—Broadwater

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the film canister was given to his son or not.

According to Broadwater, it is charged that $45,000 in food stamps had been illegally processed through his store.

Dudley is alleged to have had $25,000 in food stamps in his possession which were not supposed to have been processed through the Chapel Oaks Farmers Market.

Broadwater stated that he does have a food stamp outlet in his store.

Regarding his guilt or innocence, Broadwater said he was never found in possession of any illegal food stamps and he has no knowledge of illegal food stamps in his store.

His daughter is assistant manager of the store and helps keep the books. The senator said "they indicted her to get at me." He is relieved that neither his brother nor the manager of the store were indicted.

Broadwater expects his trial to begin in two or three months. "I expect to be victorious," he said in reference to the results of his trial.

The senator does not plan to resign from his legislative seat nor does he expect to be removed from office as a result of the indictment.

A fundraiser to support the Friends of Tommie Broadwater Jr., Defense Fund will be held on April 22 at the Glen Arden Community Center in Prince Georges County.

—Buy-in

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Statistics show that in the Jewish community, the dollar turns over an average of seven times before leaving. In the White Anglo-Saxon Protestant community, the dollar turns at least five times.

Unfortunately, in the black community the dollar does not turn once. It is the aim of the HUB Organization to begin to turn the dollar in the community and help black entrepreneurs achieve economic independence.

Raymond V. Haysbert, president of HUB, stated that the organization needs support more now than ever. "During these times of Reagonomics, blacks must take a self-look at their economic problems and begin to help themselves."

But he added, "We will not stop with the 'Buy In, Buy Us Week.' HUB will continue to provide leadership and show by example to blacks throughout the nation that we can overcome economic hardships by supporting ourselves in our own businesses. We are committed to this objective."

—Happiness

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become so shredded that even legislators have found it difficult to solve the ails caused by it.

On Wednesday, March 30, the State Senate voted to postpone motion on the "Bill of Rights for the Unemployed" which would have allowed homeowners to postpone mortgage payments for six months.

Such postponements and dubious actions have been happening throughout the State and the country at all levels of government.

Mr. Blackledge says he knows he has been blessed.

—Letter to delegate

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special adverse impact that may affect your constituents. This information will be helpful in drafting appropriate remedies to achieve a balanced climate in Maryland for the consumer and the banking industry.

I am aware of the long standing concerns that members of the black community have concerning equal employment opportunities in the banking and credit industry. In addition, I am pleased to learn in our meeting, that due to the current problems with the national economy, the black legislators have identified residentual mortgage foreclosures as the issue of high priority.

You and your colleagues in the Black Caucus have my commitment that I will be supportive and provide assistance, when necessary, with regard to your discussions with the banking and credit industry leaders in your mutual efforts to address the concerns of mortgage foreclosure and affirmative action at the management and operational levels in that industry. I would appreciate being kept apprised of the developments that result from your discussions with the industry after the session.

Very truly yours,
BENJAMIN L. CARDIN
Speaker, House of Delegates

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2-day fair housing conference in D.C.

The National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing (NCDH), a 33-year-old housing, civil rights organization headed by Dr. Robert C. Weaver, is holding a national fair housing conference, Apr. 11-12, at the Capital Hilton Hotel.

The theme of the two-day conference is "Restating the Case for Fair Housing."

Featured speakers include Patricia Roberts Harris, former secretary of Housing and Urban Development, on "Housing Supply and Its Impact on Fair Housing;" Georgia State Senator Julian Bond on "Persistence of Traditional Forms of Housing Discrimination," and Cong. Don Edwards on "Fair Housing Amendments Legislation: An Update."

Samuel Simmons, president of the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, and Dorothy Ridings, president, League of Women Voters of the United States, will share the podium for a session on "New Forms of Housing Discrimination."

Monday's luncheon speaker is Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, chairman, Citizens Commission on Civil Rights. U.S. Senator Robert Dole will be the luncheon speaker on Tuesday.

A highlight of the two-day meeting is a reception honoring Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., for his inspiring leadership in fair housing and civil rights.

Winners of the national fair housing poster contest will be announced during the luncheon on Tuesday.

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CRIME DISPATCH

Ja-Wan McGee is charged with rape

A man who was shot and paralyzed by a policeman's bullet three years ago is free on bail today after being charged with rape.

Baltimore police said Ja-Wan McGee, 20, was released Wednesday night on a $12,000 dollar bond. James "Speedy" Robinson, 20, another man arrested with him Wednesday, was being held today in lieu of a $30,000 bond.

The two are charged with raping a 20-year-old woman late Tuesday night who was an acquaintance of Robinson.

Both McGee and Robinson were charged with first-degree rape, sex offense and assault charges. Police said Robinson allegedly helped McGee, who was confined to a wheelchair.

Police said the woman told them that the two men took her to a secluded area near railroad tracks, where she was struck in the face and raped.

In March, 1980, off-duty Detective Stephen McGowan shot McGee when he saw the youth remove what the officer later described as a "shiny object" from his jacket pocket in a pizza carry-out. The object turned out to be a cigarette lighter.

McGowan, who eventually lost his job, said he thought McGee and Robinson were planning to rob the business.

The state's Criminal Injury Compensation Board last year ruled against McGee's claim that he was a victim of a crime at the time of the shooting and therefore should be compensated.

City Hospital officials said the bullet wound left McGee paralyzed from the chest down and said he had no feeling or control below his navel.

Lanham bookkeeper on probation after fraud conviction

A Circuit Court judge placed a former Lanham nursing home bookkeeper who pleaded guilty to medicaid fraud on three years probation on April 5.

In a plea bargain agreement, Judge James W. Murphy suspended a one year jail sentence for Norma Anders, who was accused of altering financial records at the Magnolia Gardens Nursing Home.

Mrs. Anders admitted to altering the records at the direction of William R. Greco, the nursing home's administrator, to deceive state auditors, Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs said.

The auditors were reviewing the records to verify costs which the nursing home had included in its application for medical funds for 1976, 1977 and 1978.

Mrs. Anders, 56, who now lives in Massachusetts, pleaded guilty to one count of medicaid fraud in exchange for the suspended sentence. Sachs said the woman could have been sentenced to three years in jail for the violation.

Magnolia Gardens is a 104-bed facility in Prince George's County and received medical funds from the state medical assistance program on a cost reimbursement basis.

MERGENTHALER REUNION

The Mergenthaler Vocational - Technical High School Class of 1968 is planning its 15 - year Class Reunion.

The Reunion will be held on October 1, 1983 from 9 p.m to 1 a.m. at Rosedale Gardens.

There will be an open - bar, hot and cold buffet and the band playing will be Gazze.

If you have not been contacted or for more information, please call 633-4020 or 633-3221.

Discouraged jobless blamed for work dip

Maryland's unemployment rate dipped from nine percent in January to 8.8 percent in February, largely due to discouraged job seekers leaving the labor force, statistics released this week showed.

Curtis Kane, a spokesman for the Maryland Department of Human Resources, , said fewer persons were employed in February compared to January, but a decline in the labor force caused a decrease in the jobless rate.

He added that February's jobless rate was lower than the 9.2 mark in February of last year, and that Maryland's jobless rate has been lower than the national rate for 13 straight months.

"This is the second consecutive month that the rate is lower than the corresponding month of a year ago. That's the encouraging news," Kane said.

In the Baltimore metropolitan area, the unemployment rate declined from 10.2 percent in January to 9.9 percent in February. Seasonal hiring in education offset layoffs in the steel, construction, trucking and retail trade industries Kane said.

Baltimore's jobless rate decreased to 11.2 percent in February, 0.6 lower than the previous month.

Unemployment remained the lowest in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. Statistics show that Montgomery County's jobless rate of four percent was the lowest in the state and Prince George's posted a 5.8 unemployment rate.

Kane said unemployment for the nine-counties on the Eastern Shore stood at 16.7 percent in February, paced by a 27 percent rate in Somerset County.

Garrett County's unemployment rate of 25.7 percent was the second highest in the state. But Kane said there was some good employment news in Western Maryland.

In Washington County, unemployment dipped from 18.9 percent to 15.7 percent because of recalls in the manufacturing industry, Kane said.

The statistics revealed that 1,899,167 were employed in February in the state and 183,692 persons were unemployed. Kane said employment declined in the manufacturing, construction, retail trade and trucking industries.

C&P can collect more money

By Rebecca Kolberg

A Federal judge this week granted a preliminary injunction that would allow Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. to collect $16.1 million in additional revenues.

In handing down the injunction, U.S. District Judge Edward Northrup ruled that the state's public service commission should comply with a federal order establishing depreciation rates for local telephone equipment.

Northrup gave the commission 10 days to decide how C&P will be allowed to apply the increase.

"Right now, we are not sure how this is going to affect all of our customers. We have to wait until April 16 when the PSC tells us how the increase should be made," said C&P spokesman Frank Just.

Just said the utility would refund the difference to its customers if attempts to gain permanent authorization for the depreciation charges fail. A preliminary injunction allows the rate hikes to remain in effect until a permanent ruling is issued.

Kirk Emge, a spokesman for the PSC, said a decision whether to appeal the ruling in the U.S. Court of Appeals has not been made.

PSC Chairman Frank Heintz officials had previously stated that the state regulatory board does not recognize the Federal Communications Commission's power to enforce rate hike standards on Maryland.

"We thoroughly researched the communications act of 1934 and our conclusion was that the FCC does not have the authority to."

77-year old woman slashed to death

Police report a 77-year-old woman was found dead in her Chauncey Avenue home on April 5, by her son. Mrs. Dena Greenberg, of the 900 block of Chauncey Ave., was dressed in a red plaid robe and shirt. Police state her throat had been slashed.

Joe Greenberg told police when he left home Tuesday morning his mother was fine. Police state the son said the front door to the apartment and house were found the same way Greenberg left them at 8 a.m.

The front door to the apartment house was locked and the apartment door was closed but not locked. According to police, the apartment looked like a struggle might have taken place but there was no force entry to the apartment.

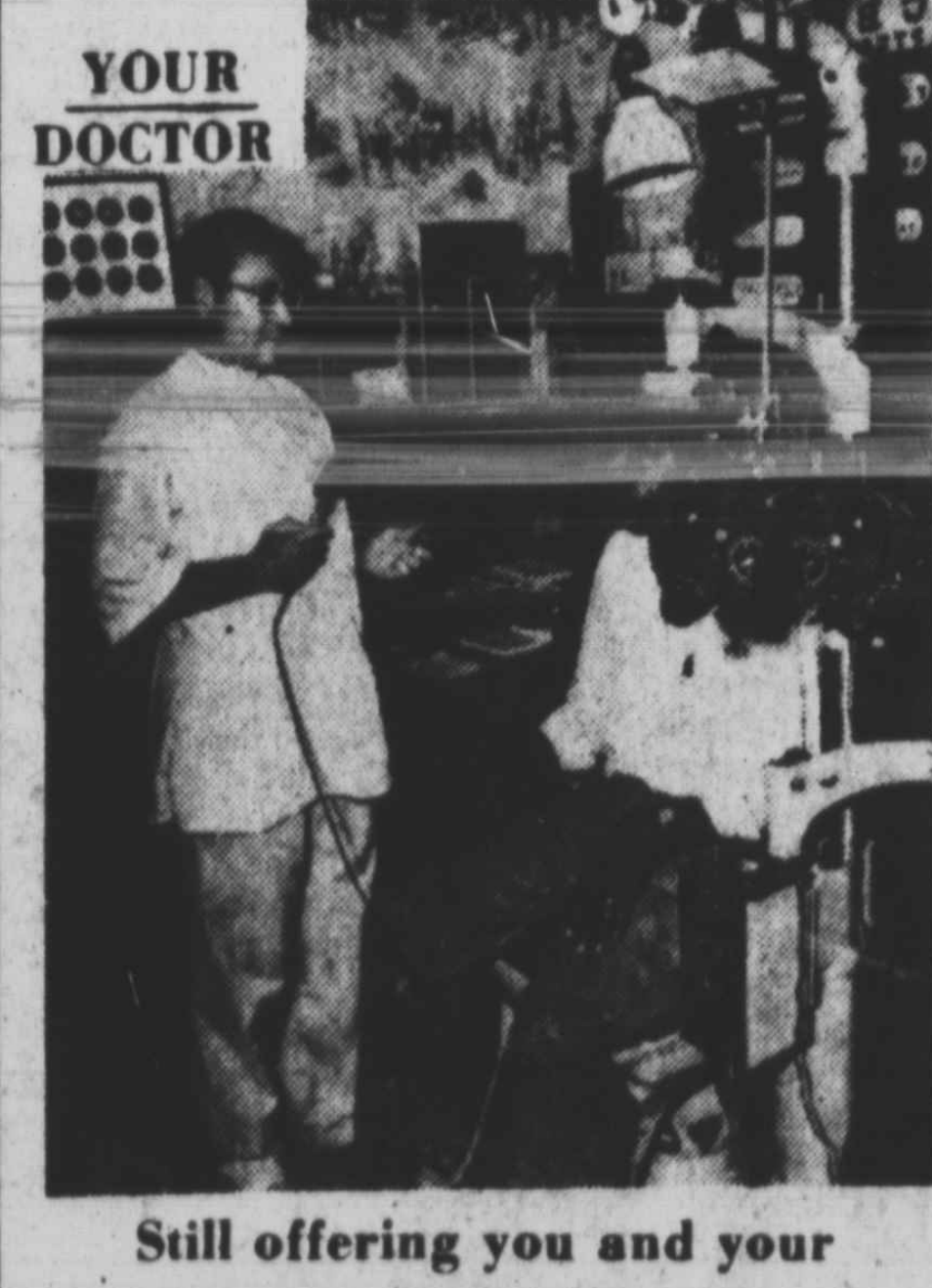
At AFRO presstime, police were still investigating the case and no arrest had been made.

NOW CENTRAL MEET

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of the National Organization for Women will take place Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a general discussion about the upcoming Mid - Atlantic Regional Conference and a chance to meet NOW members running for National Board.

Along with our informational program NOW offers a calendar of events that interest women, a social time and a feminist boutique.



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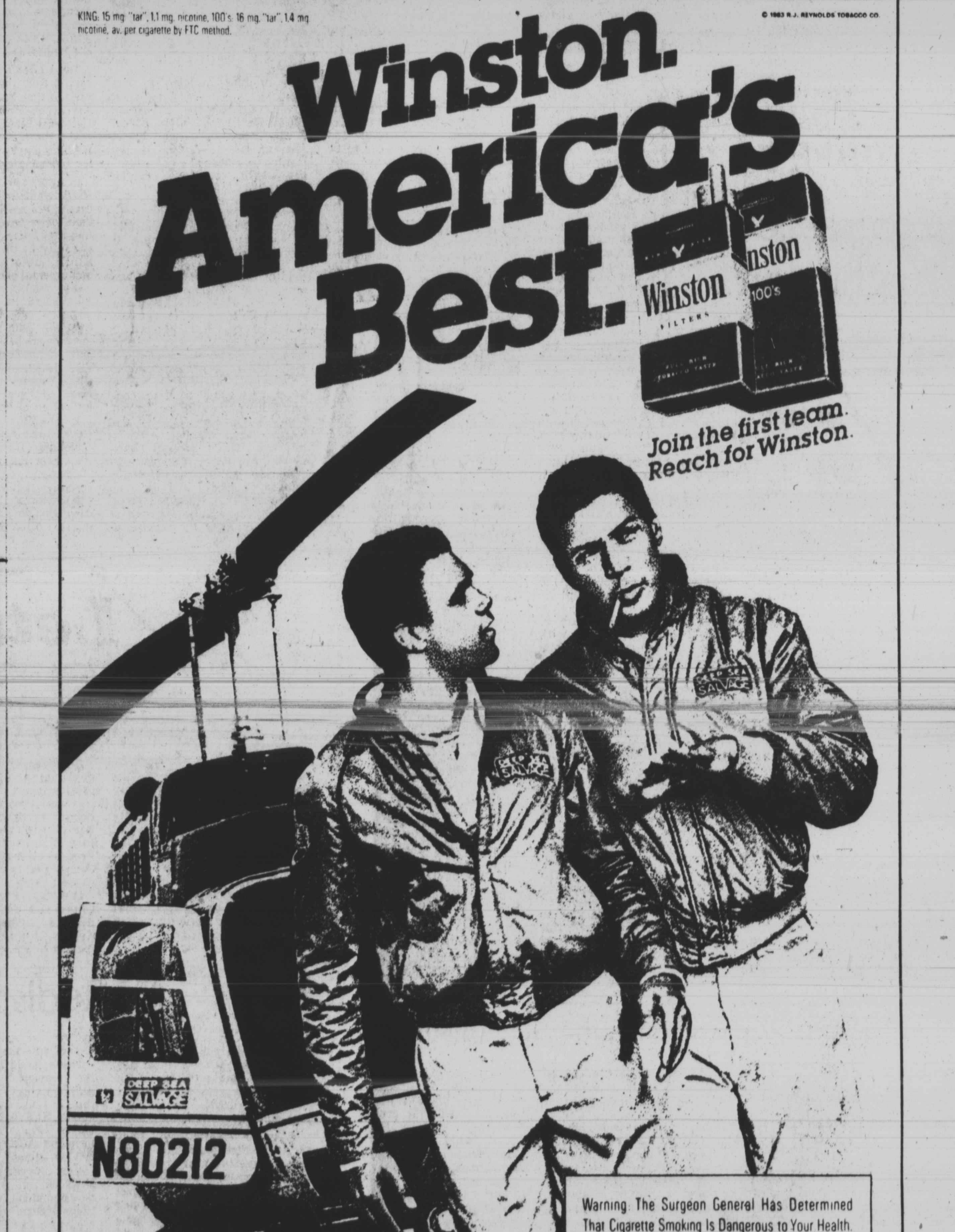

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