



Someone You Should Meet ...

Name: Angela Elaine Carethers
Job Title: Assistant Loan Officer Trainee
Hometown: Newport News, Va.
Describe yourself in one word: "Ambitious"
Favorite book: "God and the Ghetto" by William Jones Jr.
Favorite Movie: "An Officer and a Gentleman"
Person admires most: My boss, Mrs. Betty Hanes
Career Goal: "To become a loan officer."

(photo by James Parker)

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

Black Victims Aboard Korean Jet Funeralized

DETROIT — Memorial services were recently held for a group of black women who were aboard the Korean jetliner shot down Sept. 1 by a Soviet fighter plane over the Sea of Japan.

The eight blacks from the Detroit area aboard the plane were Jessie P. Slaton, 75, a retired judge; businesswoman Margaret Zarif, 59; General Motors employee Joyce Chambers, 34; Marie Culp, 79, a retired beautician; Hazel James, 50, a dry cleaners employee;

Frances Swift, and Eleanor and Edna Miller, who were sisters.

The eight black women were on a special two-week tour of Korea, with planned stops in Seoul and Hong Kong.

A civic memorial service was held at Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit for the eight crash victims.

Baker Refuses To Delay Action On King Bill

WASHINGTON — Senate majority leader Howard Baker refused last week to delay action on the bill to make Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday so that a Democratic presidential candidate could be present to vote for it.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W. Va., made the request on behalf of a Democratic senator who is running for presi-

dent. Byrd did not name the senator, but sources said it was Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C.

Hollings, along with other announced Democratic presidential contenders, was campaigning in Maine.

According to Baker, the Senate was expected to act on the King bill by last Friday.

Watt's Remarks Get Him Into More Hot Water

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary James Watt was under fire again last week after making what was intended to be a humorous remark about a commission that advises him on leasing federal land for coal mining.

Upset at a Senate vote that barred him from the further leasing of federal land for coal mining, Watt told the U.S. Chamber of Commerce that he is being advised by a "mixture" of people.

"We have every kind of mixture you can have," said Watt. "I have a black, I have a woman, two Jews and a cripple."

After coming under fire from blacks, women, Jews

and the handicapped, Watt apologized and termed his choice of words "unfortunate."

Richard Gordon, a professor of mineral economics at Pennsylvania State University and a member of the commission, said Watt seemed sincere in his apology to him, but said he wished the whole episode hadn't happened. Gordon is Jewish and has a paralyzed arm.

The Commission on Fair Market Value Policy for Federal Coal Leasing, which Watt referred to, reviews the government program on coal sales and recommends reforms.

Crime Prevention

Masked Men Rob Businesses

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your community during the past week and to help you protect your family and property from crime.

Armed Robbery

•3000 block, Patterson Avenue

Upon entering a business, a masked man approached the secretary, pointed a gun at her and demanded money. The man then walked to the rear of the business, where he confronted the manager. After the suspect struck the manager in the head with his gun, the manager struck him back, prompting the intruder to fire several shots. The manager then grabbed his own gun and fired back. The suspect picked up the manager's gun, which the manager had dropped, and fled, grabbing money from the cash box as he ran. The suspect is described as a 5-8 black man in his 20s with a slim build and wearing a green stocking mask.

•3800 block, Northampton Drive

A 5-8, 135-pound black male wearing a red stocking mask pointed a gun at the clerk and told him to put his money into a paper bag.

Strong-Armed Robbery

•1300 block, Lincoln Avenue

Three suspects known to the complainant broke into his house and stole his .22-caliber rifle by force. When the complainant saw one of the suspects later and demanded that his rifle be returned, the suspect assaulted him. Warrants have been issued.

Common-Law Robbery

•500 block, Trade Street

The suspect approached the complainant, reached into his pocket and took his money and cigarette lighter. The suspect then pushed the complainant to the ground. Two witnesses who observed the incident chased and caught the suspect.

Housebreakings

•1200 block, East 19th Street

The suspect attempted to break into the complainant's house and was still trying to break in when police arrived. He was arrested.

•400 block, West 23rd Street

A black-and-white television set, a .22-caliber pistol and a lady's wristwatch were taken.

•1100 block, Butler Street

Three RCA color television sets and four watches were taken, as well as the house being ransacked.

•1100 block, East 18th Street

The suspect broke into the complainant's house, grabbed a butcher knife and stuck it into the door of a bathroom where the complainant was hiding. The suspect was arrested and the complainant was not injured.

•2000 block, Dellabrook Road

Three television sets, a microwave oven and a video recorder were taken.

Storebreakings

•1300 block, Cunningham Avenue

A witness called police to report spotting two suspects on the roof of a business trying to break in. The police eventually arrested both suspects.

•3800 block, North Patterson Avenue

Two trailers were broken into. The items taken included furniture, two ceiling fans, an AM/FM stereo unit and wall decorations.

•600 block, North Liberty Street

A witness heard glass breaking and chased the suspects away. Nothing was taken.

Barriers To Burglaries

Perhaps more than any other crime, burglaries are crimes of opportunity. Burglars look for the easiest targets and most will give up if they can't get in within a few minutes.

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Fire Prevention

Cigarettes And Fire Hazards

By THOMAS FLYNN
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The statement "Cigarette Smoking May Be Hazardous To Your Health" isn't only about lung cancer.

Smoking also causes fires. But, while it's difficult to find a "new way to smoke" that cuts your risk of lung cancer, it's easy to cut your risk of smoking-related fires by changing the way you use smoking materials.

If you must smoke, here's how to reduce your risk of starting fires:

Start with ashtrays. Wherever you smoke, have a large, heavy ashtray near at hand. Bigger ashtrays are less likely to be knocked over by accident; the big, wide sides of such trays also hold cigarettes more securely so that lighted cigarettes don't land on the floor or furniture.

Never throw ashes, burned-out matches or other smoking materials in the wastebasket — even if you leave them in the sink overnight. Use a metal container for smoking refuse or, better yet, just pour ashes down the toilet and flush your troubles away.

Now that you know all about ashtrays, your next move will be to remove every ashtray from your bedroom. If you're careful to smoke only when an ashtray is near, that should take care of smoking in bed.

Smoking in bed has to be a number one no-no. After years of conditioning, the human body is accustomed to

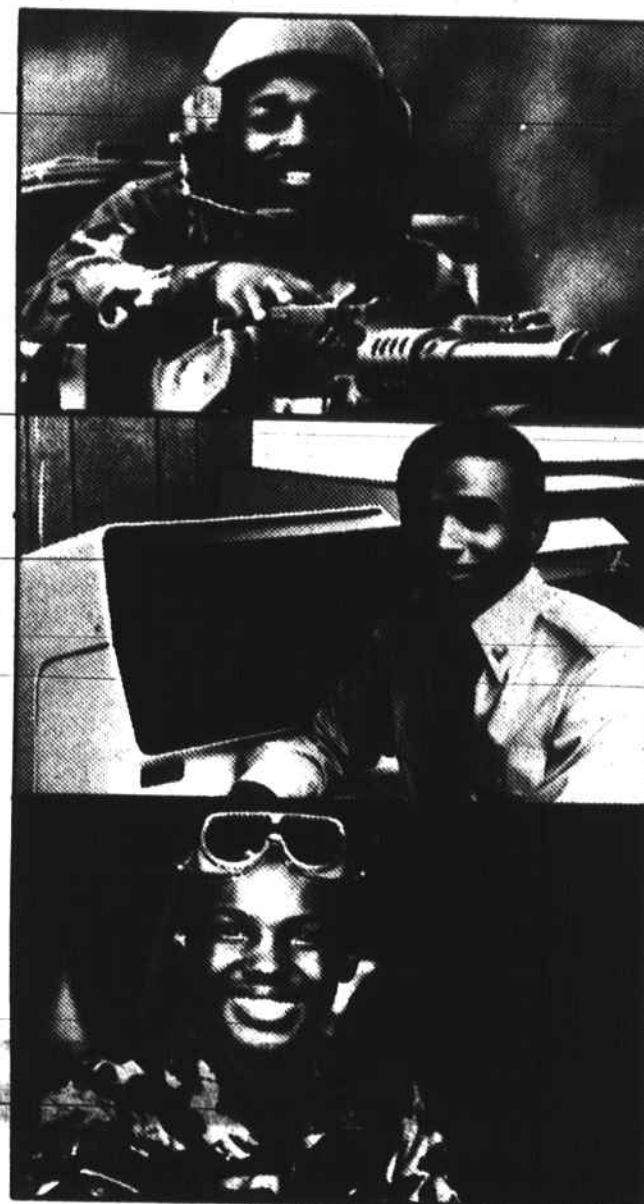
falling asleep while in bed, which is just what it's likely to do while you're finishing that last cigarette. If you're one of those hardy types who says, "Nonsense! I can smoke in bed OK 'cause I don't fall asleep until I'm good and ready," just keep in mind that you need only be wrong once.

Like any other potentially hazardous activity from driving to cooking, you should refrain from smoking when under the influence of alcohol or drugs which reduce your motor coordination. It's easy to drop a cigarette or still-lighted match somewhere it shouldn't be when you're not really 100 percent.

Accordingly, after throwing a party, it's a good idea to check all around the floor for dropped matches and butts — who knows where one went?

Perhaps the most dangerous place to drop a cigarette is in an upholstered sofa or chair. Foam padding in these pieces can hold what is called "residual heat," which means that the padding retains heat even after a burned spot has been soaked with water. This heat may cause the fire to reignite hours later, after you're asleep, and plastic foam can exude highly toxic smoke.

If a cigarette or match causes even a small fire in padded upholstery, your best bet is to put the piece outside overnight or call the fire department to ensure that the fire is really out.



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