—Wounded wife

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police.

Officer Norman Cutsail's official report states:

"Upon responding to the apartment at 2:18 a.m., we were admitted to the apartment by Mrs. Irene Johnson.

"At this time Mrs. Bracey was laying on the living room couch suffering from apparent gunshot wounds in her head, mouth, neck and hand.

While awaiting the ambulance that removed Mrs. Bracey to Lutheran Hospital, she reported the following:

"As she returned home from visiting friends and began to open her door she heard someone behind her.

"Frightened, she ran into the apartment and attempted to close the door but the suspect, who Mrs. Bracey recognized as her husband, pushed the door open and entered, chasing Mrs. Bracey into the children's bedroom, where he shot her in the right side of her head, right side of her neck and left index finger, then ran from the apartment.

SHE WANTED A DIVORCE

"Mrs. Bracey stated he should be operating a 1507 Buick Wildcat, white in color, with a possible Texas registration, numerals unknown and is a soldier attached to Fort Belvoir, Va. at this time.

"The reason for the shooting according to Mrs. Bracey, is due to her seeking a divorce.

"Mrs. Irene Johnson, a live-in baby sitter, reported she had been asleep in the rear bedroom when the gun fire awakened her but she did not see Mr. Bracey at any time.

"An investigation was conducted in company with Sgt. Gary Woodcock, Donald Jennings and John Juggins of the Crime Laboratory with the following results: (1) bullet hole in the north wall of the center bedroom (2) bullet hole through the venetian blind and window also on the north wall center bedroom. Neither of the bullets was recovered which were apparently of small caliber.

BLOOD STAINS IN... KITCHEN, BEDROOMS

"Blood stains were found in the front bedrooms, kitchen and living room.

"The surrounding grounds were searched in effort to locate the weapon or other evidence with negative results.

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"As Mrs. Bracey has been admitted to the intensive care unit, Lutheran Hospital, the Homicide Squad, Det. John Wagner, was notified as was the Chief of Patrol and the Military Police.

"Information from the Lutheran staff doctor: the bullet that entered Mrs. Bracey's head exited from her mouth; another through the left index and the third into the neck and lodged in her lung."

WOUNDED MOTHER, Mrs. Phyllis Wood Bracey, and her children, Elaine, now 8, and Michael Alonzo, now 5.

—Employed at Social Security

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Marietta employee, was at work when the Army officer arrived at his apartment.

Mr. Bracey told the Rev. Mrs. Inez B. Bracey, 4736 Wakefield Rd. over the weekend.

The Rev. Mrs. Bracey is associated with the Gospel Tabernacle church and a longtime member.

The Rev. Mrs. Bracey told the AFRO the double tragedy had grieved the entire family including her son's four brothers and a sister and the wife's family as well.

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One of the brothers, Staff Sgt. Franklin D. Bracey has arrived home for the rites from his post in Germany.

The saddened woman minister told the AFRO, "There was an inside misunderstanding, a husband and wife misunderstanding. She wanted a divorce.

"They were living apart. He lived on the post at Ft. Belvoir.

"He had just come from Texas in December at Fort Bliss. He had been in the service since 1956, right after he finished Morgan. He came to Baltimore every weekend.

"He came to visit me and his brother here in Baltimore each weekend.

"He was not supposed to go over there to her home. He had not seen the children since December by her orders:

"He let me know he was unhappy everytime I talked to him. He was an easy-going guy and didn't talk much.

"He called me Monday night and told me he was sorry he hurt me. I had told him many times if he did anything tragic, it would hurt me.

"I had a broken home. I know how he felt. I listened but I didn't get into it.

"When he did go to her home, temptation overpowered him. He went to do what he intended to do and then he went on about his business.

"I talked to him on the phone afterwards but it was too late.

"My children are wonderful children. This is the first child I have lost and the first time to have tragedy hit us."

The Rev. Mrs. Bracey told the AFRO her son had served in Germany and was promoted to the rank of major while there. She said he returned home from a Vietnam tour of duty in 1969.

Major Bracey and his wife, the former Miss Phyllis Wood of Lorraine, Ohio, were married Oct. 7, 1961. Their children are Lisa Elaine Bracey, 8, a Dickeyville Elementary School pupil and Michael Alonzo Bracey, 5, a Dickeyville kindergarten pupil.

Here from Ohio since late Monday to be at the bedside of their daughter, are Mr. and Mrs. John Wood who are taking care of the children.

In addition to his mother, wife and children, surviving the Major are his sister, Miss Ann I. Bracey, a Brooklyn, N.Y. secretary; three brothers, Staff Sgt. Bracey, Germany; Otis Bracey Jr., of New York City and James Bracey, Baltimore, employed in the Martin Marietta honeycomb bonding division.

Angela trial

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person."

Janie Hemphill, a middle-aged housewife, was the first black to survive initial questioning for "cause" by defense and prosecution attorneys.

Mrs. Hemphill, whose husband is a sheet-rock hanger, and three other panelists were accepted Wednesday. Six jurors previously were passed by both sides. Questioning resumes today.

Any of the 10 prospective jurors could be removed without proving cause by either the defense or prosecution, with each having 20 peremptory challenges.

Also tentatively seated were Mrs. Mary W. Titcomb, a mother of five and daughter of a retired sheriff's captain; Mrs. Anne B. Wade, 28, wife of an electronics firm employee; and Miss Winona Walker.

Miss Davis, 28, a communist and former UCLA philosophy instructor, is charged with supplying the guns used in a 1970 Marin County courtroom escape attempt and shooting in which a judge and three kidnappers died.

Mrs. Hemphill, during questioning, was asked whether a state action against a nightclub she and her husband once ran would prejudice her against the prosecution.

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She had told the court the club was raided Sept. 12 and her husband charged with operating a gambling house. The state subsequently started an action to rescind their license.

"Do you think your involvement with the lawsuit will prejudice you," asked prosecutor Albert W. Harris Jr.

"No," replied Mrs. Hemphill. "I'm a fair person and there are a lot of things I have to put out of my mind."

Earlier in the week, defense attorneys hinted that Miss Davis may not take the stand at the trial.

—Mandel's gun bill

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this week, a series of amendments were defeated which in its toll sapped the strength of the House. As it sent the bill on for Special Orders Wednesday, a number of delegates led by Kenneth Webster (D, 5th), Lena Lee (D, 4th), Hildagardeis Boswell (D, 4th), Troy Brailey (D, 4th) and Joe Raymond (D, 2nd), attempted to amend or kill the measure.

When the final vote on Del. Webster's amendments to exclude the limited search portion was taken, eight of the fourteen blacks voted to delete "stop and frisk" while six voted to retain the portion.

The eight voting to take out "stop and frisk" were: Delegates Lena Lee, Hildagardeis Boswell, Ike Dixon, Walter Dean, Kenneth Webster, Arthur King, Aris Allen and Troy Brailey.

The six voting to keep "stop and frisk" were: Delegates Floyd Adams, John W. Douglass, Joseph Chester, Lloyal Randolph, Frank Conaway, and Calvin Douglass.

In the most emotional and stress-filled debates on the house floor during the entire session delegates fought literally tooth and nail to take out "stop and frisk." At one point, Del. Boswell was in tears as she spoke.

Beginning the emotion-charged debate—the stage being held completely by the black and liberal white delegates against the conservatives who approve heartedly of limited search—was Del. Webster.

He told the House, "Ladies and Gentleman, I have always been in support of Law Enforcement Agencies. When they have done a credible job I have congratulated them."

He said he has received assurances from the Baltimore Police department it will give "fair play" to the handgun bill and stop and frisk. Webster said he hasn't seen any display of fair play by the Baltimore Police Department. "I have had assurances from the governor there will be fair play. But, because the present governor says fair play doesn't mean future governors would mean the same. A lot of those black young bucks won't tolerate police harassment."

Del. Raymond rose to support Webster's amendments.

He commented, "Existing federal statutes are adequate to stop and frisk under reasonable suspicion."

He read, according to the legislator, from case law which defines the present proceedings of reasonable suspicion. "The Supreme Court," he told the hushed floor, "has already established no need for stop and frisk. It is the law of the land. There is no need for stop and frisk."

Del. Frank Conaway, a supporter of limited search rose to vigorously defend his stand with statistics, which one delegate said later "didn't prove a thing."

"I doubt if any of these people have read the bill. The city is in a stage of seize." Conaway enumerated that 82 percent of the victims murdered in 1971 were black. "Two-thirds had their lives snuffed out by hand guns," he emphasized."

Immediately Miss Boswell questioned him: "Yes, how many of those killed knew each other?" Conaway responded, "Sixty percent of these people knew each other. I am sure it broke up a lot of friendships." Gales of laughter pervaded the House with delegates literally "rolling" in their aisles including House Speaker Thomas Hunter Lowe.

Said Miss Boswell, "There is nothing that can be done about killings in the home. It's just a smoke screen. The police have adequate protection. The whole bill will result in an unconstitutional decision from the courts."

She stated the Baltimore Police Commissioner told her, "Nothing could happen to stop shooting between friends."

"I was told," joined in Del. Brailey, "the Police Officer who will have to enforce the bill will never see the bill. The captain will pass orders down to the lieutenant and that will be it. You hear a lot about blacks killing each other (laughter). This is nothing new in the history of oppressed people. As long as we have people in the ghetto piled upon each other there will always be killings. There is no need for this type of legislation."

Del. David Gray Ross (D, Prince Georges) added his support to Webster. "We are asking," he said, "policemen on the streets to make decisions for himself. The harassment of all classes needs careful scrutiny by this House. But we don't want to do this. Or are we creating something more than needed. It is a violation of my rights and your rights. This is a major reason for confrontations. This will bring far more trouble to Baltimore City and Prince Georges County. It will set people off. It's a catch-word. I predict the death of citizens and police."

Up shot Del. Lee: "Terry vs. Ohio should be must reading for this House—a primer. Terry vs. Ohio gave the right to pat down not examine the contents of the clothing. This is subverting the laws of this country which the Founding Fathers created. This is my land as well as anybody else's."

Agreeing with her was Del. Boswell: "I resent," she said with tears in her eyes, "this invasion. My civil rights are being destroyed."

She threatened, "Upon any abuse by this bill. I will call in the federal government."

Concluding the defense by the black delegates, Del. Webster said, "The police wouldn't even see this bill. Next year will be too late. You might confiscate a few guns, but a lot of police will be dead."

Despite the pleas and accusations, the House voted to kill Webster's amendment to delete stop and frisk by 89-42.

Schaefer holds 8 a.m. conference

Mayor William Donald Schaefer said in a press conference today (Friday) he would like to see the Airport Authority have an opportunity to operate and that a number of "anti-city" senators continuously cause problems in that area every year.

He also stated, "We're pushing hard for the bill on education to equalize educational opportunities for all students in the state and not just those in counties lucky enough to have more funds available.

"We're making a strong pitch for the 1977 National League of Cities Convention," he added, "to promote the city."

The convention he stated, would be "great stimulation for our economy" and an "opportunity to show off the City."

He also said he plans to meet with representatives from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra early today and will suggest again that they accept his proposals made last week.

Mayor Schaefer added he plans to appoint a Congressional task force from within his office in the upcoming month to increase awareness of the city's problems on Capitol Hill in Washington.

He also expressed "extreme concern" over the failure to release federal funds under Housing and Urban Development for the restoration of 13 vacant lots throughout the city.

He stated, "The city's ready to go. The longer we wait the more damage we do to the city."

Mayor Schaefer also stated he was "extremely pleased" at the passage of the revenue bonding bill in the house this week and has hopes for an equally successful passage in the senate.

Concerning the Belvedere Hotel, Mayor Schaefer added, "We're trying to get some action from its owners" because "it just can't sit there."

Mayor stated he would like to see the building converted as an apartment house or hotel and would not like to see it destroyed and a parking lot constructed in its place.

AFRO to be sold at state, Fed. office buildings

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers will be sold beginning today (Friday) at Workshop for the Blind Concessions operated in the State Office Building and the Federal Building.

The Federal Building, Hopkins Plaza and the State Office Building, 301 W. Preston St., close daily at 4 p.m. and are closed on Saturdays.

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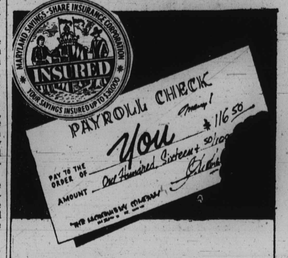

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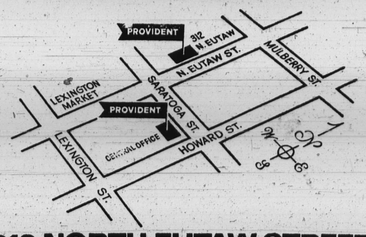

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—Sitting judge principle

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seeched the City Bar Association to employ sanctions.

The governor, in an effort to protect his law partner, has demonstrated how polluted the sitting judge principle acutally is and in sheer desperation has secured a soul brother to sell his soul in exchange for splitting the black vote in the race for the Special Court.

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The logical question is why does this traditionally, insignificant judicial contest create such consternation in certain circles of the broad community. The answer is simple.

The problem which has produced this pervasive paranoia and panic is much deeper than the candidates themselves or the contest in which they are engaged. The general insecurity stems from the fact that poor and powerless people are demonstrating their determination to seize some control over their own lives no matter how difficult or dangerous the task. For years the powers of this city and state have been able to control our community leadership by two principal techniques.

First and foremost, they have appointed, with a few notable exceptions, Blacks who are acceptable to white interests as opposed to being representative of black thinking. This has been true both within and without the legal-judicial community.

Secondly, they have been able to define the terms that have determined our leadership. Historically and generally, black leaders have been either crippled or controlled by labeling. If one has the character and courage to raise the real issues that cry out today . . . he is labeled a black racist. If he moves vigorously to induce change . . . he is marked a black militant. If his probing and pushing are productive . . . he is proclaimed a black power advocate.

It is becoming increasingly evident to those who promulgate policy and wield power that their control over the black community has begun to crumble. The fact that some of us understand their game and are prepared to expose it, is a matter of grave concern. The possibility that such a challenge may be contagious arouses additional apprehension. And the probability that the truth may be heard and acted upon is absolutely terrifying.

It is equally apparent to those in power positions that the black community is engaged in serious introspection. They see that we are examining the performance of our leaders and questioning whose interest they really serve; that we are reconsidering the whole question of qualifications and the kind of credentials our community leaders need; and that we are bringing together the expertise of black individuals and institutions to chart out own course of conduct.

Finally, they see that we are creating the capacity to take the initiative and attack the evils both within and without our community.

These are the things that petrify the power structure, push it into imprudent positions and force it to fulfill its responsibility to citizens on all levels and in all phases of the human experience.

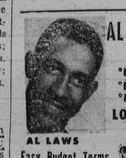
Let us not turn back . . . let us continue to weed out our weaknesses, marshal our strengths, champion our causes and thereby build a broader base for judgment and an ever expanding concept of justice.

Divorces filed

Thelma Ruth Carroll vs. Samuel Lawrence Carroll, Jr.; Alma J. Nicholson vs. Leroy Nicholson; Jesse L. Golnes vs. Mattie L. Golnes; Harry Lawrence Gram, Sr. vs. Alice Beatrice Graham; Lois Hammonds vs. Jimmy Hammonds; Ada Angelina Skelley vs. James Ronald Skelley; Elizabeth Ann Mohl vs. John Leo Mohl;

Divorces granted

Dela B. Douglass from James Frederick Douglass; Gene Claiborne from Lois Claiborne; James C. Holmes from Hattie C. Holmes; Ruth Ann Smith from James Augusta Smith; Lorrine Pittman from Sherman Pittman; Vivian Hilbert Colby from James Henry Colby; Janet Louise Reagan from Jimmy Ray Reagan; Hazel Coonor from Fred Connor; Ronald Edward Lee from Blanche Christine Lee; Helen Jo Miller from Ronald E. Miller, Sr.; Maurice H. Burman from Rosalind Burman; Ida Mae Hargrove from Edmond H. Hargove.



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