City jail inmates sue to correct lousy conditions

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Honored

AFRO BIRTHDAY STAR—Song stylist Phyllis Hyman, along with vocalist Billy Faul, will be grand marshals in the AFRO Newspaper's 85th anniversary parade, Aug. 12 at noon, the War Memorial Plaza. (See Entertainment Section.)

One bullet for him, two for her

'Jr. Bunk,' Linda slain for love, dope?

Were they 'snitching?'

Why were convicted dope king Nathaniel "Junior Bunk" Johnson Jr. and beautiful TV show dancer Linda Carol Kane executed and left on a lonely road in Prince George's county last Sunday?

Was the motive love, narcotics or money?

Prince George's County police officials have clamped a steel curtain of silence on this double homicide.

They report only the minimum of facts. Johnson and Miss Kane were both shot in the back of the head. They were both found dead on the front seat of a blue 1977 Ford LTD rented car.

Passing motorists pulled them from the vehicle. Initial police reports, since amended, reported the rental Ford had been set afire. In fact there was a small blaze under the car's hood but not enough to further damage the two dead people inside.

One bullet killed Johnson. The Medical Examiner's office told the AFRO two bullets were used on Miss Kane. Police say nothing but conjecture is that the executioners were sure Johnson's death was immediate but shot the popular young Soul of the City TV show dancer again to make sure.

This is all police will reveal.

Since the murder of these two well-known Baltimoreans, however, rumor and speculation have been rife.

Was this a passion double slaying? Were Johnson and Miss Kane romantically involved?. A spokesman for the Kane family told the AFRO that Linda and "Junior Bunk" had been "seeing" each other for a month. Relatives rule out any emotional involvement between the two victims.

Linda Carol Kane slain with "Jr. Bunk"

Was narcotics trafficking the cause of these murders?

Lt. Milton Crump, who heads the Prince George's county homicide team assigned to this case, hints that dope dealing is closer to the truth than love. He states that police are working on "dope connections and other matters."

Through its own unofficial sources, however, the AFRO has learned that "Junior Bunk" was living "on borrowed time."

The narcotics underworld grapevine has it that "Junior Bunk," once so big a dope dealer that he could hire F. Lee Bailey, Patti Hearst's lawyer, as his defense counsel, had turned "snitch."

Serving a 35-year term for narcotics sales, the ex-dope lord had recently been allowed to stay at a half-way house, the Greenmount Ave. Community Rehabilitation Center. He was permitted to go home every two weeks. Last Sunday he was on leave to go to church and 10 o'clock Sunday morning was the

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'Insulted?'

LOCAL STAR 'INSULTED'—Nataska Hasan, popular singer who will star with Stan Kenton band at War Memorial plaza here Aug. 11, claims a city employee "insulted" her at municipal concert last Sunday, July 31. (See story page 23.)

CHAMP'S NEGATIVE STATEMENTS SPARKED QUERIES

More on that Ali party

By Peter Harris
AFRO Staff Writer

It always happens: Muhammad Ali swirls in and leaves something to talk about.

The latest in what could be called a two-decade-old episode, is last Friday's party in Ali's honor given by Baltimore criminal lawyer who is president of the Friends of The World Community in the West.

There, after a day of festivities celebrating Ali's visit to Baltimore, some probing questions were raised about the champ's use of qualified black professionals to handle his business life.

Responses to a report on the event just as inevitably, have been as varied as the people who attended the gathering.

Murphy, who could not be reached at presstime, was "very upset" according to his wife, Betty Jean. In a tape aired by Morgan's radio station WEAA-FM, Murphy expressed doubt about the article's accuracy.

The attorney's wife herself took affront at the characterization of the party as a "black high society," affair said she and her husband, as "friends of the Nation" were sim-

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BLACK GENIUS IS FESTIVAL THEME

AFRAM Expo '77 this weekend

Sen. Clarence W. Blount, who will act as grand marshall, and Mayor William Donald Schaefer will be part of the AFRAM EXPO '77 parade Sunday, August 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. as part of the weekend of festivities.

AFRAM EXPO '77 is Baltimore's second annual summer celebration of Black America. The main body of events will take place Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7 from 12 noon to 8 p.m. This year's theme is "Black Genius in America."

Participating Drum and Bugle Corps are: The Shriners, the Westsiders, the Silver Eagles, and the Firebirds. The Urban Services Agency Cultural Arts program, Travis Winkey's Modeling Studio, Metropolitan Magazine' Ms. Beauty Beat and Ms. Black America will all have floats.

The Budweiser Clydesdale Horses and the Police Color Guards will also perform.

The parade will begin at the 5th Regiment Armory, then proceed south on Howard Street, then turn left

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ON EVE OF NEWSPAPER'S 85th BIRTHDAY

AFRO's founder and editor son to be cited for pioneering efforts

The Association for the Study of Afro - American Life and History, Inc., (ASALH) will present bronze plaques in honor of the late John H. Murphy Sr., founder of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, and the late Dr. Carl Murphy, chairman of the Board of Directors and president at a reception on Friday, August 12, at the Community College of Baltimore, Harbor Campus.

The first marker presented by the Association was dedicated to Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association which was organized as an instrument to promote appreciation of black Americans.

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The national ASALH marker program is a local, branch initiated activity which provides the opportunity to place a permanent item in the various home cities in honor of prominent black Americans or institutions which have made significant achievement. The project is supported by a grant from the Amoco Foundation Inc.

To date nearly all of the 100 markers to be placed have been unveiled in 30 states. Dr. Lillie M. Jack-

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John H. Murphy Sr. Dr. Carl Murphy

State workers picket Towson State Univ.

DEMONSTRATING AT JOB RALLY — Employes of Towson State University dining services department protest proposals by the school to contract services to outside agencies.

(AFRO photo by Roman Hankewych)

Towson State University received approval Wednesday from the State Board of Public Works to contract out its food services to a company that has made illegal gifts in the past to obtain its contracts.

Later in the day after the one-year contract had been awarded for $500,000 to ARA Services Inc., members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) held a demonstration to protest the decision.

A report filed in January, 1977 with the Security and Exchange Commission (No. 8-K) reveals that ARA Services Inc., said that beginning in 1970 it made questionable and sometimes illegal payments totaling $393,000 to politi-

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Peel it & Paste it
Mr. Fro will be looking for AFRO Lucky Stickers as he gives away 5 Dollars 5 in the AFRO-In-Your-Home Contest.

Jailed suing jailers

By Fred Hines
AFRO Staff Writer
Part 2 of a two part report

Maryland plans to invest $26 million to convert the east Baltimore Continental Can Company building into a prison.

However, the proposed 640-bed medium security and 150-bed minimum security prison would not make a dent in the problem of local jail overcrowding. Some 1,100 Division of Corrections

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'Mr. Fro' blesses more readers with $

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A LUCKY PLUCK of the dart almost won Mrs. Ruth Wilson a $100 bonus prize from 'Mr. Fro' in the AFRO-In Your Home Contest. Mrs. Wilson of the 1600 block of 28th St. was a $10 winner.

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