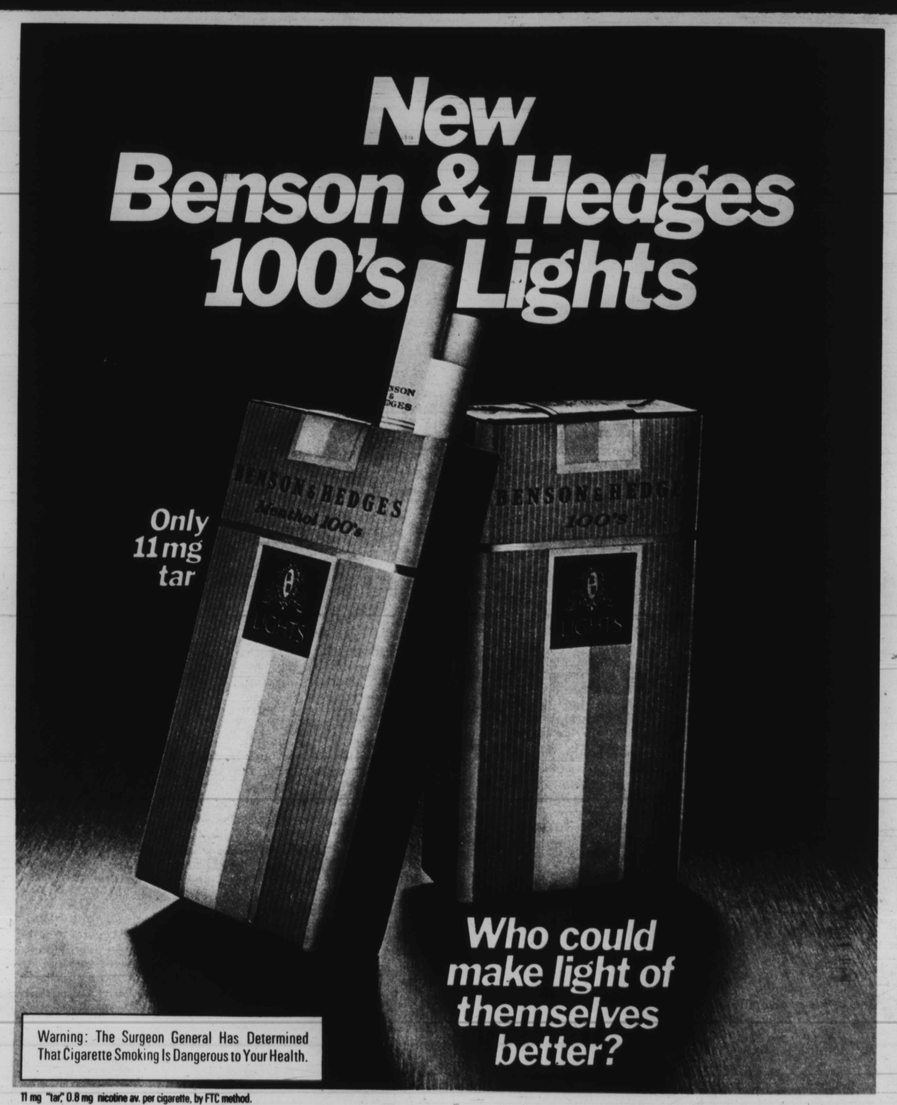

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Cole appointed to highest state court

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Measles deadline bars 9,000 students

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A new kind of Christmas book

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Mark, 3, found dead in house of horror—'not fit to be lived in'

6 children in one room no heat, lights

The investigating officers said, "The house is not fit to be lived in."

The dwelling is in the 400 block East 23rd St. and the police were there to investigate the mysterious Nov. 27 death of 3-year-old Mark Anthony Brown.

The little boy was found lying face up across two chairs around 9:30 a.m. and was wearing a green check coat, blue pants and white socks. His relatives had not been able to wake him up and so called an ambulance.

Police said what appeared to be contusions and lacerations were on the face, chest and shoulders of Mark.

The three-year-old lived in a two-bedroom apartment with his mother, her five brothers and sisters ranging in ages from six months to 18 years old and his grandmother.

The children all shared one bedroom. Their mother had a room to herself.

At AFRO presstime, the medical examiner's office said, the cause of death was still pending.

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Pomerleau's promise:

Jobs for 300 more police

Police Commissioner Donald Pomerleau informed a Freedom House delegation this week that he is preparing to hire 300 men and women as new police officers.

Pomerleau, responding to attacks on his department which has been accused of job bias and "a rising tide of police brutality" against black citizens, assured the Freedom House delegation that he is working hard to decrease the disproportionate employment of blacks in his agency. He also told the delegation he would not tolerate police abuse on his force and would investigate brutality complaints.

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Death in classroom:

Victim, accused close friends

For five years, Donna Marie Diggs, 13, and the girl who has been charged with killing her, also 13, were friends.

This friendship ended violently Nov. 28. Funeral services for Donna will be held Friday 7:30 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 22nd Street and Greenmount Avenue.

During the summer, the girls were often seen playing together, taking walks dancing and pursuing other teenage activities.

Rene' Diggs, 16-year-old sister of Donna, stated, "Donna and her friend would have arguments but never even had a fist fight. You would not think she would do a thinkg like that."

Donna died 1 a.m., Nov. 29, at Union Memorial Hospital after being stabbed in the neck and chest with an eight inch steak knife, according to police.

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Dockworkers go back

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More than 30 dockworkers at the Dundalk Marine Terminal stayed on strike Thursday and picketed police because two fellow workers were arrested, but most other Longshoremen obeyed a Federal Court order to return to work.

The Dundalk workers were preparing to work but decided to strike after two Longshoremen were arrested on charges of assaulting police who stopped their shuttle bus to give them a speeding ticket.

For a closer look at the port, see the Baltimore docks: then and now, inside.

About 2,000 longshoremen, from the city's largest union, reluctantly returned to work Thursday after a federal judge issued a 10-day temporary restraining order demanding that they go back to work.

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INSIDE

Baltimoreans away from home- in the military

Housing official held in wife's death

A 23-year-old mother, a student at Community College of Baltimore, and employed as a salesperson at Brager-Gutman, was shot to death in her home Nov. 28.

Police report Mrs. Angela Alexander Dandridge, of the 1300 block Bayard St., was found dead by a relative.

Douglas Dandridge, 28-year-old husband of Mrs. Dandridge surrendered to the police 24 hours after his wife was found dead in her bedroom. He has been charged with homicide.

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673 wins 'Mr. Fro' jack pot

'Mr. Fro,' undaunted by bad weather, closed out November by giving two people cash in the AFRO - in - the - Home Contest.

Ms. Delores Goins of 5200 Westley Ave. won $10 for having Tuesday's AFRO in her home. She missed the chance for the $100 prize.

Mrs. Kim Lane, of 3306 Ferndale Ave. won $20 after she hit the combination of 673. Mrs. Lane was a lucky winner when 'Ms. Fro' called her earlier this week.

Nona Hendryx in concert (See Showtime)

Lee names Cole to appeals court

Judge Harry A. Cole

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Supreme Bench Judge Harry A. Cole was named Thursday to the Maryland Court of Appeals.

The noted lawyer, who in 1954 was elected first black senator in Maryland, thus becomes the first of his race to serve on the Appeals Court, the highest court in the state.

Acting Gov. Blair Lee III made the announcement at his 2 p.m. Thursday press conference in Annapolis. A spokesman for Lee told the AFRO there is a likelihood District Court Judge Solomon Baylor will be named to fill Cole's place on the Supreme Bench.

Cole's appointment to the Maryland Court of Appeals comes on the heels of the strong demand made by black voters that Gov. Lee fill the vacancy with a black citizen.

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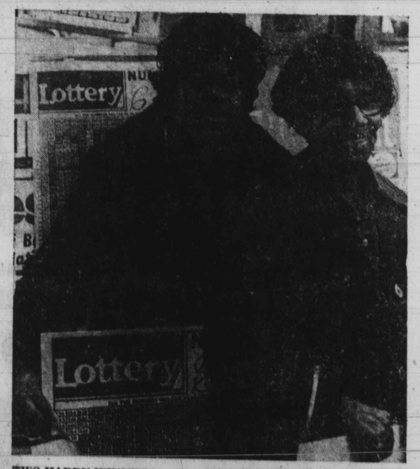

TWO HAPPY WINNERS — 'Mr. Fro' found two loyal AFRO readers in the AFRO-In-The-Home Contest. Ms. Margaret Butler (L) of Ridgehill Avenue and Mrs. Lillian Roberts of Chase Street both won $10 because they had the latest AFRO.

NAACP charges, counter charges:

A "surprised" Mrs. Marie Henderson spoke with the AFRO this week, answering to charges by Del. Troy Brailey that she was part of a city government takeover of the NAACP and additionally explained her handling of last September's NAACP Unity Ball budget.

She said that persons who are members of the NAACP's executive board "work for the state government ... work for the federal government. I don't think Acting Gov. Blair Lee ... President Jimmy Carter are taking over."

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If you care a little, you'll help Mrs. Santa

"I am sending a little something for some needy family or some needy child. I have been reading about the needy families in your paper and I am so sorry for them. I'll be praying for them.

"I am blessed and I thank God. We have so much to be thankful for but help us not to forget those who are less fortunate. I thank God for letting me send a little bit."

The above letter sent to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa this week is what her Mrs. Santa program is all about.

If everyone shares and cares just a little bit, Mrs. Santa will make her goal of $15,000.

Contributions are tax free and may be sent or brought in to Mrs. Santa, AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. Phone Monday through Friday, 728-6200.

For the list of needy families you or your church or club may adopt, see Mrs. Santa's page inside each Tuesday and Friday AFRO.