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PRINCE HALL MASONS GIVE $50,000

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U.S. DEPUTY MARSHALS Freddie Williams and Harry Mason assisted FBI agents Tuesday night in efforts to prevent a 37-year-old Baltimore man from hijacking a plane at Friendship Airport.

2 marshals helped avoid Friendship hijack violence

The slender-built, 37-year-old man whose hijack attempt at Friendship Airport Tuesday was foiled without bloodshed is resting quietly in a Washington hospital as he undergoes psychiatric evaluation.

Charles August Wenige is temporarily away from Baltimore, but the memory of his aborted effort to commandeer a Piedmont airliner to Canada is still alive here.

U.S. Deputy Marshal Harry Mason told the AFRO his first duty at the hijack scene was to keep the crowd of curious onlookers and newsmen away from the west end of the terminal.

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But as soon as the suspect released the two stewardesses and then gave up, Deputy Mason declared he along with FBI agents rode with Wenige back to Baltimore.

"He didn't say too much," Deputy Mason said at first, then he recalled, "He did make a lot of jokes. Maybe that was the only way he could console himself."

Another U.S. Deputy Marshal, Freddie Williams, became an active participant at Friendship when he was assigned to protect the stewardesses after their release.

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He reported he was inside the terminal about 35 yards from the plane when "I saw the steps being lowered and saw two women (I didn't know they were the stewardesses at the time) walk very slowly down the steps and over to the door where I was.

"When they were about five yards from the door,"

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15 CONGRESSMEN

The 93rd has 2 new ladies

By RUTH JENKINS

WASHINGTON

After nearly two hours of a session of congenial and personal greetings, welcomes, reunions and congratulations the more than 400 principals raised their hands, took the short oath and heard the pronouncement at 1:52 p.m. Wednesday that "You are now members of Congress."

The oath was administered by Rep. Carl Albert, shortly after he had been reelected by the group as U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives.

There was an overflow gallery crowd which had come to see the ceremony as the 93rd Congress, elected in November, took its seat.

Majority of the black visitors came from Texas, Georgia and California with well wishes for the three newly elected representatives from these states who augmented the dozen who previously made up the Black Caucus in the House of Representatives. All are Democrats.

These freshmen Representatives include Mrs. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, 39, a California State assemblywoman from Los Angeles, who had served as vice chairman of the Democratic National Convention. She is an attorney.

The second is Miss Barbara Jordan, 36, a former Texas State senator who hails from Houston. She is also an attorney.

The third is the Rev. Andrew H. Young, 40, director of the Atlanta, Ga. Human Relations Commission, and longtime associate with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Reelected in November as incumbents were:

Mrs. Shirley Chisholm of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Parren J. Mitchell of Baltimore; Ronald V. Dellums of Berkeley, Calif.; Charles B. Rangel of New York City; Ralph Metcalfe of Chicago; Charles C. Diggs Jr. and John Conyers of Detroit;

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CONG. YVONNE B. BURKE (D.-California)

CONG. BARBARA JORDAN (D.-Texas)

Police probe promised in death of custodian

"We are conducting an inquiry into all aspects of the situation," Police Commissioner Donald Pomerleau told the AFRO Thursday.

The commissioner was speaking about police handling of the Dec. 13 incident at Western High School which ended in the shooting death of school custodian Robert L. Lewis Jr.

Police reported Lewis, 28, had stabbed two school security guards and held a 16-year-old girl student hostage before being felled by 15 bullets. He was struck eight times causing 14 wounds between his knees and chest, according to the Medical Examiner.

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The police inquiry comes on the heels of the Baltimore Grand Jury's decision Tuesday to clear three policemen of all criminal charges in the incident.

Commissioner Pomerleau stated, "Appropriate and corrective measures will be taken should definitive deficiencies occur," in response to what affect the inquiry might have.

Results of the inquest are

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BIG BROTHER—Wes Unseld, Baltimore Bullets' star rebounder, shown above with his wife, is the Big Brother of Maryland for the year 1972. Gov. Marvin Mandel presented the citation to him on Thursday at his Annapolis office. Cited for his 'service to youth,' and 'his personal application to the highest principles of Big Brother work, Unseld was the choice for the state's four Big Brother organizations.

Miss Payne, AFRO baby for 1973, wins $100

The AFRO 1973 baby, little Miss Thomasean Denise Payne, who weighs only 6 lbs., 9 oz., was born Thursday (Jan. 4) at Maryland General Hospital.

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The lucky parents, Nathaniel and Mrs. Dorothy Payne, both 24, reside in the 2900 block Walbrook Ave.

Mr. Payne has worked as a mechanic for two years, and Mrs. Payne is a housewife.

They have four other youngsters: Michael Payne, 4; Dee Payne, 1; Kim Richards, 8; and Kevin Richards, 10.

Grandparent of the tot is housewife Mrs. Susie Moore, widow of Alfred Moore.

She is a member of Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witnesses Church.

The winners, who had been among several prospective parents to meet the Dec. 31 contest registration deadline, won the $100 prize by being first to call the AFRO and correctly identifying a front page headline from the Jan. 2nd edition of the AFRO.

More than a dozen entries were received before the contest deadline.

The annual contest was open to any Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN reader except employees.

College trustees pick Dr. Davis

DR. ELAINE C. DAVIS
Board Head — was unanimous choice.

The Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Colleges by unanimous vote elected its only female member, Dr. Elaine C. Davis, to succeed Mathias J. DeVito as chairman.

The Board's first meeting of the year held at Towson State College, Thursday, also witnessed the installation of newly appointed Frank DeCosta, Jr., as a member.

Mr. DeCosta fills the Board seat left vacant after the expiration of term of office of former board member, Supreme Bench Judge Robert Watts.

Along with numerous civic activities, Dr. Elaine Davis is employed as an Educational Assistant to Dr. Roland N. Patterson, superintendent of the Baltimore public schools.

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Asked her reaction to her elevation, Dr. Davis told the AFRO she was pleased by the confidence in her expressed by her fellow Board members.

She added that she was also pleased to learn of the election of J. Carson Dowell, President of Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. of Cumberland, to fill her old position as vice-president.

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She sees the most critical problems facing not on the Board, but all education, Dr. Davis stated, are those problems stemming from the increased cost of education.

With the elevation of Dr. Davis and the appointment of DeCosta, Jr., one vacancy remains to be filled on

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the nine-member Board.

Other members are:

James A. Sensenbaugh, State Superintendent of Schools; H. Gray Reeves; A. Harris Grossman; Frank DeCosta; Victor Frenkil and Dr. Edgar F. Berman.

SPEEDING AUTOIST

AFRO on scene where police kill

By M. BERNARDINE MYLES

An ordinary day for me yesterday (Thursday) suddenly became very unordinary when a police helicopter and the blare of sirens from frantic police cars in the apprehension of a single fugitive led me to a Civic Center parking lot.

The fugitive, identified to me on the scene as Robert Morton, 23, was shot and fatally wounded there last night.

I arrived about 11:10 p.m. to see police cars cornering him in the 200 block of Fairmount Ave., but was forced with other spectators to move away from the scene.

Upon my return, everything had quieted but spectators reported the man had been shot in the alleyway.

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A spectator told me a police officer admitted to the

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Dr. Rayner Browne, longtime physician

Dr. Rayner Browne, longtime East Baltimore physician, collapsed while making a house call Wednesday night and was dead on arrival 11 p.m. at Sinai Hospital.

Dr. Robert W. McDaniel Jr., a son-in-law, told the AFRO Dr. Browne had been visiting a patient on Reisterstown Rd. when he fainted.

Dr. Browne, 70, had been a general practitioner since his graduation from Howard University in 1929, and had offices at 1500 E. Madison St.

Private funeral services will be held noon, Saturday, Jan. 6, at the family residence 3501 Dennlyn Rd.

The body will be cremated. The family suggested donations to the Provident Hospital Heart Fund.

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Dr. Browne was a member of the Baltimore Chirurgical Society, Alpha Phi Alpha, the Monumental City Medical Society, the American Medical Society and Chi Delta Mu.

He was son of pioneer Baltimoreans, H. Grafton Browne and Mrs. Carrie Rayner Browne.

His father, one of the first Baltimore City public school principals, served in the system 41 years, 27 of them at School No. 105.

Dr. Browne is survived by his wife of 40 years, Mrs. Edna Spriggs Browne, onetime D.C. school principal.

Also, two sons and a daughter: Anthony and Alvarez Browne; and Mrs. Julia McDaniel.

And, six grandchildren are: Misses Francois, Marilyn, Carol and Elise Browne; Mrs. Ramona Browne DeShields; and Robert B. McDaniel.

SHOE STORE MURDER TRIAL

Girlfriend tells jury; 'I told him not to kill'

A criminal court jury of eight black and four white people listened attentatively on Thursday to Miss Denise D. Perkins, 17.

She told them how she and her boyfriend, Willie Chandler, went shopping for clothes after he killed a man and wife in a shoe store on Howard St. on Sept. 29.

The trial of Chandler, 28, of Westchester Rd., began on Wednesday and continues today (Friday). Judge Anselm Sodaro is presiding.

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Chandler is charged with murdering and robbing Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jordan (Marie) of the 400 block N. Robinson St.

Mr. Jordan, 24, manager of the Thom McAn Shoe Store was shot in the back of the head and his wife, Mrs. Jordan, 42 was shot behind the left ear. The couple had only been married six months.

Miss Perkins dressed in a black pantsuit and white turtle neck sweater told the court, she stood in the doorway of the store while Chandler escorted the victims to a back room and shot them.

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The witness stated Chandler visited her at her home on Division St. and discussed their plans for financial settlement she was to receive for an automobile injury case, namely:

"Willie told me, we would buy some dope from New York with the money I got from my accident and get ourselves on our feet. Willie said if we did not get enough money from the accident, he would have something in store.

"My lawyer told me to come down to the INA Building on Fayette St. We went to my lawyer's office. He had a check for me for $4,500. I signed the check and we went downstairs to the bank. I cashed the check.

"While we were in the bank my lawyer gave me $2,643 which was my share of the money."

The witness told the court with most of the money she brought clothes and Chandler bought a couple of $100 suits. She spent about $100 for two pantsuits one of

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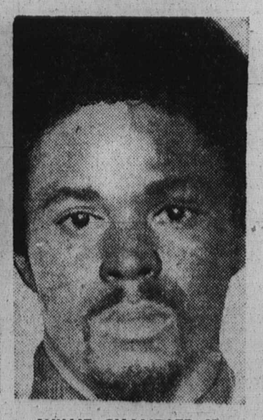
MISS DENISE D. PERKINS
charged in shoe store murder



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charged in shoe store murder