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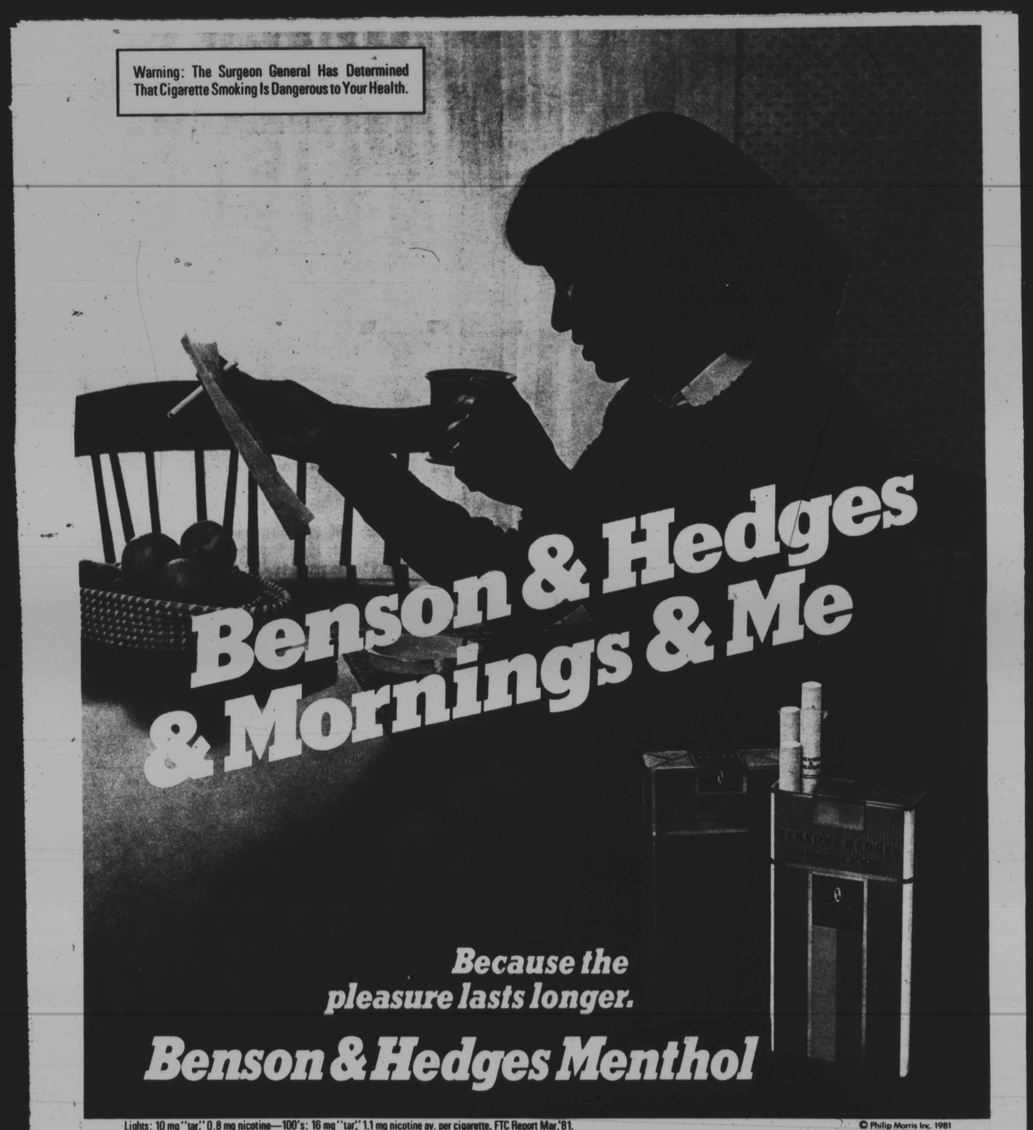

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McFadden regains longshoremen presidency

Back on top on the waterfront

Garris S. McFadden is back on top, at least of one of the Port of Baltimore's largest unions.

McFadden's election victory signals his return to power as president of the 2,300 member International Longshoreman's Association Local 333. He was swept into office by a vote of 844 to 696, Dec. 8.

Local 333 was represented by McFadden in 1976 and 1977. His last term as president included a court fight over a brief wildcat strike, contract disputes and concern about guaranteed annual income provisions.

McFadden's defeat in 1978, as union president, left some black union members sad, wary and angry. But, McFadden, 51 and a longshoreman 26 years, told the AFRO those days are in the past.

The "nasty, racist" events marring those times, the suspicions of election irregularities and "stolen elections" are behind him. Harboring such thoughts and grudges will not allow him to think clearly, he said.

McFadden said he accepts the fact "he has a chance to vindicate those things" as he moves to represent and work for all of the union's members.

"I don't want to give any negative comments," he said. "I will run Local 333, along with the help of the rest of the elected officials and the membership."

He said one of his goals as president is to insure his

Garris McFadden

longshoremen work as regularly as possible. Recently, things have been slow at the docks, so "whatever work there is they're entitled to it."

"Outsiders," non-union workers, are another of McFadden's concerns. In the past, he said management hired anyone they wanted and were not forced to honor contract agreements.

"I don't want outsiders coming in and working when my men, who are paying union dues, are looking for jobs," McFadden said.

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Know him? - get $10,000

A black man, described as being in his late 20's, weighing about 190 pounds, with a medium-dark complexion, is being sought by the FBI in connection with the Oct. 10 assault of the wife of a United States District Court judge.

The FBI is offering a $10,000 reward for information leading to the identity and indictment of the man.

A statement released by the FBI said the assault occurred early Saturday, Oct. 10. Jo Anne Miller, wife of Judge James R. Miller Jr., was abducted from in front of her Roland Park home and was subsequently assaulted.

In the statement, Special Agent Edward D. Hegarty, said the individual being sought for the assault "did so in order to seek retribution for actions taken by the Judge." He said the matter was "of the utmost importance to the FBI."

According to news sources, Mrs. Miller was released the same day of the abduction and the FBI would not release much more information about the incident.

Several questions, which have gone unanswered, are what "actions" by Judge Miller were involved; why did the FBI say retribution was the motive for the assault and has the Miller family been the subject of any kinds of threats before or after Mrs. Miller's abduction.

Another question is, how did the FBI receive the information that resulted in the composite drawing of the man, who also is described as being about 5-feet, 11-inches to 6-feet, 1-inch tall.

Anyone with information about the man is urged to call the FBI at 265-8080.

FBI seeks man fitting this artist's sketch in connection with the abduction of District Court judge's wife. See story above.

Even in winter!

AFRO Photo by Martin Evans

COLD? WHO, ME?: The summertime sounds of basketball players filled the air at the City College High playground on Sunday. Playing in long pants and sweatshirts, these unstoppable ball hawks braved temperatures which dropped into the low 30s.

BWRO gives lukewarm OK to welfare proposal

A plan which would restore benefits to about 4,700 Marylanders cut from the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program has drawn the qualified support of Robert Cheeks, executive director of the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization.

The proposal, made by state officials and presently being considered by Governor Harry Hughes, would raise the "standard of need" by which elegibility for AFDC benefits is determined.

The state's plan would have the effect of making eligible again some of the 34,000 people forced from the Maryland welfare rolls because of restrictions imposed on Oct. 1 by the Reagan administration.

Under the restrictions no one earning more than 150 percent of a "standard of need," independently determined by each state, is eligible for benefits.

In Maryland this provision dropped about 4,700 of the "working poor" from the welfare rolls. That group formerly had been able to deduct up to $160 per month in child care costs and $75 for transportation.

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Street dudes hassle Angels but they keep cool

Even though they are hasseled, in the form of verbal abuse, by men standing on street corners, the Baltimore Chapter of the Guardian Angels patrol the city with a minimum of trouble or excitement.

The Angels arrived in Baltimore during July amid a glare of publicity and a cloud of controversy and curiosity. Since then, things apparently have quieted.

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10,000 fuel aid checks issued

An Urban Services Agency official said things "are going great" with the Maryland Energy Assistance program this year and a spokeswoman for a black-owned fuel oil company, delivering oil to families enrolled in the program, agreed.

Low-income Baltimore County residents, who need help paying their heating bills, now can apply for the same program.

Ed Dupree, USA chief of the energy assistance program, told the AFRO as of Tuesday, about 16,000 applications have been taken by the USA, the agency administering Baltimore City's portion of the state program.

Citizen response to the city's paying part of their winter fuel bills apparently is enthusiastic. Dupree said the 16,000 applications represent an increase of almost 30 percent over applications received and processed at this time last year.

In 1980, at the end of the first month of the energy program's operation, 12,831 applications had been processed, he said.

"We have taken enough applications to exhaust the initial money received" by the state, by way of the federal government, Dupree said.

An initial grant of $3 million is part of the $9.8 million the city will receive to help offset needy Baltimoreans with their fuel bills this season.

More than 10,000 checks have been issued to fuel suppliers, which means "10,000 households have received oil or will be getting the oil soon," Dupree said.

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The program's participants do not receive the money, instead checks are sent directly to the fuel companies, who deliver the fuel to the homes.

Things have not always gone so smoothly for the program. Last year's program began in December, but families eligible to participate were not awarded their grants allowing them fuel until January or as late as March 1981.

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Woman found nude in trash dumpster

At AFRO presstime Thursday, police were trying to identify a woman between 35 and 40-years-old found dead and nude in a trash dumpster around 9:30 a.m. by a maintenance man who worked at the Woodington Garden Apartments, 108 Diener Place.

Police report the man said the woman was found on top of the trash. There were no signs of foul play and no obvious injuries to explain the cause of death. The cause of death will not be determined until the medical examiner receives results of the toxicology test. Police were still investigating the case at AFRO presstime.

DEAR MRS. SANTA:

'I was robbed...'

First Letter:

Your account with us is four months in arrears. Unless your account is brought up to date in one week, we will begin foreclosure proceedings.

Second Letter:

The balance on your account is $1,526.08 and was supposed to be paid July, 1981. If you don't begin to pay $191. per month starting Dec. 5 we will reduce the note to judgement and also proceed to sale your property.

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Mrs. E.B. wrote to Mrs. Santa and sent along two letters to highlight her problems this Christmas.

I am very much in need at this time. My husband has been laid off. I have been sick with a kidney infection. I have three children who can't find work at the present time. They are 19, 20 and 22. One was laid off three months ago.

I need help with my mortgage. I've been to Legal Aid but they can't help.

The above letter is typical of hundreds of letters that are pouring across the AFRO's Mrs. Santa desk. If any lawyers in AFROland know how to help this family, call and volunteer your services at 728-8205.

For more on AFRO's Mrs. Santa see inside.

The National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, Clifton Harris, president, presented $100 to AFRO's Mrs. Santa to help her feed hungry families.

AFRO clarifies Conaway story

In an article that appeared in the Tuesday AFRO Dec. 15, 1981, reporting on a civil suit between Del. Frank M. Conaway and the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company, the AFRO erroneously attributed to a USF&G official a statement that Mr. Conaway had received funds on insurance policies and had not paid them to U.S.F.&G. In fact, no such statement was made. The AFRO regrets the error.

In a letter to the AFRO after publication of the news story, Del. Conaway stated:

"At no time and by no one, including the general counsel for USF&G, have I been accused of collecting and holding payments 'the majority (of which) were to be sent to USF&G,'" as the AFRO story said.

"It is routine for underwriting companies to retain commissions as premium payments as well as for brokers to retain premium payments for commissions due," Conaway explained.

Del. Conaway, the chairman of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus and head of the Conaway and Associates Insurance Brokerage Firm, is one of the city's most progressive businessmen.

He confirmed in his letter that there is litigation going on between his firm and the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co.

He states:

"The fact is that I have been engaged as a claimant in litigation against USF&G in Baltimore City prior to their suit in Baltimore County. Why did they not file their claim in the Baltimore City Court?" the Delegate asked.

Del. Frank Conaway

Teen fugitive from Ohio 2nd Watts robbery suspect

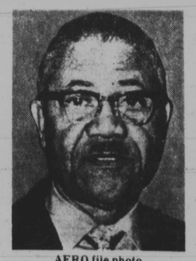
By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

A 19-year-old fugitive who had only been in Baltimore one month, was the second teenager charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder a 82-year-old West Baltimore dentist and his wife.

Jackie Edward McCray was arrested Wednesday and appeared before Judge James Bundy Thursday for a bail review. A pretrial release investigator told the court McCray had a prior record and was wanted in Ohio on an escape warrant. He is also charged with violation of probation in Ohio.

Bail was set at $210,000 by Western District Court Judge James Bundy. Alexander Smith, 18-year-old cousin of McCray was arrested less than two hours after Dr. Charles E. Watts and his wife Mrs. Eula Mae Watts, 74, were stabbed and robbed in their home in the 2400 block Arunah Ave., around 5 p.m. Dec. 14.

Both teenagers are also charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, two deadly weapon counts, two counts of armed robbery and one count of burglary.



AFRO file photo
Dr. Charles E. Watts

Dr. Watts has an office in the 1300 block of West Lafayette Ave. He told police in an interview at Lutheran Hospital he had known one of the suspects and Smith had done roofing work at his home with his father.

The pretrial release investigator told the court Smith has no prior record. Dr. and Mrs. Watts are listed in stable condition at Lutheran Hospital.

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