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Dead girl: no name, family, clues

Even her age—10,13? is still undetermined

By Pam Widgeon
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It has been close to a week since the body of a young girl was found hanging on a fence in Howard County, and still, no one has come forth to claim her.

Is it possible that a girl, no older than 13-years, if that much, could have disappeared without the knowledge of anyone? Police are finding it strange that not even the girl's parents, whomever they may be, have called or inquired as to her whereabouts.

There are now 10 detectives trying to solve the mysterious case of the unidentified girl found Nov. 8 hanging from a six foot high chain link fence along U. S. Route 70 in Howard County.

Investigators said the girl, who is between 9 and 13-years-old, was found by two hunters around 10:45 a.m. Saturday. According to police, she was suspended on the fence by her clothing.

Hunters found her body and contacted police, who took her to the medical examiner. It has not been determined how the girl got to Howard County or if she was a runaway from a juvenile home.

The victim is described as a black female, four feet five inches and weighs 63 pounds. She has black hair, brown eyes and medium to dark complexion.

There was no identification found on the victim and she was wearing low cut blue tennis shoes with white stripes, blue jeans with yellow stitches, a terry cloth pink pull over blouse, multicolored - check sweater and a red cloth jacket with gold buttons.

Dr. Ann Dixon, an assistant state medical examiner told the AFRO, "The cause of death is still pending and I have not ruled out anything."

She says the girl is an immature child and "if she is 12 or 13- years old, she is very young looking. One detective who is working on the case states they have checked juvenile and foster homes, schools and missing persons reports at police departments.

Dr. Dixon said there were no injuries which indicated a violent death, stab wounds or broken bones. However, she is still waiting for the results of tests that might take six to eight weeks.

Police have not ruled out homicide in the case and believe she might have been brought to the area. The time of death according to Dr. Dixon was between late Friday and early Saturday morning.

The area where the girl was found overlooks the eastbound entrance ramp to I-70 from route 32 and is 20 miles from downtown Baltimore. The West Friendship Shopping Center is less than a mile away from where the child was found.

At AFRO presstime Thursday, Det. Stephen Griez told the AFRO, "Our main problem now is who is she, what she was doing in the area and where she was coming from or going."

Det. Griez stated the victim's clothes were sent to the FBI Thursday for clues.

Anyone with knowledge of how the victim got in the Howard County area should call 992-2200.

Black Hebrews vow to stay in Israel

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

Two members of the "Black Hebrews" of Israel said this week that recent articles which have appeared in the Baltimore Morning Sun about their group are part of a deliberate attempt by the press to "discourage blacks from trying to enter Israel."

The remarks from Ishmeel Ben

Blast media reports about their practices

Israel, a native Baltimorean who has been a part of the Black Hebrew nation for over 30 years and Simeon Ben Israel, who, says, has been out of the United States for more than a decade.

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of Pleasant Manor Nursing Home in the 4000 block Park Heights Ave. is wheeled away by firemen to a waiting ambulance after six persons, both patients and employees, were injured during a two-alarm blaze Wednesday afternoon. One of the victims, Bertrum Ferrick, 83, a patient at the home, was critically injured during the blaze with burns over 70 percent of his body.

BULLETIN

NAACP calls emergency meeting

Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, has called an emergency meeting in New York Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22, to discuss the strategy of the civil rights organization "as we prepare for a completely new federal administration."

In a telegram released late last night, Hooks said that the group "must make it clear, in no uncertain terms, that our civil rights agenda stands firm and non-negotiable."

Hooks is calling all NAACP officials to be present at the meeting in New York.

NAACP intercedes for her

Black woman suspended, white men keep jobs after work-site fight

A 30-year old woman who was involved in a melee with three white men on her job as a laborer for a constructin company was suspended pending an investigation of the case while the three men have been allowed to remain on their jobs.

Bruce Harrison, attorney for the G.A. & F.C. Wagman Co., a Pennsylvania based firm, said that an investigation of the incident by company officials revealed that the men were not at fault and should therefore be allowed to remain on their jobs.

The young woman, however, Ms. Lenora Doles, of the 6100 block Frankford Ave., alleges that she was attacked by the three men for no apparent reason.

Doles said that as she and one of the men approached each other on a narrow walkway, she carrying a large board and he an iron pipe, it became obvious to her that both of them would not be able to get past each other at the same time.

She dropped her board, she said, right where she was and moved over so that he could pass. The man, in turn, according to Doles, ordered her to pick the board up. She moved it over so that "he could get by."

Doles said that he then "hit her, hard" in the chest. She said she tried to defend herself, even though her group leader grabbed her by the shoulders until she became calm. Another man, who also worked on the site, apparently tried to subdue Ms. Doles as well.

Doles said that after the incident, all of the personnel involved, including herself and the three white men, were taken to the office of the supervisor to give an account of what happened.

They were all interviewed separately, she said, and after everyone had been heard, she was advised that she had been suspended from her job and that she was not to return until the case was resolved.

Harrison, the attorney for the firm, contends that the version of what happened given by Doles is inaccurate.

"According to the investigation conducted by the firm," he said, "Ms. Doles was the instigator of the fight." Harrison said that according to the version given by the firm, Doles kicked and spat at the men.

When asked why the men had not been released from their jobs pending an investigation of the case, Harrison said that the men were not at fault. He said that he was not at liberty to release the details of the investigation, but he emphasized that he was convinced that his clients were to be believed.

He also said that he has heard several different versions of the incident as related by Ms. Doles, which has made him even more convinced that his case was solid.

The NAACP has called the situation a case of "blatant racism." Emmett Burns, regional director of the civil rights organization, said that warrants of arrest are being sought against the three men.

AFRO Mrs. Santa drive to hold awards banquet

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa is working overtime already and judging from the letters crossing her desk, more people will need help this Christmas than ever before.

Sample letters show many burned out families; families without jobs and older people forgotten by their children.

Saturday, Nov. 15 from 4-6 Mrs. Santa is having a gala Awards Party for participants in the Christmas in August Softball Tournament in the Taurus Room of the 20 Grand Club. Hosting, in an effort to raise $2,000, is Rayner Banks of MTA, Larry Everett of WWIN and AFRO's Ida Peters.

Certificates of appreciation will be presented to all 350 persons who participated and trophies will go to the club turning in the most money.

Top vote-getter Robert Bell says he's no politician

By James M. Abraham
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Supreme Bench Judge Robert M. Bell, who streaked to victory atop the final five-person judicial slate, says that he is glad the politicking required to retain his position is over, but believes that it all was worth it.

"I'm not a politican as politicians go, but the only way I know how to do anything is work at it," he said. My initial reaction is to say that I'm not one who's cut out for it, (politics)."

Bell amassed over 100,000 votes, but says the basic reason for his strong showing was his ability to communicate with people, not to be a good politician.

"I like people. My politics have always been based on my respect for people. They're what I like, what I am about, and they also respond to a qualified person," he commented.

When asked if he plans to cut down on his hectic schedule of personal appearances in the community, Bell said that such activity has always been one of his priorities.

"I have always been involved in community activities," said Bell. "All people have to do to get me to

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— WITH THE WINNERS! —

Murphy father-son judge team is historic first for state

By Pam Widgeon
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When William H. Murphy Jr., is sworn in next month, as the sixth black judge on the Supreme Bench, it will be a historical moment in Maryland.

Not only will his presence raise the total of minority jurists to their highest number thus far, but when young Murphy takes office, Maryland will become the only state in the union to have a father and son as sitting judges at the same time.

Another precedent will be that like his father, William H. Murphy Sr., Billy won his judgeship by challenging the system and getting the votes to win.

Murphy, 37, won in the Nov. 4 election and will take the seat of Judge M. Albert Figinski, who lost in the primary election.

His father, Judge William H. Murphy has been a District Court judge since January 1971, the same year his son started his criminal law practice. Obviously proud and pleased, but low keyed about his son's victory, Judge Murphy says he is every excited and happy about his son becoming a judge.

As for Billy, he told the AFRO "I have always wanted to be a judge and serve people without having to serve a fee. This is an opportunity for spiritual growth."

Murphy says "The election showed an overwhelming majority

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FATHER AND SON — William H. Murphy Jr. (right) will be sworn in December 6, 4 p.m. as a judge on the Supreme Bench. He is shown standing on the courthouse steps with his father, Judge William H. Murphy, who has been a district court judge for 10 years.

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