent over three hours listening to stories much of the same genre of those who patiently sat to tell others, and officials what ordeals have soured their attitudes in cooperating with police.

Some members of the community questioned why a forum was held at all. The reason Baltimoreans were quickly reaching their saturation point in trying to find someone to listen and take an active roll in helping. Most at the meeting felt they were being ignored. This forum allowed citizens to vent their frustrations, releasing some of the tension that was steadily on the rise.

Police officials responded by vowing to continue such a floor in which citizens could continue to voice their pent-up emotions, and know their voices will not fall on death ears.

—Welfare Rights

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severe, dismissal will be recommended. In some cases, job transfer or only a reprimand will be needed for a caseworker."

"We also want to investigate the complaint most voiced by the caseworkers themselves — an overloaded caseload.

"Many workers feel that Project Independence (a program effective July 1, mandating skill training or high school diplomas for AFDC recipients) increased the heavy caseload situation," said Conway.

Members of the task force will hold their initial meeting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, at the Welfare Rights office, 2331 Edmondson Ave. They will be assigned to visit targeted DSS centers to document complaints and/or recommend policy changes within the Department of Social Services.

The task force will present a report of their findings and recommendations at a citywide forum on September 9, from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Conway says, "The forum has been tentatively scheduled at the Community College of Baltimore." The forum is open to the public and several elected officials will be in attendance as well as Department of Human Resources and DSS personnel.

Irving Conway has named Richard "Skip" Barbee, Welfare Rights Vice President to head the task force. Other task force members include Social Service recipients, an Urban Service Commissioner, students and community activists.

Other task force members are, Helen Bradford, Lisa Boston, Marlene "Goldie" Mason, Addie Brown, Sharon Boston, Pearl Hale, Vicky Rusk, Irma Downs and Darryl Brown.

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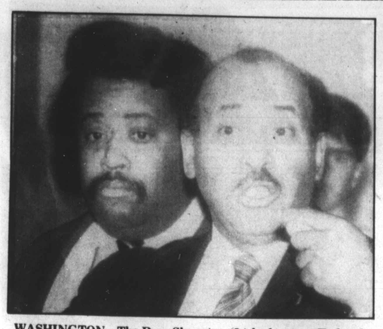


WASHINGTON—The Rev. Sharpton (L) looks on as Federal Judge Alcee Hastings speaks to reporters during impeachment hearings.

Sharpton joins in Hastings defense

WASHINGTON — Federal Judge Alcee Hastings, subject of a Senate impeachment hearing, accepted the support Wednesday of the controversial Rev. Al Sharpton as both charged the hearing is racially motivated.

The men leveled the charge at a news conference held during a break in the Senate evidentiary proceedings to determine if Hastings, who has been acquitted of bribery charges, should be removed from the bench.

"If Judge Hastings was not black, there would be no trial going on in this room." Sharpton said, calling the impeachment hearing an "outright racist maneuver to rob us of one of the few federal judges in the nation."

Hastings agreed.

"Reverend Sharpton is absolutely correct. If I were, in fact, a white man on February 4, 1983, when I was found not guilty, this would have been the end of the process."

After Hastings acquittal, a special judicial investigating committee of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals concluded Hastings had lied and fabricated evidence at the trial. The court's judges recommended to Congress that Hastings be impeached.

Hastings and Sharpton believe the Senate impeachment trial is double jeopardy.

Sharpton is the flamboyant maverick minister and civil rights activist who gained nationwide attention by claiming Tawana Brawley, a black New York teenager, was abducted and raped by a gang of whites. A grand jury determined the charges were a hoax.

Also, he recently was indicted on charges of funneling donations from the National Youth Movement to his own personal use and failing to pay taxes.

Sharpton contended Hastings was framed by someone in the federal government to "stifle any independent black leadership in the country."

"For Mr. Hastings to have been set up, framed, then get through the frame and now the Senate carrying on a kangaroo court is an absolute outrage," Sharpton said.

Hastings said he accepts Sharpton's support and "any damn body else that wants to help extricate me from this particular circumstance."

He said he does not care how people perceive Sharpton. "I need everybody's help and I can't afford to be judgmental," he said.

Hastings said his indictment and acquittal did not draw as many reporters as the news conference with Sharpton.

"If Reverend Sharpton has been the hook, hallelujah," he said.

"This is the first time in my life that I have been in Al Sharpton's presence. I have never shaken his hand before in my life before today," the judge said. "I am not in a position to be judgmental about supporters."

THIS WEEK IN BLACK AMERICA

Fight at Calif. frat dance

BERKLEY, Calif. — A fight at a fraternity dance at the University of California boiled into a window-smashing spree in nearby Telegraph Avenue after campus police ordered 400 partygoers to leave officials said.

Fourteen people were arrested after the party surged outside and windows were smashed early Sunday at numerous shops along the street jammed with eateries and shops that cater to students from the huge campus

It was the second riot-like incident in two months along Telegraph. A People's Park commemorative parade in April also erupted in window-smashing and some looting at 28 shops.

The lastest outburst started after two men started fighting at a dance sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in the Bear's Lair, a pub in the basement of the Student Union Building, officials said.

One man was ejected by campus police but an hour later the other man, Douglas Sanchez, 20, was surrounded by about four men and he was escorted from the party by police for his own safety, officers said.

But a crowd surrounded Sanchez and the escorting officers and threatened to attack them and police ordered the party shut down at about 1 a.m.

No review from Koch

KOCH SPIKES MOVIE: New York Mayor Ed Koch says it wouldn't be right for him to review Spike Lee's movie "Do the Right Thing." Last week Koch told reporters he would critique the film, which is about racial problems in the city, but Monday he said he had changed his mind. "It's been reviewed so many times that I am not going to do the reviewing — and that's the truth, Ruth," Koch said, borrowing a line from the movie. "Since several occasions (Lee) said that one of the reasons he made the movie was to injure me ... and any comments I might make could be viewed from the point of view that I am biased." Lee's latest broadide against Koch came in a full-page ad in New York magazine when he said Koch had allowed the city to become a "racial war zone."

Panel criticizes police

MIAMI — A citizens panel appointed to investigate incidents that led to a massive racial disturbance in Miami released a report Thursday that strongly critized the city police department's hiring procedures.

The 24-page report, submitted to the city commission at its regular meeting, said hiring procedures in the department are discriminatory toward blacks.

The report called for the hiring of more black officers to increase the percentage of black officers from 18 percent to 21 percent because the city is about 21 percent black.

The report recommended that a police substation in the predominantly black Overtown neighborhood be kept open 24 hours a day instead of 9½ hours. It also called for the appointment of a permanent citizens review board with subpoena power to investigate citizen complaints about police officers.

The commission accepted the report in principle, but that does not mean it will be followed to the letter. City Manager Ceser Odio was instructed to review the report for two weeks then tell the commission which items were feasible.

Police Chief Perry Anderson said he felt there were some valid points made in the report, but its scope was too broad.

Big names to help

CRUSADE IN THE PARK: Activist Dick Gregory is getting some big-name help in his anti-drug crusade in Shreveport, La. The former comedian set up an encampment in a Shreveport park known for its drug trade, declaring it a drug-free zone, and on Monday Coretta Scott King joined him. She urged her listeners to use nonviolence to fight drugs as her husband had used nonviolence to fight for civil rights. "There is a power in nonviolence," she said. "We don't expect it to be solved overnight. When the people of America speak with one voice and say, 'This is enough,' we'll do something about the problem." Her son, Martin Luther King, III, also is scheduled to stop in Shreveport to help Gregory's crusade and actor Ben Vereen joined Gregory at the encampment during the weekend.

Protect teachers from AIDS

While wearing masks may be a bit extreme for those in the teaching profession, the time has come for educators to take preventive measures, Glenn Steinhausen, Georgia State Faculty member told the ATLANTA VOICE.

Steinhausen said that standard ways should be developed so that a teacher who might have to help a child with AIDS can be protected. He suggests that teachers wear protective plastic gloves; that soiled clothing be placed in plastic bags and taken home by the student for washing; and that paper towels and other disposable items be burned.

Jehovan Witnesses plan 133 conventions

The Jehovah's Witnesses in the United States will hold a series of 133 district conventions during the summer of 1989, the L.A. BAY NEWS OBSERVER reports.

Some 1,370,000 delegates are expected to attend the meetings set in 67 different locations. The July 21-23 convention in Dodger Stadium is expected to be presented in Spanish and attended by 47,000.

Bank employees charge bias

Some 20-employees of the First Wisconsin Bank, Milwaukee have told the NAACP that the bank practices racial discrimination, the MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL reports.

The group charged that the majority of the minorities hired at First Wisconsin are placed in specific job titles such as clerks and tellers and once on those positions have no career paths.

Black doctors meet in Orlando, Fla.

The National Medical Association (NMA), representing North America's black physicians, hosted its 94th Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly, July 15-20.

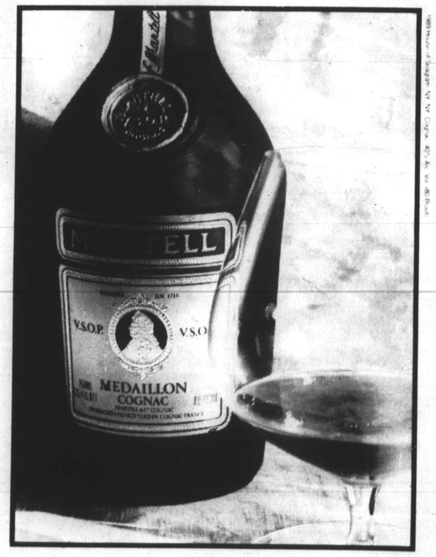
Vivian Pinn-Wiggins, MD

One highlight of the six-day convocation will be the installation of Howard University Pathology Department Chairman Vivian Pinn-Wiggins, M.D., as president of the prestigious black professional organization.

President Staggers and Paris Bransford, M.D., chairman of the NMA Board of Trustees and a surgeon in Houston, Tex., said the Scientific Assembly would include an array of courses and symposiums.

Included were family medicine, women's medical issues, future health care, Afro-American social and psychiatric concerns, cancer, ophthalmology, AIDS, and substance abuse, etc.

100 BLACK WOMEN—The National Coalition, has honored 10 African Americans for distinguished accomplishments at the 7th Candace Awards. Honorees, L to R: back row; Ntozake Shange, Maya Angelou, Geoffrey Holder. Front Row; Janet Collins, Carmen deLavallade, Charlatne Hunter-Gault, John H. Johnson, Jewell Jackson McCabe, Benjamin Hooks and Suzanne dePasse.



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