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'Minister' held on 15 flim-flam counts

2 held in rape of 2 teens

Two teenagers, who were charged as adults in a rape case, were being held at the Baltimore City Jail at AFRO presstime.

Bail had been set at $30,000 for Patrick Brailsford, 17, of the 5700 block of Jonquil Ave. and at $50,000 for Charles Hill, 17, of the 4000 block of Annellen Rd. by District Court Judge, Carl Bacharach.

The two youths were charged with two counts of first degree rape and with a hand gun used in the commission of a felony. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 25.

Police said Officer James Riley, Northwestern district police, while on normal patrol saw a car, which fit the description in the police report, at a gas station on the 2300 block of Gwynns Falls Parkway the same morning the rapes had occurred.

Riley approached the two men, one was pumping gas, and detained them until the two rape victims were brought to the scene where an immediate identification followed. This incident occurred at 4:00 a.m., police said.

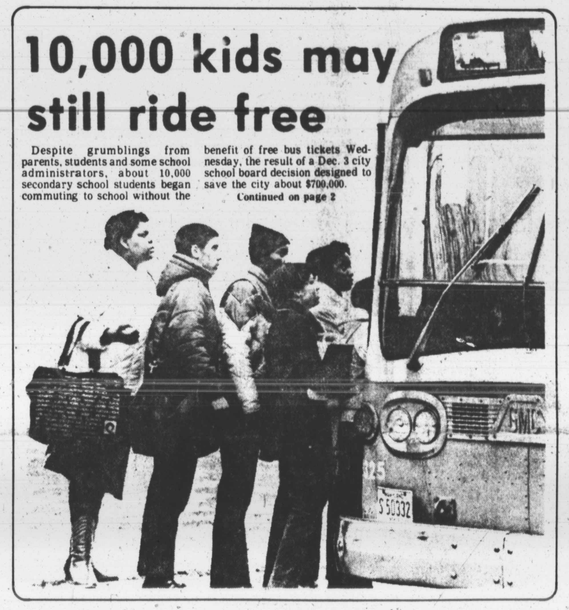
The two high school students, one 17 years old, the other 16 were leaving a West Baltimore disco approximately 2 a.m., heading south on Reisterstown Rd. when a passenger from a "reddish brown" Nova ordered the two girls in the car.

The victims were ordered into the rear seat of the car and were taken to an area near the Druid Hill Park conservatory where the rape occurred.

The victims were raped by both men.

The two students were treated at Mercy Hospital.

10,000 kids may still ride free



Despite grumblings from parents, students and some school administrators, about 10,000 secondary school students began commuting to school without the benefit of free bus tickets Wednesday, the result of a Dec. 3 city school board decision designed to save the city about $700,000.

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$990,000 bail set for fake fire inspector suspect

A 35-year-old man, accused of posing as a fire inspector and conning his way into the names of elderly citizens, was held at City Jail at AFRO presstime in lieu of $990,000 bond.

R. C. Rhodes, of the 1300 block of Division St., surrendered to Police at the Western District Police Station, Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 10:15 police said.

District Court Judge James Welsh set Rhodes' bond at a hearing Thursday morning. Rhodes is charged with six counts of burglary, six counts of theft and three charges of impersonating a building inspector.

At the hearing, Rhodes who was not represented by an attorney, told the court, "I am a minister."

Police said the defendant never wore a uniform and showed no identification to his West Baltimore victims. Once he was allowed inside a home, he would ask the victim for change to see where the victims stored their money.

The bogus fire inspector would then have the victim leave the room for something else, grab their money and run out of the house.

Police could not say how much money was taken in the robberies.

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Parks Sausage prexy may try for Senate

The AFRO has learned Raymond V. Haysbert, civic leader and president of Parks Sausage company will seek appointment to the 44th district state Senate seat to be vacated by Senator John Carroll Byrnes (D-Baltimore).

Byrnes was recently appointed to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City by Gov. Harry Hughes.

Speculation has it that a salute to Mr. Haysbert, Feb. 27, at Morgan State University's McKeldin Center, was in effect, a political fundraiser.

But Kenneth Webster, chairman of the Haysbert salute and a former state Delegate, emphatically said the salute had nothing to do with Haysbert's seeking the Byrnes' post.

However, Haysbert told the AFRO the affair is a fundraiser, not for his candidacy, but to try to raise monies to elect more black representation from Northeast Baltimore.

"Naturally I'm honored to be selected as a honoree," he said, but monies raised at the event would benefit other black candidates, who now have a better chance of election if the state's Black Caucus redistricting plan - creating a 50-50 black-white district is approved for Northeast Baltimore.

Haysbert then confirmed that he is considering applying for Byrnes' post.

Raymond V. Haysbert

"I will definitely give it serious consideration," he said. "A number of people have come to me and have urged me to apply for the seat." The application process to fill the senate seat began when Byrnes formally resigned this week and the seat is announced publicly in a notice.

Once applications have been accepted for consideration, the 44th District Democratic Central Committee members will make their decision.

Legislators moving in on Morgan, Coppin for the kill?

Del. Howard "Pete" Rawlings brushed aside comments by his fellow state legislators who have complained the state's educational policy towards its predominately black colleges is "contradictory" and "inconsistent" as "racist and rhetoric."

The University of Maryland and other predominately white colleges and universities around the state have been trying to increase black and minority enrollment.

At the same time, Maryland educators also have been trying to pump more moneny into Morgan State University, Bowie State College, Coppin State College and the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, four predominately black colleges.

To some legislators, the two policies are contradictory.

"It's like a tug of war, pulling on both ends," Sen. Charles Smelser, D-Carroll, said.

Smelser and other legislators are trying to understand why the state of Maryland promotes integration in its predominately white colleges while also attempting to perpetuate the existence of traditionally black schools.

Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee complained recently the dual educational goals are inconsistent, that they result in inefficient and often duplicative educational programs, that they frustrate attempts to provide equal educational opportunities for blacks and whites.

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Sugar Ray takes on unknown Tuesday night

Reno, Nev. — Sugar Ray Leonard, preparing to defend his world welterweight championship against unheralded Bruce Finch, opened his training camp in Reno Tuesday before a capacity crowd.

Leonard, who will meet Finch Feb. 15 at Reno's Centennial Coliseum, was greeted by more than 500 fans as he began training at Harrah's convention center. More than 200 persons had to be turned away.

Leonard worked for 75 minutes, concentrating on the speedbag and rope jumping, and he worked eight rounds with six sparring partners, including his brother, Roger, his cousin, Odell Leonard, and Brian Matthews, O'dell Hadley, Wayne Beal and Victor Abraham.

The fight will be Leonard's first defense of the undisputed title he won by stopping World Boxing Association champion Thomas Hearns in 14 rounds at Las Vegas last September.

Leonard, who held the World Boxing Council version of the title before meeting Hearns, is 31-1.

Finch, a relative-unknown who is ranked fourth by the WBC, began his career in Milwaukee but now fights out of Las Vegas. He is 30-3-1, with 24 knockouts and holds the North American Boxing Federation Welterweight title.

Annual hospital board of trustees' dinner

Community support urged for Provident

An address by Judge William Murphy Sr. was one of the highlights at Provident Hospital, Inc.'s Board of Trustees Annual Dinner Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 28, at the hospital.

Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes greeted the guests, emphasizing the superior services delivered by the hospital. She said it was time the community unite and support Provident Hospital.

Thomas Chapman, the hospital's president, said full accredidation is forthcoming and efforts are being made to market its medical services to the business committee.

Provident's auxiliary president, Mrs. Naomi Lawson, presented the hospital a $2,000 check. She said the auxihary also has bought 10 life lines for the hospital's use.

Judge Murphy, chairman of Provident's board of directors, began his brief remarks by thanking the attendees for venturing out in such a "bitter evening" to support the hospital.

He spoke of how Provident began years ago as a free clinic for blacks, "who were discriminated against." It was a "makeshift, hand-me-down kind of operation with a negative image, even in the black community," he said.

Even though the hospital has emerged to become one of the first, all-electric modern plants in the country, in many instances the negative image has remained, Judge Murphy said.

He beseeched his audience to continue supporting Provident, citing the closures of more than 220 black hospitals around the nation during the last decade.

Federal budget cuts - hurting the poor, the bad economic climate and resurgent racism makes it necessary for the black community to "begin to evaluate our attitudes toward our black institutions and search our consciences to reawaken the spirit of old that will support and renew our commitment to survive," he said.

Judge Murphy ended his remarks with a call for divergent elements in the community to join together to save Provident Hospital and similar black institutions.

"Let us learn again to become caring and productive ... Most of all, let us dedicate ourselves here tonight to increase our physical support for Provident Hospital."

The dinner began at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting, an hour later. Judge Robert N. Bell presided over the program. Bishop Monroe Saunders delivered the invocation.

During the meeting, officers for the 1982-1983 year were elected:

Chairman - Judge William H. Murphy Sr.; First vice chairman, Judge Benjamin L. Brown; second vice chairman - Mr. Forrest Higginbotham; Third vice chairman - Dr. Beth N. Ausbrooks; Secretary - Mrs. Floretta J. Jones; and Treasurer - E. Gaines Lansey.

Judge William Murphy Sr.

44th District Dems meet Feb. 17 to fill vacant Senate seat

The 44th District Democratic Central Committee will have a public hearing Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Loch, Raven Blvd. and Woodbourne Ave.

The purpose of the meeting will be to select an individual to fill the State Senate seat left vacant by the appointment of Senator John Carroll Byrnes to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

Any person interested in being considered for the vacancy should send a letter of interest and a short, pertinent resume by Feb. 13, to:

44th District Democratic Central Committee,
2901 Southern Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21214

For further information contact R. Terence Farrell at 426-1340 or 383-4923.