Drinking-Driving Convictions

Following are recent convictions of adults for alcohol-related traffic offenses, compiled by the Baltimore Alcohol Safety Action Project from Baltimore City and Baltimore County District Court records.

Granville Herring, 500 block Highland, Winchester, Va.; Michael Pivec, 400 block N. Luzerne; Thelma Holmes, 400 block Folcroft; Geraldine Gregory, 3400 block Paton; Harold Briscoe, 300 block N. Monroe; Herman Gardner, 300 block E. Lafayette; James Hall Jr., 7800 block Brutan; Melvin Wilkens, 800 block Lyndhurst; James Hamilton, 3600 block Ravenwood and Nancy Wilks, 3900 block Norfolk.

Larry Parfrey, 2000 block E. Pratt; Abraham Witherspoon, 2100 block Kokes Lane; James Smith, 400 block Gwynn; Leonard Bell, 300 block N. Robinson; Judy A. Clark 300 block S. Stuart; Bernard Leonard, 1400 block "N" St., Washington and Dollie Meaders, 3900 block Dolfield.

Howard List, 2300 block Hamilton; Milton Rivera, 100 block S. Wolfe; Michael Hinton, 100 block N. Edgewood; Arvil Musser, first block N. Clinton; John J. Finnerty, 2500 block Virginia; Petro Skyrczuik, 3900 block E. Pratt; Warren Young, 4900 block Reisterstown; Kenneth Hershey, 700 block Berry; Marlin Lloyd, 3700 block Ina and Carroll Fisher, 800 block S. Ponca.

John E. Sprinkel Jr., 800 block Wellington; Earl Hopson, 3200 block Fait; William Klemkowski, 300 block 12th; Robert Gassaway Sr., 900 block 5th; Alfred Jessee, 5900 block Orville; Billie Mitchell, 4000 block Cold Spring La.; Paul J. Martin, 1300 block Kitmore; William Smith, 2900 block Wynham and Thomas Baggett, 1700 block Florida, Woodbridge, Va.

Watergate hearings postponed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Watergate Committee has postponed further public hearings to give its staff time to seek the "hard facts" behind President Nixon's milk fund and Howard Hughes $100,000 gift to Charles G. "Bebe" Rebozo.

The decision to call off hearings until mid-January was reached at a closed meeting at which Sen. Lowell P. Weicker, R-Conn., was reported to have complained that the committee's chief counsel, Sam Dash, was making too many speeches for handsome fees and not working hard enough.

Nixon ratings slip in polls

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Harris poll has said 44 per cent of Americans believe that when the Watergate investigation is completed, President Nixon will be found to have violated the law.

The poll also said 46 per cent of 1,459 persons questioned Nov. 12-15 did not believe Nixon was a man of high integrity.

Actor loses cancer battle

LONDON (UPI) — Actor Laurence Harvey, the 45-year-old stage and movie star, has lost a protracted battle with cancer and died at his London home.

Harvey, who won an Academy Award nomination in 1959 for his role in the movie "Room At The Top," had been ill for about 18 months. His third wife, model Paulene Stone, abandoned her career to devote full time to nursing the stricken actor in their North London home.

He also is survived by a daughter, Domino, 4.

A native of Lithuania, Harvey's real name was Larushak Mischa Skikne. He was raised in South Africa and arrived in England in 1946 after serving with the South African army in Africa and Italy during World War II.

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CAPITAL COMMENT

Mitchell Looks Like Probe Prophet

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The concern of Congressman Parren Mitchell, D-Md. that black businessmen might become the scapegoats in the current Small Business Administration scandal apparently is being borne out in testimony before the House Small Business Subcommittee.

One of the first names mentioned was that of the black former star player for the Chicago Bears, Bennie McRae, who was a cochairman of Athletes for Nixon in the last two presidential campaigns. McRae was given a $110,000 SBA-guaranteed bank loan after pressure was exerted from the White House, according to Curtis Prins, the chief investigator for the subcommittee's probe of millions of dollars in bad loans.

The loan was approved by the SBA office in Richmond, Va., headed by Thomas Regan, who has been charged with approving $11 million dollars in loans and lease guarantees to firms in which his brother-in-law, Joseph Palumbo, had an interest or to Palumbo's associates.

Much of the subcommittee's probe centered on the Richmond office, where eventually "millions of dollars" in bad loans may be involved, according to Prins, but the investigation also includes reports on violations in 23 of the 72 SBA lending offices.

McRae, who operates a construction business in Newport News, Va., was quoted in a memo as saying, "I have White House connections . . . I should be able to shake loose $100,000." Prins testified. The investigator said that Richmond office files documented phone calls and letters from the White House asking about the disposition of the McRae loan.

"This is a White House case and the heat is on," Prins quoted Regan as saying in an office memo.

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Dr. Thomas Matthew, the head of N.E.G.R.O., the black, self-help organization, with headquarters in New York City, was also named by Prins as receiving White House aid. Prins said that the White House asked an SBA auditor to give a report on the evidence he had uncovered in a criminal investigation of Matthew.

Afterwards, a high-ranking SBA official asked the auditor if he would be willing to destroy the investigation file. Matthew, Prins said, has recently been convicted on 92 counts of misusing funds.

The fear of Congressman Mitchell, who is a member of the subcommittee, is that attention will be focused on cases like McRae and Matthew and "the real culprits are whites." There is "no doubt that some black people will be involved," Mitchell said, "but we don't want the spotlight turned on them."

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Congressmen Mitchell, Stokes, Young and Fauntroy were scheduled to meet with Secretary of Commerce, Dec. 4 to discuss the issues raised at a meeting called by the Black Caucus two weeks ago with minority businessmen from across the country. They are expected to urge the continuation of the SBA loan program which has benefited hundreds of black businessmen throughout the country.

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Rep. Yvonne Burke, D-Calif., 41, the first congresswoman to be granted maternity leave is "super happy" after the birth of her first child, Autumn Roxanne Burke, a staff member said. The baby who weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces, was born the day after Thanksgiving in Queen of Angels Hospital, Los Angeles. "Hundreds of phone calls and telegrams poured into the hospital," said Beverly King, a personal staff assistant for Congresswoman Burke.

She said that Mrs. Burke originally wanted to name the baby Autumn and her husband, William Burks, chose the name Roxanne, "so they compromised."

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Burke said his first reaction was to "take back the hockey sticks and the baseball bats" he had bought. "Men have always been oriented to the fact that they have to have sons to take over in the family business," he said "but with the growing involvement of women in the world of business, by the time my daughter is old enough, there will be no stigma toward women running the business."

"This will really change her lifestyle," a Burke staffer said. "She won't be able to jet all over the country. Congresswoman Burke is expected back in Washington for the opening of the next session of Congress in January.

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The four black congresswomen who have criticized HEW for not making the guidelines clear for the voluntary sterilization of women have been asked by HEW Secretary Caspar Weinberger to meet and discuss the controversial problem. The group is following up reports from the black community that black women, frequently teenagers, are being sterilized without their consent. They are also concerned about the use of depo provera, an injectable contraceptive, which the Food and Drug Administration admits might cause sterilization.

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For serious students of political affairs in Africa, Congressman Charles Diggs Jr. D-Mich., invites you to order important pamphlets from his African Affairs Subcommittee.

Some of the free titles include: The Drought Crisis in the African Sahel, Minority Rule and Refugees in Africa, U.S. Business Involvement in Southern Africa, Rhodesia Chrome Bill and Economic Interdependence of Africa and the United States.

Most of them include material from subcommittee hearings.

Because of the concentration by black congresman on activities connected with the Watergate scandals and impeachment, work is proceeding slowly on the black legislative package being readied for the next session of Congress.

Bethlehem Steel plans million $$ furnace

Officials of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation at Sparrows Point have unveiled plans for a new $100 million blast furnace.

The new furnace replaces four smaller and older furnaces and will be the first major construction initiated by Bethlehem Steel since it began ordering the evacuation of Sparrows Point residents over a year ago.

Only 72 families remain in the one-time thriving steel town, and company officials predict that by June of next year, no families will remain in Sparrows Point.

The furnace is the first of a number of expansion steps being taken by Bethlehem Steel. Although no specific plans have been promulgated for new apparatus, company spokesman say more building is inevitablem

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According to John W. Culbert, general manager of the company, the blast furnace requires the largest capital investment of any single project in the history of the plantm

Engineering is well under way for the 302 ft. tall furnace and construction is slated for early 1974 with completion expected in 1977.

Conaway named to state board

A Commission to Study the Regulatory Structure of the Banking Savings and Loan and Small Loan Industries has been appointed by John R. Jewell, secretary of the Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Apparently, Del. Frank M. Conaway, D-4th, is the only non-white named to the commission. William H. Isaac, president of the Arundel Corporation, is chairman of the commission.

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