—Blacks bypassed

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economic condition of black and other minority Baltimoreans.

"I have the honor of serving as president of the most active and effective organization fighting for minority economic development on a statewide basis. In the past few years, we have fought for and gained the right for black and other minority contractors to work on federal, state and county-funded construction projects.

"We have some 300 small black and other minority businesses that are seeking to enter the mostly closed doors of Baltimore's economic mainstream. Frequently we are compelled to stand up and be heard on issues of racial discrimination and exclusion. Several years ago our association led a non-violent protest march against racial discrimination against minority contractors on the Douglass High School renovation project and we clearly prevailed and won new economic opportunities for our people.

"So our association is staging this protest march not to influence the mayoral election; rather, we are marching solely because injustice and exclusion are still clear and present barriers to full and equal business opportunity for minority contractors.

"The purpose of our direct-action protest march against the Chessie System and the Oliver T. Carr Development Company is to stop the work on this building and establish the precedent that so-called private developers in Baltimore cannot and should not be permitted to practice racial discrimination and exclusion against Baltimore's majority population.

"Black and other minority businesses must be provided full and equal opportunity to work on both public and private development projects. I believe that our planned August 15th Protest March will facilitate this long-denied right and opportunity."

—Voter registration

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place will be open until 8 p.m. on the day of the election; polling places must be provided in each district/ward/precinct; the right to register to vote, which is guaranteed to every citizen;

Any change of address must be submitted by each registered voter; errors in registration must be corrected by the board as soon as possible; help in voting is provided at each polling place.

Absentee ballots will be provided those who cannot be present to cast their vote in person; and the right to appeal any decision rendered by the bound are rights of each citizen of legal voting age.

All of these measures are to protect the voter in the event of status changes or misunderstanding as to their rights under the law.

Sawyer, also stated that, "a laymen's version of the Voters' Bill of Rights is in the process of being drawn up, so that each citizen can have a better understanding of the laws as it applies to them."

Every citizen of the age of 17½ years old and older, who is a resident of the state and of Baltimore City, or of the county, in which he or she lives may offer to vote, as of the closing of the registration books (Aug. 15) next preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he or she resides. This is the general guideline as provided in the registration and election laws of this state.

The law further states that no person convicted of a felony or an infamous crime, i.e. larceny and all statutory and common law felonies as well as certain nonfelonious offenses involving an element of fraud, deceit, corruption, such as perjury, are infamous crimes; unless pardoned, shall be entitled to vote at any election in this state.

Also, for the first such conviction, the disqualification shall extend only for the length of the sentence imposed and for any period of probation. It goes on to state that no person shall be entitled to vote while under guardianship for mental disability.

These and other election laws are vital in the quest for voters who are added to the registration rolls. It is important that any person or organization who is involved in the registration of voters understand the laws as they apply to Maryland in order to have an effective voter registration drive.

—NAACP

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Operation Fair Share consultant Rev. L. R. Byrd, who said that the purpose was to make the Southern businessmen aware of the extent of the black community's purchasing power.

He used marked coins in the demonstration, which proved successful. Area businessmen reported that $1.3 million black dollars were circulated throughout the state in three days. The local effort is being led by William Calhoun.

Mrs. Enolia McMillan, president of the Baltimore branch of the NAACP, participated in the New Orleans' test and says it should have quite an effect on Baltimore.

"We're hoping this program will serve to alert us all to the very real strength of our dollars. Maybe then we can move toward meaningful dialogue on opening up the city's commercial circles to our community."

As Mrs. McMillan indicated, the long-term goal of the project is to gain leverage in the NAACP's efforts to have the black population included more equitably in the commercial and financial affairs of cities such as Baltimore.

The initiative is unique in that it offers a clear system of monitoring black economic strength without inconvenience.

Instead of placards or picket lines, instead of boycotts or spending moratoriums, the initiative will do little to disrupt the normal economic flow of the community; but will do a lot to serve notice that there is a giant black consumer pool contributing to the wealth of the city, state and nation.

Politics '83

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Teachers union to endorse

The Baltimore Teachers Union heard comments from both mayoral candidates, incumbent William Schaefer and challenger William H. Murphy, Jr., before deliberating over a choice for endorsement.

The candidates, who appeared separately, were allowed 20 minutes for comments followed by a 20 minute period to field questions from the audience at the Eastern High School auditorium.

At presstime, no decision had been reached regarding the union endorsement.

GM plans to close plant

General Motors plans to close its Baltimore Assembly plant for about five months beginning at the end of next March to allow for a $270 million renovation, a spokesman says.

The Broening Highway plant will stop building mid-size, rear-drive cars at the end of March, GM Spokesman William Noack said, he added the plant would be closed for 20 weeks as new technology and tooling are brought in to produce a new vehicle.

The shutdown could affect as many as 2,600 employees, but a representative of local 239 of the United Auto Workers union said some workers might not be laid off while others would take training courses.

Noack said the 1984 model year that begins Monday would be the last time the Broening Highway plant would produce the two Chevrolet and two Pontiac car models currently made at the facility.

GM officials have refused to identify the new product that will be made in Baltimore, but recent published reports said it probably would be a new mini-van when production resumes sometime next August.

Forest Park team comes in second

The Forest Park Junior League Baseball team came in second to North East of Cecil County in the sectional state championships. Forest Park battled back after an opening lost to North East and defeated Conococheague and Thurmont only to fall in the championship game to heavily favorite North East.

The four-day tournament participants were: Jerome Blackwell, Daryl Bell, Daryl Conway, Joseph Clark, Kendall Scott, Craig Ewell, Ernest Jones, Morris Brown, Alonzo Brandon, Derrich Bullock, Vincent Bond, Victor Bond, Micheal Bolden, Eric Walker and George Bell.

The Junior League All Stars were coached by John Blackwell Sr. and managed by Ernest Maker Sr. The team earned the right to the sectionals by defeating Edmondson Village in two straight victories.

The Light Touch



By Mrs. Lee

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CRIME DISPATCH

Still no leads in Goucher death

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Two Baltimore county detectives investigating the Aug. 3 homicide of a Goucher College student who was found dead in a wooded area 50 yards from the main entrance of the school, have returned to Baltimore from her hometown with no new information or leads in the case.

The homicide detectives attended the private funeral services for Miss Alicia Carter, 21, at Piedmont Baptist Church in Yancey Mills, Va. on Aug. 9.

The victim is from Charlottesville, Va., and was a senior at the Dulaney Valley Road school. Her decomposed body was found five days after she was reported missing by her roomate.

According to the medical examiner, the cause of death was multiple stab wounds to the stomach.

Miss Carter was a member of the Goucher College Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship a nationwide student evangelical.

Miss Carter was identified by papers found in her purse. Sgt. Paul Waclawski, a spokesman for the Baltimore County police told the AFRO, "We were able to trace her whereabouts from the time she left home on July 25 until 4:30 p.m. the same day when she was last seen in the vicinity of the Towson library."

"We are not sure if she entered the library. The county detective said, Miss Carter was given a ride to the library by a female friend and "we lost her whereabouts" at 4:30 p.m. The Goucher student was found dead on the campus grounds, five days after she was reported missing.

Investigating officers have also talked with her friends in Baltimore and co-workers at the school where she worked as a switchboard operator.

A bus with 50 Goucher students and friends traveled to the victim's hometown in Virginia for memorial services on Aug. 10. Her friends described her as "a loving and trusting person."

Miss Carter was a senior majoring in economics. Police said they will continue their investigation.

AFTER KILLING MAN

'I'm still nervous,' mother declares

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

It was the first night this summer Mrs. Claudine Hale decided to sleep on the sofa in the living room of her first floor Northwest Baltimore apartment.

She never, ever slept with a .22- caliber gun under the cushion of her sofa.

Her reason for sleeping in her living room was because, "It was too hot in the bedroom."

Around 5:48 a.m., Tuesday morning, the 37-year-old mother of five children was awaken by a man who had placed his hand over her mouth, according to police.

Police report the unidentified man entered Mrs. Hale's apartment by climbing through an open window.

Mrs. Hale told the AFRO, "I was scared. I had never seen the man and he told me to do what he said do and he would not hurt my children. "I hollered and he said, "You will make me hurt you."

After a brief struggle with the man, Mrs. Hale said, "Everything just happened real fast." She said she managed to grab her gun from under the sofa and "I just turned and fired. When my children heard the gunshot they came in the living room and he left through the living room window.

Mrs. Hale shot Warren Jerome Sparrow, 34, once in the chest while struggling with him in her home. Police said the victim was found dead lying on the pavement on Garrison Blvd.

No charges will be placed against Mrs. Hale. Seated on the wooden steps of her Roslyn Avenue home, Mrs. Hale told the AFRO, "There are too many things happening to women today. I was scared but after I hollered and he did not react by pulling out a gun or knife, I knew he did not have any type of weapon.

"It was just a God given opportunity. He had been seen in the neighborhood earlier that night. What makes me mad about the whole situation is these guys get out of jail and they don't have anywhere to go. They have no jobs, no programs to help them and they will do or try anything to try and make a living.

"I am still nervous. It still bothers me that I took someone's life. If I had not pulled the trigger, I don't know what would have happened. What he said to me out of his mouth has really affected me more mentally than physically."

Mrs. Hale is a single parent, who is employed as a substitute school teacher. She attended Coppin State College for two years and the Community College of Baltimore, where she majored in criminal justice.

She has lived on Roslyn Avenue for two years. Mrs. Hale says she does not plan to move.

"I still feel reasonably safe. After I realized what had happened and I was okay, I got mad."

Only two of Mrs. Hale's children and her god-child were home when the man entered her home.

Mrs. Hale said a lot of women are afraid of guns but if they are well trained on what to do with a gun and when is the proper time to use it, she said she sees nothing wrong with a single parent having a gun in the home for protection.

When asked why she placed the gun under the cushion on the sofa, she replied, "Some people act on instinct. I just felt uneasy sleeping there. I usually hide the gun."

Mrs. Hale has spent her summer taking care of her children. "Taking care of the house and trying to keep my sons straight is a job by itself," said Mrs. Hale.

Eventually she plans to complete her college credits and would like to work as a counselor working with inmates before they are released.

"I want to prepare them before they hit the streets. They need this before they walk out of prison."

Burglary suspect shot at gunpoint

City police searched Saturday for a burglary suspect whose partner was shot by a man the two allegedly held at gunpoint.

Police said Sheldon Robinson, who was charged with burglary, assault and armed robbery, was listed in good condition at the University of Maryland Hospital recovering from a bullet wound in his back.

Police were trying to identify and locate his partner, who fled unharmed in the Friday night incident.

Eric Wakefield, 31, was being held at gunpoint in his South Baltimore home by the two suspects when he wrestled a gun away from one assailant and shot Robinson, police said.

Police said Wakefield arrived at his home about 8:25 and was led to his living room while one suspect held a gun to his head. Wakefield reached around to grab the revolver and was shot in the arm, police said.

He then picked the gun up off the floor and shot Robinson once in the back as the pair fled, police said.

Wakefield was treated for a minor wound to his arm at the University of Maryland Hospital and released.

Black woman is appointed in county

Phyllis Cunningham Kirkland, former director of community relations for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, has become the first black to join the senior staff of Anne Arundel County Executive James Lighthizer.

County Executive Lighthizer appointed the Severna Park resident as Assistant to the County Executive. She replaces Robert Nealy, who was the county's Human Relations Officer before he was promoted to Assistant Personnel Officer in Charge of Affirmative Action.

Mrs. Kirkland's post, though similar to Mr. Nealy's, is more visible because, unlike Mr. Nealy, she will be one of Mr. Lighthizer's five top aides and a member of the so-called "inner circle."

Under the County Charter, according to Press Secretary Robert Fuggetta, Lighthizer can appoint three staff assistants. Kirkland is the second woman. The third Assistant to the County Executive position is vacant.

Mrs. Kirkland holds an undergraduate degree from Claflin College, Orangeburg, South Carolina; Master's degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana; with further study at the University of Pennsylvania and University of South Carolina.

Mrs. Kirkland, who is the former Phyllis Cunningham, is the daughter of the late Roy Cunningham and Mrs. Leonye Cunningham of Florence, SC and sister of Dr. Roy Cunningham of Columbia, SC.

She is married to Joseph E. Kirkland, who was promoted on June 7 to Chief of Maintenance, Buildings and Grounds, at the Crownsville State Hospital, an 800 bed multi-purpose Maryland State Hospital Center. The couple have three children, Louise Holmes, Denise and Joseph Phillip Kirkland.



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