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dicated the cause of death as strangulation.

"At the moment we do not have any suspects in the case but the homicide squad has been working around the clock under the direction of 20-year homicide veteran, Detective Howard Corbin," said Sgt. Nolan.

Bishop Monroe Saunders will preside at the funeral services of Wendy Edgerton on Sunday, July 2, at the First United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, 5150 Baltimore National Pike. The 5 p.m. wake will be immediately followed by the 6 p.m. funeral service.

Wendy Edgerton was the only child of Jerry C. Watson of Temple Hills, Maryland and Reverend Veronica Watson of Silver Spring, Maryland. Rev. Watson was born in Savana-La-Ma, Jamaica and immigrated to the United States as a medical student before being called to the ministry.

In 1964, Rev. Veronica Watson founded the First United Fellowship Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Silver Spring, Maryland of which she is presiding pastor.

In the early 50's the deceased grandparents of the victim, Bishop John S. Watson and Evangelist Joyce Watson joined Bishop Monroe Saunders and 3 other ministers in founding the Jamaican arm of the First United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic. There are now over 25 affiliates of the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic on the island of Jamaica.

Bishop Saunders said, "Wendy came from a family of pioneers. We joined forces because the family leaders and I were both cut from the same cloth."

"Guests from across the continent are expected to attend the funeral. Naturally many Jamaican relatives and friends will be there. There will also be people from Canada and Africa coming to say there last good-byes," said Chrispan Campbell.

—Nice girls do

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Chris is articulate, intelligent and very charming. She is a wonderful mother, however she is only 22 years old. She was only 14 years old when she had her oldest child.

It has been rough.

"When I was pregnant the first time, it was the worst time in my life. I was an honor roll student and I had to drop out of school. I was well known in the church. I disappointed everyone," Chris explains.

She continues. "My mother and I drifted apart. She had so many plans for me, for college, for a good job."

"It really hurt me, because I wasn't ready to be a mother. I felt like I had failed myself and my mother."

As if it was inevitable, Chris' mother was a teenage parent also. "She didn't have anyone to tell her, because her mother died when she was a baby," says Chris of her mother.

Chris says not knowing anything about sex made her even more curious about it.

"Girls in class would say things about boys and what they did. I wanted to say I did too," relays Chris.

She goes on. "My mother would say, "boys will get you in trouble," she tried, but it wasn't enough, peer pressure was too much."

During the discussion with this reporter, Chris never used the word sex. At 22 years old and three children later, Chris seems uneasy about discussing her sexuality.

This is the legacy of our "Nice girls just don't do that" attitude towards sex.

Until we strip sex of its taboo status, curiosity will continue to turn young people inside out and eventually ignorance will destroy them.

"The projects to me are the lowest I can go. This is not what I want for myself, this is not the dream I have for myself," says Chris.

She adds. "When I see old classmates driving in their new cars and talking about their great jobs, it makes me feel bad sometimes.

Right now Chris is "concentrating on being a good mother," she says. "I have them, I love them and I wouldn't change that," she states.

Fortunately for her, the father of her children is present in Chris' life and he is very supportive. They may get married one day.

Chris and her mother eventually reunited as well. According to Chris they are closer than ever now.

"She (Chris' mother) was always there for us. In my opinion she was the perfect mother. She is my idol as a mother," says Chris.

Love thrives in Chris' household. There is a strong bond between Chris, her children, Chris' mother and the father of the children.

Eventually Chris may realize her dreams for herself and her children.

However, right now her dreams remain trapped inside of the Lafayette Court projects and she has put her future on hold for eight years ... and counting.

—2 Charged in murder

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national of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Police spokesman Quinton Peterson said the two men were nabbed less than 24 hours after the bodies of Mrs. Kincaide and her daughter were found in their home in the 1400 block of Whittier Street N.W.

Authorities said the two suspects have been identified as 23-year-old Carlos Blackston of no fixed address and 24-year-old Cullen Byrd who also gave no permanent address.

According to reports, the bodies were discovered shortly after police received a tip from neighbors that the two suspects had been seen driving Mrs. Kincaide's 1987 Volkswagen Golf with District tags. The car was later spotted in the 4800 block of Blagden Ave. N.W. on the morning of June 16th.

"They were too cooperative ... we caught them sleeping in the car," said Peterson, who added that an attempted robbery may have been the motive behind the murders.

Mrs. Kincaide and her young child were eulogized on June 20 at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Richmond. Officiating over the service was Dr. Wallace Cook, the pastor of Ebenezer.

In addition to her sister Mrs. Ballard, the Richmond native is also survived by her son, William Calvin Kincaide and many other relatives some of whom live in Charles City, Va.

Neighbors who remember Mrs. Kincaide, reflected on the woman who faithfully took her child to Shepard Elementary School each day, but on the day of the murder things were terribly different.

"A violent thunderstorm rolled through Washington, muting all sound, especially a woman and her child screaming for their life," one neighbor noted.

—Rites Saturday

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graduate of Lincoln University, Oxford, PA. In 1943, he wed Wilhelmina Cornelia Allen, daughter of the late Dr. Madison C. Allen, president of Virginia Seminary College, Lynchburg, VA. There are two daughters, Wilhelma and Patricia.

A member of numerous medical and community organizations, Bill was an Omega man, fraternally, and belonged to the Guardsmen's social club.

Mrs. Garner and the daughters have established a memorial in his name for the building fund of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, in care of Jeanne Cummings.

"Bill" to most, he was "Willie" to his wife of 46 years.

—Du Burns portrait

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glad to have had an opportunity to be a part of history."

Many political colleagues who started their careers along with "Du" Burns in the 1940's such as City Comptroller Hyman Pressman and 1st District Councilman "Mimi" DiPietro as well as those who ran on the coalition ticket with him such as Bob Douglass, were among the standing room only viewers of the life-like portrait.

The political roots of the former mayor stem from his ties to the 2nd district where he was born and raised said Mary Pat Clarke as she introduced Mayor "Du" Burns to the association.

Former Mayor "Du" Burns, addressed the audience gathered in the City Hall Board of Estimates meeting room, thanking them for attending the unveiling, saying, "When I started in this game I went to learn from them (referring to the white politicians in the room who dominated the political arena at the time 'Du' Burns began his political career).

"Anyone here who does not think politics is a game has the wrong idea about it. It is a game, one that I learned to play well. First one has to make the friends, which is exactly what the turnout here shows," said "Du" Burns.

I'm glad that I went through the process of being Baltimore's first black mayor. Now I can teach this game," said "Du" Burns as the women in his life positioned themselves beside the cover strings of the portrait, waiting for the former mayor to give the ready sign which would remove the portrait cover for all to see.

Three generations of the Burns family including sister, Selena Hines; daughter, Cheryl Turner and granddaughter Lisa Turner-stood proudly with former Mayor Burns as the full frontal portrait was hung on the north wall of the Board of Estimates chamber.

The portrait installation was followed by a reception at Baltimore's original City Hall which is now the home of the Peale Museum. Standing in the courtyard of the Peale Museum former Mayor "Du" Burns said, "I have had an opportunity that no one of my color would have been afforded during the time that this building acted as Baltimore's City Hall. I am happy that I could be the mayor of Baltimore."

—Young celebrates

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tainly knew who Larry was. He took me from store to store, introducing me to each person that he saw, saying 'meet our first black congressman from Baltimore'," said Mitchell.

Senator Young awarded Senatorial commendations to 15 outstanding community leaders, including *AFRO* Publisher, John "Jake" Oliver, former Congressman Parren Mitchell, Attorney George Russell, Liberty Medical Center CEO, William Jews; and West Baltimore-Constant Care Health Center CEO, Michael Rashid.

Others receiving awards were Rev. Harold Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church; Dr. Uthman Ray, Mabel Payne Young, mother of Senator Young; Sonia Goodman, president Creative Health Seminars; Reg Murphy, *Sunpapers* publisher, Bob Moore, Local 1199E; Del. Ruth Kirk, Cong. Ben Cardin, Senator Clarence Blount, and Del. Bill McCaffrey.

Senator Young introduced Del. Ruth Kirk, Del. Elijah Cummings and Del. John Jefferies, thanking them for their cooperation throughout his tenure in the General Assembly. The testimonial dinner closed with the offering of the benediction by Rev. Wendell Phillips.

—Problems widespread

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"Sleeves, pipes, or conduits of aluminum shall not be embedded in structural concrete unless effectively coated or covered to prevent aluminum-concrete reaction or electrolytic action between aluminum and steel."

The report also states from a ground level viewpoint over fifty percent of the balconies have either chipped or flaking concrete at the perimeter slab edge.

Further findings in the report concur with the testimony of the occupant of the apartment where the cement fell from, that the concrete had been visibly separated from the balcony for several months.

The report also offers recommendations to rectify the situation, however according to Bill Toohey of the Housing Authority there are no monies available to make the necessary repairs.

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BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
JULY 13, 1989 AT 6:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ESTIMATES ROOM

On Thursday, July 13, 1989 at 6:00 p.m., the City of Baltimore will conduct a public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This hearing will be held in the Board of Estimates Room (Rm. 215), City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street. The primary purpose of this hearing is to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs and to review the City's past performance in connection with community development block grant funds. The public is invited to attend and express their views.

In addition, the City is proposing to amend the CDBG-15 and CDBG-14 Final Statements. The proposed amendment reflects the addition and/or deletion of activities as well as a redistribution of funds for certain other activities.

Persons unable to attend the July 13th public hearing may express their views in writing. All written comments must be mailed to Mr. Michael Seipp, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Housing and Community Development, Room 1320, 417 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The deadline for written comments is July 21, 1989. For further information, telephone 396-4207 or visit Room 355, 417 E. Fayette Street.

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Remembering 3 slain in Miss. vote drive

NEW YORK (UPI) — Four busloads of "reverse" freedom riders arrived Saturday from the South to get-out-the black vote on the 25th anniversary of the slaying of three young civil rights workers in Mississippi, two of them New Yorkers.

The buses pulled up some 90 minutes late in front of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine as a choir of about 10 sang a rousing "We Shall Overcome" on the top of the church steps.

The casually dressed freedom riders — black and white, Occidental and Oriental, mostly student-age — bounded up the steps of the unfinished church.

Civil rights lawyer William Kunstler was among about 150 cheering spectators.

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Some of the riders waved red posters carrying photographs of the three martyrs, Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney. The activists were killed in Philadelphia, Miss., in 1964 as they organized a black voter registration drive across the South.

Their deaths became the basis for the recent movie "Mississippi Burning."

The poster caption read, "The memory endures; the struggle continues," and carried dates from the reverse freedom ride's beginnings in Meridian and Philadelphia, Miss., on Wednesday. Chaney is buried in Meridian.

The riders joined in the singing, holding hands above their heads, swaying with the rhythm.

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Families of the three civil rights activists murdered 25 years ago led an anniversary rally at the Capitol Friday but failed to get President Bush's support for legislation countering new Supreme Court decisions they say have "badly eroded" racial gains.

"I'm very disappointed," Rita Schwerner-Bender told reporters after meeting with the president at the White House before the rally. Her husband, Michael Schwerner, was shot with Andrew Goodman and James Chaney in Philadelphia, Miss., as they organized a black voter registration drive across the South.

Schwerner-Bender and five other relatives of the trio met with Bush to urge personal support for legislation dealing with the Supreme Court decisions this year that were seen widely as a rollback for civil rights and affirmative action. The president told them he could not make such a commitment, however.

Upon emerging from the meeting, Schwerner-Bender said, "I don't believe the president wants to commit himself in a way that we need a commitment."

She turned her hopes to Congress at the anniversary memorial service in the Capitol's Statuary Hall, saying, "The backward slide of the last several years must be reversed . . . Congress must return to the unfinished business of the country."

PARTY BUSS—First Lady Barbara Bush is kissed by jazz great Lionel Hampton when they greeted each other at the 100th anniversary party of the Wall Street Journal Newspaper. The gathering took place in New York City recently. (UPI)

Bush veto of wage bill hurts poor

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush's veto of legislation raising the minimum wage will have a sharp impact on black and Hispanic workers — groups most harshly affected by erosion of the minimum wage's purchasing power, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities says.

The Center, an independent research organization, released a study examining Census and Labor Department figures, that found while unemployment rates are lower now for blacks and Hispanics than in the late 1970s, their poverty rates are higher and their income levels have declined.

"A principal reason for these setbacks is a substantial drop in the wages paid to minority workers," the center said. "These large wage drops occurred at the same time that the purchasing power of the minimum wage was slipping to its lowest level since 1949."

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Last Tuesday, Bush vetoed legislation that would have raised the minimum wage from its current $3.55 an hour level to $4.55 over the next three years. The minimum wage has been frozen since 1981.

Bush has said he will support boosting the minimum to $4.25, provided it is accompanied by provisions for a sub-minimum, or training wage, that would allow employers to pay less than the minimum for six months to new workers.

In his veto message, Bush said the measure approved by Congress would hurt poor people's chances of getting a job.

NAACP taps three officials from Cabinet

Three key members of the Bush Administration, Vice President Dan Quayle, Secretary Jack Kemp of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Health and Human Services Secretary Louis W. Sullivan, Md., are among the speakers scheduled to address the 1989 Annual Convention of the NAACP in Detroit, July 9-14.

Kemp will speak at the Monday morning, July 10 plenary session, Vice President Quayle will appear at the Wednesday afternoon plenary session, and Dr. Sullivan will address the Thursday morning, July 14 plenary session.

Also scheduled to appear at the convention are Ronald H. Brown, chairman, Democratic National Committee; Detroit's Mayor Coleman Young; Owen Bierber, president, United Automobile Workers; Eleanor Holmes Norton, former chairman, Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, and now a professor at the Georgetown Law Center; Mary Hatwell, Futrell president, National Education Association; and Oprah Winfrey.

The official opening of the convention takes place Sunday night, July 9 when Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, delivers his convention address at 7 p.m.

The next night at 7:30 p.m., Dr. William F. Gibson, chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors, will deliver his convention address.

The convention concludes on Thursday with the presentation to Rev. Jesse Jackson of the coveted Spingarn Medal, the highest award the NAACP bestows on a man or woman of African descent and American citizenship who has made the highest achievement during the preceding year or years in any honorable field of human endeavor.

The convention will be held at Detroit's Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center and more than 18,000 persons are expected to attend.

Denies threatening the life of a mayor

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Mayor Vincent Schoemehl, Jr. and his family were hiding in a "safe house" because of an alleged threat on his life by the former husband of a controversial city officeholder whose duties had been reduced.

Luther Boykins, a member of the city's Airport Commission, was arrested Friday, about an hour after Schoemehl signed a bill that stripped city License Collector Billie Boykins of most of her duties.

Luther Boykins was charged with two misdemeanor counts of third-degree assault — based on the verbal threats — and was released Friday night, authorities said. He denied the charges.

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The ordinance gives the city comptroller's office the responsibility for collecting most of the business taxes formerly collected by Billie Boykins. The collector of revenue's office also will assume some of her former duties.

Under the ordinance, Boykins' staff was reduced from 54 people to three, enough to carry out the remaining tasks that city officials acknowledge are still assigned to her under a 1901 state law setting up the office.

The voting was split along racial lines. All 11 of the city's black aldermen opposed the measure, and all but two of the white aldermen voted in favor of it. The Boykinses are black, and Schoemehl is white.

After the vote, the comptroller's office took physical control of the license collector's office at City Hall, changing locks and barricading doors. Security officers barred Billie Boykins and her chief of staff, E. Henry Adams, from entering City Hall.

Boykins had asked a St. Louis Circuit Court judge for an injunction against the ordinance that resulted in the takeover of her office. The judge denied her motion, but Boykins has asked the Missouri Court of Appeals to overturn that decision.

Both Billie Boykins and Schoemehl are Democrats. Boykins, who was elected license collector in 1982 and re-elected in 1986, earns a salary of $53,000 a year.

Boykins allegedly made the threats Friday to two mayoral aides, Peter Sortino and Nancy Rice, during a meeting of the Board of Aldermen. The board voted 16-13 to give final passage to an ordinance stripping the license collector's office of most of its tax-collection duties.

Schoemehl said Friday night that Luther Boykins had verbally assaulted Sortino and Rice, and had told them he would "catch up" with the mayor over the weekend.

NNPA adds 8 publishers

By Chester A. Higgins, Sr.
NNPA News Editor

WASHINGTON, DC — At the recent National Newspaper Publisher's Association board meeting at the end of the organization's 49th Annual Convention in New Orleans, eight new African-American publishers were voted into NNPA membership.

The new NNPA members are:

Jack Green, publisher, The Voice Newspaper, 214 East Clay St., Richmond, VA 23219.

Ralph Johnson, publisher, The Connection, 14 Green St., Newark, NJ 07102.

Francis Page, Sr., publisher, Houston Newspages, 4997 M. L. King Jr. Blvd., Houston, TX 77221.

Charles P. Weaver, publisher/editor, The Community Voice, 3476 Anderson Ave., Ft. Myers, FL 33916.

Larry D. Smith, publisher, The Pee Dee Times, 1457 W. Evans St., Florence, S.C. 29501.

Fred L. Bacon, publisher, The Bulletin, 1748 Independence Blvd., No. 1, Sarasota, FL 34234.

Ms. Rita Perry, publisher/editor, The Jacksonville Advocate, Afro-American Buiding, Suite 197, Jacksonville, FL 32203.

A. Smith and C. Smith, publishers, The New Jersey Greater News, Newark, NJ.

JOHN J. OLIVER, SR., retired president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper in Baltimore and an alumnus of DePauw University, was one of five recent recipients of honorary degrees from the Indiana institution. Oliver received the Doctor of Journalism degree.

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