—Diane found

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jump up and take a shower."

"Don't let them bother you Diane. Where are you?"

"In jail."

Diane Streat had no problems with where she was. She knew that. She recognized her father easily enough in the crowded jail visiting room. She was on one side of the clear plastic wall. He was on the other. They communicated by phone. No touching was allowed.

Diane Streat is no stranger to the Baltimore City Jail. She is no stranger to city police either. She's been arrested on more than 25 different ocassions, mostly for disorderly conduct and common assaults.

Diane's parents are upset because they say their daughter has a serious mental disorder and shouldn't be in jail but in an environment that's more conducive to her mental state of being.

Moreover, the Streats contend that authorities should have notified them that Diane had been locked up once again.

Mr. and Mrs. Street didn't know where Diane was for the past ten weeks. They filed two missing persons reports, one in November, the other in early December.

They have a doctor's statement that they use as proof that Diane needs help. "Diane Street has suffered from mental illness and complicating behavioral disorders for at least the past five years. These difficulties have resulted in both multiple psychiatric hospitalizations as well as arrests for impulsive and violent behavior."

"I don't understand the operations of the police department," said an enraged Willa Streat, Diane's stepmother, "Diane had violated parole too, so on the warrant they had our phone number and address and nobody let us know nothing. We thought she was in a bush dead or something. I just don't understand it. They know she's not competent enough to make a phone call."

Diane has been technically "lost in the system." Attempts to gain access to the numerous dates of Diane's arrests proved fruitless to this reporter when her name failed to appear on police department computer printouts.

"I have not been notified that she was arrested," said Maurice Jacobs, Diane's probation officer earlier this week. "I requested a warrant right before Thanksgiving for violation of parole.

"The only notification that I'm guaranteed of receiving comes from a computer printout," acknowledged Bryant Wooten, a field supervisor with the Maryland State Division of Parole and Probation. "It's nothing unusaul for a person to be incarcerated for a month and we not know about it. I've heard so much about this case. The father must have called everybody in the state."

Sergeant Robert Dean in the Missing Persons Division of the Baltimore City Police Department says that he even called the City Jail last week and was told that there was no Diane Street being held there.

"Diane is sick, she needs help. I keep telling the judge that but they just keep letting her out and then she's back on the streets," lamented David Streat, Diane's father. "She needs to be treated. She needs to take her medication. Right now in that jail she ain't taking nothing."

The problem of disabled people being caught up in the criminal justice system is not unique to Diane Streat.

According to David Chafkin of the Maryland Advocacy Unit For The Developmentally Disabled (MAUDD). "There is a large number of mentally disabled individuals who belong in a therapeutic environment who for whatever reasons end up in the Baltimore City Jail."

Chafkin, whose organization (MAUDD) provides legal assistance to disabled individuals warns that, "Not all mentally disabled people are relieved of criminal responsibility."

For now the Streats are able to sleep at night. At least they know where Diane is. Now they say maybe authorities will listen to their pleas and commit Diane.

—employees union

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"These 60 employees," explained Marcus, "are still employees of Sinai Hospital even though they're not engaged (in employment). They have rights over complete strangers....the likelihood of their rehiring is dependent upon our needs."

Union members are incensed at the hiring of the permanent replacements, but Marcus said, "we have made a committment those people as permanent employees." Marcus added that they were hired on the basis of the needs of the hospital and that those 60 in waiting will be recalled on the basis of seniority and hospital need.

Striking workers at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center ratified a contract agreement which called for a flat 15-cents hourly raise for workers for each of the two years of the contract and requires employees to contribute between $100 and $300 for health care coverage.

The new labor contract for GBMC also includes an "open-shop" clause, the first ever, which means employees are not required to join the union.

Persons employed by GBMC were formerly required to become union members 30 days after being hired. It is a development that saddens union members like Rick Erhmann, administrative organizer.

Said Erhmann, "This was a situation where it was a total assault on the union. It was a case on union-busting. The deadline had been reached and management was going to totally replace the workers. We had to settle to preserve the union. The alternative of all of this is that our members would be replaced. We weren't going to throw peoples' jobs away."

"We always regret a strike," said A. Samuel Cook, GBMC's chief negiotiator, "but we are satisfied with the results."

Cook said that the hospital did not want the strike and that he views it as an exercise in futility, but he did not view the "open-shop" clause as a union-busting tactic.

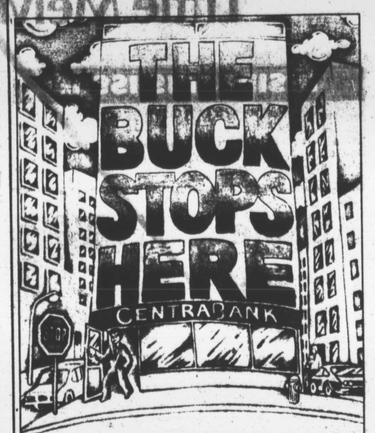
"In this country, we have a closed shop—a situation where the employer can only hire union members. That's illegal. People that we hire were required to become union members after 30 days. This clause gives voluntary union membership. It's the workers decision, not the hospital or the union," added Cook.

On Monday, workers at the Lutheran Hospital ratified a contract by a vote of 121-38 with 91 eligible members abstaining from the vote.

Portia Badham, public relations spokesperson for Lutheran said, "We feel that this is a contract that we can live with and the unions can live with."

The two-year contract provides Lutheran workers with a 2.25 percent increase during the first year and a 2 percent increase for the second. Employees must also make contributions for health care coverage.

At 4 p.m. on Friday, the union will unveil several actions that it intends to take on behalf of its 60 members who are out of work because of the strike.



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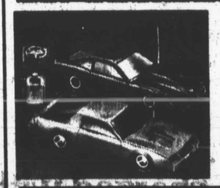

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Maryland's jobless rate has arisen slightly—again

After two months of no change, Maryland's unemployment rate increased very slightly from 5.3 percent (revised) in September to 5.4 percent in October. Only normal seasonal trends are being seen, as the state's economy remains at the plateau reached last spring. The unemployment rate's recent stability leaves it below last October's level of 5.9 percent and this January's peak of 6.5 percent. However, this is the lowest October rate registered since 1978.

A minor increase of 0.1 percentage points had been expected for October because that was the average trend for 1970 through 1963.

Another minor increase is anticipated for November. Now that summer workers have exited the labor force, schools are back in session, and retail stores are hiring for the holiday season, no major change is expected until January's seasonal increase in unemployment.

During this October, the state's civilian labor force and employment swelled by three times the gain of last October. Employment rose by an estimated 28,991 persons and unemployment by 3,552, leading to a total labor force expansion of 32,543 persons. This labor force gain comes after three months of decreases which amounted to 21,839 persons.

Holiday hiring should boost the labor force through the rest of the year. For the fifth consecutive month, the labor force exceeds its level a year ago, rising above last October's level by 63,082 persons.

Employment is up over the year for the 25th consecutive month, by 69,961 persons; while unemployment is lower than a year ago for the 22nd month, by 6,879 persons.

Little change was seen between September and October in claims filed for Unemployment Insurance. Initial claims increased slightly as continued claims edged down. At least 1,000 claims each were filed during October in the large employment group of business services, the seasonal industry of special trade contracting, and the perennially weak primary metals manufacturing, as a result of sizable recalls following model changeovers. Claims did increase in the other manufacturing categories of furniture and fixtures, leather and leather products, and primary metals.

Notable hiring took place during October in education, trucking, trade, city and county government, transportation equipment manufacturing, and the services categories of personal, business, amusement and recreation, social and membership.

At the same time, layoffs were registered in primary metals, food processing, eating and drinking places, hotels and lodging places, health services, agribusiness and federal government.

September's sluggish recalls in education led to abnormally heavy hiring in October. Otherwise, the October labor market exhibited stability, disrupted only by normal seasonal trends.

As usual, Maryland's unemployment rate is substantially below the U.S. rate. The gap for October is 1.6 percentage points. The U.S. rate did inch down from 7.1 percent in September to 7.0 percent in October. In the U.S., black unemployment rose from 15.1 percent in September to 15.4 percent in October. Monthly black unemployment figures for the states are not available.

Since last October, the national rate has receded by a greater 1.4 percentage points than the minor decrease seen in Maryland. In September, 34 states had higher unemployment rates than Maryland. Delaware's unemployment equaled Maryland's. Virginia's was lower at 4.7 percent. The District of Columbia's was higher at 8.6 percent and Pennsylvania's at 8.7 percent, while West Virginia's was the nation's highest at 13.1 percent.

Among Maryland's counties, minor trends were seen in unemployment rates between September and October. The metropolitan areas were particularly stable because their labor force is less affected by cold weather and the end of the tourist and agriculture seasons. Unemployment rates edged up in 15 counties, inched down in 6, and held steady in 3. Only in Garrett and Worcester counties did the rate change by a least a full percentage point, both upward. Worcester County's rate is climbing now that the tourist season is over. Its rate jumped from 5.3 percent in September to 9.0 percent in October.

Charles County again claimed the state's lowest rate for October of 2.9 percent and Somerset County the highest of 12.6 percent. Only in Somerset and Garrett counties do unemployment rates still exceed 10 percent. Rates are below 4 percent in Howard, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's and Talbot counties.

Unemployment in the Baltimore metropolitan area remained at its September rate of 6.4 percent. Baltimore City's rate inched up from 7.6 to 7.7 percent. The rate for Maryland's suburbs of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area also remained at its September level, a low rate of 3.3 percent. Unemployment did increase somewhat in the state's less urbanized areas — in Western Maryland from 7.5 to 8.0 percent, the Eastern Shore from 6.1 to 6.7 percent, and Southern Maryland from 6.0 to 6.4 percent.

Some useful tips for safe holiday driving

The chances of encountering a drunk driver are greater during the evening hours of the holiday season than any other time of the year, according to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Automobile Club of Maryland (AAA).

As this holiday season begins, MDOT and AAA are reminding both party - goers and hosts of what they can do to protect themselves and to reduce the problem of drunk drivers on the road.

BEFORE THE PARTY: Seat belts are the most important safety device in the automobile. Drivers are responsible not only for themselves, but also for the safety of their passengers. Drivers should insist that all vehicle occupants wear their safety belts. The three seconds it takes to fasten a seat belt before leaving home may be the most valuable time spent on a trip should an accident occur.

AT THE PARTY: Serve food with the alcohol because food slows down the effect alcohol has on the body. Have shot glasses at the bar so mixed drinks can be measured. Use a non - carbonated base for any alcoholic punch because, like food, this slows the rate at which alcohol is absorbed. Have non - alcoholic beverages available. Don't force drinks on guests. Stop serving alcohol about an hour before the party ends so the effects will be reduced. Serving coffee will help "wake up" guests, but only time will make them sober, as their body oxidizes the alcohol.

AFTER THE PARTY: If a guest has had too much to drink, decide on one of these options: Offer the guest a ride home. Invite the guest to stay overnight. Call a taxi; pay the fare and have the guest taken home. If necessary, take away the guest's car keys. Judgement is affected by alcohol, and someone may have to overrule the guest's objection. Be the judge for the welfare of the guest.

ON THE ROAD HOME: On the road, know the "visual cues" that warn that a driver may be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

VUSUAL CUES

— Turning abuprtly, illegally or with the radius

— Straddling center line or lane marker

— Weaving, swerving or drifting

— Driving into opposing or crossing traffic

— Stopping without cause or inappropriately

— Slow speed, more than 10 mph below limit

— Following too closely, braking erratically

— Accelerating or slowing down rapidly

— Slow response to traffic signals or inconsistent signals by driver

— Driving at night without headlights.

When approaching a driver who is doing some of these things, be cautious. The drunk driver's actions are erratic, and one may not be able to tell what the driver will do next. Increase following distance; the drunk driver may brake suddenly. Be alert when following; the drunk driver may not stop at signals or may stop inappropriately. Alcohol affects vision and ability to distinguish colors. If passing, be aware the drunk driver may swerve. Pass as quickly as possible, and don't remain alongside the other car longer than necessary. As soon as possible, stop and call the local or state police or dial 911. Report the vehicle's make, model, color, license number and location.

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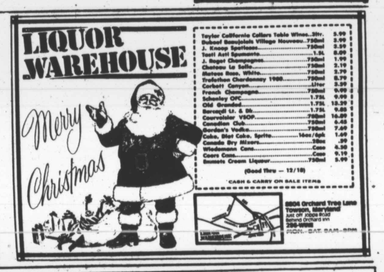

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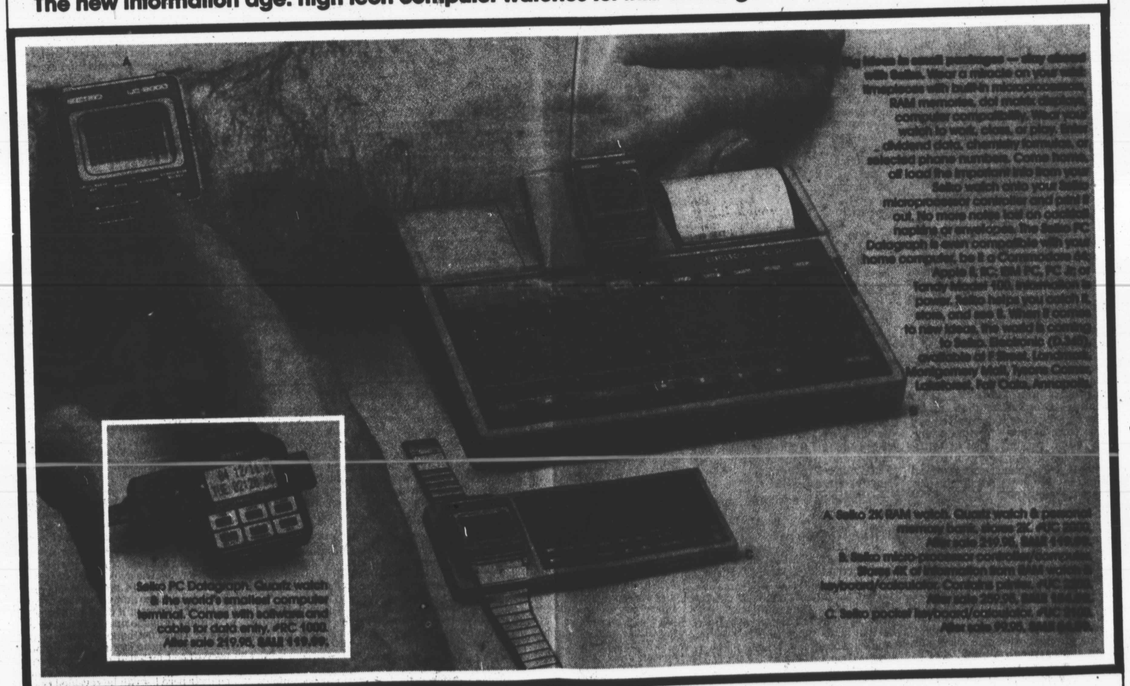

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