—The $99 down man

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the average Ford dealership rate remained at 100 cars per month.

Despite the quick growth, the packed lot and the paying customers, Inner Harbor closed. Some who were longtime friends and associates, lay the fault of the closing directly at Minor's feet.

"To be real candid John Minor is a real automobile man, but he is not a hell of a businessman," said Jack Green, a one time salesman who came into the auto business under Minor at a suburban Maryland dealership and was promoted through the ranks to its general manager when Minor left to start Inner Harbor.

"He was very flamboyant. He did things others were unable to achieve. Regarding cars and deals he was fantastic, but he was not an astute manager."

Many point to Minor's first comptroller as the initial cause behind the dealership's problems. In September Minor's comptroller Frances Wright was found dead after an apparent suicide.

Initially trained as a clerk/typist, Wright was promoted through the ranks to her final position, but according to Green she may not have been knowledgeable enough to run a large computerized dealership such as Minor's.

"She was still trying to do things the old way," Green said. "Until her suicide everyone thought they (the dealership) were making money hand over fist.

"In actual sense they were office managers," Green said "Though they had the title of comptroller / secretary / treasurer all they did was keep the books and handle the money.

After Wright's death an audit was begun and the truth of the company's financial condition became known. A new comptroller was put in place and an outside consultant was hired to put the company back on firm footing.

By March, after months of Ford Company negotiations and back office maneuvering, invisible from the showroom floor, it appeared to Green, who had since joined Minor at Inner Harbor, that all was well.

"At that time it looked like things had turned around," Green said. "They had been trying to arrange for a large loan and they thought the loan was going through."

But the talks with Ford Motor Company held no such hope.

Burdened by a mounting financial load and prolonged discussions with Ford Motor Credit in Detroit, Minor approached Ford with what was apparently his only alternative.

"Minor closed the dealership voluntarily and asked us to take it over," said Jerald terHorst, Director of National Public Affairs, for the Ford Motor Company. "He turned to us and we agreed to take it over. We had a lot of inventory and he had no way in sight in paying for it." The talks were mutually initiated terHorst added.

According to terHorst, cars under warranty through Inner Harbor will be handled through other area dealers and proof of deposits made on cars will be honored at other dealerships.

terHorst said attempts are being made to locate another dealer to take over the Inner Harbor lot with emphasis being placed on locating a minority dealer.

"We have a very active minority dealer program," terHorst said. "We have over 255 minority dealers nationwide."

terHorst said consideration would be given to John Minor if he applied for another dealership.

"We would certainly consider what he would bring to the table."

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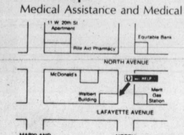

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—Excessive force

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told her they understood because he (Jones) had so many girlfriends that it would be impossible for him to devote a lot of time to any one of them.

Angelita said, "I knew they were lying, just saying he had lots of girls so that I would get jealous and tell them something that I did not intend to at first.

"Junior (Jones) loved his son and he spent too much time with us to be seeing lots of anyone else.

"The police said that they couldn't question me properly at my house, so they drove me to the police station in Anne Arundel County where their questions and my answers were typed by one of the officers. When they finished I was asked to sign the statement.

Angelita says, "I was asked when Junior came to my house and how long he stayed and what was he wearing when I last saw him. I described the white nylon sweatsuit with blue and red around the sleeves and the white hightop tennis that Junior had on when I last saw him about 5:30 that night.

"If someone saw them questioning me they might have thought I was guilty of some crime."

Angelita said that on the ride back to her house in Pimlico, "I heard someone call over the radio saying that a policeman had been shot in the 300 block of Stricker Street."

"That was Junior's sister's block and I just felt that something was not right so I got nervous and asked detective Vanorsdale to take me there instead of home."

"Vanorsdale told the policeman on the radio that one of the witnesses involved was with him and that he would bring that witness to the scene if requested to do so. The radio answered no."

The next thing Angelita remembers is the radio policeman saying that police are in pursuit of a suspect running south on Stricker Street.

Angelita said, "In just a few short minutes, over the radio is a message saying the same suspect has been shot. I'm upset and crying as I ask the policeman if they are talking about Junior. He answers me saying 'that's him alright, he's dead, now you can get a good night's rest'."

The radio is silent for over 15 minutes before an ambulance is called for Junior. By the time the car pulls up to the scene I see Junior's brother-in-law trying to cover Junior's body with a blanket, but he is told to get away by the police" said Angeltia.

Angelita said, "When I walked up to the body is when I realized what has happened. Junior's body is lying on the ground in a pool of blood, lifeless.

"He has on only brown sweatpants, no white suit, that makes me suspicious of how the officer driving me was so sure that the police had Junior.

"I kept asking him in the car how do you know it's him? How can you be so sure? There were bullet holes in just about every part of his body. When the ambulance came, I was asked to identify his body.

"A policeman was putting bullets in a brown paper bag, lots of them. I was told by the police that only 15 bullets were used in the shooting.

"If nine bullets hit Junior, then only six should be left, but I saw lots more than any six shells being put in the bag by that police" said Angelita.

Angelita said, "I have never found out just who, if any officer was shot that night on Stricker Street, but I did hear the message given over the police car radio.

Jones's brother-in-law was present at the scene of the shooting. He says that he witnessed the entire pursuit of Jones by police.

He said, "One of the officers ran into Junior and wounded up falling on top of him. That police weighed about 240 pounds to Junior's 125 pounds.

"I didn't see any reason he had for shooting Junior. These guys continued to shoot him even while he was lying on the ground. They pumped bullets into his body even while he was lying face down on the ground, after his body became lifeless," the brother-in-law stated.

"The police refused to let me put the blanket over Junior that I brought out of the house for that reason."

The brother-in-law said that he immediately went to the district police station to isssue a complaint after Jones' death.

Junior's brother-in-law continued saying, "Junior's body was laying face down with his arms on his sides. Why was it necessary for police to shoot him so many times. Plus he was real small, he only weighed 125 pounds," said the brother-in-law.

The AFRO spoke with Stricker Street residents and other eyewitnesses who corroborate the brother-in-law's version of the shooting.

They insist that police were determined to close the Glen Burnie murder case, silencing their only suspect — forever.

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Preakness — more than a horserace

Sunday Silence and Easy Goer are neck and neck down the stretch.

Tony Oliver, "Tree Rollins," Andre Frazier, "Skool" Johnson and Paul Wilson of Gambrills, Maryland were looking at women and not horses.

By Fred Lindsey

In the 114th Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course, Sunday Silence and Easy Goer ran one of the more thrilling races in horse racing history.

But for many of the fans, the Preakness was more than a horserace, it was an opportunity to enjoy the warm weather and have a good time.

The Preakness, the second leg of thoroughbred racing's bettors make Easy Goer the betters make Easy Goer the crowd favorite. As "luck" would have it, the favorite lost his second consecutive race in as many months and hundreds of horse racing enthusiasts lost "big" money by betting with the oddsmakers.

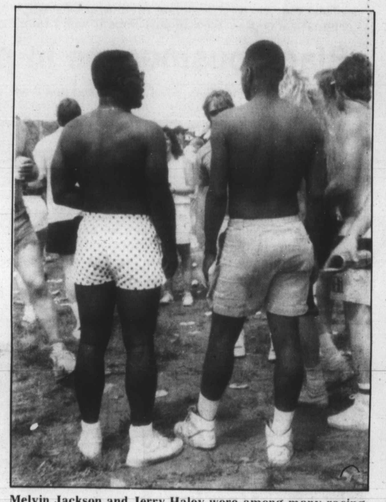
"I lost a lot of money," said one unidentified bettor, "but it was worth the bet to be here and enjoy the festivities."

In spite of Sunday Silence's Preakness victory, Easy Goer is still the favorite to win the Belmont Stakes, at Belmont Park on Long Island, on June 10, the final leg of the Triple Crown.

"I'm going to watch the Belmont on television," said Emma Joynes, "but I'm not going to throw anymore of my money away."

The Belmont, the longest of the Triple Crown races, at a mile and a half, will attract additional entries to help confuse the ordinary fan, but the excitement will be the same.

Bill Boone and Lisa Foote hoped the racing form would give them a clue to a winner.



Melvin Jackson and Jerry Haley were among many racing fans who "lost" their shirts.

Emma Joynes took time out to snooze before the big race.

Leonard Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Joan Brown and Nelton and Ida Pace share a moment before Sunday Silence ran to victory.

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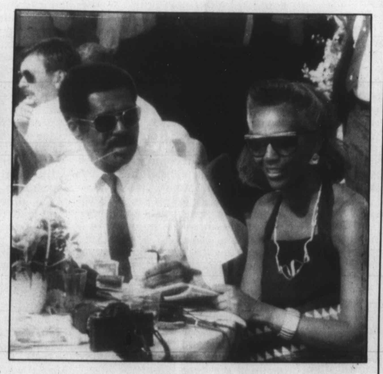
Diane Howard, Reginald Patterson and Robert Darvington couldn't believe what they saw.



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