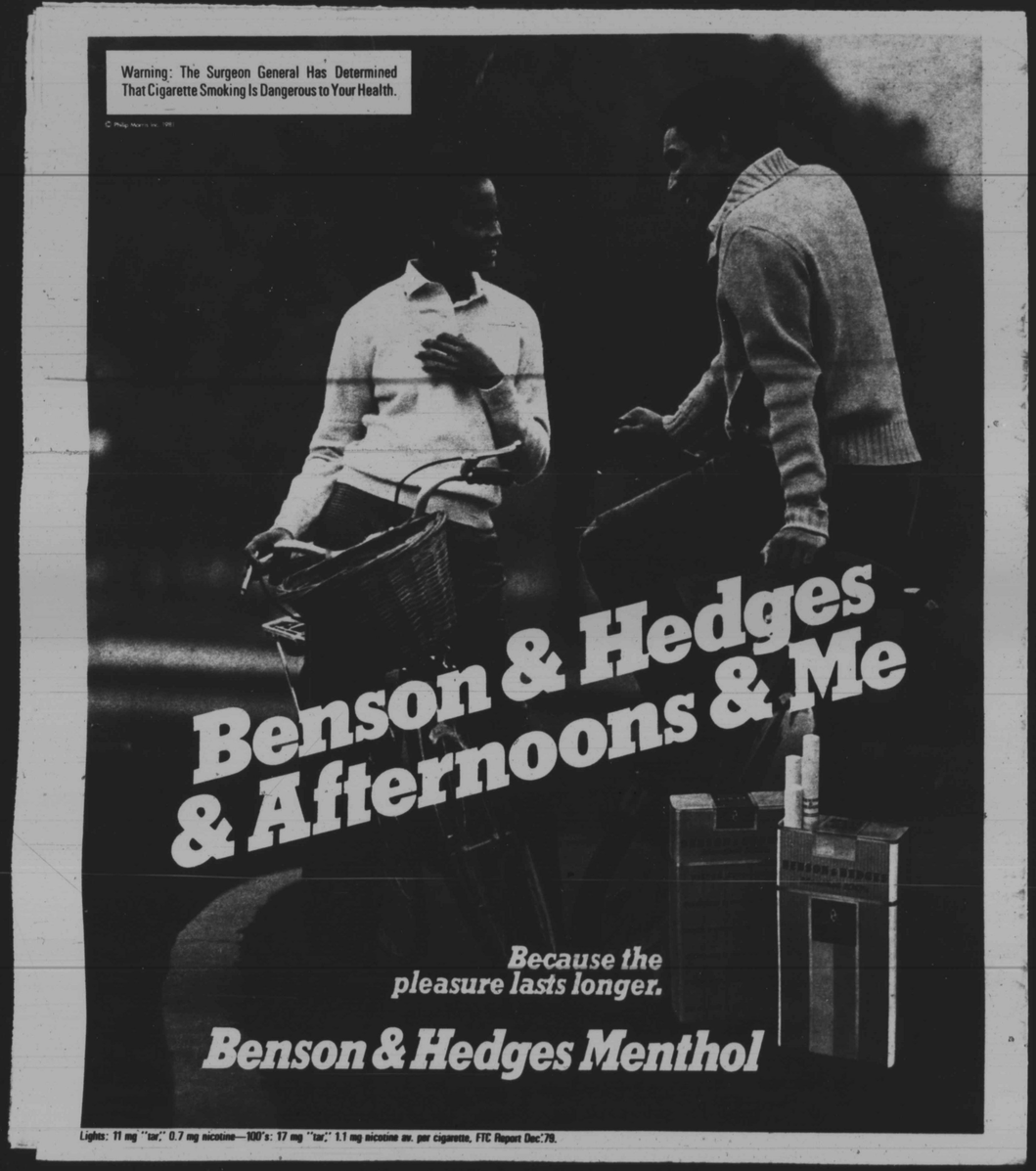

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Bus driver slain in union office

HELLO THERE! Ricky Moyd, 2½, of the 800 block Dumbarton Ave., was among hundreds of youngsters on hand in the War Memorial Plaza this week for the Mayor's Easter party. Easter bunny was one of several attractions for the young set.
AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

MTA prexy narrowly escapes death, veteran driver held on $100,000 bail for homicide

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Union officials would not say if there was any political motivation behind a bizarre shoot out at the West 25th Street office of Amalgamated Transit Union Division 1300 on April 13, that left one man dead and another wounded.

Dead is James Keys, 49-year-old bus driver, who was also a member of the executive board and was filling in for another union member on Monday, who was attending a meeting in Washington.

Charles L. Pettus Sr., 35, president of the union was shot in the left arm. He was treated at Union Memorial Hospital and released.

Robert C. Perry, 35, who has been a bus driver for 13 years was arrested within two hours near his Wildwood Parkway home after the shooting and charged with murder, assault with intent to murder and handgun violations.

Perry is being held at City Jail on $100,000 bail. According to union officials and police, Perry had a long history of disciplinary problems with the MTA, including a 10 day suspension in February because of an argument with his supervisor.

Perry did not return to work on his scheduled date after his suspension and was suspended again. Police report he went to the union office on Monday to discuss his returning to work.

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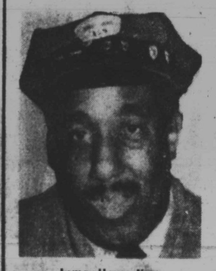
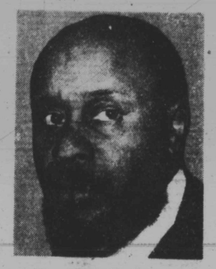

James Henry Keys

Charles Lee Pettus Sr.


Harry Sterling

Russian official tells AFRO about their black in space

Anatoli Skripko, an official with the Soviet Union, spoke at Johns Hopkins University Wednesday night on the progress of the U.S.S.R in space travel.

He pointed out that his nation has encouraged cooperative space exploration with other nations, and told the AFRO the Soviet Union had sent the first black, a Cuban into space last year.

The major focus of his talk was on the biomedical discoveries made by his nation regarding space travel. He pointed out that a Soviet astronaut who spent 185 days in space, (a world record), actually underwent a total change of his red blood cells, since the cells are completely renewed by the body every 120 days.

"The space-born cells are different, but they perform their jobs," he said.

He pointed out that the body's potassium, calcium and bone marrow either changes or decreases in volume, along with body fluids, but that there were "no insuperable obstacles to manned space flight.

Two-hour exercise routines, special diets, and the immersion of the lower body to offset the upward flow of blood in an a negative-a variety machine are the three main ways the Soviet space scientists counteracts the effects.

Newspaper has to give Pulitzer Prize back

Washington Post reporter's story on 8-year-old junkie a "hoax"

The Washington Post said Wednesday that Janet Cooke, a "talented and promising" young Post reporter, had admitted she faked her 1981 Pulitzer Prize story about an 8-year old heroin addict, returned the award and resigned from the paper.

Post executive editor Benjamin Bradlee said Miss Cooke, 26, had admitted fabricating the story, "Jimmy's World", substituting a "composite" child for the young addict and making up quotations and events.

Bradlee said Miss Cooke was declining the coveted journalism award for the best feature story of the year. A spokesman for the awards committee said the prize to Miss Cooke had been withdrawn and the prize was awarded to a New York reporter.

Post publisher Donald Graham told a news conference after the disclosure "in the morning, all of us collectively will apologize in the paper to the readers of the Post."

Graham said the newspaper was tipped of the problem when it received two telephone calls saying Miss Cooke had not earned the college degrees that were credited to her in the announcement of the prize.

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JANET COOKE

FBI, Atlanta police scuffle over parent-killer charge

An FBI agent's offhand remarks at a civic club meeting that Atlanta's 23 unsolved murders are nothing unusual and that "some of those kids were killed by their parents" sparked new howls of outrage from police officials this week.

"That's an irresponsible statement," snapped, Atlanta Public Safety Commissioner Lee P. Brown. "It's unprofessional, uncalled for and won't be tolerated."

Mike Twibell, the senior agent in the FBI's small office in Macon, south of Atlanta, apparently was trying to defend the remarks made Monday night by FBI Director William Webster in Washington.

Webster said the FBI had "substantially solved" several of the murders—each of them an isolated, unrelated case—and failed to add that although investigators were confident they knew the killers, they did not have enough evidence to prosecute.

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Webster's remarks brought cries of dismay from police and an angry letter from Mayor Maynard Jackson, who said they would "undermine the public's confidence in our investigation and create a great deal of misdirected media speculation and invective."

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Blames Conaway

Del. Lena Lee leaves caucus

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

Charging the current leadership of the Maryland legislative black caucus with "presenting no program for change," Del. Lena K. Lee, D-38, said in a letter this week to the AFRO that she will take a leave of absence until the "enforced term of office" of Del. Frank Conaway, the current caucus chairman, has ended.

Citing recent "demeaning of certain members" and the public ridicule of a caucus member, in addition to a threat allegedly made by Conaway on numerous occasions that he had ways of "taking care of some of us who disagree with him," Del. Lee said she can give no further sanction to what "I have been openly enduring."

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Sculptures on display despite protests

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PIECES OF ART? — These sculptures, depicting an "A-rabber" and a Highlandtown housewife caused quite a row when they were first unveiled at City Hall, but despite those protests, City Hall officials have decided to display them, anyway. See "Put the City Hall sculptures back in the closet" in Showtime.
(AFRO Photos by Mark Gail)

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