—Atlanta search

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The rock and knife found at the cemetery were to be examined by the state crime lab to determine whether the red substance is blood.

Laken declined to say what other area he visited in Northwest Atlanta but said his anonymous caller, a woman, "was pretty accurate because I found everything she described."

The ground near Lincoln Cemetery has been gone over at least twice in past months. The findings there include a child's shoe and some clothing, in addition to the knife and rock turned up Monday.

Laken said the knife and rock were first discovered by a special 35-member police taks force, along with two sticks that "looked like pegs or stakes and two pieces of white tire" the dogs seemed particularly interested in.

"We're just gonna keep moving the dirt around," he said. "You'd be surprised. It could be a cigarette butt that he'd (the dog) be interested in. No crime is so good that they don't leave clues."

Laken said he works under the assumption that the items picked up by his dogs during the searches are worthwhile to the case and may prove to be the evidence needed to solve the string of slayings and child disappearances.

"I feel he (the dog) is working on the scent of the four (missing) children's items," said Laken. "If he stops and picks it up, it's certainly worthwhile to take it in. We have items of all four missing children, either clothing or shoes or both."

—MSU rally

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The Coalition to Save Morgan, chaired by Churchill Wortherley, is a small group of concerned citizens that formed about a month ago to help resolve the school's problems.

Among those persons scheduled to participate at the rally are Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-Md., Roland Patterson, president of Morgan's student government association and several area ministers.

The rally will serve as an open forum and there will be a question and answer session.

Joe Carter, one of the rally's organizers stated that the coalition "hopes to unite the various groups in the community to build widespread community support for Morgan."

The Baltimore NAACP has been asked to participate along with the Urban League and Welfare Rights Organization.

Carter added that during the rally recommendations will be developed and a position paper prepared that will help the coalition plan its strategy for working with legislators of the General Assembly during the upcoming session in Annapolis.

Some months ago the autonomy of Morgan, which is governed by its own board of regents was threatened when a state senator suggested in a letter to Gov. Harry Hughes that the university be placed under a supervisory board since it could not remedy its own financial and management woes.

While the governor has said that he feels that recommendation is too premature, the idea has still been left in limbo and organizers of the rally feel it may be an issue during the General Assembly.

—Murder-rapist

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The defense began its case with Horton's mother, 57-year-old Gertie Mae Horton, a stout woman who walked slowly to the witness stand.

Responding to questions from Eaton, Mrs. Horton said Elvis was well-liked, but had "unusual ways." Sometimes, she said, "he would sit around and smile a lot."

During the murder and rape trial, Horton's lawyers introduced testimony showing he suffered from schizophrenia and had been drinking heavily at the time of the murder.

Horton stands to be the first city man sent to Death Row since 1978 revisions in the state death penalty law. Two other men in the state, Richard D. Tichnell and Timothy C. Poole, have already been convicted under the new law, and are still on Death Row.

Defense and prosecution testimony is to resume Friday morning and conclude later in the day, with the case then going to the jury.

Criminal Court Judge Peter D. Ward said he would sequester the jury through the weekend, if necessary, to reach a verdict. (UPI)

—Fuel aid

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condition, but without the oven, there was no heat in the house at all.

"When I went down to the place and told them I was an asthmatic and needed oil, they told me I had to go to the doctor and get a written excuse," she said.

"Nobody asks to be poor," she sighed, "When I'm sick, it takes all the strength I have to even walk to the door. I don't drive. So it's hard for me to do all the running around they require to prove that my situation is an emergency."

Mrs. Young finally did receive her oil, but others have not been so lucky.

"We can only follow the state's guidelines," said Mrs. Rose Atkinson. "We see about 75 to 150 people a day in the Park Heights Community Center. You can understand that we have to have emergencies verified?"

Dupree concurs with Mrs. Atkinson, and explained to the AFRO that what the public wants does not exist.

"This program is not set up to pay bills," he said, "nor will applicants receive fuel assistance for the entire winter. They apply and get help for that one time, and after that, they are left to their own resources."

Dupree said the entire philosophy of the program was changed nationally, and that it was designed and shaped by federal legislators. And while he said the state could only follow the directions and guidelines as outlined by the program as it now stands, he defended its good points.

"At least this year, a family receives oil assistance according to its individual need" he said. Last year, all applicants received the same amount of money, regardless of where they lived, how many people were in the family, how large the house was, or how much income the family was able to take in monthly. This year, the amounts granted, which range from $127 to $315, vary according to need.

It is true, Dugree said, that people are being given appointments to fill out applications, but that too, he said, is being done for the convenience of the applicants. It supposedly cuts down on confusion.

"There are just no emergency funds this year," he said, "and the $20 million allocated to the Maryland Energy Assistance Program have to be distributed statewide."

"If this were a program to pay bills, we would need about $100 million. We just don't have that kind of money."

The $217,000 which will be available for the Crisis Intervention Program in February will also be guardedly given. That money, in addition to paying for the services of oil vendors, will also have to pay the salaries of the state officials who run the program.

What about emergencies?

"Applicants can call the 396-5555 emergency number we have, and if their emergency can be verified, they will receive oil," he said. He also admitted that it would be necessary for medical emergencies to be verified by a doctor's excuse.

And so it goes. The AFRO has received scores of calls from people who need oil, and who have been told they will have to wait.

"Humph," complained one caller. "I need oil now. I have an appointment to fill out an application in the middle of January, and they told me it will be at least three weeks after that before I know if I'm eligible to receive help."

Dupree said that in cases like that, when the family can use its oven for heat...no emergency exists, and that there is no alternative to the wait.

"It doesn't make sense," continued the lady on the phone. "What good is the program if I won't get any help until spring?"

—Prison deadline

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Correction in Jessup and the Maryland Penitentiary in Baltimore. More than 100 prisoners from those two facilities were transferred to Hagerstown to end overcrowding.

An attorney for the inmates, Michael Pierson, had no immediate comment.

State corrections officials, who have been granted several deadline extensions in the last two years, said they are not "playing a shell game" by asking for extra time. They said the two new facilities — a 512-bed prison in Jessup and a 400-bed reception center in Baltimore — will allow them to end overcrowding.

Caplis also pointed to relaxed standards for Christmas commutations that Gov. Harry Hughes used last week to parole 250 inmates.

"At the beginning, when these cases were filed, the state had 1,100 double-celled. That's 2,200 inmates. We have cut that figure to 398 inmates. We think that's substantial progress," he said. "And that's with no new building completed. We are letting out as many as can and still be consistent with public safety." (UPI)

Md. Inaugural committee plans fete

Members of the Inaugural Committee Maryland Special have announced a gala celebration of president-elect Ronald Reagan's inauguration day to be held at the Rayburn House Congressional Banquet Room in the Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. on Jan. 20.

According to representatives of the Committee, the president and vice president, as well as members of Congress and the leadership of the state of Maryland have been invited. The event will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Highlights of the affair will include live entertainment, an open bar, buffet and limousine service upon request. Entertainers are slated to appear via television, including Tony Bennett, Osmond Family, Wayne Newton and Glen Campbell.

In addition, the sounds of Les Brown and Lionel Hampton will be piped in to the affair. All of the entertainers are scheduled to appear at various inaugural balls in the nation's capitol on that evening, and the televised appearances are being planned so that all ball-goers are able to enjoy their performances regardless of which balls they are able to attend.

Reservations for the Inaugural Committee Ball are $50, $65 if round trip limousine service is requested.

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Political Periscope

Looking back over the year

By James M. Abraham
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1980 will go down in the books as a year that saw the black community make some gains, suffer some hard defeats, and participate in several sweet victories on the political front.

The year dawned full of excitement: it was a presidential election year, and on the local scene, the stage was being set for several key Supreme Bench Judicial races.

Despite a large black turnout, the efforts of President Jimmy Carter were stymied as he lost his bid for re-election. Voter registration drives by the NAACP and other groups ensured a massive black wave of suport for Carter at the ballot boxes, but it was not enough.

The fact remains, however, that the high voter turnout may be a sign of a new black political sophistication.

In September of 1979, local attorney William "Billy" Murphy told an audience at the Fourth District Democratic Club that members of the Monumental City Bar Association would be petitioning Governor Hughes to name several blacks to till vacancies on the Supreme Bench.

Hughes only appointed one black, Judge Robert Bell, in January of this year, and the wheels were set in motion for one of the most exciting campaigns in history, as Murphy eventually broke through the "sitting judge principal to join Bell on the bench. He was sworn in on Dec. 8, and raised the total of blacks on that bench to five.

April saw a defection of sorts as Del. Troy Brailey, D-40, resigned from the Maryland General Assembly Black Caucus after Del. Frank Conaway, D-40, was elected to head that body.

Brailey lashed out at the caucus, claiming that it had grown insensitive to the needs of the community. His action sparked bitter debate throughout the city, and the scars from his decision still have not totally healed.

The caucus had its moment of heroism also, as then-chairman Robert Douglass led a concerted effort to block attempts by state head of higher education Sheldon Knorr to annex Morgan State University.

The news of Knorr's proposal to consolidate Morgan within the University of Maryland system was announced during the first week of February and sparked staunch opposition as alumni, students, staff, politicians and the general community angrily forced Knorr to eventually reconsider his decision.

Another issue which sparked intense community arousal was the shooting of teen-ager Ja-Wan McGee, an East Baltimore youth who was shot on March 20 by an off-duty policeman in a pizza shop.

The policeman thought McGee was attempting to rob the place, but the shiny object police officer Steven McGown thought he saw was actually a cigarette lighter.

After a sustained drive led by the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization and a coalition of community, civic and church groups, McGown was fired from the police force by Commissioner Donald Pomerleau.

The issue of rent control surfaced once more, as freshman City Council member Kweisi Mfume, along with councilpersons Mary Pat Clarke and Thomas Waxter, submitted a new rent control bill in the council which was almost a carbon copy of the ill-fated Question K referendum issue which went down to defeat in the Baltimore Supreme Bench.

Mfume's bill triggered a series of rent control hearings at City Hall, but, following the hearings, no headway was made.

Mfume was soon forced to add several amendments to the bill, which still has not cleared the judiciary committee of the council.

Probably the biggest political news of 1980 was the formation of COPE '83, an ambitious effort aimed at politically restructuring the city of Baltimore.

After meeting quietly for almost seven months, a group of influential Baltimoreans, led by CEBO head Sam Daniels, unveiled their plan at a November banquet.

Over $70,000 in pledges were solicited during the affair, which featured Gary, Indiana mayor Richard Hatcher as its keynote speaker.

The organization has set a dollar target of $500,000, with which they plan on mobilizing the black community to accept a black citywide candidate and shepherding that candidate to victory.

So, on the whole, 1980 featured a variety of suprises and some solid gains for our citizens.

The announcement of COPE '83, and the installation of two blacks to the Supreme Bench, should give us all cause to look forward to the second year of the Eighties.

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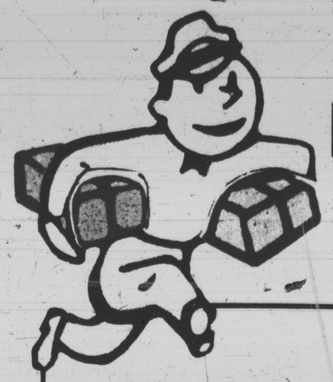

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