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PENNSYLVANIA AVE. SHOOTING:

'Godfather' a suspect

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

The good times were rolling and the gaiety was in high pitch as the participants of the party that welcomed jazz singer, Erline Reed home from an extended hospital stay ended their celebration at the popular Pennsylvania Ave. Sphinx Club.

Patrons who left the party to grab a bite to eat at the local fast food restaurant, witnessed a man rushing into the restaurant saying, "Someone has shot Sugar, he's in front of Club 21, lying on the pavement and the pavement and the paramedics are trying to resuscitate him."

Immediately those who knew, and some who did not know, Clarence "Sugarhouse" Hawkins, headed for the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Bloom St.; some to offer assistance and others to satisfy their curiosity.

The scene outside of the private membership, Club 21, housed in a building three doors from the Sphinx on the corner of Bloom and Pennsylvania Aves. was chaotic.

Police interrogated prospective witnesses and television news cameras filmed the aftermath of the shooting

Robert Ingram

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Morgan U students still sitting-in at Truth Hall

Reminiscent of the student sit-ins of the sixties, Morgan State University students have taken over Truth Hall, the school's administration building that houses the offices of the university president, Earl S. Richardson and his vice president.

There was a rally and meeting between the President and students Thursday afternoon, at which the primary issues were tuition increases, poor housing conditions and lack of security, among other things.

The demands had had been voiced during the initial phase of the demonstration, and it had been requested that they be submitted in writing.

Students were quick to point out that their fight was not with the president and administration but more with the state's lack of concern and financial aid.

Demonstrators who spent

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Some of the students occupying the administration building at Morgan State University as the protest continues.

N.C. trooper fires seven shots into 1st Black mayor

By Hamil Harris
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WASHINGTON

The first Black mayor of a small North Carolina town was beaten, shot and killed by a state trooper, who claimed he killed the official in self-defense while attempting to arrest him for drunk driving.

The bloodied body of Sidney Bowen, mayor of Bolton, N.C., was found with seven bullet holes. It also showed evidence of severe beatings, according to Bowen's family doctor.

"Dr. James Pridgen, the family doctor of Mayor Bowen said he was shot twice in the back and in the back of the head. His skull was burst open by the beating he received," said Gail Burnett of the Winston Salem, N.C. Human Relations Commission.

Ms. Burnett, whose office routinely investigates discrimination complaints, said that the killing has been played down greatly by the media in North Carolina, "which is typical for this area."

"This is what happens because Black people down here sit around until something happens. This is not the first time something has happened to a Black and nothing was done."

She cited the case of a Darryl Hunt, who was tried and acquitted twice for the murder and rape of a White newspaper editor, but she said lawmakers continue to retry the case.

There was no reply at the NAACP in Wilmington. N.C.

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Elks snub Richmond as 1991 confab site

By Hazel Trice Edney
AFRO Staff Writer

The Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, which was to bring some 10-12,000 conventioneers to Richmond on August 2-9, 1991 says they have changed their minds about coming here because of an inability to obtain enough downtown hotel space.

"They wouldn't turn loose their full commitment of rooms. They were just giving us a small amount of rooms," said Mr. Ralph Smith, the convention director, who resides in Chicago.

In a telephone interview with the AFRO, Smith refused to name specific hotels, but said, "There were some there that had quite a few rooms, some 400

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DID YOU KNOW?

During the school year, the average amount spent on each pupil in Maryland was $4,650. Baltimore city spent $4,600 per pupil. Montgomery County spent the highest per pupil amount, $6,110 and Caroline County spent only $3,760. A difference of $2,350 per student or $70,500 per class of 30 students?

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Sunday lottery bill fades

By David Jackson
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS — Sponsors of a bill that would prohibit all state lottery activity on Sundays say the legislation will probably fail because lawmakers don't want to lose the revenue.

The bill, which would stop Sunday lottery drawings and ticket sales, must be approved by 12 members of the House and Ways and Means Committee to remain alive.

"We have seven strong votes," said Delegate Clarence Davis &(D-Baltimore City), a co - sponsor of the bill. "The others will be difficult to get."

The legislation was a response to the Maryland Lottery's decision to begin in October holding lottery drawings on Sundays.

"A lot of our constituents are offended by the lottery game on Sunday," Davis said. "It's hard to impart good values to our children when our state is engaged in sanctioning gambling on Sunday. It's bad enough that the state has legalized gambling at all."

"Sales from the Sunday game have averaged about $1 million per week," Maryland Lottery Deputy Director of Public Relations Carroll Hynson said.

The lottery raised $311 million in profit during fiscal year 1989. Of that, $16 million went to the Maryland Stadium Authority and the rest into the state's general fund.

"The agency hasn't taken a position" oposing or favoring the bill, Hyson said. "But the agency favors Sunday sales because of the additional revenue generated," he said.

"In our opinion, it is not different than night clubs, horse racing and a dozen other recreational activities that are

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Mfume files bill on auto insurance rates

Washington, D.C. — Representative Kweisi Mfume (D-7th MD) introduced in Congress Thursday the Equitable Automobile Insurance Premium Resolution.

Rep. Mfume's bill is geared toward the critical issue of affordability and availability of automobile insurance for thousands of urban automobile owners around the nation.

It is also the latest effort in Congress to address the issue of redlining in this instance in the area of automobile insurance.

Mfume stated that "I am sure that many insured urban drivers are starting to feel the financial pinch of exorbitant automobile insurance premiums the same way the citizens of Baltimore feel them."

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