—Tobie's charges

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him, Anderson has filed an assault by auto charge against Ms. Marsh.

A Baltimore County Police spokesman told the AFRO on Tuesday, at 3:30 p.m., Ms. Marsh, driving her 1981 silver-colored Ford sedan, was entering the Towson parking lot area of WMAR. At that time she stopped her car to avoid striking the picketters walking near the parking lot entrance.

Ms. Marsh told police Anderson was standing on the passenger side of her car when he took a rock and ran it across the car's top, causing a deep scratch.

Ms. Alexander, who was standing near the driver's side drew back holding a rock and made a motion as if to throw it at Ms. Marsh, police said.

The report said Ms. Alexender also called Ms. Marsh "Kunte Marsh" several times as Ms. Marsh drove away.

An officer investigating the incident later interviewed Anderson, the report said. The officer was told that as Ms. Marsh approached the picketters she was driving at a fast speed and almost struck them with her automobile.

Police said once Anderson learned of Ms. Marsh's charges, he said he was going to file an assault by automobile charge against her.

When questioned about the incident, Ms. Marsh told the AFRO there is "really not a whole lot to it."

Anderson told the AFRO about five people were walking the picket line Tuesday when Ms. Marsh drove up.

"We picked up rocks and were saying, 'Tobie, do you need rocks for boxes,'" Anderson said making a reference to WMAR anchorman Tom Sweeney's quote about her being "as dumb as a box of rocks."

Anderson admitted he and the other strikers were harrassing Ms. Marsh.

"We were there to give Tobie as much verbal harrassment as possible," he said.

As Ms. Marsh drove closer, they noticed she was not slowing down. Anderson's two children also were in the picket line that day.

"Lynn grabbed one of my kids and the mirror (on Marsh's car) hit my arm as she drove past. I told her that was assault," Anderson said.

Non-striking employees at the station are not happy with Ms. Marsh and that may account for some of the scratches on her car, he said.

"A lot of people think it is a black-white issue (the strike and the controversy between Marsh and Sweeney) especially after reading the article in the (March 19-25 edition) City Paper. It's nothing bad about Tobie," Anderson said. "I don't think Tobie understands. She won't listen or she doesn't understand."

—Swisher

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important that the cases be brought to trial as soon as a defense is possible. This is particularly so in juvenile cases. Every study shows that when a juvenile commits an offense it is important to have as little time as possible pass before corrective action is taken."

After checking the records in Criminal Court following Swisher's press conference last week, Gibson said that none of the cases are in fact in danger of being dismissed.

According to Gibson, in each case some action has been taken removing the case from the requirements of the 180 day rule.

In a case called State vs. Hicks, the Court of Appeals ruled two years ago that Maryland's 120 day speedy trial limit was mandatory.

It was later changed after prosecutors complained about overcrowded court dockets were stopping them from meeting the limit and the General Assemby changed the time to 180 days.

Gibson's report shows that 101 defendants waved their right to a speedy trial. In nine of the cases the administrative judge granted "good cause" extension. The defendant failed to appear in six cases and re-arraignment was held.

Gibson says that there were mistrials in three cases and one case was placed on the inactive docket.

Last week, Swisher said when 2,323 defendants are awaiting trial and only 258 trials per month are concluded it will take nine months to get them all through the courts. "This is well above the 180 day statutory limit," said Swisher.

Swisher said, "The 180 day law permits postponements but only for good cause. Our judges cannot agree among themselves whether overcrowded dockets constitute good cause and several judges have already dismissed cases which had been previously postponed because no court had been available to try them."

Swisher said there is a bill pending before the legislature which would largely solve the problem. H.B. 34 provides that a case could not be dismissed solely because it was not tried within 180 days. With the sponsorship of Del. Joseph Owens, chairman of the House Judicary Committee, this bill is pending in the House of Delegates, and if passed will go to the Senate.

If the bill is passed, Swisher said the new rule will not do anything to reduce anyone's constitutional right to a speedy trial. It will only remove the penalty of automatic dismissal an artificial requirement that exceeds constitutional guarantees, he claims.

The state's attorney said he will continue to seek speedy trials in all cases because victims and witnesses have a right to have their cases heard promptly and because we all want to rid our streets of those who would threaten the safety of our families and the security of our homes.

Gibson was in Annapolis Thursday morning and was prepared to present his report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. Gibson is opposing the law.

—AFRO vacation

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an all-expense paid trip to the Bahamas, six days and five nights in exotic Freeport.

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—Teddy's summonses

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paralysis the singer suffered after the accident or whether he will be able to sing and perform again.

However, Diana Parker, Pendergrass' New York press agent, said he was singing to himself before the surgery.

Rosamund Gingsburg, a hospital spokesperson, said Pendergrass remains in stable condition and is taking some nourishment by mouth.

"He is tolerating his brace very well. He will wear a brace for about three months while the bones in his spinal column heal," Ginsburg said.

Hospital officials said the hospital has been flooded with thousands of "get well" cards, letters, flowers and telephone calls from the singer's admirers.

—Hairston

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one of the best won-lost records in town as a lawyer," a prominent judge said. "He's sharp, he knows the law, and I think he'll be a credit to the bench."

In presenting his candidacy, Hairston is self-effacing but honest.

"I don't think I'm the best lawyer to come down the pike, but I think I'm a darned good one. When I take on a case, I first have to feel morally sure about it. Only then, I think, will I be able to give my client the best. I guess that's the only way you can explain my success as a lawyer," he said.

When asked why he should be elected to the Supreme Bench, Hairston paused for a moment, then said:

"The problem with our criminal justice system today is that it's not representative of our city's population. When a black or a woman enters our courtrooms and sees only white faces, what sort of impression does that leave? Many of us feel alienated from the system because of our lack of representation."

Hairston, an Ohio native, came to Baltimore in 1961, and has been a resident since that time.

A graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School, Hairston has the widest legal experience of all the candidates currently vying for the three vacant Supreme Bench seats.

He has practiced criminal, housing, personal injury, workmen's compensation, family and civil rights law and also operates a real estate practice.

"I don't think wearing a suit and tie everyday makes one man any different from another man, and I think I practice that attitude in my day-to-day living," Hairston said.

"My father was a Baptist minister and he taught all of us the foolishness of having too much pride in ourselves."

A devout church-goer, Hairston is the only Supreme Bench candidate to win the full endorsement of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance.

"With the support of the ministers, I'm confident that I can win. We'll be recruiting many parishioners from the local churches to help out in the campaign and I'll also be doing a lot of speaking at the churches."

What sort of campaign strategy will Hairston unveil?

"We plan on running an honest, clean campaign," he said. "Like I said earlier, I'm not a politician. I'm just a man who feels he can do the job, so I can't see compromising my principles or being anything I'm not just to win an election.

"I'll talk to the politicians, and welcome their support, but there'll be no 'smoke-filled rooms' or back-alley deals in this campaign," he said.

Hairston has recruited a campaign staff of young and old, and the effort is headed by James Abraham, a former AFRO reporter.

"I've covered my share of politicians in the past, but Hairston is the only one that I ever considered working for. It's refreshing to find an honest politician, even though some might view that as a contradiction in terms," Abraham said.

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—Black legislators

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the amount approved by the House "is equal to the inflation rate ... but it's better than no raise at all."

If approved, the bill will benefit thousands of unemployed people now receiving unemployment insurance benefits. The state's unemployment rate currently is about 9.7 percent.

This marks the fourth time in the past five years unemployment benefits have been increased, starting with $80 a week level in 1978. Last year's increase was from $120 to $140.

Conaway said Del. Walter Dean, D-41st, was the bill's lead sponsor. Co-sponsors include Delegates Hattie Harrison, Nathaniel Exum and Christine Jones.

Mellon Foundation awards $450,000 to Howard University

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded a grant of $450,000 to Howard University for use by its College of Liberal Arts in strengthening humanities in its undergraduate programs.

According to officials at the College of Liberal Arts, with the assistance of the Mellon Foundation during the last five years the college has been able to foster the development of junior faculty toward earning doctoral degrees and becoming assistant professors, and more than 30 associate and full professors in the humanities have received financial assistance needed to complete research and defray publication costs. Released time was also funded for several professors so they could undertake significant research in the humanities.

Other benefits of the association with the Mellon Foundation include increased travel for humanities faculty to professional meetings, experimentation in humanistic teaching and development of teaching materials.

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Urban League economist raps about Reaganomics

The senior economist of the National Urban League, Inc. addressed President Reagan's economic policies before a sparse audience at the University of Baltimore, Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Wilhelmina Leigh portrayed the administration's approach to the nation's economy as ineffective in addressing the disadvantages which persist in the black community.

Speaking in analytical tones which avoided rhetorical dramatics, Leigh asserted the administration's programs are, by definition, not designed for the "demand side" of the economy, that sector in which most blacks find themselves.

The consumer sector, or the "demand side" helps drive the economy by purchasing goods and services, keeping businesses running.

Rather, the economist asserted, the administration has favored the needs of the "supply side," the businesses which help drive the economy by providing goods and services for consumers.

In her talk Dr. Leigh said despite Reagan administration optimism for a general economic recovery, the Urban League does not expect to see the light at the end of the tunnel any time soon.

"Economic recovery 'trickles down,' to quote a phrase, to the black community. Recovery, which has been predicted by the Reagan administration for some time this year, will be much slower in the black community," the Urban League economist said.

Dr. Leigh focused on particular points of the Reagan economic strategy, making the following observations:

—impact of the tax cut although tax cuts may aid businesses, blacks as a group have not made it into the business mainstream and tax cuts will hurt more than help by eliminating services.

—decrease in non-defense spending- such a decreases will result in the reduction of a number of government positions and fuel a last-hired-first-fired cycle, disproportionately hurting the black community.

—the "New Federalism"- may bring back "the good old days" of states rights repression. A return of federal power to the states also would shift power to state legislatures, which usually are controlled by rural interests at the expense of blacks, whose power is in urban centers. Furthermore, advocacy groups who might champion black interests, such as the NAACP or the Urban League, would be rendered less effective by having to address 50 state governments as opposed to being able to focus their energies in Washington.

Leigh said the economically disadvantaged cannot expect help from benign government policies in the near future and must look to individual and community resources if they are to weather these hard economic times.

"I think it is a matter of turning inward and relying on oneself and the resources of the community," Leigh said in a question and answer session which followed her speech.

Dr. Leigh, who completed her degree in economics at Johns Hopkins University, gave her 12 noon speech at the request of the University of Baltimore's chapter of the NAACP.

Dr. Wilhelmina Lee

Millions of funds left unclaimed

State Comptroller Louis Goldstein said Wednesday his office is seeking the owners of about $2.2 million in unclaimed funds held by Banks and other institutions in Maryland, but said the overall total on such monies is more than $16 million.

The agency will advertise in April for about 4,100 people to step forward who are the owners of the initial $2.2 million.

Later this spring, Goldstein said his office will seek the owners of the rest of the funds.

"The $2.2 million being advertised in April is just a small part of the total," He said. "We will be looking for about 30,0000 owners of more than $16 millin in unclaimed savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds dividends, interest, wages, and other unclaimed property."

The state obtains custody of tangible personal property when the owner cannot be located. No time limit is placed on reclaiming the property.

Funds that remain unclaimed are turned over to the comptroller' office and at the end of each fiscal year, the monies are distributed to the state's political subdivisions based on the owners last known addresses.

However, the owners of their lawful heirs can still recover the funds at any time.

No suspect in motel murder

Homicide detectives are continuing their investigation in the Feb. 12 murder of Mrs. Dianne Jones, 37, who was found dead by an employee at the Drake Motel on North Point Road.

Police believe Mrs. Jones might have known the person who killed her and left the motel in a cab. According to police, Mrs. Jones checked in alone at 7:15 p.m. and signed her name on the register.

She had told her two sons she was going to a meeting after work. Police said there was never a meeting planned for Feb. 12.

Mrs. Jones was a teacher at Montrose School for 10 years. She lived in Edgewood, Md., with her two sons.

She was found dead on the bed and was not sexually assaulted. Police said the cause of death was manual strangulation and the only thing missing was the victim's pocketbook.

Mrs. Jones was a graduate of Morgan State University and received her master's degree in special education from Coppin State College.

TOD sponsors mini workshop

The Baltimore chapter of the Top Ladies of Distinction (TOLD) sponsored a mini workshop on March 15, on "How to Aid the Elderly".

The workshop was held at the home of Mrs. Fannie Poulson, a member of the group and the workshop leader Mrs. Poulson stressed the importance of developing an awareness for the needs of our senior citizens in our communities and what we can do to help fulfill these needs.

She read from the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes that reminded young people to remember their creator in the days of their youth. She stated every phase of life has its advantage and disadvantage.

Mrs. Poulson said everyone needs to be actively involved and mentally alert and interested in their surroundings as much as possible.

She said this will help to counter act the lost of physical activities and health in the later years. She challenged those present to become a vital force in aiding the elderly. Courses and workshops on the elderly will be offered in the city and Mrs. Poulson urged all members of the group to attend and participate.

Committee members present were Ladies Emma Arnell, Bernice Brown, Mary Ames, Geraldine Hooper, Ruby Lee and Ann Wood.

Mrs. Cynthia Harvin, a member of the group did not attend the meeting. Other members who attended were Ladies Zora Peterson and Fannie Poulson. Guests were Mrs. Irene Cannady, Mrs. Juanita Rodger and Mrs. Juanita Davis, Mrs. Clarice Brooks is chapter president, Mrs. Ann Wood is chairperson of the senior citizen committee and Mrs. Ruby Lee is co-chairperson.

NBIPP launches Park Hts. drive

Members of the National Black Independent Political Party kicked off a door to door campaign this weekend to educate residents in the Park Heights community on the proposed enterprise zones.

Angela Collins, NBIPP co-chairperson said the area was targetted for two reasons.

"Many of our members are from the Park Heights community," she said.

A general membership meeting is planned for Saturday, April 28, at 1 p.m. For more information call 664-8075.

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