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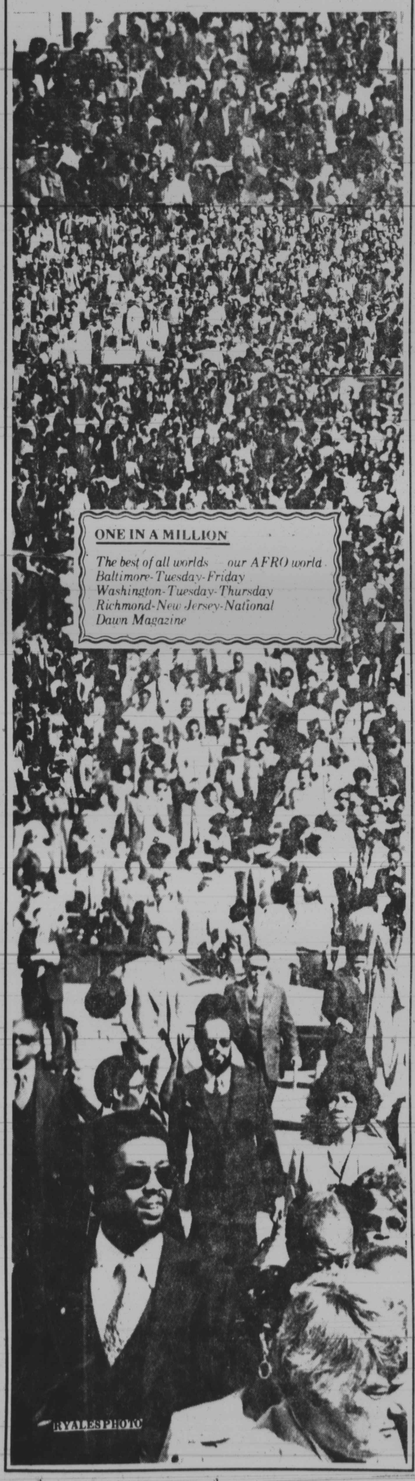

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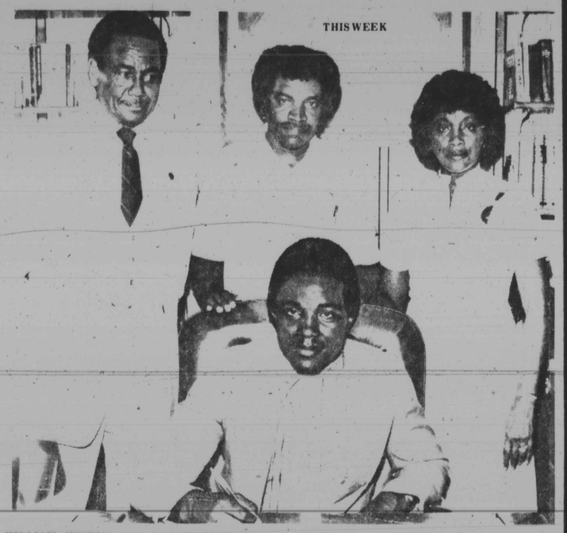
THIS WEEK



WILLIAM HINTON, star football player for Carver Vocational Technical High School, recently signed a grant - in - aid to attend Virginia Union University in the fall. William, 6'2", 210 lbs., starred as a defensive end and offense tackle while at Carver and will be used as a linebacker to help boost VUU's drive for the Division II National Championship. Hinton is an honor student and is considered to be one of the top prep athletes among this year's graduates in the metropolitan area. William was signed by Baltimore businessman and VUU Trustee Board member Osborne A. Payne (standing at L), Carver's Assistant Coach, David White (C), and William's mother, Mrs. Geneva Hinton look on.

Vanessa Johnson photo
TODAY — Mrs. Sandra Y. Blount, daughter of Baltimore's Rev. and Mrs. James H. Smith, is attending the NOBLE convention. She is executive director of the Alachua County, Fla. Department of Corrections at Gainesville.

90 YEARS AGO — From the AFRO files of 1892 comes this photo of a young lady of that era frocked in the mode of the day, a dress complete with billowy sleeves and waist measuring 12 inches.

TOMORROW — Our Mrs. AFRO, Mrs. Mary A. Humphries, mother of Del. Margaret H. Murphy, will celebrate her 90th birthday at a party at Douglas Memorial Church.

If you are 90 years, 89 or going on 90 same as the AFRO, send in your photo today. Don't miss this never-before edition coming soon.

LAST WEEK

OCEAN CITY'S MAYOR HARRY KELLY for the 4th summer played host to 10 Baltimore inner city youths, presented them with keys to the city, basketballs and other souvenirs at City Hall and arranged for a full week, all expenses at the fabulous resort. Co - hosts were Agent Harlow Fullwood Jr., District Court Judge Dale Cathel, Chief Judge Robert Sweeney and Det. Harry McDonald. Shown are Mayor Kelly (back row C), who celebrated his 43rd birthday; Agent Fullwood, Det. McDonald and the youths, (1st row) Lance Wilson, Our Lady of Good Counsel; Irvin Little, Joseph Diggs Junior High; Anthony Williams, Southeast Middle; Angelo Manuel, Briscoe Junior High; and James Hipp, Southeast Middle. Standing (L - R): John Neely, Southwestern Senior High; James Taulbee, Northern Parkway Junior High; Arthur Wright, Booker T. Washington Junior High; Willard Green, Pimlico Junior High; Count Williams, Cherry Hill Junior High; and Attorney Ray Coates.

2 TRAGIC POLICE STORIES

(1) City officer dead after brutal sneak attack (2) Cop guns down motorist on Ritchie Highway

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City launches $50 million home mortgage program

By Patricia Tatum
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When a $50 million city mortgage program that could bring the dream of homeownership of Baltimore residents closer to reality was launched Wednesday, the telephones of a black savings and loan association began ringing off the hooks.

Zelma Brown, vice president of Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association, said she received about 30 calls from people interested in applying for loans by about 3:30 p.m.

The city program is divided into four sections: Limited income, standard, rehabilitation and new construction. Mortgages will be made available at low interest rates of 10.9 percent or 11.95 percent.

Several rules and qualifications must be met to be included in the program: Houses must be in the city and must be the buyer's primary residence. Buyers must have a contract of sale when they apply for a mortgage loan.

A tenant living in a house must be given first option to buy the house before another buyer can seek a loan to purchase the house.

Program requirements also seek to limit the profits of investors or speculators, who sell properties to homeowners using the city's mortgage money.

The loans are being offered by 15 banks and savings and loan associations in Baltimore, including Advance Federal. Applicants cannot walk in off the street, they must make appointments, Ms. Brown said.

Advance Federal is participating only in the limited income and standard sections of the program, she said. To qualify for the loans, applicants must meet certain requirements, Ms. Brown said.

Limited income loan applicants must have a yearly income of $18,000 or less and $1,000 also is allowed for each child. Standard section applicants must earn $25,000 a year or less, plus $1,000 for each child, she said.

For example, a standard section applicant, with two children, earning $27,000 a year would be eligible for that section. An applicant earning the same amount a year, but who only had one child would be ineligible.

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2 tragic cop stories

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What should have been two separate and routine traffic incidents, ordinary occurrences likely to happen on any given day or night, ended in the tragic and violent shooting deaths of a Baltimore City police officer and an Annapolis stationary engineer.

Dead are Ronald L. Tracey, 28, a seven-year police veteran, assigned to the Western District and Leroy Perry, 48, an employee of the State Employment Security building in Baltimore.

The two deaths are further marred by swirl of rumors and controversy. Charges and countercharges of "trigger happy" policing, police brutality, "senseless, motiveless" violence are being brandished like angry flags.

In the Tracey shooting, which occurred at the intersection of North Monroe and Baker streets shortly before midnight, July 20, the lone officer was handling a traffic accident between two vehicles.

According to witnesses and police reports, Tracey had exchanged words with several of the approximately 35 persons who had gathered at the intersection.

Tracey called police dispatchers, requesting a tow truck. It was the last radio communication police dispatchers said they received from the officer, police spokesman Sgt. Mike Bass said.

A man, apparently a member of the crowd, stepped out into the street and quietly approached Tracey from behind, he said. The suspect grabbed the officer's back. The two men struggled, Tracey fell to the ground, Bass said.

The suspect wrested the officer's .38 - caliber service revolver from him and shot the officer twice: once in the forehead and once in the stomach.

The suspect fled the scene, running west toward McKean Street, leaving Tracey laying in the street in front of a gas station.

In the second shooting, Perry, described as an easy going family man, was gunned on the Ritchie Highway by an Anne Arundel County police officer early Monday.

Officer David Hodge, 27, told police he acted in self defense, but Anne Arundel State's Attorney Warren Duckett expressed anger about how the incident was handled and has launched an investigation into the matter.

Hodge has been placed on leave with pay until the investigation is complete. This makes the third time in the officer's six-year county police career that he has been investigated for using excessive force on a citizen.

But it was police officer Tracey who was the victim of excessive force less than 24 hours later on a Baltimore City street. Oficers, who found Tracey moments after the shooting, rushed him to Lutheran Hospital by ambulance. He was pronounced dead upon arrival shortly after midnight, Bass said.

"It's your typical, senseless killing. There doesn't appear to be any rhyme or reason. We have absolutely no motive," he said.

After the she shooting, police said they received several calls from citizens who gave descriptions and information about possible suspects involved in the shooting.

Bass said a description of the suspect was aired citywide at about 12:30 a.m., 1 a.m. and at 5 a.m.

Police found Cleveland Roosevelt Kenan, 21, of the 1500 block of North Appleton, a man fitting the description of the suspect, sitting alone and unarmed on the steps of a rowhouse in the 2600 block of Kirk Avenue at about 5 a.m. Tuesday, Bass said.

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AFRAM WEEKEND IS HERE

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This week's MR. AFRO

GEORGE WILLIAMS, going on 90 years of age, same as the AFRO, will be featured in the AFRO's Special 90th Year Edition due to come after Aug. 13, the date when the AFRO passes its 89th birthday and begins 90 years. See how he sparkles? You will too when your ads, features, photos, history appear in the coming Special AFRO 90th Year Edition. Write or call, AFRO Special 90th Year Edition, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21202, 301 - 728 - 8200 today. (See also Page 28 today's edition).

Don't choke on Coke

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Meeting the 'Angel' challenge!

POTENTIAL GUARDIAN ANGEL bends to sign up to become a member of the anti - crime patrol at War Memorial Plaza, under the stern gaze of Norman Whipple of the Philadelphia chapter of the angels, Wednesday Morning. The Angels will be in Baltimore until Sunday as they recruit the first 50 members of the Baltimore chapter.

City youth sign up to keep streets safe for their mothers, sisters, elders

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO STAFF WRITER

New York City's Guardian Angels, the often controversial and colorful anti - crime patrol unit, returned here Wednesday to begin a five-day recruiting drive to establish a Baltimore chapter.

After an 11 a.m. news conference at the War Memorial Plaza, across the street from City Hall, the Angels met with police and city officials to discuss mutual goals and aims.

A crowd of about 50 curious onlookers, news people, city and police officials and hopeful recruits gathered at the plaza to hear Tony Lighty, leader of the Angels' Philadelphia chapter, announce the start of the Angels' recruiting efforts in Baltimore.

The Angels were founded by Curtis Sliwa, 26, a former McDonalds' restaurant manager in New York City two years ago. Since then, the anti-crime patrol has ballooned to 16 chapters across the nation.

During Sliwa's July 10 Baltimore visit, he said he decided to begin a chapter here after he had received about 35 letters from Baltimore residents asking him to do so.

The recruiting effort will be handled by members of the Philadelphia chapter. Lighty, accompanied by four members of his team, said the recruitment drive would take place daily from noon until 8 p.m. at the Plaza until Sunday.

While there are no physical requirements necessary to become an Angel, Lighty said potential Angels must be 16 years of age or older. They must either be employed or in school and have no criminal records.

After that, the potential Angels "have to be tough enough to get through training," Lighty said.

The three - month training program includes instruction in martial arts, first aid and familiarization with local laws.

Once training has been completed, the main focus of the Angels' patrols will be on the city's housing projects, he said. In past visits, the Angels also have said they would patrol MTA buses, parks and neighborhood streets.

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Miss Black America drops by

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO STAFF WRITER

Sharon Elizabeth Wright, Miss Black America 1980, can either blame or thank her co-worker at Illinois Bell Telephone in Chicago for her present fast-paced life.

Ms. Wright, 25, gave up her beauty title in June, when she crowned Miss Black America 1981. But she has embraced another role that thrusts her into the limelight, the role of spokeswoman for the Coca-Cola Company.

Her contract with Coca-Cola, signed during December of 1980 in the middle of her reign as a black beauty queen, is sure to maintain Ms. Wright's active pace.

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FROM WINE TO COCA - COLA — Sharon Wright, beauteous Miss Black America 1980, has recently graced magazine and newspaper ads for a popular wine. (Photo at left). Now she is working as a national spokesperson for Coke. Photo at right was taken on her visit to Baltimore AFRO on Tuesday as part of city - wide tour.

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