IN 1915, THIS WAS THE OFFICIAL WORD ON BLACK HISTORY.

But, by the end of the year, one man started to set the record straight. Dr. Carter G. Woodson. With the participation of his colleagues, he organized the Association Of The Study Of Negro Life And History. It was founded in order to promote appreciation of Black Americans, to understand their present status, and to enrich the promise of their future.

From that promise was born Negro History Week in 1926. Then, at the organization's annual convention in 1962, young delegates pushed for two changes. One was to change their name to the Assocation For The Study Of Afro-American Life And History. And the other was to push for an extension of Negro History Week. Their efforts were realized in our Bicentennial year.

Although Dr. Woodson didn't live to see Black History formally recognized for an entire month, his memory guided followers to strive even further. This year's theme, "The Afro-American Experience: International Connection," expands the work of Dr. Woodson and his associates to reach other regions of the world and enrich lives with the knowledge of Black History.

The Maryland State Lottery recognizes the importance of Dr. Carter G. Woodson's dedication to his community and his work toward educating all people for generations to come.

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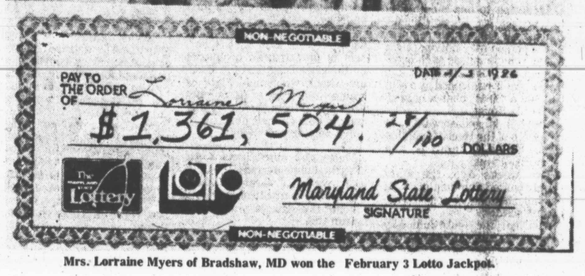

Mrs. Lorraine Myers of Bradshaw, MD won the February 3 Lotto Jackpot.

Morgan professor found murdered in E. Balto.

A Morgan State University professor was found stabbed to death in his East Baltimore home Wednesday night when a friend entered the house and found the victim slumped over at his dining room table, police said Thursday afternoon.

Sylvester Lee Miles, 43, of 1711 N. Caroline St. was found at 11:50 p.m. fully clothed with five stab wounds in his back, one wound to the right side of his torso and slumbed over in a chair at his dningroom table. Police have no suspect in the case, according to Police Public Information Agent Arlene Jenkins.

Miles was found by a friend, Otius Lee Locus, 25, the friend of the 300 block of E. Lanvale, entered the two-family house with a key, discovered the body, and ran outside to flag down police, Mrs. Jenkins said.

A medical examiner said Miles had been dead 20 to 30 hours, but police later learned that he had talked to a relative by telephone Tuesday evening.

According to Ms. Jenkins, a kitchen knife with apparent blood stains was found on the kitchen table. otherwise, there were no apparent signs that anything had been taken, Ms. Jenkins added.

Miles was an instructor in the Morgan mathematics and computer science department.

University spokesperson Frederick I. Douglas said, "the Morgan community is stunned and dismayed by the tragic death of a faculty member and graduate."

City Council debating stiffer gun control measures

By Brion M. Tyson
AFRO Staff Writer

At the City Council meeting Monday, a bill that would provide fines and jail terms for students found with weapons on school grounds reached its final stage.

The bill, introduced by councilpersons Nathaniel McFadden, Jacqueline McLean, Agnes Welch, Iris Reeves, and Kweisi Mfume last June, would impose a fine not to exceed $500, up to 90 days in jail or both on any person found with a deadly weapon on city school grounds.

Although the bill's main focus is on firearms, handguns in particular, it would also prohibit the possession of any knife, black jack, brass knucles, or martial arts - type weapon.

Not only would the bill affect the possession of a dangerous weapon while on school property, but while on any property under the jurisdiction of the Board of Recreation and Parks.

Currently, according to Sgt. Robert Pepersack, State Police licensing chief, there are special provisions pertaining to firearms on school property.

"Under Maryland law, any person, regardless of age, found with a handgun on school property, is subject to a mandatory sentence of 5 years if found guilty as an adult," Sgt. Pepersack told the AFRO.

For rifles and other deadly weapons, Pepersack explained that persons found guilty face a possible $1,000 fine, up to three years in jail, or both.

"But for handguns, there's no fine, just five years in jail if found guilty as an adult," he added.

However, the problem, as explained by Sgt. Pepersack is the missing link between the enforcement of standing gun laws and action taken by school administrators in cases where students and others are found with handguns.

"I don't know what action school take when they locate a student with a gun, but it's my opinion that there should be a follow-up of formal charges against them after they are expelled," Sgt. Pepersack told the AFRO.

Much attention has been focused on solving the handgun crisis in Baltimore City. A shooting which resulted in the death of a 15-year-old Lake Clifton student

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Newest millionaire from Bradshaw, MD

A randomly selected number choosen by a computer provided the winning combination for Mrs. Lorraine Myers of Bradshaw, MD as she purchased the winning Lotto ticket for Maryland's Feb. 1 drawing.

The numbers 03-07-32-35-37-38 won Mrs. Myers a jackpot worth $1,361,504.28. The 40 year old mother of one, purchased her ticket at People's in Joppa, Maryland and she plans to invvest the money wisely.

There were 207 second tier winners who matched five of the six winning numbers and they received $1,387.

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Three Lotto jackpots are waiting for the lucky prizewinners who must claim their winnings within 180 days of the date of the drawing. The Aug. 3, 1985 drawing had four winners.

One person has not come forward yet who had the winning combination 08-14-19-24-25-30. The

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Tracey McCleary (L), former band leader of Pennsylvania Avenue's Royal Theatre and J. Hiram Butler, (R), police detective who worked on "the Avenue" back in 20's and 30's celebrate "Life on Pennsylvania Avenue," an exhibition hosted by the Peale Museum, 225 Holliday St.

Black History Month celebrations

February is the month set aside for recognizing the accomplishments of Afro-Americans and other blacks. "Black History Month," a concept originated by Carter G. Woodson, Ph.D., in the 1920's, is celebrated all over America.

Locally, diverse activities are planned:

The Baltimore Museum of Art has designed an offering sponsored by WBAL Television, Channel 11 entitled, "The Instruments of Black Music: Old World and New," scheduled for Feb. 9 and 16, 4 p.m.

Features include: Mamaya, a group founded by Djimo Kouyate, a griot from Senegal, West Africa, has performed in Africa, Europe, South America, Asia and Australia. The South African "Boot Dance" will be performed by the Baltimore-based Olufunmilayo and Company. The dance features two South African dancers who use the human body as instruments. Selections by the Mighty Wonders, a gospel group will close the program.

Feb. 16 - 3 p.m., Karemba Jibril, as "Abu the Flute Maker," will demonstrate handcrafted musical instuments including the drum, thumb piano, horn, glass xylophone, nose flute, standard flute and other forms made from common materials.

At 3:30, Abu will teach children the art of making instruments with objects found at home. The workshop is free, but registration is limited, call 396-6320.

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The University of Maryland College Park's celebrations include:

—Tuesday, Feb. 11—7 p.m.

"We Still Have a Dream," a tribute to Dr. King in the Nyumburu Cultural Center, South Campus Dining Hall. Free.

—Wednesday, Feb. 12: "The Blues Tradition" is a concert with Piedmont styles blues artists Bowling Green John Cephas and Harmonica Phil Wiggins at 1 p.m. in the Nyumburu Cultural Center.

—Friday, Feb. 14: The Egyptian Student Assocaition will present a lecture on Islam and Blacks" at 6 p.m. in room 1143, Adele H. Stamp Union.

—Monday, Feb. 17: Pin Points Theater will perform 1,001 Black Inventions, a humorous approach to the serious topic of black contributions to society and culture, Adele H. Stamp Union—7 p.m. "Rescue and Recovery of Ancient Black History," by Dr. Asa Hilliard, 3 p.m., Room 2203 of the Art-Sociology Bldg.

—Monday, Feb. 24: "From Byrd to Trane" is a free lecture by Ackyn Lynch about black influences on American Music at 1 p.m., Nyumburu Center.

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Towson State University will honor Dr. Lerone Bennett, Jr., senior editor of Ebony Magazine and biographer of Martin Luther King, Jr., Thursday, Feb. 13 at the school. "Listen to the Blood" is the title of Dr. Bennett's lecture. He is being honored as part of the Office of Minority Affair's Distinguished Black Scholar Program.

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Enoch Pratt Free Library will present "Black Out Loud," feturing black authors and illustrators of books for children, Saturday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m. at the Edmondson Avenue Branch.

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54-year-old man charged in 'Lady in Red' murder case

By Brion M. Tyson
AFRO Staff Writer

Tuesday, February 21, a city man will face charges of 1st degree murder stemming from the discovery of the decayed body of a 20-year-old East Baltimore woman in Druid Hill Park, September 25th, 1985.

The suspect, Robert Griffin, 54, of the 700 block of Kenwood Ave., was arrested at his Kenwood Ave. home October 4, after friends of the victim, Ann Cruse, told police that Griffin and Cruse were together shortly before her murder. He was released on $25,000 bail on October 15.

Cruse's body was discovered beneath a small, but bushy tree on Greenspring Ave. near the Reptile House in Druid Hill Park

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Provident Hospital to get $2.5 million

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

Governor Harry R. Hughes met with members of the Legislative Black Caucus late Thursday in Annapolis, where he announced he will release $2.5 million to assist Provident Hospital in its latest fiscal crisis.

A source in Annapolis con-

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City board approves cable channel money

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

Local cable officials project that at least five percent of the homes in the city will be wired for cable television by the Fall.

Meanwhile, the Mayor's Office of Cable & Communications will shortly be purchasing $400,000 worth of new television production equipment that will be used in programming a local government television channel.

According to Robert E. Smith, Director of the Mayor's Office of Cable & Communications, construction on the $85 million 80 channel system is basically on schedule.

"Five percent is a target for

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Black History Vignette

Miss Baltimore 1926

It took "The Miss America Contest" until 1968 to have its first black contestant and until 1984 to crown the first black Miss America Vanessa Williams. Yet Baltimore, which is frequently referred to as provincial, elected a black woman as the first Miss Baltimore in 1926.

Miss Emma Viola West won the title along with the title "Miss Colored Baltimore" in the same year. According to a newspaper report of the time Viola's appearance on the stage of the Royal Theater in the contest she had the audience so stirred up "they said everything but their prayers and by the time Viola left they had started on them."

For her winning efforts she was supposed to go out to Hollywood to pursue a movie career, but her parents who were deeply religious would not allow it.

In fact, their strong religious beliefs prevented her from telling them about her entrance in the contet because she thought they would disapprove.

She had found out about the contest after she and some clasmates left school early to make it down to the Royal theater to hear Cab Calloway. They were so anxious to see the slickhaired sex symbol that Viola faked a feinting spell in order to leave school early.

After viewing the show Viola got a job as an usher at the Royal. Her co-workers told her she should enter the beauty contest scheduled at the theater. She entered and came away with the title.

Shortly after winning Miss West married her sweetheart Moxley Waldo Willis, Sr.

She is currently residing at the home of her daughter Miss Vallory C. Willis and her last public appearance was at the "I Am An American Day" Parade in 1976. Because of a stroke she has been confined at home.

Still Mrs. Emma Viola West Willis Howell's place in Baltimore history is secure. She is the first Miss Baltimore

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