# $1,000 Reward For Vanessa's Killer

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

The family of Miss Vanessa Taliferro is offering $1,000 cash reward for information leading to capture and conviction of the person or persons involved in the death of the attractive young woman the week after Easter.

Police believe more information in addition to present clues could lead to involvement of leading dope world figures with whom the 18-year-old girl was known to be associated recently.

The body of the former Forest Park High School pupil was found sitting up in the main hallway of an apartment house in the 4100 block Bonner Rd. about noon April 19.

Medical examiners' reports show death came as the result of an overdose of narcotics. Police reports show the tall, slender young woman had been identified in recent raids on establishments maintained by dope dealers.

In November, 1970, she was released on her 18th birthday from Montrose School for Girls where her concerned mother, Mrs. Alma Wallace, a private nurse, had requested juvenile authorities to place her as ungovernable.

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Vanessa was pronounced dead by Ambulance No. 4 Firefighter John R. Johnson who arrived at the scene about 12:15 p.m.

Police report the young woman, clothed in fur-trimmed black jacket and matching slacks, sweater and shoes, was seated on the steps just inside the building's locked front door.

Investigating Homicide Officer Det. Jack Haase, STOP Squad Lt. James Watkins and Officers Vernion May and Roger Nolan have determined that the body was placed there and Vanessa did not go to that spot under her own power.

Police reports show an apartment resident said when he left for work around 10 a.m. there was no body in the hallway.

VANESSA TALIFERRO
*Her death may expose top dope peddlers*

At first, police identified the young woman as a "Miss Kathy R. Field" because a Forest Park class ring on Vanessa's finger had the name inside.

However, police reports show a woman residing in the same block of Bonner Rd. said the dead girl was a teenager named Vanessa who resided on Fulton Ave.

Later relatives made positive identification at the morgue.

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The mother told the AFRO a relative heard Vanessa was at the morgue from neighbors with whom they talked about 2 p.m. the day after the body was discovered.

She quoted the neighbor as saying to another daughter, "Do you know your sister is dead?"

Stating she was shocked at the news that was relayed to her at work, Mrs. Wallace also expressed surprise that the medical examiner's autopsy reports showed tracks on the young woman's heels designating injection of narcotics.

She told the AFRO, "I knew nothing about it. Last August my daughter told me she had nothing to do with drugs. She did stay away from home frequently against my orders. She did go with questionable company. I told her she'd have to pick some other company.

"When she came back from a second time at Montrose on April 7, she was doing fine. She was getting ready to go to Morgan."

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The mother added: "She left home Friday to go to Mondawmin (Friday, April 16). Instead of coming back home, she called about 7:30 p.m. and said she and a girlfriend were going out. She said I'll see you tomorrow. On Saturday, I called the girlfriend's house and her father said neither one

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# Shirley Case Remains Unsolved For 2 Years

## No clues on how she got in fountain

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Two years ago this month, the entire Baltimore police department was engaged in a search for Mrs. Shirley Widgeon Parker, 35, an attractive divorcee and mother of two young sons, who had been missing since April 28, 1969.

Her disappearance and circumstances surrounding the last night she was seen alive have continued to baffle the police until this day.

Many police officers have told the AFRO the case still involves their interest and they still get calls.

The unsolved case, believed to be a brutal murder, returns to the attention of all Baltimoreans as they drive by the thousands each day along the highway that passes the Druid Hill Park lake.

The big fountain in the center of the large body of water still hides the secret of how the young woman got up there, 30 feet in the air.

She was found dead in-

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MRS. SHIRLEY PARKER, shown in inset, was the pretty divorcee who was subject of intensive manhunt two years ago. Workmen cleaning Druid Hill Park fountain, discovered her body there. No arrests were made and no one knows how she got up the 30-foot ladder to the fountain.

I'LL KILL YOU'

## FBI probes death threat to Mitchell

"I'm not worried about this kind of stuff. Last night, somebody called me on the telephone and said, "n. . . . . if you come back to Washington, I'm going to killyou."

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D.-7th. Md.), was speaking to the AFRO from his office in the nation's capital.

His comment followed announced reports that the FBI is investigating a second telephone threat to assassinate him.

However, Congressman Mitchell, elected just this past November as the first black congressman from Maryland, discounted the seriousness of the calls.

"Yes, it's probably somebody on the lunatic fringe... yes, it's something that happens all the time, but this is the first time the FBI has been called in. The FBI in Washington has notified its Baltimore office too," Congressman Mitchell said.

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The 49-year-old lawmaker, who has been as outspoken in Congress as he was before his election, said he has no plans to hire a bodyguard or to cancel his public appearances.

He revealed he will keep his scheduled speaking engagements in Cleveland and at Mt. Providence School in Baltimore this weekend.

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FBI Agent Jack Harrington told the AFRO:

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CHARGES UNFOUNDED

## Teens arrested in school hall

Three Booker T. Washington Junior High School students have been released in custody of their parents awaiting trial on charges of assaulting a police officer in the corridor of the school.

Officer Frederick N. Dickens, 23, reported to Central District that at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday he heard a call come over his car radio that "there was a burglary in progress at 1218 Druid Hill Ave."

Later he said he got information from Helicopter unit 56F that "three males were seen running on Druid Hill Ave."

He reported the three suspects were seen entering the school at Lafayette Ave. and McCulloh St. "As I walked into the main entrance," he said, "I observed three persons fitting the description," of the three suspects.

"When I approached the persons," he reported "and asked for their names at which time the three persons started running in different directions and using profane language towards me."

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A scuffle ensued in which Officer Dickens claims he was struck on the forehead and pushed several times by the three youths all identified as students at the school.

During all this, the principal of the school, James Hite told the AFRO that the police officer "never said a

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## CHUCKLE

To the countryside I departed
With sandwiches and iced tea
But from my encounter with poison ivy
And unrelenting stinging bee,
This outdoor stuff is not for me.—P. C. McALLISTER.

ONE WILL BE QUEEN — When Community College of Baltimore holds its May Ball on Saturday evening at the Civic Center one of these lovelies will be crowned queen. Left to right, Misses Joann Henry, Terry Coleman, Cynthia DeLeaver and Joyce Faulcon.

## Patuxent conflict heightens

By AL RUTLEDGE

The controversy over Patuxent Institution took a new turn this week when William Bluford, a guard there until 1967, told the AFRO "you've given the public a biased, unbalanced view of the institution."

"Unless things have changed drastically," Mr. Bluford continued, "Lascel Gallup, the man you're leading people to believe is a crusader, is really an animal."

Mr. Bluford went on to stringently deny any possibility of "an officer striking an inmate without being

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POLITICS '71 HOT AND COLD

## Russell-Lacy team expected

By AL RUTLEDGE

Although most of the shadows and images visible on the political horizon are still vague, their movements are clear and give every indication that the race for the 1971 political jewels will be a lively and unprecedented one.

George L. Russell Jr. and William Donald Schaefer, two widely known and politically powerful figures, are being challenged in their bids for the mayor's desk by two relatively unknowns, Richard Miller and Monroe Cornish.

Experts don't give Mr. Miller, an English instructor at City College and Mr. Cornish, a law student at the University of Baltimore, the proverbial snowball's chance, but their platforms are impressive and cannot be ignored.

In fact, Mr. Miller has already attacked an issue which has received national attention. He states, "A candidate should not have to spend enormous sums of money in order to be elected to a political office."

His reasoning seems to be that candidates who depend on advertisers win elections only because they have "so little to offer and are indistinguishable from one another."

Mr. Cornish, a former police officer, plans to take the issue of malicious prosecution by police to the people, and recent complaints by police officers who are forced to "prove" their cases before black judges may give this issue added incentive.

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Added to this is the presence of announced candidate Delegate Walter S. Orlinsky, (D-2nd) and unannounced candidate State Senator Clarence Mitchell III (D-4th) both veteran politicians, and the race for mayor takes on awsome

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## Dr. Hudson shuts down Hampton

HAMPTON, Va. — Hampton Institute President Roy Hudson says the college was closed Thursday because of "serious disruptive circumstances" and "outbreaks of violence."

Demands for increased student rights, student picketing, fires and bomb scares were given as reasons for the shutting down of Hampton Institute.

Dr. Hudson ordered students to vacate the campus, advising that their luggage would be sent to

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## 307 Dunbar Students March To Register

Some 307 Dunbar Community High School students registered to vote this week.

The prospective voters, ranged in age from 17 to 20, and marched from the school at Caroline and McElderry Sts., to the Supervisors of Elections at Fayette and Gay Sts.

None of the youngsters will be eligible to vote for mayor and city councilmen in this fall's municipal elections. However, all will be prepared to register their choice in the Presidential election next year.

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The register-to-vote drive at the school grew out of classes on problems of democracy of which Nathaniel McFadden is instructor.

Among the students who registered were:

Marilyn Thompson, Larry Brinkley, James C. Alston Jr., Freda Booth, Thelsebea Lee, Melvin Johnson, Doris Cameron Charles Butler, Larry Johnson, Vernon L. DeLoatch, James

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READY TO VOTE is 18-year-old Elizabeth Robinson, one of dozens of Dunbar High School students who registered to vote this week. Here, she holds her voter's card for AFRO photographer L. Henry Phillips Miss Robinson lives on N. Milton Ave. in East Baltimore.

GRAND JURY HITS CITY

## Allen terms jury report 'accurate'

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

"Since I have been in law, the Shecter Grand Jury report is the best, the hardest-hitting, the clearest, sincerest effort of devoted citizens I have ever seen. It is not just a thing to fill up pages as some grand juries have done in the past.

"Many of the recommendations should be followed to the letter.

"The answers Mr. Shecter and his panel give are the right answers and I believe in right answers too."

The above statements were made Thursday after State's Attorney Milton B. Allen received the term-end

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MRS. BUTLER KEEPS LEAD

## AFRO Crossing Guard votes over million

The total number of contestants in the AFRO Favorite Crossing Guard Contest is now 138, with the front runner, Mrs. Dorothy Butler, polling an amazing 102,800 votes.

Following her are, Mrs. Lucy Hinton, 94,300; Mrs. Gertrude Boone, 87,800; Mrs. Louise Lawson, 85,100; Mrs. Patsy Paige, 81,300 and Mrs. Edith Cooper, 68,400.

Over a million votes have been cast so far in the contest, and it's still not too late to enter your favorite guard if her name doesn't appear on the list in this edition.

To enter a name, send in

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