—Woman convicted

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stated Ms. Hawkins' boyfriend would always beat her when he had been drinking and she was protecting herself. He would beat and beat and beat her," Smith told the jury. The defendant testified she loved Harry.

Assistant State's Attorney Jonathan Shoupe told the jury, "We have a cold blooded murder in this case." Charles Durant, 31, who shared an apartment with Harry testified that his girlfriend, Ms. Hawkins came to the house on June 17 around 3:30 a.m. and asked for her boyfriend. Durant told the jury, "Gail said, I am tired of his s— and I am going to kill him." The witness stated the defendant took a knife and went in Harry's bedroom. The witness told the jury he followed her into the room and she said, "You really don't think I'll kill him."

Durant said when he walked in the bedroom the defendant was stabbing Harry in the chest.

Shoupe stated in his closing argument," Durant tried to grab her and she said you are next." The jury was told that the reporting police officer said Ms. Hawkins was standing on the corner with a pair of bloody scissors and a knife in her right hand. She led the officers to a third floor bedroom where police found blood on a bed.

Ms. Hawkins and the police then followed a trail of blood to the kitchen where they found Harry lying on the floor between the kitchen and another room with multiple stab wounds in the chest.

The jury was told there were no scratch marks on the victim. In a very emotional closing statement for the defense, attorney Smith told the jury, "It is so unusual if a woman's boyfriend beats on her and she would not go to the hospital. I think it is on the increase. I don't see why the state is trying to make it unusual."

Defense witnesses testified Harry would beat his girlfriend when he had been drinking. Pacing the floor dressed in a three piece blue pin stripe suit, Smith told the jurors, "There is a legal consequence for this young lady. There is a social cause. The social cause is how people get along. There is a social cause when I want to be there with you but when you drink you run me away and when you are sober you want me back. That is a social cause. In demonstrating how the victim had apparently beat the defendant the same day he died, Smith threw punches at the jury with his right hand.

He said, "She doesn't recall what happened. She zapped out. There were 22 wounds, she stabbed him and stabbed him and stabbed him. This was not Gail Hawkins. She loved the man. She never had a criminal record and had a good work record.

"You can't tell me a law-abiding person is going to turn a cold killer over night. Don't tell me that, Smith shouted at the jury with a frown on his face.

In closing, Smith said, "Why would a person continue to take a beating? She said she loved him. He had her backed up against the wall.

"I ask God that justice be done I am committed to accept justice. I ask God for help for me. I ask God to guide me and protect me from any error in this court room. Pointing his finger at each juror as he walked the floor, Smith said, "Because you will be charged with the responsibility, I pray that God will help you."

The defendant could be heard crying and sniffling, as she held her head down while her attorney gave his closing argument.

—City council

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The following committee appointments were made:

Burns: chairperson, Urban Affairs; Legislative Investigations.

Nathan Irby Jr., 2nd District: Council representative, Planning Commission; Budget and Finance; Urban Affairs; Policy and Planning.

Victorine Adams, 4th District: vice-chairperson, Executive Nominations; Budget and Finance; Judiciary, Housing subcommittee chairperson.

Michael Mitchell, 4th District: Budget and Finance; Urban Affairs; Policy and Planning.

Mfume: Urban Affairs, Health subcommittee chairperson; Judiciary; Policy and Planning.

Reeves: Vice Chairperson, Budget and Finance Committee; Urban Affairs.

How to winterize your home

Cool fall weather is here, and the chilly drafts of winter are just around the corner. So it's high time for last - minute checks to make sure your home is properly prepared.

Winterizing your home will save on fuel bills and keep you more comfortable.

Some practical tips to achieve these results are offered by Dr. Lee P Grant, Extension home maintenance specialist and assistant professor of agricultural engineering at the University of Maryland in College Park. They include the following:

Stop Up Leaks

Air leaks constitute perhaps the greatest single source of heat loss. One of the most important things you can do is to plug all holes around doors and windows.

Dr. Grant says an eighth- inch crack around a door is equivalent to a one - square - foot hole in the wall. Inserting weather stripping in those cracks around doors will block off heat leakage effectively. Since there are several types of weather stripping, Dr. Grant suggests asking your hardware store dealer which is the best type to use.

Insulate Windows

If you are unable to replace cracked or broken windows, cover the cracks with masking tape on both inside and outside surfaces. This will form a protective seal against warm - air loss and cold - air infiltration.

Storm windows can cut heat loss as much as 50 percent. Clear plastic insulators are less expensive, however, and are as efficient as glass, Dr. Grant says.

Finally, be sure that window frames are caulked where necessary. Wherever a window frame meets a wall, there is potential for a crack — and those cracks need to be filled.

Temperature Control

For each degree you reduce your thermostat, you can save about three percent on fuel. Keep your thermostat set between 65 and 68 degrees F. to achieve a reasonable balance between fuel efficiency and human health.

Older people, however, should be warned to wear warm clothing at all times under these conditions. Low temperatures can be a health hazard to senior citizens.

Turn the heat down even lower when you are away from home. Contrary to popular belief, warming the house back up again will not use up more fuel than you have saved.

Saudi Arabia has been the No. 1 source of U.S. oil imports since 1975. During the first six months of 1978, direct imports from Saudi Arabia accounted for 13 percent of the total. Other top countries were Nigeria, 10 percent; Algeria, 8 percent; Indonesia, 6 percent; Libya, 6 percent. OPEC members supplied 70 percent.

SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

A Special Meeting of members of the Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 12, 1979 at the Branch Office, 1405 East Cold Spring Lane for the purpose of voting on two Charter Amendments.

One Charter Amendment would increase from 50 to 400 the maximum number of votes that may be cast by a member at Annual and Special Meetings of the members. The other Charter Amendment would give Advance Federal the authority to raise capital in the form of savings deposits.

No other business will be transacted at this meeting. The proposed Charter amendments are posted in both offices of the Association.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robeson Jr. and the Paul Robeson Archives agreed on the selection following several years of careful consideration, and plan to have the material exhibited for study and scholarly research.

Materials documenting Robeson's life and work are also part of the collection, which includes many personal papers of the late artist and scholar, who died in 1976 at the age of 77.

Among the things made from coal are perfumes, vitamins, insecticides, nylon, food preservatives, fingernail polish, printing ink, TNT, detergents, linoelum, varnish, fertilizers, plastic dolls, and mothballs.

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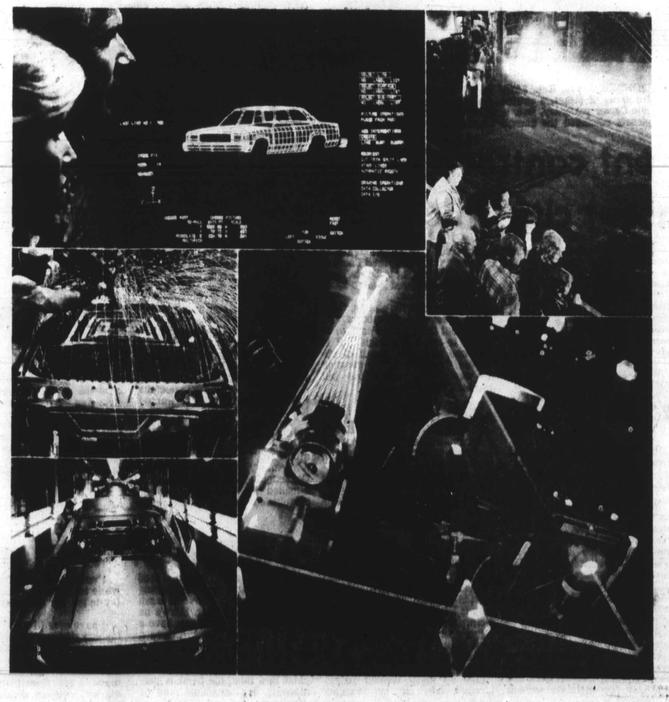

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Maryland leads nation in awards to minority highway contractors

APPRECIATION — Robert L. Clay, left, chairman of the Maryland Minority Contractors Association, hands a letter of appreciation to Karl S. Bowers, U.S. Department of Transportation.

Through the efforts of the Maryland Minority Contractors Association, Maryland leads the country in minority business awards in federally assisted highway contruction contracts.

Representatives of the contractors association, headed by Robert L. Clay, in mid-summer 1977 appealed to the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation for assistance in increasing contract opportunities for minorities in highway contruction.

At that time, a review of the records indicated that minority businesses were receiving barely more than $100,000 in construction contracts. Karl S. Bowers, federal highway administrator, informed Clay that every effort would be made to increase opportunities for minority contracts.

During a recent meeting with FHWA and the Minority Contractors Association, Bowers reported that Maryland received 16.6 percent of the highway contracting dollars in 1978 and that success of the program was due largely to the fact that the Maryland State Highway Administration had established a very progressive minority business enterprise program, headed by James A. Hester, state highway equal employment opportunity coordinator.

Energy tips offered at free workshop

A free energy workshop offering money saving tips on how to stay warm this winter will be held Saturday, Dec. 8 at Collington Square Elementary School 97, 1409 N. Collington Ave. beginning at 10 a.m.

The workshop will include live demonstrations on inexpensive ways to save fuel, do-it-yourself pamphlets and a panel discussion explaining the fuel assistance program and an afternoon work session on how to make storm windows.

Free coffee and doughnuts will be served.

The workshop is sponsored by the Concerned Citizens Organization, the Department of Planning and the Mayor's Office on Energy.

Exploring Careers

EXPLORING CAREERS
Editor's Note: A portion of this article ran in the Dec. 1st AFRO.

The students of Mrs. Shirley Robinson's sixth grade class at School No. 102, 601 Central Ave., have been given an opportunity to meet and speak with persons representing a variety of careers.

The purpose of this activity is to assist in developing an awareness for careers and to afford an opportunity to explore various careers.

The students are getting an understanding of the variety of occupations found in the world of work.

They also recognize that different careers require different types of educational preparation.

The speakers and agencies participating in this activity so far have been:

Lt. Redmond, Fire Dept. Dr. Walker Robinson, University Hospital; Ms. Etta Pegram, public health nurse; Mrs. Caldwell, C & P Telephone Co.;

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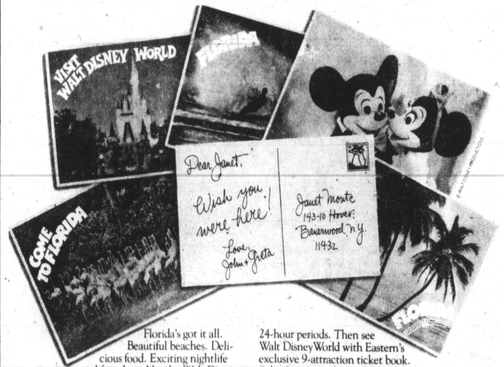

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