Spiritualist Says He Will Solve Body In Lake Fountain Mystery

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Liddie's Jail Mate Slain

Was due to testify in county corruption case

Police report a 19- year-old man indicted in Baltimore County for helping in the June, 1972 escape from Baltimore County jail of suspected narcotic dealer, John E. (Liddie) Jones was shot and killed in Philadelphia May 18.

Kevin Darby, alias, Kevin Jones, police said, was arrested along with Jones in a police sweep in June 1972 at Jones' Baltimore county home and held under $15,000 bail on narcotics charges.

Liddie was also held at that time under $700,000 bail. Police said when a bondsman posted bail for Darby, Liddie took his place and walked out of the county jail and disappeared.

However he surrendered to State's Attorney Samuel A. Green Jr., after he contacted his Boston lawyer.

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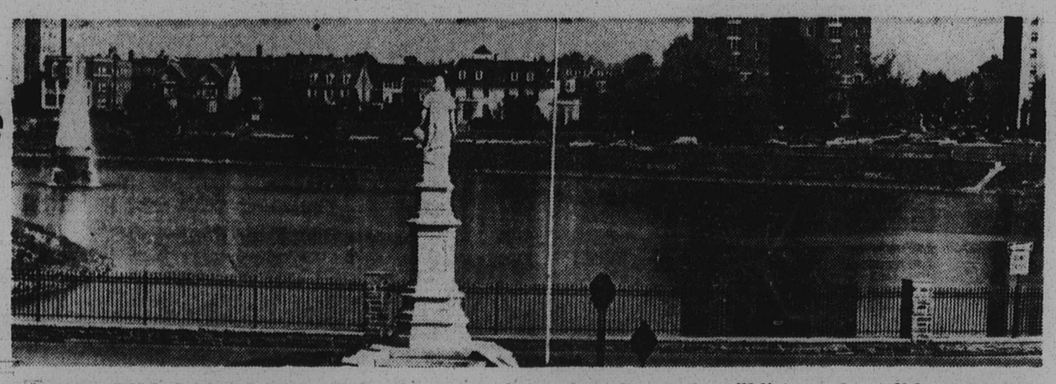
Police records reveal Darby was to stand trial on conspiracy arising out of the escape charges. He was also to testify in a county grand jury probe into possible corruption in the county state's attorney's office.

Police said Darby was shot in the back in an argument with Lawrence Williams, 24, of Philadelphia, who is charged with the murder.



DRUID HILL PARK LAKE will be the scene of communication of the spirit of the beauteous young woman who was found in the fountain and the prophet who says he will listen to her tell how she died four years ago.

MRS. SHIRLEY LEE PARKER
a young matron, respected by hundreds of Baltimoreans

BODY OF BEAUTY IN DRUID FOUNTAIN

Prophet to contact Shirley's spirit

By CHARLES LUDLOW

Druid Hill Park Lake was the scene nearly four years ago of a discovery so macabre that motorists and passersby still talk about the young matron's body found atop the lake fountain.

The tragic death of Mrs. Shirley Lee Widgeon Parker remains unsolved.

A Baltimore based prophet, Jerome Q. Mills, believes he can establish contact with the spirit of Shirley Parker and thereby learn new facts which would lead to solving the mysterious death of the popular city native.

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The Rev. Mr. Mills has promised the Baltimore Police Department his full cooperation and will give them a full account of anything he learns from the seance.

The case itself was described in 1969 by the police department as having "possibilities beyond belief." This is one of the reasons why the Rev. Mr. Mills feels he can accomplish through the seance what the police investigation in four years has been unable to do.

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The Rev. Mr. Mills has told the AFRO he does not want the seance to become a public farce similar to a recent seance which failed on North Ave.

The prophet said he plans

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PROPHET MILLS
he feels he will succeed

Memorial Day Monday

AFRO offices are closed Monday, May 28, the official national Memorial Day holiday.

CLOSED are banks, state, federal and municipal agencies and courts, most stores and shopping centers, libraries and social service departments.

FIRST MARYLAND LOTTERY

Darryl Odum is first winner

By CHARLES LUDLOW

Underneath steel gray and threatening skies which kept all the politician's speeches short, something new wedged its way into the daily lives of millions of Marylanders Thursday.

It was noon at Baltimore's downtown Hopkins Plaza overlooked by squat Federal building where nearly 4,000 spectators watched the first drawing of the Maryland State Lottery.

The winning number worth $50,000 grew one digit at a time as volunteers from the crowd spun wheels and matched numbers with colors and designs.

It is 769915.

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The first winner in the lottery was Darryl Odum, 25, of Baltimore. Moments after the winning number had been announced he moved to the stage with his ticket showing that the final three numbers of his lottery number matched with the winner. His number worth $25 is 840915.

Odum said he is a project engineer and just out of a hospital and couldn't remember where in the city he bought the ticket.

"It's the first time I ever won anything. I knew my luck had to change," he said.

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Andreas Fotis, described as 61 years old and a retired carpenter, was reported by 3 p.m. Thursday to be a certified winner of the

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS, hope and pray, let it be,—these are the sentiments expressed in the faces of two ladies in the crowd.

$25 WINNER
DARRYL ODUM
winning ticket he held at the scene of the drawing.

NOW LET ME see what's going on here—

Rev. Julius Carroll gets Mass. pulpit

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

The Rev. Julius S. Carroll, member of a distinguished family of Baltimore ministers and brother of the Rt. Rev. Edward G. Carroll, bishop of the Southern New England Methodist Conference, has bee named pastor of the predominantly white congregation of the Chestnut St. United Methodist Church, Gardner, Mass.

He has also accepted invitation to serve as conference organist at the June New England 73rd Annual Conference at Mt. Holyoke, College, Holyoke, Mass.

He and his wife, Mrs. Gladys Carroll, and family members will join Bishop and Mrs. Edward Carroll here in Baltimore Sunday when the Rt. Rev. Mr. Carroll receives honors at Morgan State College commencement.

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The Rev. Mr. Julius Carroll leaves five years pastorate of Washington's Randall Chapel United Methodist Church to succeed the Rev. Richard L. Evans in Gardner.

The Rev. Mr. Carroll, a veteran air pilot, is also to go from the Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing chaplain's

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Morgan graduates 934 on Sunday

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The 106th Academic year at Morgan State College concludes here Sunday afternoon with the annual commencement exercises in Hughes Stadium. (In case of rain, the ceremonies will be held in Hurt Gymnasium) The program, according to Stewart Brooks, chairman of the college's commencement committee, will begin promptly at 2 p.m.

Some 934 graduates, the largest since the school's first degree was awarded in 1896, will receive degrees. Some 730 are undergraduates and 204 graduates. Morgan president, Dr. King V. Cheek will confer diplomas.

Ranking student is Miss Sandra Antoinette Sears, a business administration major, who topped the 1973 graduating class, finishing with the highest honors, (summa cum laude). The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nealon Sears of 75th St., Miami, Fla., she compiled a 3.953 academic average out of a possible 4.00.

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Two Baltimore girls ranked next. Miss Alverta Moore was second.

An English major, Miss Moore completed her requirements with a cumulative grade point average of 3.860.

A graduate of Forest Park High School she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Moore, Cedardale Road of Baltimore.

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Miss Doreathea Drummond an English major,

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STATE SEN. VERDA F. WELCOME is honored tonight (Friday) 7 p.m. at a testimonial reception at the Alcazar Ballroom, Cathedral and Madison. (SEE STORY Page B-13)

18-year-olds, rent control bills signed

Governor Mandel signed into law Thursday over 200 bills including one pertaining to persons 18 years of age or older and a precedent setting rent control measure.

The age of majority bill states that former "teenagers" now have the same legal capacity, rights, powers, privileges, duties and responsibilities as persons have at 21 years of age.

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Over the objections of the constitutionality of its 'payback' provision, Governor Mandel signed into law a landmark rent control bill which places a five per

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS PART V

Are obituaries same as a death notice?

EDITOR'S NOTE: In its continuing series on funeral directors in Baltimore, the AFRO this week explains the difference between a death notice and an obituary. Next week will be the first report on what it actually costs to be buried in this city. If a relative or friend has died recently, send the AFRO a copy of the funeral bill to help us investigate reports of overcharges. Mail it to AFRO INVESTIGATION, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201)

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What is the difference between a death notice and an obituary?

It is not quite as simple as one woman described

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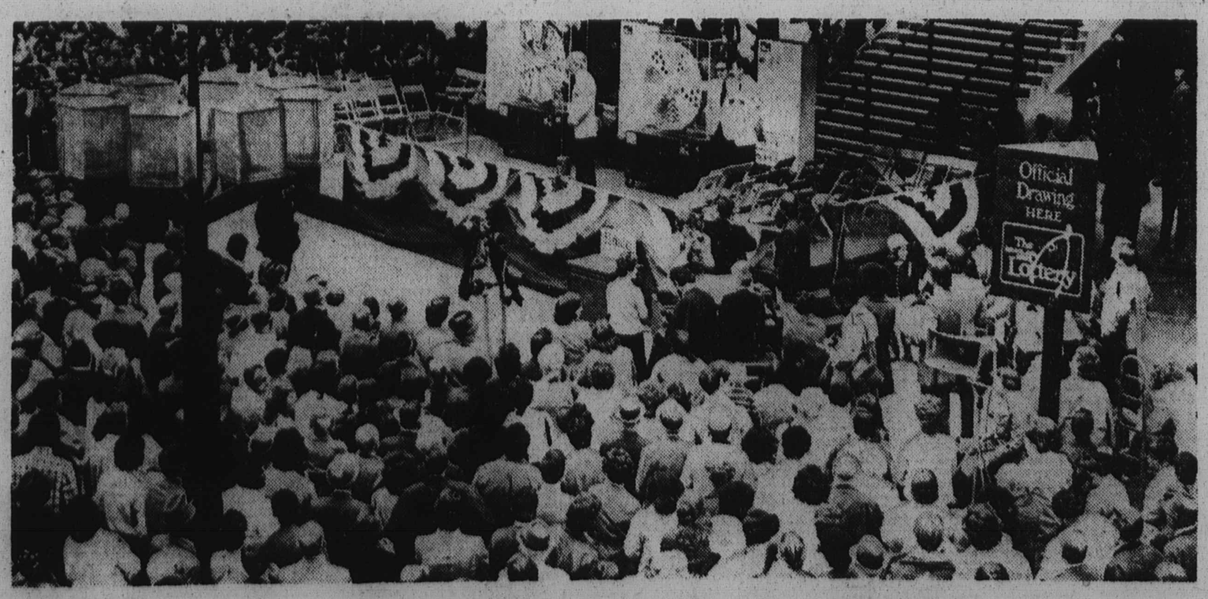

HISTORY was in the making at Hopkins Plaza in the cent er of downtown Baltimore when the state's first lottery in 100 years was pulled off complete with countless citizens and a b and and choir singing.
(AFRO Staff Photo by Fletcher Roberts)

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COMING NEXT WEEK—The AFRO's Pam Widgeon will detail the White House reception and events she attended Thursday for Maryland's POW Sgt. and Mrs. Rander and other veterans returned from captivity in the Vietnam struggle. The AFRO at the White House — don't miss it.