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Why it's difficult to play 5555 in the lottery

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CHERRY HILL DISPUTE CONTINUES:

Who's in charge?

By Eddie Ki
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The Cherry Hill Coordinating Council is trying to get itself in order, but there is a small matter of who is and who will be the president.

Recently charged with being unresponsive to the needs of the residents of Cherry Hill because of lengthy periods of inactiveness, Mrs. Sarah Bundy, reported president of the organization, said the organization was not able to run itself properly due to financial misdealings that occurred in the past administration.

But a roaring response came from some members of the Cherry Hill community to an AFRO article printed last Friday in which Mrs. Bundy alleged that the organization's past president, Shepherd Burge, had stolen money from the council, putting it severely in debt to the state.

"First, let's clear up one matter immediately," insisted William Henderson, reported chairperson of the council's auditing committee. "Mrs. Bundy is not the president of the organization. We don't have one until a steering committee calls a meeting for a general body election."

Henderson charges that in a meeting held in 1980, the body did not approve of methods used by Mrs. Bundy when she replaced Burge after his resignation from the presidency because of a conflict of interest that had him the mayor's representative for Cherry Hill and also the president of the coordinating council.

Henderson attests that under

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School time is time for shots

By Arthur Johnson
AFRO Staff Writer

As parents shop for the latest styles in back-to-school clothes and an assortment of notebooks, pens and pencils this week, they should also be mindful of something else youngsters need in order to begin school, namely immunization records.

Students entering elementary school are required by state regulations to show proof of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, polio, measles and rubella, according to Brenda Ericsson, Baltimore City Health Department Immunization Program Representative.

Protection against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis is given in the combination vaccine DTP to children under seven years of age. Polio immunization is administered in an oral vaccine. Both immunizations are usually given at age two months.

At are 15 months, children should receive a combination mump, measles and rubella vaccine (NMR), although a mumps vaccination is not required in Maryland.

"By the time a child is four, if the child has been following the recommended schedule, he will have had four doses of DTP, three doses of the polio vaccine and one MMR. That's the number required for school entry for pre-kindergarten kids," said Ms. Ericsson.

The IP representative stressed the importance of parents retaining immunization records given to them by clinics or physicians because it is required for school registration. Problems can also arise for older schoolchildren whose records sometimes become lost in school transfers. In some cases, immunization records are overlooked until a

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AFRO photo by Paul A. Greene

BACK TO SCHOOL—What you can expect to see on the campuses this year are fashions worn by Flair models Isha and Rhonda. Their outfits are from Charles at Mondawmin and Lexington Lady.

Tough to play 5555

By Tyrone Vines
AFRO Staff Writer

Lottery enthusiasts often are confused and in some cases downright angry, when they are told by their favorite lottery agent, the computer has closed out all bets on their four digit number.

What the lottery agent is saying to the distraught customer is under Maryland State Lottery guidelines. There is a $7 million limit on the possible payout on any particular four-digit number. This $7 million limit also applies to the three-digit lottery number game.

Calton Dotson, director of public relations for the Maryland State Lottery explained how lottery tickets are collected and recorded to determine when a certain number will be closed out.

"The lottery agent tells the customer that the terminal has already closed out that number they wanted to play. For example, if the customer wanted to play 7777 in the four digit lottery game and 1,400 other players have already placed their $1 bet, the terminal automatically places that number on the close out listing."

Dotson compared the Maryland State Lottery with the street lottery. "The difference between the street lottery and the state lottery is when a number receives a high number of bets, the street lottery will 'lay it off' or that particular number will be 'cut' but in the state lottery we have a $7 million cut off and anything over that we just can't pay."

"In the pick-four game the payoff odds are 5,000 to 1 on a straight $1 bet. This means that if you multiply 5,000, which are the odds, and 1,400 the number of bets, the results would come to about $7 million, which is our saturation point," Dotson said.

Since the odds for the three-digit lottery game is somewhat lower, 500 to 1 on a straight $1 bet, lottery officials say they receive more three-digit bets which follow a certain pattern.

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South African mother granted U.S. asylum

By Jadi Omowale
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South African activist Ms. Mankekolo Mahlangu-Ngcobo, has been granted political asylum by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The four months of hard work and struggle finally paid off for the South African woman and her defense committee when she was notified August 23 that she could remain in the United States.

In a letter to Ms. Ngcobo, Richard Spurlock, district director of the U.S. Department of Justice's INS, said, "After careful consideration of the evidence presented, it is my decision that the evidence supports her well-founded fear of persecution upon return to South Africa and Botswana. Accordingly, the motion to reconsider is granted and the decision of March 28, 1984 reversed."

Ms. Ngcobo, now a student at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, said she received word of approval of her application last Thursday from the INS.

"I am most elated. Justice has been done in my case," she said. "When asylum came to me, I found justice is a reality. For the first time in my life, I received a place where I can belong."

In the INS's original decision, Ngcobo's plea was rejected, and she was ordered to leave the country. The reasoning: Ngcobo was in no apparent danger from South Africa and had clearly resettled in Botswana, a country bordering South Africa to the north.

Robert Finklestein, chief legal officer of the Baltimore District of the INS, confirmed that her second request had been granted.

"The burden of proof of persecution is on the applicant to establish. Based on the evidence

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Mankekola Mahlangu-Ngcobo

Police step up search for rapist of 9-year-old girl

By Tyrone Vines
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimore City police officers and the Sex Offense Unit have stepped up their search for a suspect believed to have abducted and raped a 9-year-old West Baltimore girl late last week in the 300 block N. Franklintown Rd.

According to police reports, investigators have been able to construct a near-to-likeness drawing of the alleged abductor by using information gathered from the victim concerning the incident.

The procedure involves compiling as much information about the physical features of the suspect such as, height, weight, complexion and other identifying features to complete the composite sketch.

WANTED FOR THE ABDUCTION/RAPE OF NINE-YEAR-OLD

Investigators discovered that the 9-year-old had left home, alone, to walk to a nearby store. Her grandmother, who was babysitting the youngster at the time, assumed she was going to the store on the corner. However, the victim was going to the Franklintown Super Thrift in the 300 block N. Franklintown Rd.

The victim told investigators that she was walking south on Franklintown Rd., approaching the rear lot of the store, when she observed an automobile described as a late model gold or tan Toyota with a beige interior and a bright trim on the sides.

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Cable-TV for the city getting closer

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO STaff Writer

Cable negotiations have been quietly underway at City Hall this week between officials of United Cable Television Corporation of Denver and members of a special city cable negotiations team, headed up by City Solicitor Benjamin L. Brown.

Joining Brown in negotiating the proposed $75-80 million 79-channel cable system are, City Council President, Clarence 'Du' Burns, City Purchasing Agent, Arthur Fournier, Asst. City Solicitor, Jay Caplan, Acting-Director of the Mayor's Office of Telecommunications, Bob Smith, a representative of the Arthur Young Accounting Firm and two city appointed lawyers.

United Cable representatives include the director of the city cable franchise office, Patriscya Duncan, the Denver firm's corporate vice-president of franchising and two company attorneys.

Three key issues play a prominent role in the current franchise (contract) agreement negotiations.

Back in June, when a special blue ribbon cable commission recommended that the city enter into formal discussions with United Cable, it attached several conditions.

Those key points identified by the commission and at the heart of the negotiating team's present efforts, include, an established Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) requirement, a negotiable amount of cable construction to be done throughout the city and a five percent annual franchise fee to be paid by United to cover system-maintenance costs.

United Cable, the sole bidder on the proposed city franchise, thus far, has agreed to pay only a three percent franchise fee.

The city MBE participation goal stands at 25 percent. The Denver cable firm has said that it will initially guarantee 18-20

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LOTTERY

The Maryland State Lottery announced that there were three winners in Saturday's drawing of the Maryland Lotto game, and they will split a jackpot of $3.3 million.

According to Dotson, 170 players correctly matched five of the six winning numbers for prizes of $1,587 each and another 9,328 matched four of six to win $37 each.

The lottery numbers since August 23, 1984 were:

PICK THREE
8-23-84 954
8-24-84 985
8-25-84 080
8-27-84 415
8-28-84 328
8-29-84 777

PICK FOUR
8-23-84 4819
8-24-84 9058
8-27-84 6116
8-28-84 9551
8-29-84 3140

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