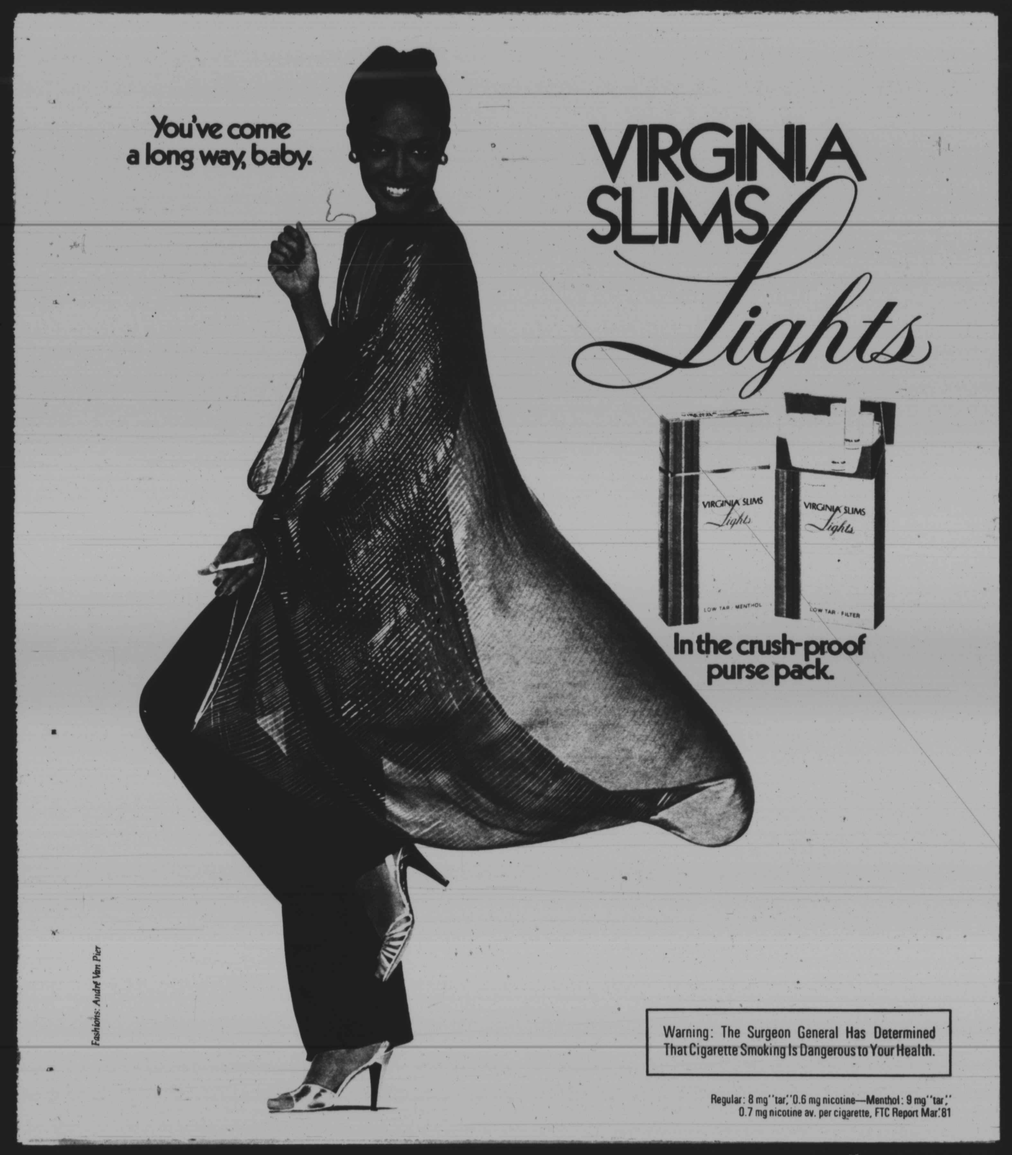

3,000 needy sign up for fuel aid 1st day

Four days after Baltimoreans began filing applications for the Maryland Energy Assistance Program, about 3,000 applications had been accepted, but according to an Urban Services Agency official, the city agency handling the state program, that number is but a drop in the bucket.

Ed Dorsette told the AFRO about 35,000 applications are expected to be approved by the time the program ends April 1, 1982. At present, all the USA can do is certify applicants' eligibility for the program, since funds to operate the program have not been released by the federal government.

Throughout the state, about 75,000 families are expected to apply for fuel assistance. Payments are expected to begin the first week of December, USA officials said.

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6th teen arrested in Dr. Phillips murder

State trooper prexy faces bad check rap

The president of the Black Troopers Coalition is accused of improperly writing checks on the group's account, state police say.

Corporal Charles A. English surrendered at state police headquarters Monday and has been suspended from the force, said spokesman Dan MCCarthy. A warrant charging him with theft had been issued for his arrest, McCarthy added.

English, who testified against retired Col. James A. Watkins in 1978 had resigned from the department, effective today (Friday) after being accused of unrelated departmental violations.

He is a 10 year veteran and a supervisor in the College Park barrack.

An investigation was begun when other members of the coalition reported "questionable financial transactions," McCarthy said.

Four checks totaling $345 allegedly had been improperly drawn on the coalition account, he said.

English, 31, appeared before a court commissioner in Owings Mills Monday and was released on his own recognizance.

McCarthy said English was accused by his superiors Nov. 4 of "infractions of rules" involving overtime logs and not receiving authorization for additional duty hours.

ANGELS HIT THE STREETS

Story and photo by Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

A few years ago Antonio Powell's brother was shot in the back as he was running from muggers. Last year his best friend was shot in the face.

Sheila McMoore lives in the Harlem Park section of West Baltimore.

"Some nights," she said, "you can hear people in the alley gettin' robbed and hollering 'Help!'"

Warren Alford also grew up in a rough neighborhood. He remembers being mugged himself when he was younger, and wondering if there was anything that he could do about the crime that seemed to surround him.

Wednesday night Warren, along with Sheila McMoore and Antonio Powell began doing somthing about street crime. They took to the streets as a positive force.

For the first time as ful-fledged Guardian Angels they, with 37 others, were out patrolling the streets and alleyways of Baltimore city, looking for the criminals that prey upon the community.

The Guardian Angels is a controversial, New York City founded anti-crime patrol organization. Their goal is to reclaim the streets for the law abiding and to make the neighborhoods a safer place to live. Having expanded from New York to several other cities in the two years of their existence, the Guardian Angels are now in operation here in Baltimore. The Baltimore chapter graduated its first class of recruits on Tuesday, November 11. Members led by a lieutenant and a patrol leader who, marching in straight, orderly files, wind their way through the streets seeking out criminal activity.

When they come across it their strategy is to allow the lieutenant and the patrol leader, assumed to be cooler-headed and more mature, to attempt to defuse the situation through persuasion. Only when this avenue is frustrated is the rest of the patrol called upon to surround and subdue the suspect.

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ANGEL PATROL LEADER — Antonio Powell, 18, one of 41 city Guardian Angels, on patrol in East Baltimore Wednesday night. It was the first nightly patrol scheduled by the new Baltimore chapter of the Angels.

Greenspring Jr. high 8th grader free on $10,000 bail

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

A 14-year-old Greenspring Junior High School student who lives five blocks from the home of Dr. George Franklin Phillips, is the sixth teenager to be charged as an adult with the Sept. 21 murder of the 72-year-old West Baltimore physician. According to AFRO sources, Eric Brown's name had been mentioned several times during the investigation by homicide detectives but his arrest came 60 days after the slaying. Brown, of the 2000 block of Bentalou St., is an eighth grade student. He is also charged with handgun violation, attempted armed assault and robbery. He has been released on $10,000 bail. Dr. Phillips, of the 1500 block Bentalou St., was shot and killed as he was about to get into his car and drive to Provident Hospital. He had planned to visit a patient scheduled for morning surgery when he was shot. Police report nothing was taken from the doctor. The AFRO has learned investigators have been able to trace the gun used in the murder to the father of one of the suspects. According to AFRO sources the youth took the gun from his home and told police he was planning to sell the gun.

Gregory Brittingham, 14, of the 1600 block Bentalou St., was released from City Jail Oct. 16 after posting $10,000 bail.

The other suspects who are charged as adults and being held at City Jail are Kevin P. Smith, 17, of the 1900 block Wheeler Ave; Donald Braxton, 16, 1500 block Payson St; Dean D. Wright, 16, 1800 block Payson St and Walter Vaughn, 18, 1700 block of Pulaski St. Bail was set at $100,000 by district court Judge James Bundy.

Three of the teenagers arrested attended Douglass High School and two of the suspects were students at Carver. The trial is scheduled for Dec. 10.

Woman, 25 killed by knock-rob trio, one held

Police would not say if Ms. Jestine Williams knew the men who knocked on her door Wednesday night, forced their way in her apartment and killed her before leaving her home.

Police report they believe robbery was the motive in the homicide of Ms. Williams, 25, of the 3000 block of Thorndale Ave.

According to police around 10:25 p.m. Ms. Williams answered a knock on her Northwest Baltimore apartment door. With the chain still on the door, police state Ms. Williams peeped out of her door and three men kicked it open and entered the apartment.

While one of the men held Ms. Williams, police report the other two men ransacked her apartment. While fighting with one of the suspects, police state one of the men shot Ms. Williams in the chest.

Bryant Douglas Purnell, 21, of the 3900 block of Greenspring Ave., was arrested and charged with homicide, breaking and entering and handgun violation.

1500-black-school officials' 9th annual meet

National educators convene here, pledge fight on school $ cuts

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Educators are deeply concerned about the proposed federal cuts for school funding, according to Dr. Ernest Hartzog, president of the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

The group, representing more than 1,500 black educators convened in Baltimore this week at the Hyatt Regency Hotel for its Ninth Annual Convention.

"We are disturbed," said Hartzog, "about the lack of emphasis on affirmative action and how resources are divided."

The group of national educators on the elementary, secondary and college-university level, will attempt to find alternatives to the problems facing school systems across the country.

These problems will be the major focus of the theme "A new Agenda for Educational Equity." The conference will also attempt to revitalize the relationships between the school, church, family and government.

"NABSE is vitally interested to see if schools are making proper use of resources. We are not convinced that some schools are doing the best job with black children, minority children and poor children," said Hartzog, who is the assistant superintendent of the Portland, Oregon school system.

Hartzog will be succeeded this year by Dr. Marvin Green, assistant superintendent of the Detroit, Michigan schools.

Green stated, "The first line of defense for the education base is the proper training of the minds of young people.

"It's a serious mistake to take money out of education for the military when the students still need an education to know how to operate those weapons for the military."

NABSE officials also expressed concern for the proposed tax credit for students enrolled in private schools.

"The tax credit would be the

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FIREMAN TAKES COVER — In this exclusive AFRO photo the fireman was trying to put out the flames of a 1976 car that caught fire at Centre and Howard Streets, a block from the AFRO office. Mrs. Louella Anderson, owner of the car told the AFRO, "The car just started smoking and I suddenly saw fire and jumped out of the car. I thank God I was not hurt."

AFRO photo by Martin Evans

HUB business committee 'summit meeting' Saturday

The HUB Organization's economic development committee will hold a planning summit Saturday, Nov. 21 to discuss next year's "Buy In, By Is" campaign.

The "brainstorming" session, aimed at obtaining ideas for the business campaign, will be held at Coppin State College in Room 120 of the Grace Hill Jacobs Building on Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HUB successfully sponsored the "Buy In, By Us" campaign last year, which focused on the need for black Baltimoreans to support and buy from other black businesses.

The weeklong campaign, was held from March 2-7. Next year's campaign is planned for April 4-11.

The HUB Organization started in November 1976 following a meeting of black professionals and businessmen who were concerned about the economic development in the black community. Raymond H. Haysbert, president of Parks Sausage Company, is the head of HUB.

THE ANTI-CRIME MOVEMENT 4th District Dems holding anti-crime rally Nov. 23

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399 murders in Md.

There were 399 murders in Maryland in 1980, but that amounted to only 1 percent of the violent crimes reported in the state during the year and only 2 percent of all serious crimes that were reported.

In all, nearly 278,000 crimes were committed in Maryland during 1980, according to a new state police report on crime in the state released this week.

The report for the previous calendar year said the overall number of serious crimes including everything from murder and rape to larceny or car theft was up 6 percent over 1979 figures, although the number of violent crimes actually leveled off.

The report said August 1980 was the worst month for both violent crimes and property crimes and that February 1980 was the safest month from crime.

The report said murders in 1980 amounted to only 1 percent of the total violent crime category and 2 percent of the total serious crime report. It said the rate of murder in Maryland last year was 9.5 murders for every 100,000 residents, down slightly from the record 1979 figure.

Murder victims were male in 78 percent of the cases, were black 64 percent of the time, were between 25 and 29 years of age 85 percent of the time, and 58 percent of them were killed with firearms.

Of those arrested and charged with murder, 90 percent were males; 69 percent were black; 89 percent were adults; and the highest frequency of arrests (19 percent) was also in the 25-29 age group.

The report also showed Maryland police were successful in solving 77 percent of the murders, 54 percent of the rapes and 57 percent of the aggravated assaults.

Conversely, however, police said they were able to solve only 17 percent of the breaking or entering cases, 18 percent of the larceny cases and 15 percent of the motor vehicle thefts.

"The relatively high clearance rates for violent crimes as compared to non violent property crimes is in part attributable to the volume difference between the two," said the report submitted to Gov. Harry Hughes by police Superintendent Thomas Smith.

"Property crime volume is much greater than that of violent crime and police investigation of violent crimes is usually more intense," the report said.

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