—Tough to play 5555

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"One point is important," Dotson said, "We have the same $7 million threshold for the three-digit game as with the four-digit game, but it takes more tickets to reach the $7 million close-out point."

"Concerning the patterns, we have found that they are played after hunches. For example, on Sat., Aug. 7, the three-digit number 333 came out and we had over a 100 percent payout. Now the 3333 came out on that following Tues., Aug. 10, the payout percentage was 781.95 percent, well over the 100 percent mark," Dotson said.

Another example about pattern playing is the recent three-digit number which came Aug. 28, caused players to purchase 1,400 one-dollar tickets for 777. "We were sold out by 11:30 a.m. on that number for the pick four game," Dotson said.

According to lottery officials, lottery players have always played heavily on the triple number, but there is also a trend to play the lower digit numbers.

"People tend to play lower number like, 123, 211 and 333 more often than other numbers. Still on Wed., July 25, 1984, the three-digit number was 555, that number broke the bank. Gross sales were $1,220,904.50, and the payout was $4,565,450.00, making the payout percentage 378.23 percent," Dotson explained.

At the time the triple five came out it was the only triple digit number that had ever been drawn in the pick three game. That was the second highest payout in the pick three game since it started in 1976.

Now that the new game is in town, "Lotto", three share the Maryland Lotto Jackpot of $3.3 million. Martin M. Puncke, director of the Maryland State Lottery, announced that for the Lotto drawing of Aug. 25, 1984, there were three tickets that correctly matched the six winning numbers drawn.

John William McLendon of East Baltimore, had one of the three winning tickets. George J. Spedden and Morton Feldman, both from Baltimore County had the other winning ticket. Each winning Lotto jackpot ticket has an annuity value of $1,102,504,060, payable at $55,125,023 a year for 20 years.

McLendon, 43, is employed at General Motors Truck and Bus Division, is the parent of two children, his winning ticket was randomly selected by the lottery terminal. His winning ticket was purchased at Colonial Corner in the North Plaza Mall. McLendon plans to invest his winnings "wisely," lottery officials said.

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By WILLIAM G. KOLODNER, ATTORNEY

Learn how the criminal law in Maryland protects those who receive a sentence, juvenile delinquents, prisoners, and the right to a speedy trial.

MISTAKE IN SENTENCING — Maryland's highest court recently held that even though the sentencing judge made a mistake in applying sentencing guidelines to a man convicted of armed robbery, the sentence was held to be lawful because the judge exercised good faith in his discretion.

RIGHT TO A SPEEDY TRIAL — According to Maryland Law, a criminal defendant is entitled to a trial date not later than 180 days after the appearance of counsel or arraignment of the defendant.

JUVENILE DELINQUENT — Maryland law states that the parent of a delinquent child is required to pay restitution to the victim of the delinquent act committed by the juvenile son or daughter.

PRISONER'S RIGHTS — A recent Maryland case held that a crinal defendant who is charged with a crime is entitled to be taken before a judicial officer within 24 hours of arrest.

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—School time

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student is in high school. Then, when the error is noted, students may be suspended from school until records are produced, or after students have been immunized again.

During the 1983-84 academic year, about 1,200 students were suspended from school because they lacked immunization records, said Rita Bortz, coordinator of Special Student Services, for city public schools.

The first time the city schools cracked down on immunization record keeping in 1977, about 18,000 students were expelled, according to the coordinator.

"Every year the number has been declining, and we are almost at the point where it's not a problem," she added.

Problems often arise in cases involving booster doses of DTP and polio vaccines which are required between the ages of four and six.

"There are cases where a student was in compliance when he entered school but (officials) neglected to check later for a booster. Some have had the measles vaccines before age one and our requirement is that they have it after age one," said Ms. Ericsson.

Ms. Ericsson recommended that parents always retain the original immunization record.

"Don't relinquish your record to anyone or leave it overnight. Take it to the school and let them copy it," she added.

Immunization records are sometimes needed by college applicants, those entering the military, Jobs Corps or nurses training. Adults lacking immunization records are not given an oral polio vaccine and can undergo a blood test to determine their immunity to measles, mumps and rubella. Everyone should have a booster of tetanus and diphtheria vaccines every ten years which is administered in a combination vaccine. Pertussis vaccinations are not given to those seven years of age and older, according to Ms. Ericsson.

If parents should wait until school entry age to start immunization, Ms. Ericsson said that it is not too late, but strongly recommended following the immunization schedule of a physician or clinic.

During the month of September, Tree immunizations will be provided at the following locations from 12-3 p.m.

Sept. 5 Southern Health District, 1211 Wall St.

Sept. 10 and 17 Druid Health District, 1515 W. North Ave.

Sept. 13 Washington Village Community Health Center, 700 Washington Blvd.

Sept. 25 Eastern Health District, 620 N. Caroline St.

—Cable-TV

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percent minority ownership with a probability of meeting the total goal once the system is operating.

Asked to elaborate on the current negotiation proceedings, Bob Smith, of the city's telecommunications agency, said it marked the first "face to face" meeting between the two parties.

"There are drafts of the agreement that we are discussing and negotiating on now," he explained making reference to the three major points on which United and the city have differed.

Ms. Duncan, director of United Cable Television of Baltimore, Inc. said she was extremely pleased with the rate of progress.

"Everything is being worked out real well. I'm not at liberty to divulge any of the details, but I'm very enthusiastic about the progress of things," Ms. Duncan said on Wednesday evening.

If both sides are able to resolve their differences and come up with a viable cable contract agreement, it will then be presented to the Board of Estimates for its approval.

Provided that the board raises no new objections, the entire package will then be passed on to the City Council for a final vote.

—Who's in charge?

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Burge's administration, the organization was financially sound as well as strong in unity. He said there were over 25 organizations as part of the council which is to serve as an umbrella organization for the rest in Cherry Hill.

The mini-bus program, of which a large percentage of community residents say is presently run poorly, was a very efficient one, he said.

Mrs. Bundy accused Burge of having stripped the bus program of its financial credibility leaving the organization and bus program both in debt.

"My accounts show that there was $7,000 left in the treasury when Mr. Burge resigned and over $2,000 in the mini-bus fund. Any debts owed could have been covered if there were any, but because things were handled by a select group of people, no one in the body ever knew where we stood financially with anybody.

"There have been meetings, contrary to other reports. It's just that only a select group of people were invited. Mrs. Bundy has a list of the people she contacts for meetings."

Henderson was one of the few people who could be found to support the charge that Mrs. Bundy had actually been removed from her duties as president.

According to Marion Butler, reported executive secretary of the council, people just stopped attending the meetings. Organizations, he said, pulled out disgusted at the direction in which the council was going.

"I can attest that there was $7,000 left in the treasury when Mr. Burge resigned. In fact, all the garbage about him and the city having problems was resolved after an investigation, which ended up allowing Mr. Burge to finish his job as the mayor's representative for Cherry Hill."

Butler was quick to point out, as well as several others, that the council was failing to achieve its purpose. He and some others had not been informed of a meeting since 1980, but he said when he decided to part with the group, checks were bouncing frequently and some monies might have even been channeled into some personal accounts.

Whether the problem will be quickly resolved is questionable. Mr. Burge maintains that an election will be held very soon while others say that the constitution prohibits any election without proper screening and research from an election committee, all of which is a timely process.

"I'm just trying to restore that faith people had in the council," said Burge. "I have no intentions of seeking the presidency of the organization. I'm just concerned about its welfare. I'm concerned about Cherry Hill."

Mrs. Bundy was not available for comment.

Final word has it that a committee is forming to put things back to order; that is, once it can be established who is or who is going to be the president.

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A Season of Surprises

Major League baseball is enjoying a delightful and surprising season, as it shifts into gear for the stretch run to the playoffs.

In this season of surprises, no team has been more surprising than the New York Mets. Under new manager Davey Johnson, last year's doormats have turned it around. A hustling, never-say-die attitude and the booming bats of Darryl Strawberry and George Foster, along with the steady all-around play of Hubie Brooks elevated the Mets to the penthouse of the National League East. Although the Mets and Strawberry have subsequently cooled off, they're still very much in the race. And as the saying goes, "It's not over 'til it's over."

The Old and the New

Strawberry, last season's "New Phenom" and the Rookie of the Year in the National League, continues to be a key offensive weapon for the Mets with key RBI's. Veteran Foster, after a poor start following a disappointing '83 season, finally quieted the Shea Stadium boo-birds with a dramatic return to form. But for all the heroics of Strawberry and Foster, Dwight Gooden, a 19-year-old bullet-throwing pitcher from Tampa, Florida, has created the most excitement of this 1984 season.

All-Star History

Not soon to be forgotten, and etched in the annals of All-Star game history Gooden, the youngest performer to ever play in the mid-season Major League classic, mowed down three consecutive American League batters in the fifth inning of play.

His turn on the mound came after Fernando Valenzuela struck out the side in the fourth inning. The youthful pair, of flame throwers, in striking out six consecutive batters, broke Carl Hubbell's record of five consecutive Ks he strung together at the 1934 All-Star game. Fernando and Dwight became the fifth and sixth pitchers to strike out the side in All-Star game history. In the home stretch of the season, Gooden is leading the majors in strikeouts. And he won't reach his 20th birthday until November 16, 1984.

When You're Hot You're Hot

But the season has not belonged to Gooden, Strawberry and company alone. Lou Whitaker of the Tigers earned his third consecutive starting All-Star assignment at second base for the American League where he promptly acknowledged the honor by getting two hits in three at bats. As the season winds down Lou continues to solidify his place as the premier second baseman in the American League. Eddie Murray of Baltimore is trying to keep the Orioles close with his homerun bat that has him among the A.L. leaders and among the top R.B.I. men in the majors.

Dave Winfield of the Yankees, considered to be one of the premier players in all of baseball, caught a hot streak that saw him hitting above a .370 average for a number of weeks. He's back down to earth, but the streak-hitting Winfield, with no pennant pressure on him, could ease to the batting title.

Phillies relief-specialist, Al Holland, a former all-conference halfback at North Carolina A&T State University, and the NL top reliever in 1983, is still putting out fires.

Juan Samuels, rookie second baseman on the Phils, is making a serious bid for Rookie of the Year honors. He's batting over .300, is among the leaders in doubles, and leads the league in triples and stolen bases.

Sports Quiz

Name the first Black to sign a contract and play in the American Baseball League?

Answer: Larry Doby was signed by the Cleveland Indians after his contract was purchased from the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League in July of 1947. Doby is currently Director of Community Relations for the New Jersey Nets of the National Basketball Association.

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Mother claims that Baltimore County court system unjust

By Tyrone Vines
AFRO Staff Writer

On Jan. 22, 1984, Baltimore County police received information that an armed robbery had occurred in front of 57 Strawhat Rd., by three unidentified male suspects. Eight days later on Jan. 28, James Hill, 18, of the 8500 block Glen Michael Lane was arrested and charged with the armed robbery of Ms. Constance A. Pizza, 22, of the unit block Strawhat Rd.

Four months later Ms. Pizza and Hill met in Baltimore County criminal court to hear the facts of the incident. When the testimony had been heard, a jury found defendant Hill guilty of armed robbery.

Now the mother of Hill, Mrs. Dian Hill is filing an appeal in pursuit of her son's freedom. She came to the AFRO with a story to tell of the injustice her son received at the hands of eleven white and one black jurors.

According to county police records, Ms. Pizza was on her way home after leaving work and a short work-out at a local health center, when she was approached b three suspects and robbed at gun point of her property valued at $110.00.

In her description, in the police report she stated the gunman had light green eyes, during the trial she said that the suspect had light brown eyes instead of light green.

This and the fact that Hill's alibi did not stand up in court and the jury did not believe the testimony of Hill's witnesses make up the basis of his appeal.

Mrs. Hill stated that one witness testified that she saw Hill earlier in the day of the incident around 3 p.m. and he told her that he was going to meet his mother at the bus stop. Mrs. Hill said, "My son picked me up at the bus stop at 4 p.m."

The incident occurred, according to police records, around 7:35 p.m. Mrs. Hill said that another witness stated that Hill was at her apartment around 6 p.m., when she left for a hour, but when she returned Hill was still in the apartment.

"James had on his booths, a sweat shirt and a beige jacket that day. He stayed in the apartment until 12 p.m. playing games with the children of the witness, Mrs. Beatrice Bailey. I didn't know that James was there until he was arrested and he told me that he had been in the home of Mrs. Bailey at the time of the crime," Mrs. Hill said.

Another issue that Mrs. Hill found irregular was that she had received information that another juvenile who resembled her son had committed the crime but was not questioned nor was his picture presented to Mrs. Pizza along with Hill's photograph.

According to court records, Mrs. Pizza was presented several photographs of individuals investigating officers suspected were possible suspects. From that series of photographs, Mrs. Pizza identified James Hill as the person who had robbed her at gunpoint. Later in the investigation, Mrs. Pizza identified Hill in a line-up conducted in the county police headquarters.

"A lot of people told me about the other juvenile and I started doing some investigation on my own. He looks a lot like my son, and I also learned that he has an armed robbery arrest, theft, and breaking and entering charges. I question the fact that the investigating officer did not present Mrs. Pizza with a photograph of the other juvenile when he presented pictures of my son," Mrs. Hill said.

Mrs. Hill also said that her lawyer had information from a known fence that the juvenile that looked like her son had told him that he had robbed a woman on the same day that Mrs. Pizza had been robbed. However, the court would not hear his testimony concerning what had been told by the juvenile."

"I was told by the public defender that it is hard to get a not guilty verdict of black youths in Baltimore county. My lawyer decided to go with a jury, because he had witnesses," Mrs. Hill said.

Now with the trial complete, Mrs. Hill and her attorney are seeking an appeal of the conviction. They hope that a new trial will allow the admittence of new evidence and the testimony of their key witness.

However, Mrs. Hill said, she is having difficulty raising the money needed to finance the appeal. "I attempted to raise the money by holding a dance at a local tavern, but the turnout was not as I had expected." She plans to hold another function aimed at raising money for her son's appeal.

The State Chapter of the NAACP met with Mrs. Hill to discuss the possibility of the NAACP assisting in her pursuit of the facts in the case of her son. Presently, the matter is still under consideration with the NAACP however, no action has been taken by the organization.

RINKY DINKS HOLDS CLOSING MEET

The "Rinkydinks" Social Club recently held their closing meeting for the season at the spacious and beautiful home of member Adelaide Jackson.

The occasion also was to celebrate Adelaide's birthday and her retirement from Provident Hospital after many years of service.

The Rinkydinks, once a very popular club in Baltimore, started meeting again in February '84 through the persuasion of Minerva Richardson Carter.

Original charter members are Charlee Kelson Williams, Susie West Carter and Ada Smith Armstead renewed their memberships. New members are Carolyn Taylor, Theresa Jones, Toni Brown and Adelaide Jackson and Dollitte Robinson.

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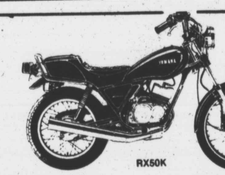

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