Booker T. Junior coed, 16, shot by boyfriend

Decomposed body found in vacant apartment

The badly decomposed body of a West Baltimore man, tentatively identified as 38-year-old Albert Lewis Jr., was found Wednesday in a pile of rubbish by a crane operator in the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Ave.

Walter C. Parlis, the operator, said he had just finished wrecking one of the vacant buildings and had taken a shovel-full of the other one when he noticed a figure hanging by its waist from the debris.

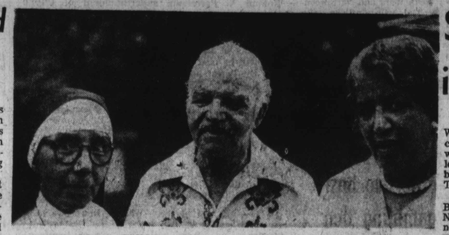
"At first, I thought it was a dummy," he said, "then I took a second look, called for help and set the bucket down."

According to witnesses at the scene, the dead man had no home, and was often seen walking down Pennsylvania Ave., or sitting in front of area drug stores.

Carter Simms, a resident of the area, identified the body and said that the deceased's uncle is Archie Lewis, head basketball coach at Dunbar High School.

Homicide detectives summoned to the scene were unable to determine whether foul play was involved in the man's death.

Officials estimated that the man had been dead for at least 24-hours.



VISITOR FROM CANADA, Sister Constance, S.S.J.D., former director of the Episcopal Church Home for the Aged in Toronto, was entertained Wednesday at the home of her brother, and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Murphy. Her sister (right) Mrs. Rebecca Murphy Young, was present from Chicago. Sister Constance is daughter of the late Dr. George B. Murphy and granddaughter of AFRO founder, John H. Murphy Sr. Members of the Murphy family were at the occasion at the Morgan Park residence. AFRO staff photo by Fletcher Roberts.

Secretarial student slain in reported lovers' spat

A 16-year-old Booker T. Washington Jr. High School coed was shot and killed in what relatives state was a lovers' quarrel in the 2300 block Harford Rd. last Tuesday morning.

Police reports show Miss Brenda Gorham, 100 block N. Aisquith St., was pronounced dead of head gunwounds at the Union Memorial after doctors tried desperately to save her life.

Arrested at the scene of the shooting and charged is her 23 year-old boy friend, Willie Wilson Jr., 2300 block Harford Rd.

Police quote relatives as saying a young man threatened to "have her or nobody would."

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The victim's mother, Mrs. Julie Baker, told the AFRO the night before the shooting, Mr. Wilson came to their home and demanded to take Miss Gorham out.

According to Mrs. Baker, her daughter, who had for some time broken friendship with the man, agreed to go with him but would return home as soon as there was a sign of trouble.

"I was surprised when police called and said Brenda had been shot. She was not looking for trouble at all," the bereaved mother said.

BRENDA GORHAM, 16

According to police, they responded to a call for a shooting at about 12:23 a.m. Tuesday in a home in the 2300 block Harford Rd., where Willie James Wilson Sr. directed them to where the victim was.

Miss Gorham who was doing secretarial studies is described by relatives and friends as very likeable and friendly. She loved people and liked people-oriented programs.

Her wake is at the Zion Baptist Church, 931 E. Preston St. from 7-8 this evening (Friday). Her body will be shipped to Farmville, N.C. for burial after the wake.

In addition to her mother she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Carolyn Elridge and a grandfather, Johns Gorham.

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Police relations man shot in bar holdup

A 44-year-old civilian with the Police Community Relations Division of the Police Department was shot and critically wounded during a holdup of the Harford Inn located in the 2600 block Harford Rd. Thursday morning.

Police report Thomas Seabron, 800 block E. 33rd St., was shot in the stomach. He remains in critical condition at the Johns Hopkins University Hospital after several operations.

Wanted are two young men, both in their mid 20's. One is 5 ft. 2 ins. tall and the other 5 ft. 4 ins. One was wearing black apple hat and was armed with a .38 caliber revolver.

Only three persons were in the bar at the time of the armed robbery, police reveal.

An eye-witness told police the men entered the bar at about 12:45 a.m. and brandishing the weapon, ordered the barmaid, Miss Martha Bradford, 31, to open the cash register.

Miss Bradford told police the men cleared the two cash registers, putting the money into a brown paper bag. She hit the floor, she said, when she heard a gun fire.

Police quoted her as saying she heard a second shot and observed the bandits fleeing west in the 1700 block Gorsuch Ave.

THOMAS SEABRON, 44

At the same time she heard someone call her name and when she got up from behind the counter she saw Mr. Seabron lying on the floor.

Police reports show the victim staggered from the bar and collapsed on the sidewalk where he was found by police.

Born in Richmond, Va., Mr. Seabron attended the public schools and served four years in the Armed Forces. He is married with three children. A civic minded man and well-liked Mr. Seabron has been with the police department since June, 1973.

$2000 reward offered for men in Md. bank robbery

Two unidentified armed men held up the Maryland National Bank in the 100 block West North Ave., and made away with an undetermined amount of money last Tuesday morning.

Central District police said the men, both in their 20's, entered the bank at 9:45 a.m. Both were armed with hand guns and one carried a shopping bag.

Displaying their weapons while announcing the holdup, one stood guard at the door while the other jumped over the bodies of the postrate bank workers and the counter to fill the bag.

The two are wanted by the FBI who described the bandits as of slim build and each has clean cut appearance. One is about 5-ft. 8-ins, and the other 5-ft. 10 ins.

The Maryland Bankers Association has posted a reward of $2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the two robbers.

Police said after filling the bag the two escaped south on Maryland Ave., and an intensive search by police of the area proved unsuccessful.

Acting on a tip a two-hour search by a joint effort by city police and FBI agents was conducted through the 1½-mile Penn Central Railway tunnel without results.

AFRO reporter attends drug abuse seminar

Miss Pam V. Widgeon, Baltimore AFRO court reporter, is attending an intensive 10-day seminar in drug abuse reporting at Columbia University School of Journalism, New York.

The seminar is sponsored jointly by Columbia and the Drug Abuse Council. The conferences, supported by a $66,000 grant from the Drug Abuse Council to Columbia, draw reporters from across the country to New York.

The purpose of the seminar is to offer the journalist a chance to widen horizons and look at new perspectives on a number of questions of vital interest in the general field of narcotics abuse.

The Columbia project, whose approach is unique in the field of mid-career journalism education, permits reporters who cover drugs as an assigned specialty or area of interest, to cull background from expert sources in the fields of drug policy planning, law enforcement, treatment and social research.

MISS PAM WIDGEON

Fr. Shehan fete set for May 21

Civic and religious leaders throughout the state are finalizing plans for the May 21 testimonial dinner in honor of Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, retiring Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Henry J. Knott Sr., general chairman of the planning committee, said most of the Civic Center's 3,500 seats are already sold out for the $10-a-plate event.

The dinner is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Woman held robbing a nurse

Mrs. Marie Wynn, 26, 1008 N. Calhoun St., was arrested Tuesday afternoon when she and another woman attempted to defraud Henryton State Hospital nurse, Mrs. Evelyn Rogers of $1,500.

Masquarading under a false name Mrs. Wynn and the other suspect identified under assumed name of Deborah Hobbs, sweet-talked, threatened and later attacked Mrs. Rogers for her money when she refused to part with it.

Mrs. Rogers, 200 block S. Hilton St., told police she met the Hobbs woman at Reistertown Plaza at about 2:35 p.m. Mrs. Hobbs asked for non-existent police station, police state.

Mrs. Hobbs told Mrs. Rogers she found an envelope of money and wanted to return it to the owner at the police station. At this point Mrs. Rogers and the Hobbs woman were approached by Mrs. Wynn.

Police state the Hobbs suspect told Mrs. Wynn she would give them $6000 if they could prove they had enough money to live on for six months.

At the same time Mrs. Hobbs who said she worked in a nearby office told them she was going to test to see if the money was genuine.

Mrs. Hobbs told them on her return that her boss, Mr. Goldberg saw her testing the money and he would allow her to give Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Wynn $6000 if they showed their guarantee money to him.

When Mrs. Wynn returned after she departed for a few minutes on assumption she went to show her money to Mr. Goldberg, the two suspects accompanied Mrs. Rogers to the bank where she withdrew $1,500 to show to Mr. Goldberg so she could have her share of the $6000.

Mrs. Rogers insisted on going with the Hobbs woman to see Mr. Goldberg. Mrs. Hobbs became very angry and the two attacked Mrs. Rogers trying to take her money from her.

The two suspects broke free to run but Mrs. Rogers, who gave them a good fight, chased them and with the help of some persons managed to arrest Mrs. Wynn.

WARREN BELL, popular 22-year-old now unemployed TV newscaster on Tuesday received a suspended 4-month jail sentence for making a false claim to an insurance firm for items he said thieves had taken from his home March 2. The court was told a check he received March 12 for $996.30 was not cashed. His salary as WBAL-TV reporter less than a year, was over $1,000 a month plus $600 living expenses.

Elks' parade Saturday

The East Baltimore Lodge 1043 IBPOE of W will open its week-long 34th Anniversary Celebration Saturday at the 2006 Hanford Rd. headquarters.

Highlighting the occasion is the Parade and Street Demonstration set for Saturday 4 p.m. assembly at Caroline and Hoffman Sts.

The lodge will be open to the public during the entire week, through May 26.

The Sunday 3 p.m. Anniversary Service is scheduled for Waters AME Church.

The Elks Ball and Dinner Dance is Friday, May 24. La Fountain Rouge, Belair Rd. and Mayfield Ave.

Joseph Cormack is exalted ruler; McElerea Tuck, financial secretary and Percy R. Anderson, chairman.

Beware of dupe men

No trace has been found of the two con men who duped kindly NAACP President Mrs. Enolia McMillian out of $400 last week.

Meanwhile, a warning is issued for women to beware of flim-flammers who have power to overcome victims through hypnosis.

Scream as loud as you can when some unknown persons approach you. That will scare them away. DO NOT GO TO THE BANK for any money. If you are in fear, tell the banker quickly as you can. "This man is robbing me." If the men are outside waiting, tell the banker to call the police quietly right away.

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LOCAL BARBERS who were cited recently include, from left, association officials, Phillip L. Brown, treasurer; Eddie A. Montgomery, 1st vice president; Waymon LeFall, secretary; Lawrence Hall, Afro style demonstrator; Ms. Loretta Montgomery Parker and Herman L. Saunders Sr., president.

Local Barber shop owners honored

The Barber Shop Owner's Association of Greater Baltimore recently awarded certificates of Achievement to those persons who successfully completed the Seminars held to upgrade the services given in their shops.

The Seminars included educational lectures on Dandruff Control, selling hair products, and other ways to give better service to the public.

Lawrence Hall, a former International Hair Styling champion, gave demonstrations on how to give Bush-Blow Ups and relax and style the hair in Afro style.

The second part of the Seminar consisted of the new techniques in hair coloring. The demonstration was conducted by Mrs. Belle Syphax of Virginia, a Miss Clairol representative.

The year-old Association has plans for other Seminars in the Fall which will focus on other phases of the Barber Profession.

Those receiving certificates were Eddie A. Montgomery, Ms. Loretta Montgomery Parker, Michael Gill, Mallis Anderson, Lonnie Parker, George Montgomery, Phillip L. Brown, Waymon LeFall, Johnnie Montgomery, Norton Revill, Ms. Marcella Wynn, Jacob Chamblain, Thomas L. Edwards, Lawrence Hall, and Herman L. Saunders Sr.

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James Arthur Lanier, 6 months, son of Mrs. Lillian Travers. Danayl Pulley, 23 months, daughter of Mrs. Lavonne Pulley. Felicia Ann Sewell, 5 months, daughter of Mrs. Patricia Sewell.

Sean Graham, left, 3, son of Mrs. L'Tanya Graham; Barbara Lassiter,, 2 1/2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric H. Lassiter, and Patrick Johnson, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Johnson are among the 33 babies competing in the annual NAACP Baby Contest.

BABIES . . . BABIES . . . BABIES

By Marie P. Cooke
AFRO Women's Editor

It's that time of year again. . . NAACP baby contest time. . . when wee ones from all over the city compete for the grand title of 1974 NAACP Baby Of the Year. The Baltimore chapter is sponsoring the contest.

At AFRO presstime, today, Friday, some 33 youngsters had been registered in the contest by their sponsors, which include several churches throughout the area. In some cases, the parents are sponsoring their children.

Monies raised from the contest will help send delegates to the annual NAACP national convention to be held July 1-5 in New Orleans. Mrs. Margaret Dyer, staffer at the NAACP office, says this year's goal is $7,000. There still time to enter. Call 523-8503. Mrs. Kelly Jackson is the chairwoman for the contest. Co-chairwomen are Mrs. Rebecca Brown and Mrs. Eliza Costin.

The child selling the greatest number of coupons will either win a gold loving cup of $100 U.S. Savings bond. The announcement of the winner will be made on Sunday, June 2 at 3 p.m. at the Douglass Memorial Community Church. Youngsters coming in second and third places will receive a silver loving cup or $50 bond and a silver drinking cup or $25 bond respectively. All babies who entered the contest will receive a prize.

This year's contestants, their parents and sponsors are:

Jade L. Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Berry, sponsored by the Israel Baptist Church; Roslyn Bell, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Bell, sponsored by Mrs. Rebecca Brown; Diamond C. Blount, Mr and Mrs. Michael Blount and granddaughter of State Senator and Mrs. Clarence Blount; Mrs. Brown, and Rochelle Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bond, Mrs. Ethel Jones.

Antonio DeShields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin DeShields, sponsored by Mrs. Brown; Dawn Diggs, daughter of Mrs. Camella Gibson, Mrs. Brown; Melanie Patrice Ellis, daughter of Ms. Sheena Maria Whiley, sponsored by parent.

Sonya Marie Eberhardt, daughter of Mrs. Adora Eberhardt, sponsored by Mrs. Adelia Westry and her daughter, Lenora; Sean Graham, Mrs. L'Tanya Graham, sponsored by parent; Francine Gladden, Mrs. Nanry Gladden, Mrs. Ernie Lofland, sponsor.

Marcus Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hawkins, sponsored by Mrs. Eula Mae Watts; Grace Deborah Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes, Calvary Baptist Church; Todd Northington Hamiel, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hamiel, sponsored by parents.

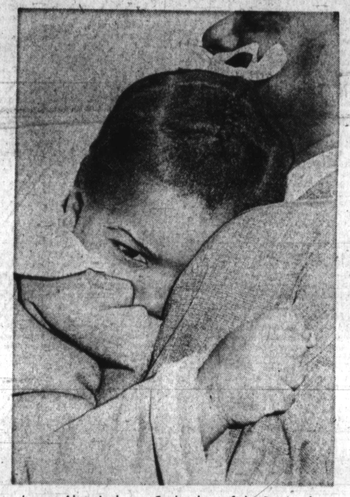
Patrick Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Johnson, sponsored by Mrs. Brown; Keturah Desiree Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, sponsored by parents; Barbara M. Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lassiter, Fulton Baptist Church; James Arthur Lanier, son of Ms. Lillian Travers, Mrs. Ernie Lofland, sponsor.

Joanne Alyce Lockman, daughter of he Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Lockman, sponsored by the Christ United Methodist Church; Timothy E. Martin, Mrs. Jennie Martin, Mrs. Ida Russell, sponsor; Katinia Cherrill Matthews, Mrs. Delores Matthews, Mrs. Brown, sponsor.

Wenette Mullen, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Brown, sponsored by parents; Melanie Burnetta Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nelson, sponsored by parents; Danayl Pulley, Mrs. Lavonne Pulley, Waveland Baptist Church; Yvette Parham, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Lovelle Parham, Union Memorial United Methodist Church, sponsor.

LaTashia Critina Satterfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Satterfield, sponsored by the Providence Baptist Church; Felicia Ann Sewell, Mrs. Patricia Sewell, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church; Jimmy Lee Saunders, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lee Saunders, Mrs. Brown, sponsor.

Michelle Spruill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Michael Spruill, sponsored by parents; Oronde Short, daughter of Mrs. Marjojrie Short, City Temple Baptist Church; Sharon White, Mr. and Mrs. Woodie White, St. Marks United Methodist Church; Kennard Wright, III, Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Wright, Mrs. Brown, sponsor; Michael Wise, son of Ms. Shirley Johnson, sponsored by parents, and Raquel Benita Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Whiting, Mrs. Nancy Gladden, sponsor.



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