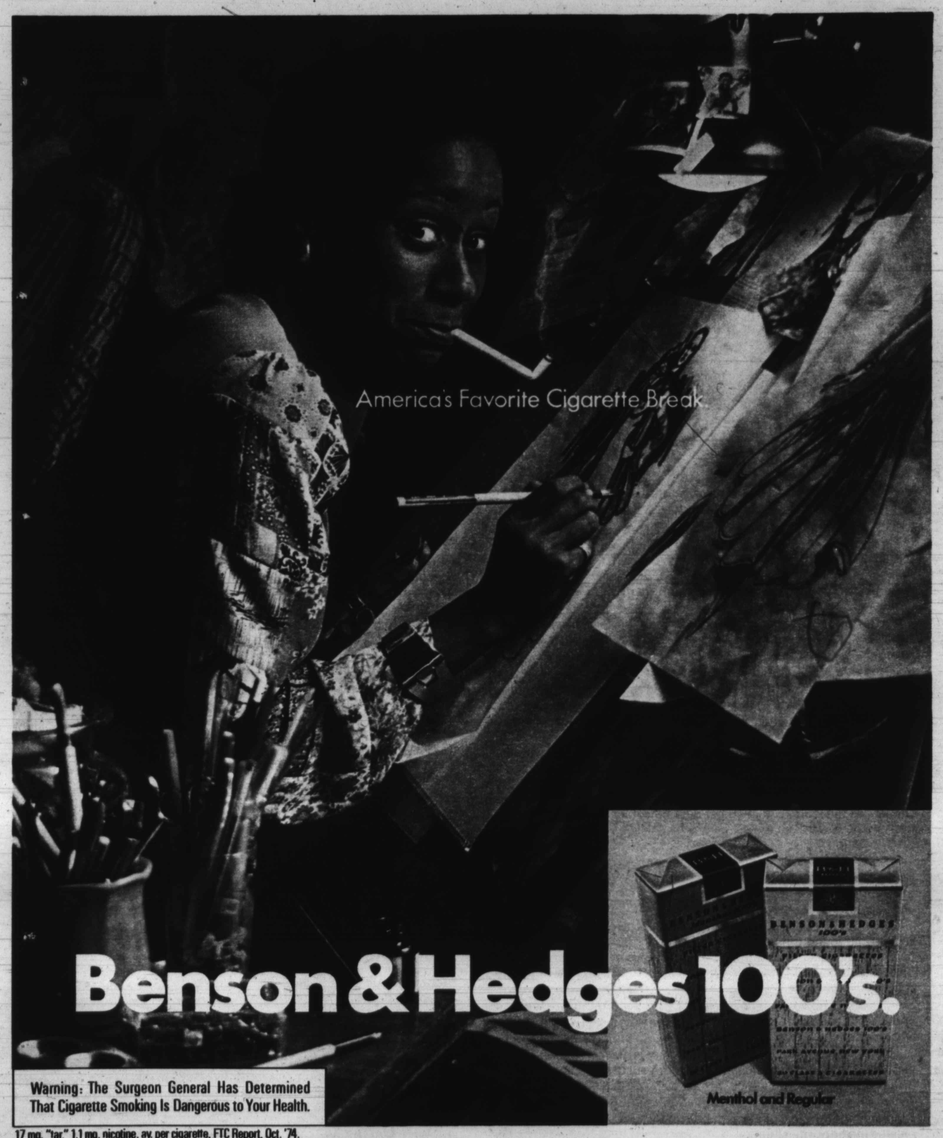

Mystery surrounds sudden death of Calverton coed

"She was complaining about her stomach hurting and I told her to stay home from school. I found her dead in bed around 2:35 p.m.

The above statement made by Mrs. Helen McCoy, mother of Miss Deborah Carpenter, describes the mysterious and unexpected death of the 15-year-old Calverton Junior High student.

Miss Carpenter died Feb. 12 at her home in the 2300 block Riggs Ave.

The family will receive friends tonight (Friday) 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at George Kelson Funeral Home, 1348 N. Calhoun St.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

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Relatives told the AFRO, they will have to wait on results of an autopsy to know the cause of death.

Dr. James Whitacker, the medical examiner who is presently performing the autopsy, said through a spokesman that the case is still pending and it may take two weeks before determination can be made.

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Miss Carpenter was a 9th grade student who liked to go to parties and bowl. She attended Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by a brother, Jesse McCoy Jr.; father, Jesse McCoy Sr.; grandmother, Mrs. Mary McCoy and a devoted friend, James Gray.

MISS DEBORAH CARPENTER

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Police surveillance termed frightening, illegal and immoral

100 ministers take spy case to Mandel

Plainclothes spies take photos at a funeral

SPIES COMPLETE WITH CAMERAS were at this funeral as shown in AFRO file photo. They also listed license plate numbers of the mourners. An unmarked truck, parked on the side street, held four plainclothes officers who frequently took walks through the crowd. Dressed in hippie and otherwise tacky garb, they disregarded the Christian burial rites and lacking reverence for the occasion, behaved as if it were a picnic.

Citizens' groups join the protest, sign the petition

The 100 or more members of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance with Dr. Chester Wickwire of Hopkins University as president, have sponsored a letter to Gov. Marvin Mandel which demands an end to police surveillance.

Joining them in signing a petition attached to the letter dated Feb. 13, are Bishop Joseph Grossman and some 20 Catholic priests, members of the NAACP, American Friends, American Civil Liberties Union, Loyola, Morgan, Hopkins, Goucher, Towson Colleges and Hopkins University student bodies and faculties.

The letter made public late Thursday by the ministers, calls attention to Police Commissioner Pomerleau's admission of infiltration of peace and civil rights groups, surveillance of black clergymen, infiltration and surveillance of Congressman Parren J. Mitchell's meetings and offices.

And, ISD collection of reports on individuals and license numbers of Friends Meeting House and Charles Village citizens.

Half Million Taxpayers' Money Wasted

A highlight is the fact that the letter calls attention to the $Half Million in taxpayers' money wasted and terms Pomerleau's justification "to prevent disorder" as absurd and tragic.

Replace Pomerleau

The group asks for the appointment of a police commissioner who is "sensitive to individual liberties and sympathetic to the rights of citizens."

Asked if this meant the removal of Commissioner Pomerleau, the reply to the AFRO was, "He does not seem to fit that picture."

The Letter

Here is the letter forwarded to Gov. Mandel:

"As we approach the Bicentennial of the founding of our nation, we are troubled by mounting evidence of police encroachment on rights guaranteed to citizens in the Amendments to the Constitution.

The published list of names of 125 organizations on which the Baltimore Police Department gathered information suggests the frightening and indiscriminate scope of their activity.

When there are real crime problems, why has the Police Department

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'6 steps to restore an atmosphere of respect and trust in the government'

1. End all surveillance of peaceful activity by the Police.
2. Inform the public of the nature and scope of the activity (methods, not disclosure of individual files), of the "Red Squad".
3. Inform persons if they have been under Political surveillance and no criminal charges have been filed against them. Grant them the right to examine their files, to destroy them if they wish, and authorize the destruction of duplicate files.
4. Develop written standards controlling Police Department surveillance and infiltration; restrict Police investigation to areas where there is evidence of criminal activity.
5. Develop a system of accountability, giving an independent civilian body the power to review Police methods, files, etc...
6. Place the Office of Police Commissioner under the Mayor, and encourage leadership sensitive to individual liberty and sympathetic to the rights of privacy.

York Bar robbers chopped hole in roof with an axe

The York Bar, a popular 1500 block Pennsylvania Ave. night spot, was entered Feb. 11 after closing time by robbers who chopped a hole in the roof with an axe. Police found the axe inside the bar.

An employee discovered the break-in when she opened up the next morning. Police say the room was ransacked, $75 taken from cash register and all money from the juke box and cigarette machine.

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The thieves got to the roof by the back fire escape and left by the rear kitchen door, police claim. No arrests had been made by early this morning (Friday).

Coppin charges race bias

The Executive Committee of Coppin State College Alumni Association submitted in a Feb. 10 letter to Peter E. Holmes, director, office for Civil Rights, charges against the State of Maryland for racial discrimination

It states, "After a careful examination of the public higher education system in the Baltimore metropolitan area, we are led to the inescapable conclusion that the State of Maryland is in violation of Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

The group states that state take over of the University of Baltimore comes at a time when the state has not provided enough capital or operating finances for black colleges.

Mr. Holmes has consented to meet with representatives of Coppin, following the submission by the state of its annual progress report on the desegregation of its public colleges and universities.

FBI probes Allen write-in

Complaints to the U.S. Justice Department by supporters of Milton B. Allen's write-in candidacy for state's attorney have led to an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The FBI is studying records from the city Board of Election Supervisors to determine whether failures in the voting process were in violation of civil rights.

Mrs. Ann Kahn, assistant chief clerk told the AFRO, "Records were obtained from our office by the FBI in December and January. All reports from the Primary and General Elections were taken."

The records included a list of the election judges and substitutes, election returns, police reports and trouble-shooting records. Trouble-shooters are made when a complaint is filed for failures with voting machines.

Mr. Allen, handling a case in the New York District Court, could not be reached for comment.

1 in every 11 black workers unemployed

WASHINGTON — There are 1.4 million black citizens unable to find jobs, according to current Department of Labor Statistics figures.

The Department of Labor announced last week that national unemployment reached 8.2 per cent in January, and that minority unemployment was a whopping 13.4 per cent at the end of the month.

The figures mean about 1 in every 11 black workers is without a job.

Statistics for minority teenagers are even more staggering at 41.1 per cent. This means about 380,000 minority youths are unable to find jobs, almost 1 out of every 2 teenagers.

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Economists, who say government figures do not include the thousands of minorities who have been unemployed for years, are terming the situation a "black depression."

The Ford administration, that predicted unemployment would average about 8.1 per cent this year, has indicated there will be little or no improvement in the unemployment picture for at least two years.

Labor Department spokesmen placed total unemployment at about 10 million.

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Total unemployment has risen by over 2 million since last September, a sign of the spreading recession.

The number of available jobs declined in January

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LIFETIME SECURITY PLUS GOOD PAY

Youths find jobs in Armed Forces

By Robert Matthews IV

Hundreds of recent high school graduates are facing an uncertain future because of the black unemployment picture.

With minimal vocational training or job experience, some of these young men and women will be hard pressed to support themselves in the years ahead.

Faced with this situation many young people are seeking to gain valuable training and experience by enlisting in the Armed Forces.

The largest of the Armed Services, the US Army, offers employment opportunities in over 300 occupations.

Most of them are similar to occupations in the civilian economy. The Army is one of the largest employers in America.

Those who qualify can pick the skill they want to learn, the place they want to work, and the outfit they want to serve with, here or abroad.

With the exception of the combat arms, women are allowed to choose the same options as men.

These job options are guaranteed in writing, before actual enlistment. If you don't qualify for the program of your choice, you are free to change your mind about enlisting.

HERE'S HOW

The Army recruiting station located at Metro Plaza in Mondawmin shopping center is manned by two

A GOOD FUTURE as medic is assured Lionell Hill who signed up with SFC James Ennels. Age 20 and a Forest Park High grad, Hill is happy to join the Armed Forces.

first class sergeants.

SFC Riddick explained to the AFRO how easy it was for the young men or

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Citizens tour bars today

Parents, school officials and community leaders will tour the area bounded by Pennsylvania Ave. Fulton Ave., Presstman St., and Winchester St. on Friday (today) 2 p.m.

The group is gathering information on the saturation on liquor outlets in the area.

"The citizens have advised me that they are concerned about violence in the schools and juvenile delinquency, but that they feel little attention is being given to the environmental conditions which create and sustain delinquent behaviour," Congressman Parren Mitchell said.

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Two concerned citizens the Rev. John Roy and Mr. Edward Hitchcock have done preliminary work which reveals that there are three elementary schools in the area but that on Laurens alone, there are ten liquor outlets close to these elementary schools.

"The problems created by these bars and liquor stores affect children directly and indirectly by the kind of people the bars attract, the language used outside of the bars and the threat of physical harm to the young children, especially the girls," Mr. Hitchcock said.

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The Rev. Mr. Roy points out that one teacher recently quit because on one occasion her purse had

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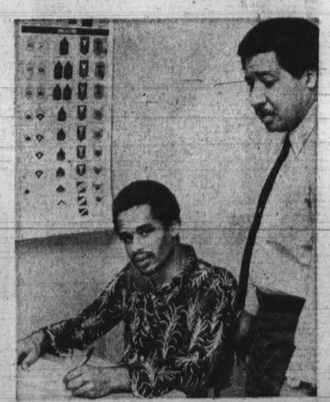
Lottery winners

This week's winning numbers are LOTTERY: 137182 MILLIONAIRE FINALIST: 06466.

Winning numbers in the 14 to 1 GAME: 6 digit: 889200; 5 digit: 92232; 4 digit: 1720; and 3 digit: 146.



SIGNING UP — John T. Jones is shown with SFC Thurman Riddick as he gets set to become an accounting specialist. Age 19, he is a graduate of Woodlawn Sr. High.

Photos by Robert Matthews, IV AFRO Staffer

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