Morgan vs. Southern

Bears hoping Jaguars are looking at record

The Morgan State University football entourage left campus Tuesday night for Baton Rouge, La., where Saturday the team meets Southern University.

A hope expressed by many in the party is that they might find the Jaguars locked in a mood of complacency.

This, however, is merely looked upon as added incentive for the bears. They feel strongly that their 1-6 record to date is not a true yardstick of their ability.

From first-year coach James Phillips down throughout the squad, there remains an air of restrained confidence that the Bears are much better than the record shows.

Carrying a (1-6) mark into Baton Rouge could prove to be an ally. While Morgan isn't openly accepting it as such, there's little doubt that the performance chart can be helpful in producing a degree of overconfidence in the Jaguars.

Also helpful in a negative sense, is the fact the Southern is in third place in the Southwestern Athletic Conference standings, just one-half game off pace-setting Grambling.

The SWAC is looked upon as one of the toughest leagues in black collegiate football.

Following its engagement in Baton Rouge, Morgan returns home next Saturday to play host to Howard University at 1 o'clock.

The Bears close their season the following Saturday (19th) against Boston University at Boston.

Weekend football

COLLEGE GAMES
CIAA SCHEDULE
Saturday
Livingstone at Bowie St.
Hampton at St. Paul's
Va. State at Norfolk St.
N.C. Central at J. C. Smith (B)

MEAC SCHEDULE
Saturday
Fla. A&M at A&T
Bethune at S.C. State

OTHER SCHEDULES
Saturday
Morgan at Southern N.
Delaware St. at Central St.
UDC at Tenn. State
West Chester at Fayetteville
Ala. A&M at Clark
Morris Brown at Albany St. (BC)
Grambling at Ala. State (N)
Miss Valley at Alcorn

NFL SCHEDULE
Sunday
Baltimore at N.Y. jets (4 p.m.)
Atlanta at New Orleans
Buffalo at New England
Chicago at Los Angeles Rams
cincinnati at Houston
Cleveland vs Green Bay at Milw
Denver at Seattle
L.A. Raiders at kansas City
Miami at San Francisco
Philadelphia at Dallas
St. Louis at Washington
San Diego at Pittsburgh
Tampa Bay at Minnesota
Monday Night
N.Y Giants at Detroit

Grid standings

IN THE CIAA

Northern Division		
Va. Union	5	1 0
Hampton	4	1 0
St. Paul's	3	2 0
Eliz. City	2	3 0
Norfolk St.	2	3 0
Va. State	0	5 0
Southern Division		
W. Salem	4	0 1
NC Central	5	1 0
Livingstone	3	2 0
Fayetteville	1	4 1
J. C. Smith	1	4 0
Bowie State	0	6 0

Colts better record AFRO predicted

When the AFRO's pre-season look at the National Football League foresaw four victories for the Colts, considerable laughter was generated.

Even media folk who regularly cover the NFL responded for the most part with tongues in cheeks. How could a team which had won but two games since Nov. 30, 1980, be regarded a 4-game winner in its present state of disarray?

But Baltimore not only became that (a winner four times) but last Sunday captured its fifth contest.

Just the same, the Colts — perhaps with some justification — are held at long odds to defeat the New York Jets this Sunday at Shea Stadium.

Despite the fact the Jets have a poorer (4-5) record than the (5-4) Colts, the New York team is favored by 6½ points over the visiting eleven.

Meanwhile, the other AFRO area team, Washington, is picked to win its Sunday game with relative ease.

The Redskins are held as a 10 point choice over the St. Louis Cardinals at Washington's RFK . . . LACY.

Maxwell top Colt tackler

It's a big step from college football to the NFL, but several rookies have handled the transition successfully.

A year ago, running back Curt Warner was leading Penn State to a National Championship. Today he is making a major contribution to the Seattle Seahawks. At the midway point of the 1983 season, Warner ranks third in the AFC rushing with 654 yards on 150 carries. Warner has started all eight of Seattle's games and looks like a cinch to become the first 1000-yard rusher in the team's seven-year history.

Vernon Maxwell
Colts' rookie linebacker

Linebacker Vernon Maxwell of the Baltimore Colts is another rookie who has started in every game this season. A second round draft choice from Arizona State, Maxwell leads the Colts with seven sacks.

Houston has the most rookies in the AFC, 15, followed by Baltimore and Denver, with 13 each.

AFRO SPORTS

TO BALTIMORE ALSO—Undisputed middleweight champion Marvin Hagler sharpens fight lead with trainer Goody Petronelli upon opening training for defense against Roberto Duran next Thursday in Las Vegas. The bout will be seen at two Baltimore locations—the Convention Center and Towson State—via closed-circuit TV.

Hagler-Duran fight set in CT racing backdrop

CHARLESTOWN — A racing boxing doubleheader, featuring the world middleweight championship bout between marvin hagler and Roberto Duran, will be offered at the Charles Town Turf Club Nov. 10.

The 15 - round championship fight in Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, will be aired via exclusive satellite reception on two theatre - size screens in front of grandstand and clubhouse and on the track's big - screen monitors.

Post time for the first of nine races will be 6 p.m. The boxing telecast will begin at 9 p.m., with the main event expected to start at approximately 10 o'clock.

Admission will be $10 until 8 o'clock and $15 after that. Special packages, including dinner and reserved table seating will be available in the clubhouse dining room and Skyline Lounges.

Charles Town was the first race track in the country to present closed - circuit fights when in 1972 the Quarry Brothers' bouts with Joe Frazier and George Foreman were shown here.

The track's attendance record was set in 1981 when more than 21,000 fans turned out for the bout between Sugar Ray Leonard and Tommy Hearns.

The two theatre - size screens, each 15 by 20 feet, are mounted on flat - bed trucks and rolled into position after the last race is official.

Two high - efficiency projectors throw the satellite image on the screens and TV audio is carried through the track's audio system.

Classy field shapes up for DC 'Int'

LAUREL, Md. — Four foreign challengers with designs on stopping the talented French filly, All Along, on her charge through North America for a $1 million bonus in the Nov. 12 Washington, DC International have accepted invitations to oppose her.

All Along, with victories in the Arc de Triomphe, the Rothmans International and the Turf Classic at Aqueduct, is the early favorite for the International, in which she can take home the largest sum ever won by a thoroughbred in one race in the U.S.

A triumph at Laurel would give her a total of $1,250,000 — the $1 million bonus and the winner's share of the $250,000 overall purse.

Named by Laurel President John D. Schapiro as foreign opponents to All Along in the mile and a half grass classic are horses from Ireland, England, France and Canada.

FROM ENGLAND: Cormorant Wood, a 3-year-old filly to be ridden by Steven Cauthen. Cormorant Wood, owned by Robert J. McAlpine and trained by Barry Hills.

Black league stars converge on 'Hall'

ASHLAND, KY — Baseball notables of three generations are here this week to attend the 5th annual reunion of players from the old black leagues of the pre-Jackie Robinson era.

Included among those expected to participate in the ceremonies commencing Wednesday at the Hall of History museum are all-time homerun champion Henry Hank Aaron and former baseball commissioner A. B. "Happy" Chandler.

One of the features will be the premiere showing of "There Was Always Sun Shining Someplace," which details life in the black leagues, at the Kentucky Power Company Auditorium.

Aaron surpassed Babe Ruth's lifetime total and set a new major league record of 755 homers while Chandler played a major role in helping Robinson become the first black athlete to play in the big leagues in 1947.

Other Hall of Famers expected to attend include Monte Irvin, William "Judy" Johnson and Walter "Buck" Leonard.

Commissioner Bowie Kuhn will make the keynote address.

Can the Domination Continue?

TOWSON ST. vs. MILLERSVILLE

This Saturday
1:00 P.M. In Minnegan Stadium

The Tigers have yet to be scored upon this season at home. Millersville presents a stiff challenge to that perfect record.

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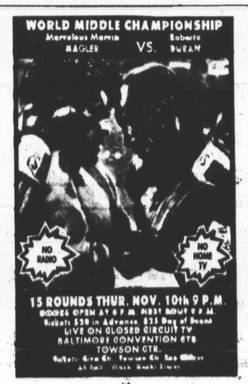

Peete continues dominant in golf

The sparkling performance of Calvin Peete on the pro golf circuit keeps the slender Floridian in the news week after week.

Last Sunday, he missed by two strokes winning the prestigious Vardon Trophy, symbolic of the year's best stroke player, when he finished at 13 - under - par 271. He needed a 269 in the weekend's Pensacola Open.

On Tuesday, he was chosen along with Hal Sutton, Fuzzy Zoeller, Lanny Wadkins and Gil Morgan to compete in an upcoming invitational event on the island of Maui in Hawaii.

Aside from finishing 1983 as the fourth leading money winner of the year for the second straight season, Calvin wrapped up the tour as the professional game's most accurate player:

(1) He led the tee - to fairway category with an average of .746, showing a healthy margin over No. 2 Jack Renner.

(2) He had the edge in the greens - in - regulation department with a .714 percentage, topping veteran Johnny Miller's .707.

(3) He finished fourth in Grand Prix points behind Zoeller, Sutton and Wadkins.

On the money list, Peete showed $313,845 for 1983, a figure that put his lifetime earnings well above the $1 million mark.

By the way...

By Joe Black

For the last three decades Black people have been shouting and informing that we gained increased pride in our heritage and culture. But is that fact? Or is it just talk for show?

You see, way back when a college education was almost an impossibility for Black people, they gained hope when Chevney opened its doors in 1839. And Lincoln University offered educational opportunities in 1854. In 1865 the churches recognized the need for ex-slaves to learn reading, riting, and ciphering and with the help of The Freedmen's Bureau, they founded Howard University, Fisk University, Tougaloo College, St. Augustine College, and Morgan College, to name a few institutions of higher learning.

It's a fact! When Black folks needed them, the Black colleges welcomed them as I gave us many of our great doctors, scientists, lawyers, and educators. But as the saying goes . . . how soon we forget. Today, when many of these Black schools need the support of Black Americans we are giving them "lip" service rather than the financial support that they need. My friends, many of these Black institutions of higher learning are facing extinction. Black America is not a welfare state; we have annual gross spendable income in excess of $130 billion dollars. That is a definite indication that we can and must help our own community and its centers of education and culture.

But too many of us are busy doing our own thing; young Blacks have accepted the fallacious belief that you can learn anything in a Black college except how to play or say ball; white middle and upper income class Black families seem to have adopted the attitude of "I got mine, shame on them if they don't have theirs."

We have arrived at the time when we must replace rhetoric with money. Each graduate from a Black college or university should mail a minimum of twenty five dollars ($25.00) to their alma mater each year. You know, the school that we save may be your own.

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

Pan Am Games didn't surprise

Hurdler Moses says drug crisis was obvious to all but public

NEW YORK (UPI) — Edwin Moses, the unbeaten 400-meter hurdler who warned of large-scale drug abuse by American track athletes before he embarked on a record-breaking summer, last week said the Pan Am Games drug scandal didn't surprise anybody but the "general public."

Moses raised some eyebrows this past spring when he said at least half the athletes in U.S. track and field were using some form of performance-enhancing drug. Fellow athletes, like Carl Lewis, thought Moses might have been exaggerating the problem.

But when a dozen American athletes withdrew from the Pan Am Games in August in the wake of a highly sophisticated drug-testing apparatus that caught several users, Moses' statements no longer seemed inappropriate.

"I always hate to be the kind of person that says, 'I told you so,'" said Moses as he was being nominated for the 1984 Jesse Owens International Sportsmen's Award.

"People who were knowledgeable of the sport from the beginning were not surprised. I think the shock was more in the public's eye than anybody else's."

But he admitted it's hard to say exactly how deep the problem goes.

Edwin Moses
unbeaten hurdler told them early

"The problem is, I don't really know in a race who is using drugs and who isn't," Moses said. "I can't say for sure. That's why the U.S. Olympic Committee has put forth a drug program, to try and define the amount of use and prevent further use in the future."

A month after the Pan Am Games, the USOC announced the formation of its task force on drug control, made up of prominent sports physicians and medical experts from across the nation who will supervise a wide range of efforts designed to educate athletes on drug abuse — and ensure they are not using them at all.

After Moses made his original accusations, he began an outstanding summer season that reaffirmed his place as the world's most dominant athlete in any sport. He extended his string of victories to 87 dating back to 1977, he won the world championship in Finland, and he improved his own world record to 47.02 seconds.

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crowd. Also, Transportation chief Lowell K. Bridwell, (his wife, Dr. Maggie, UM education exec, gave illustrated lecture on alcohol and drugs for legislators.

Attractive duo spied: Claude Ford, the U. of D.C. vice president, and his wife, Yolande the UM human relations director.

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Maryland Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (7th D.-Md.), is recuperating at home. He was released from Bethesda Naval Hospital on Tuesday.

His brother, Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., reports that Mitchell's recent African trip was "very strenuous," and the strange foods and liquids may have been the cause of his intestinal problems. Glad he's better!

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Otis Sprow Jr., whose photo display officially opens at the Carl Murphy Fine Arts Center at Morgan State U. on Sunday is a Baltimorean.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary Sprow Thompson the late Mr. Sprow Sr. He is an engineer in Detroit. He had his wife, the former Mary Gross of Baltimore, will be here for the Sunday opening reception of his show sponsored by Les Grand Dames and the Morgan Gallery, beginning at 2 p.m.

CCB love

People standing straight and tall: Those who were there are praising the calm and cool manner Community College Dean Barbara Faw displayed last Thursday, (Oct. 27).

She was the administrator in charge at the Liberty campus when Ms. Clara Watkins, a part-time tutor, was fatally stricken in the hall.

It was Dean Faw who called for emergency help, supervised its administration, arranged for transportation of the patient to nearby Provident Hospital, and notified the Watkins' family.

When we called to talk with Dean Faw, she was quick to discount her role, talked instead about the deceased tutor and her contributions to the college and community.

Faculty and students were among mourners who filled New Shiloh Baptist Church in Turner Station, where rites for 39-year-old Ms. Watkins were held, with Rev. James Evertt presiding.

During the service, it was noted Ms. Watkins was an exceptional student at Sellers Pt. High, and at CCB, where she was a meritorious scholar, with major in business administration and math. She graduated in 1980, and was doing additional study at Hopkins.

She was hailed as a role model for her patience in tutoring students, and for her volunteer work in her church and community.

Call notes: Dean Faw presented a plaque in her memory on behalf of the college and trustees.

Students and friends raised a purse for the family.

Moving tribute, an original poem to his coworker by Eward Chang-Tu of the Center for Educational Services.

Relatives said Ms. Watkins had no history of heart trouble.

Survivors: Her dad, Clarence Watkins, (just out of the hospital with a heart ailment last week); sister, Betty; brother, Carl, and an aunt, Mrs. Annie M. Curbeam, with whom she lived.

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Del. Larry Young, and members of the study team he took to Israel, are back.

In the group, CCB president, Charles Tildon, Council President Du Burns, 5th D leader Nathaniel Oats et al.

For Muriel

The invitations read, "A special evening...a time ethereal... to meet, greet and salute Muriel."

That's exactly what 170 friends and associates did a Sunday ago, (Oct. 16), at the Forum to honor recent school retiree, Muriel Davis Johnson.

She is the teacher, counselor and administrator who endeared herself to many.

Friends came from former Schools nos. 181, 78, and 178; counselors from throughout the system joined neighbors, SNA club members, and Delta sorors. Old and new friends met with members from St. Cecilia's Catholic Church to have a fun-filled evening.

A congenial social hour was followed by dinner and high-spirited conversation. Dr. Benjamin Whitten's lively humor and group singing, along with other music and poetry, were led by committee members.

Among guests

Out-of-town guests included the honoree's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Davis, of Washington.

Other family members present were Washingtonians Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Marshall, George and Melanie Ballard, and Jean Meade.

Pennsylavanians here, Mrs. Ronald Watts, Mr. and Mrs. James Lockerman, and Fordham University student, Caythia Clark.

Greetings were from Rita Selby, (for Jack and Jill); daughter, Cecilia; assistant principal of no. 178, Gloria Streat; and by Father Donald Sterling, St. Cecilia's.

Presentations were made by Marion Patterson.

The committee of friends which planned the salute included, Mrs. Patterson, Helen Gray, Gloria Streat, Lili Boston, Gloria Stokes, Juanita Gates, Wilma Kelly, Beatrice Randolph, Jessie Jones, and Raymond English.

Mrs. Johnson, an Ashburton resident, is the wife of Paul M. Johnson, administrative assistant with the Exceptional Children's Division.

She served eleven of her twenty-nine years as director of the career ed program, Project GO.

THEY WERE THERE—Left panel, Claude Ford and his wife, Yolande, both educators, right panel, Prince George County delegate Nathaniel Exum, Mrs. Exum and daughter, Camille, at legislators' day at UM and football game. See details in If You Ask Me.

—2 senseless killings

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was working and saving his money to attend college. "He wanted to go to college and was not sure if he would receive a scholarship so he was saving his money."

"He loved his nieces and nephew and was a very happy person. He would always come to visit his family."

Knox played football at Douglass High and was looking forward to graduating, according to his family.

Last rites for Knox will be held today (Friday) 6:30 p.m. at William C. March Funeral Home on North Avenue.

Relatives of Mr. Foster were not available for comment at AFRO presstime. Mr. Foster lived in the 1000 block of Orleans St., with his wife.

Police state he had just left his daughter's house on Sunday when he was shot on the elevator. Police state the victim and the suspect were the only two on the elevator and there were no witnesses.

Mr. Foster managed to tell the police the suspect left him on the elevator and thought he was dead. The victim was able to get off the elevator on the ninth floor and collapsed 50 feet from his apartment.

Funeral services for Mr. Foster will also be held at William C. March funeral home today (Friday) The family will receive friends at 8:30 p.m. and last rites will be held at 9 p.m.

—King holiday bill

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House and Senate by overwhelming margins to create a 10th federal holiday. But he told the White House gathering Wednesday King in his "39 short years changed America forever."

"In America in the '50s and '60s, one of the important crises we faced was racial discrimination. The man whose words and deeds . . . stirred the nation to the very depths of our soul was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," Reagan said.

"Often he was beaten and imprisoned, but he never stopped teaching non-violence."

Said Mrs. King: "All right-thinking people, all right-thinking Americans are joined in spirit with us this day.

"America is a more democratic nation, a more just nation, a more peaceful nation because Martin Luther King Jr. became her pre-eminent non-violent commander," she said.

There was no mention by either Reagan or Mrs. King of the controversy the bill engendered before final congressional approval by the Senate two weeks ago.

That night, Reagan said at a news conference he would have preferred a day honoring King on his Jan. 15 birthday without creating a national holiday.

He also declined to criticize Sen. Jesse Helms, R-NC, for seeking to unseal FBI records the conservative senator said would show King associated with Communists. Reagan said it might take "35 years" to see if Helms was correct but that he would sign the bill because of the "symbolism."

Mrs. King later said she considered Reagan's remarks "an insult" and Reagan telephoned her to apologize. The bill-signing was upgraded from a small event in the oval office to the rose garden ceremony and Mrs. King was invited.

King was assassinated April 4, 1968 in Memphis, TN, at the age of 39 while trying to organize a garbage workers' strike. He was the youngest man to win the Nobel peace prize, in 1964.

The White House had a hard time deciding how to handle the bill creating a national holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr. after it reached the President's desk.

For several days, aides were unable to say whether there would be a signing ceremony with fanfare and all flags flying, particularly because the measure originally was opposed by Reagan.

When it was finally decided to have a ceremony, the question became how big and where.

At first it was arranged that Reagan would sign the measure in the oval office, with members of King's family and a few congressmen on hand.

But aides, realizing it was a historic event worthy of more pomp and circumstance, then moved the signing to the East room, scene of the signing of several civil rights bills in the Johnson era.

By the time the guest list had grown to more than 200, including black politicians and King's former civil rights allies, the signing program was moved to the Rose Garden with all the trappings of a state visit.

When it was over, the guests joined in softly singing, "We Shall Overcome," the battle cry that symbolized King's struggle for racial equality — the song that was sung so many times by anti-war protesters outside the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue during the turbulent 1960s.

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—Schaefer

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The mayor will have outspent Culotta 35-1 by the end of campaign 1983.

And Democrats outnumber Republicans 10-1 in the city.

Viewed with the mayor's broad appeal among virtually all of the city's social, economic and ethnic groups it is not hard to understand why the Schaefer campaign has focused more on winning passage of a $33.5 million bond issue than on his own re-election.

Culotta has appeared increasingly frustrated by his inability to draw Schaefer into any kind of dialogue, either directly through a debate, or through a war of words in the press.

The Republican challenger has accused the mayor of stonewalling the issues since the Sept. 13 primary.

But Schaefer's campaign manager, Jim Smith, said the mayor is continuing the strategy he used in the primary of campaigning from a low profile rather than engaging his opponent.

"The mayor has a 15-year record. That and what he proposed in his campaign papers are a lot to digest for the voters," Smith said.

Pat Bernstein, the mayor's press secretary, said the mayor is busy running the city again after a summer of campaigning.

"He is actively involved in being mayor again. He put that off for quite a while," Bernstein said.

But others say the mayor's low campaign profile has lese to do with sparing voters from issue burnout or catching up on city business than with avoiding mistakes which could cost him his lead.

"Any good politician knows you don't muddy the waters by bringing up anything controversial. After all, with a 3-1 victory in the primary what does he have to say?" Ray Hayebert, president of Parks' Sausage said.

The mayor seems content with pushing his bond issue running mates, and occasionally referring to his record, when he does any campaigning at all.

Apparently he is unwilling to provide his opponent's shoestring campaign - Culotta has raised only $8,000 - with any free publicity by addressing him directly.

The mayor has sought to deflect criticism that his administration has neglected education, minority economic development and neighborhood improvements, and has instead limited its attention to Harborplace and other downtown Projects.

During the summer he issued a 34 - page booklet of "campaign papers" which trumpet several of his 12 - year administration's accomplishments.

Since 1971 funding for education rose from $166 million to $339 million despite a 191,000-pupil drop in enrollments. Eighty-seven school buildings have been built or renovated during that span.

The papers note the Development Credit Fund and the Council for Equal Business Opportunity were created to help develop small and minority businesses. Facilities like the Park Heights industrial park were made available to help them grow.

The papers note that 15 public high - rise and mid-rise buildings for the elderly provided 4,600 new units for the elderly. The city placed health care units in 11 public housing buildings to improve the delivery of medical services for the elderly.

And the Urban Services agency was established in 1974 to help coordinate the city's anti-poverty programs.

Many of the mayor's partisans present at his Monument's birthday party said the city has a right to be happy under the mayor's leadership.

"Every person, every institution, every business needs a leader. And the mayor has been outstanding in providing leadership," said Dr. Uthman Ray, an early Schaefer supporter.

"I've seen a lot of positive things he has done in the field of health. The neighborhood health centers, he has 14 of them," Dr. Ray said.

Dr. Ray added the mayor plans to use the city's influence to encourage private physicians and other sources of health care to assist unemployed individuals needing medical attention.

"He's a person who doesn't have all the ideas, but he's the first person to tell you that. He goes out and gets help," Dr. Ray said.

Computer error cuts 350 from supplemental aid food program

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

Problems in the Maryland State Women, Infant and Children program (WIC) have prompted the Maryland Food Committee to threaten the federally funded agency, supervised by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, with a class action suit if efforts are not made to protect the program's enrollees.

Recently it was disclosed that at least 350 people had been terminated from the roll due to computer error last month.

This isn't the first time the system, operated by the Science Management Corporation, has gone amuck. A similar incident occurred last summer when more than 1000names were ejected from the supplemental food program.

Says, MFC's director Jan Houbolt, "Due to the continual computer error people are being thrust from the program or, in some cases, not receiving their deliveries at all."

To solve the summer's mishap, Governor Hughes and Adele Wilzack, secretary of DHMH, formed the WIC Task Force to alleviate the difficulties.

"The WIC Task Force says trust us, we'll rectify the situation, but in fact, to the contrary the Task Force stated to MFC that they will not tell us what they are doing," according to Houbolt.

The greatest burden is placed on the families of women, children and infants who depend on the weekly supply of milk, juice, cheese, eggs and cereal for their survival.

John Blom was one of the recent victims of the computer pillage. "We were without a delivery for three out of the four weeks in October.

"There was one week when we couldn't buy milk for our kids. They don't even make deliveries under the circumstances. There is no way to get food after an error such as this."

A spokesman for the city's Women, Infant and Children project indicated that everything possible is being done to clear up the confusion. "We had a staff of six working overtime to identify who was cut off and to try and get them back on as soon as possible."

When asked by the AFRO how the state could be sure the names wouldn't be terminated again, he insisted that only the state could answer that question.

Joan Lewis, director of communications for DHMH did respond.

"We have had computer problems for about a year and at present we are working with Science Management Corporation on a parallel system.

This newly created experimental system would serve as a back up to the current computer and, if such an error occurs again, the parallel hook-up would be put into use.

Lewis went on to reaffirm Secy. Wilzack's dedication to WIC and the clients who rely on the nutritional food packages. "She is in close contact with both the task force and the Maryland Food Committee."

Finally, in response to Wednesday's press conference called by MFC to chastise the state's handling of the matter, Joanne Finley, asst. secretary at DHMH had the following to say, "The WIC Task Force is meeting daily to oversee the installation of the parallel system."

And she silenced the cries of critics who favor the selection of another company to supervise and maintain the program's documents.

"Working with a new computer firm on any kind of timely basis is simply not possible because of stringent federal regulations. USDA will not allow such a preceptious change even in an emergency. There are also constraints limiting the amount spent on the data processing.

Widow gets $75,000 in husband's death

Richmond, VA. (UPI)—The widow of an inmate who burned to death in a cell fire last May agreed Monday to accept $75,000 dollars as full settlement for a 7 million lawsuit she filed against Virginia officials.

Lenora W. Puckett, widow of Kevin Lee Puckett, had claimed in the suit that six Virginia corrections officials were negligent, failed to protect the safety of all inmates at the prison and failed specifically to protect Puckett after he told them he was in danger.

By accepting the settlement, Mrs. Puckett, 28 also agreed that neither she nor her 8-year-old son, Kevin Lee Puckett Jr., will pursue additional legal action stemming from her husband's death.

The case was originally scheduled for trial Dec. 12 in U.S. District Court here.

Mrs. Puckett's husband was killed May 29 when someone padlocked his cell from the outside, poured in a flammable liquid and set it on fire. Guards who heard Puckett's screams arrived with three fire extinguishers, but two were empty and the third was inadequate to put out the fire, the suit said.

Two inmates were tried on murder charges stemming from Puckett's death, but were acquitted.

FAMILY FRAZIER — Former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier (second right) poses with his three sons, one of whom, Marvis (second left) hopes to produce the first father-son team to hold title in boxing history. Marvis meets WBC king Larry Holmes Nov. 25, in Las Vegas. Other Frazier sons are Mark (left) and Joe Jr., both of whom also box.