—Housing

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Scriven's concerns. The vacant properties need renovation investments of more than $20,000-$25,000, Sissman said, which would test the ability of lower income individuals to come up with financing.

Sissman pointed out also that many of the provisions of the bill have already been implemented by the city.

—Kidnap ordeal

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story, with Miss Carr being held hostage reportedly at gunpoint by her admirer in his New York apartment as well as in a hotel north of the city.

Here is the bizarre drama:

Mrs. Irene Williams, grandmother of Ms. Carr, first reported her missing to the Baltimore AFRO June 9.

Mrs. Williams, of Emiley Avenue told the AFRO she could never believe her granddaughter would leave home without notifying the family. From the day she was reported missing, Mrs. Williams felt her granddaughter had been kidnapped.

Charles Domore, a FBI agent in New York, who has been investigating the case told the AFRO, on Thursday, June 17, "We are investigating it as a case of kidnapping" and affirmed that Ms. Carr had been abducted.

No one had been charged at AFRO presstime, but the FBI is expected to place charges against a New York man today (Friday).

Continuing Priscilla's story:

Mrs. Lucille Dennis, mother of Ms. Carr, who lives in New York, said her daughter had been living in Baltimore since October.

The family thought it was best for Ms. Carr to move to Baltimore because her life had been threatened before and "he had snatched her from a cab in New York," Mrs. Dennis said.

In talking with the AFRO by phone from New York Thursday night, Mrs. Dennis said she has been "a nervous wreck" every since she had learned about the disappearance of her daughter.

During the time her daughter was missing, Mrs. Dennis said, "I was about to go out of my mind."

She described her daughter as a "very sweet girl who was attending a business college in Towson."

Several days after the family had not heard from Ms. Carr, her mother said she decided to come to Baltimore and talk with the FBI. Mrs. Dennis said she felt her daughter might have been kidnapped.

After spending a few days in Baltimore, Mrs. Dennis returned to her New York home. According to Mrs. Dennis, her daughter managed to escape from the upper state New York hotel during her tenth day of captivity where she was being held hostage when the man left the hotel to go to the store.

Mrs. Dennis told the AFRO her daughter was in a state of shock when she arrived at her home in the Bronx.

She described the man as "some kind of psycho." Prior to kidnapping her daughter, he had painted Priscilla's name on the apartment building where Ms. Carr formerly lived and painted her name on the telephone company building in New York, where Mrs. Dennis worked.

After 10 days of sustained terror, finally reaching her mother's home and while waiting for the FBI and police to arrive, just as a scene from a good suspense movie, Mrs. Dennis said she looked out of her apartment window and below in his car, the kidnapper waited once again.

The mother said this to the AFRO a few minutes after officers from the Bronx police precinct 52, had rushed to the scene to come to Ms. Carr's aide, once again at the instructions of the FBI agents.

Apparently the city police not knowing the background of the situation rushed in to protect Priscilla and her mother and the suspect calmly drove away, this was at approximately 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16.

Theoretically, all night Wednesday and into Thursday the kidnapper was on the prowl and while she was being sped to safety, her mother feared what the next phone call might be.

"I'm a nervous wreck. I am scared to go to work. I am afraid he will kill her. He called me from a phone booth in the lobby of my apartment house," the mother told the AFRO Wednesday night.

Mrs. Dennis said she was so happy to see her daughter alive on June 16 that she cooked Priscilla's favorite meal: crab cakes and a salad.

Police would not reveal where Ms. Carr now is staying. Her grandmother would only say, "I prayed and asked the Lord wherever she was that he would keep her alive."

—Black publishers

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head of the NAACP's Washington office.

On Friday, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of Operation PUSH was scheduled to address the publishers. Later, an annual awards dinner to honor black writers and editors from member papers, who had submitted editorial articles ranging from news stories to editorials to features for competitive judging.

The first workshop was devoted to "Changing Editorial Trends" and was well attended. The moderator was Dr. William H. Lee, publisher of the Sacramento Observer.

Panel members included Elizabeth M. Oliver, AFRO City Editor, Ralph Matthews Jr., AFRO Managing Editor, Robert M. Matthews, AFRO Executive Editor, Norman Wilson, of the Baltimore Evening Sun, and John R. Smith, of the Atlanta Inquirer and an NNPA vice president.

Among the comments and questions and answers from the 50-minute session were the following statements:

1. Newspaper editorial content influences sales.
2. Black children grow up watching almost 18,000 hours of television.
3. More than 200,000 Marylanders are illiterate.
4. There are many levels of black readership.
5. The editorial page is the least read page in the newspaper.
6. The hottest black stories and news are in the new permissiveness, Africa and the Third World, and travel.

—Scholarship

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the largest scholarship a student has won in the past four years.

Daniel Brown, who said he taught Williams U.S. history and urban government in the 9th grade, told the AFRO Williams was a "very serious student, but also had his lighter moments.

"He was a very good student and very serious about being a student," Brown said. "He was typical boy. He was a lot of fun when it was time for fun. John was at the center of it."

Brown said other students, mainly athletes have been awarded large scholarships in the past. Those awards usually amount to $40,000 to $45,000.

Williams' mother, Mrs. Gwenevia Williams, said she was thrilled when she learned her son had been accepted to the academy.

The $70,000 scholarship will cover all of his expenses at the academy during his four-year stint there, including clothes, shoes and a stipend. Williams said after graduation he is to serve five years active duty.

He leaves for Colorado Springs, Colo., June 28, where the academy is based, and will not return home until Christmas. This is the longest he will ever have been away from home, but Williams said he doubts if he will suffer any pangs of homesickness.

"I've been away from home before ... weeks at a time," he said. "But I figure they'll be working me so hard, I won't have time to be homesick."

—Politics' 1982

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firm Cummings & Smith and current president of the Monumental Bar Association, has announced his bid for House of Delegates 39th District.

Also running in the 39th district as a delegate, among others, is Patriscya Duncan, who recently bowed out of a race for Clerk of the Circuit Court. Citing the need for black political harmony, Duncan's departure leaves Saundra Banks, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, as the lone black woman running for Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Although she has not found a place on anyone's ticket in the 39th district, Duncan said she remains hopeful.

She said she recently received an endorsement from the Baptist Ministers Conference, a confirmation of an earlier endorsement made by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and one from powerful Eastside politician and City Council vice president, Clarence "Du" Burns.

Dr. C. Vernon Gray, a political science professor at Morgan State University, is a candidate for the Howard County Council.

Gray said his campaign is going well although he has yet to receive his first endorsement. A fundraiser is slated for June 26 at the Slayton House, Wilde Lake Village, Columbia, he said.

Eastside City Councilman Nathan Irby said while his campaign organization is in full swing as he mounts a bid to wrest the 45th state senatorial seat from Sen. Robert Douglass, the City Council budget hearings will be consuming most of his time for the next week or so.

Calling this city budget the most "crucial" in the history of Baltimore, Irby said those deliberations come first.

Curt Anderson, the WMAR-TV newsman, who was one of the casualties of a recent strike at that station, spends much of his time these days campaigning for the House of Delegates in the racially mixed 44th District.

Anderson said he has been endorsed by the Wilson Park Improvement Association and the Kimberly Road Improvement Association.

A July 14 fundraiser has been scheduled to boost his political coffers, he said. Robin Harmon, last year's Miss Maryland, will be the guest speaker.

After much political hullabaloo, the Metro Democrats of the 40th District have announced their slate for state office. Leading the way for the senate seat is former City Councilwoman Mary B. Adams.

Del. Frank Conaway, Western Ivey and Isaiah Dixon Jr., are running for the House of Delegates.

The 40th District races this election year promises to be interesting. Two other tickets are vying for seats the Metro Dems have targeted.

Del. Troy Brailey, once a political ally of Sen. Verda Welcome, is running for the senate seat Welcome has occupied since 1963. He has surrounded himself with a ticket that includes Ralph Hughes, Steve Wainwright and Erma Perry.

Sen. Welcome, who ended speculation about her political future last month by announcing her re-election bid, has Del. Pete Rawlings, Tony Fulton and Christine Moore on her ticket.

The filing date to run for office is July 6.

Hopkins benefit golf set

A benefit golf tournament for the Johns Hopkins Tutorial Project will be held on Saturday, at the Rocky Point Golf Course.

Starting times will be 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. The $30 per person entry fee includes greens fees, prizes, and refreshments. The Calloway system of scoring will be used.

The event is sponsored by the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO, the Metropolitan Baltimore Council AFL-CIO Unions, and the Teamsters Joint Council No. 62.

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Attorney charged with theft from three clients



Prentiss "Cookie" Barber

A 46-year-old attorney acquitted of taking $1,200 from his client two years ago and found guilty of failing to deposit a client's money and income tax charges, now is charged with stealing $4,783.36 from three other clients.

Richard V. Johnson, of the 5500 block Gwynn Oak Ave., was indicted June 15 by the city grand jury.

According to the charges, Johnson is charged with two counts of felony theft, one count of larceny after trusts and three counts of violating the state law that requires lawyers to keep their client's money in separate escrow.

Assistant State's Attorney Bernard P. Kole said the thefts allegedly took place between November 1976 and December 1981.

Johnson is accused of taking $2,534.38 from Ms. Gussie M. Harris, of the 4000 block Liberty Heights Ave., between September 1981 and December 1981.

A half sister of Mrs. Harris, 70, who lives in North Carolina left her the money. Johnson is also charged with stealing $1,249 from Cecil Cooper, of the 3600 block Forest Garden Ave., between November 1976 and November 1977.

Cooper's money came from his sister's estate. Court records state the money in both cases was to be held in escrow accounts.

Ms. Barbara Ackwood, of the 200 block Dallas St., received $1,000 settlement from an accident case and Johnson is charged with taking the money in September 1979.

No trial date has been set for Johnson.

Officer resigns after indictment

A 24-year-old city police officer indicted on charges of obstructing justice, resigned June 15, police said.

Officer Victor H. Clash is suspected of trying to influence a grand jury witness, according to police.

Clash was one of Southeastern district officers under investigation by the department's Internal Investigation Division and the state special prosecutor's office for alleged misconduct.

Clash, who joined the force as a teenage cadet in 1977, is also suspected of accepting marijuana from a person without issuing a summons or making an arrest, police said.

The indictment charges Clash tried to influence the person to make a false statement to a grand jury investigating the officer's involvement in the matter.

Police report they are still investigating the case and other Southeastern District officers are allegedly involved. Police refuse to say how many other officers might be involved. However, the AFRO has learned that three or four other officers were involved and sources said, "as many as 15 to 20 officers" might have been involved.

Sources told the AFRO Clash is the only black officer allegedly involved and the women who allegedly used the marijuana were all white.

One Southeastern district Officer Paul N. Valeri, 29, who has been on the force since May 1975 recently resigned.

When asked if Valeri was named in the indictments, Sgt. Michael Bass, a spokesman for the Police Department told the AFRO, "Valeri resigned for personal reasons within the last month."

Police, FBI nab escaped convict

Local Police and FBI Wednesday, June 16, captured a prison escapee who was serving a life plus 15-year term for first-degree murder when he fled from a Maryland jail Easter Sunday.

Fred Sampson, 36, was serving the term for homicide and a handgun violation at the Maryland Penitentiary, the state's only maximum-security facility, when he and two other inmates overpowered prison guards and fled April 11.

City Police spokesman Dennis Hill said Baltimore County Police received a tip Sampson was hiding in a city house. The FBI, which had issued a fugitive warrant for Sampson, and city and county police surrounded the dwelling.

Sampson, armed with a 22-caliber bandgun, allegedly opened fire on the FBI agent who kicked open the front door, Hill said.

Officers returned the fire, and Sampson ran through the house.

"He dived out the back window and took the window frame and all with him. He landed on the porch roof and an officer outside fired a shot at him," Hill said.

"He (Sampson) dropped his weapon and said, 'you got me,' so they went and got him."

No one was injured during the incident.

The escapee faces additional charges of assault with intent to murder, Hill said.

Another escapee, Kenneth Hatchett, 27, who had been serving a 40-year sentence for armed robbery, was fatally shot three days after the April 11 escape during a frantic chase following a holdup at a men's clothing store in Baltimore.

The third, inmate, Kevin Gibbs, 22, received multiple gunshot wounds during the incident. He had been serving a 40-year sentence for rape when he escaped from the penitentiary.

A supermarket security guard who chased the holdup suspects was seriously wounded when he was shot in the face.

-UPI

Teen gets life

A judge handed a life-plus-15 years prison term to a teenager convicted of the murder and attempted robbery of an elderly Baltimore physician.

Criminal Court Judge James Perrott Wednesday, June 16, sentenced Donald Braxton, 17, convicted of murder, attempted robbery and a handgun violation in the slaying of Dr. George Phillips, 72.

Braxton was convicted March 18.

Prosecutors argued that Braxton, one of six teenagers charged in the case, shot and killed the physician last fall as the other youths looked on.

Arrest made in Edgecombe murder

A 27-year-old security guard, charged with first degree murder in the June 12 death of a woman found shot and burned in a vacant Northwest Baltimore apartment, is at City Jail after he was denied bail Tuesday.

Sgt. Mike Bass told the AFRO David Maddox, who lives in a trailer in the 2500 block of Edgecombe Circle-North, also is charged with a handgun violation in the death of 22-year-old Prentiss "Cookie" Barber, of the 2100 block of Bolton St.

A "domestic situation" that resulted from an argument that "escalated into violence" lead to Ms. Barber's death, Bass said.

Maddox, who works as a security guard at the Beacon Hill apartments, the same address as his trailer, was arrested Monday after he was questioned by police about inconsistencies in his story.

Bass said police received a call at 1:08 a.m. Saturday about a woman found in one of the vacant apartments in the complex, now undergoing renovation.

Officer Robert Gee responded to the call and was met by Maddox, he said.

Ms. Barber's body was discovered laying on the floor of apartment No. 103. She had been shot several times in the chest and was partially charred around her head and shoulders, Bass said.

During the investigation, Bass said police learned Maddox and Ms. Barber knew each other and that it was a "domestic" fight leading to her death. No other suspects are being sought, he said.

Ms. Barber's mother, Sally Eaddy, told the AFRO, she last saw her daughter Friday, June 11, at about 5 p.m. She said her daughter told her she was going out, but did not say where.

"I told her to be careful, like I told her all the time," Mrs. Eaddy said. "I just can't believe she's dead."

Mrs. Eaddy said her daughter was in a happy mood that evening. Before Ms. Barber left, she emptied the trash, combed her hair and said, "I'll see ya."

She described her daughter, also known as "Cookie," as a happy person who loved to be around a lot of people.

She said her daughter spent her days looking for work and had expressed a desire to become a bailbondswoman.

Ms. Barber was born in Belhaven, N.C. She moved to Baltimore with her family at the age of three.

She attended Mt. Royal and La Mayo Schools. Ms. Barber graduated from Houston Woods High School in 1978.

Funeral services will be Monday, June 21, at William C. March Funeral Home. Burial will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Ms. Barber is survived by her mother and stepfather, James Eaddy; her father, Robert Toppings, of New York; three sisters, Valerie, Vernetta and Tina; a brother, Vernon.

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