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Mom, son cool out

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BEATING THE HEAT — Ms. Valerie Taylor, 21, and her 16-month-old son, Ahmad, recently took time out at an East Baltimore city pool to get quick relief from the rash of very hot and humid weather.

Gambling casinos for Baltimore?

Del. Douglass wants us to be the next Las Vegas

By Marcy D. Matthews
AFRO Staff Writer

Bright lights, an air of non-stop excitement, clinking of slot machines, the humming of crowds of high rollers hunched over roulette wheels and gaming tables, could this all become a part of Baltimore's limelight?

Last week's proposal for casino gambling from Delegate John Douglass, of the 45th district, may make this a reality: Baltimore — The New Las Vegas.

Douglass said he has not received any official response to his proposal of casino gambling for downtown Baltimore.

But, he said he has gotten positive reactions from many individuals from the community, because the proposal may prove to be a revenue source for the city.

Douglass said he still is waiting for response from the City Council, ministers, community leaders, and citizens.

According to City Councilman Kweisi Mfume, Douglass' proposal has been meeting with a "cool reception" at City Hall.

The westside councilman said he received a letter from Douglass, outlining the proposal. Mfume further said he is personally opposed to gambling. He said he was opposed to the lottery being created or any other bills introducing gambling. Gambling appeals to people

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Politics' 1982

Three days to election deadline, some candidates haven't filed

Several candidates, who have indicated they are seeking legislative and city offices this election but who have not filed, will have to hurry if they are serious about their intentions. The July 6 filing date is just hours away.

Del. Frank Conaway, D-40th, has said in the past he is interested in running for that district's senatorial seat. But he also has indicated he may chose to run for the House of Delegates.

When asked if he had filed for either seat, Conaway said he plans to make the deadline, but he usually waits until the last minute to do so.

A City Councilman, who asked his name not be used, said he is considering filing for the State Central Committee, but he, too is one of those "last minute" filers.

Earlier this week, the AFRO visited the Board of Supervisors-Elections to determine the candidates who already have filed for office. Some of the races promise to be interesting and some district are fielding quite a number of people, vying for the same offices.

The 7th Congressional district race pits incumbent Rep. Parren J. Mitchell against Elizabeth C. Gray, a Coppin State College proffessor and Lawrence K. Freeman.

Legislative races include:

Clarence M. Mitchell, D-39th, is the lone candidate to have filed for that district's senatorial seat. Daki Napata, a community aactivist earlier had announced his intentions of challenging Mitchell. As of Thursday, July 1, Napata, apparently had not filed.

Seeking House of Delegate seats in the 39th are Shirley Fisher, Ruth Kirk and incumbent, Del. Larry Young.

Patriscya Duncan, who had filed to run for Clerk of the Circuit Court, withdrew from that race last month and left it to the only

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225 teachers get their jobs back

At a late Wednesday morning press conference, Mayor William Schaefer gave some city teachers a reprieve as he announced the Baltimore City Public Schools will recall about 225 teachers.

Several weeks ago, as a result of decreased funding for the school system, the school board mailed pink slips to 1,095 teachers and staff members.

At the mid-week press conference, Schaefer, Dr. John Crew, school superintendent, and David C. Daneker, president of the school board, said an additional $2 million has been provided for the city's schools.

Those funds will allow school officials to recall approximately 10 teachers. Letters of recall were mailed June 30.

Another 125 teachers, according to Dr. Crew, also will be back in the school system. He said after considering attrition rates for teachers occurring after school officials made their plans in May, 125 actual teacher vacancies exist.

Those vacancies, plus the 10 teachers who will receive the June 30 notices now enables the school system to recall about 225 teaachers.

Many of them will be recalled to positions at elementary schools, the balance will be spread across the school system. Where the tachers, who are not going to

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DR. JOHN CREW, superintendent of the Baltimore City Public Schools, left, sits beside Mayor William Donald Schaefer, as he explains how the city, teachers, school officials and concerned parents reached an agreement to provide additional funds for the school system, allowing the rehiring of teachers.

Body found near county swim club

Young woman calls home 4 times, 'I'm on the way!'

Natalie Denise Williams, 23, left home Sunday, June 27, to visit friends. Around 11 p.m. she called her mother, Mrs. Inez Williams, to say she was on her way home.

Ms. Williams, of the 3600 block of Old York Rd., never returned home.

Police said she was found dead June 28, in a stream behind an apartment complex in the Hillendale section of Baltimore County. Her body was discovered by a teenager who was taking a short cut through the wooded area to the Kiwanis Swim Club, in the 6700 block Collinsdale Rd.

Mrs. Williams told the AFRO, it was unusual for her daughter to call home four times and say she was on her way home. "She would always call one time. When she called Sunday, she said she was on Harford Road."

"I set up until 1:30 a.m. and she was not home. I went to work as usual Monday and called home later," her mother said. It was when Mrs. Williams called her family, she was told the police were at her house and was told to come home from work.

How did Ms. Williams get to Baltimore County?

What was the cause of her death and why was she really calling home four times Sunday night? These are some of the questions her mother would like answered.

Ms. Williams was unemployed and was wearing green shorts and a stripe shirt, when she was last seen. A Baltimore county police spokesman told the AFRO, "We have been unable to determine the cause of death. She was found face up in a stream that had about six inches of water in it. The head injuries were not severe enough to cause death."

The medical examiner's office is waiting for the results of toxicology test and police are still investigating the case.

Funeral services for Ms. Williams will be Sunday, July 4.

Councilman Spry quits

Dr. Lehman W. Spry, convicted last week on tax fraud charges amounting to $66,000 in unreported income, resigned his seat as Harford County Councilman, Wednesday afternoon, after serving two terms in office.

Spry, also a Havre de Grace dentist who has been a public servant for more than 20 years said earlier he would continue his campaign efforts to win a third four-year term this fall.

The councilman filed for re-election to his seat June 16, just six days before he pleaded guilty to tax invasion in a Harford County Circuit Court.

The 48-year old councilman said

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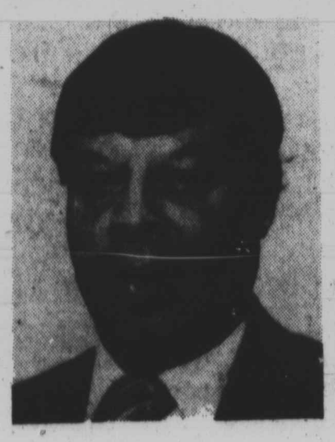

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