—Thieves rob

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very tall, about 6 foot three inches, entered the office shortly after noon Dec. 15.

Police reports show the man accosted the two nurses who were present and demanded money. One of the nurses was struck in the face with his fist when she refused to comply with his wishes.

Reports show that the man then pulled a knife from his jacket and threatened to cut the two nurses to pieces. The women who were literally "frightened to death" and in fear for their lives gave him all the money there was in the office. Dr. Mitchell was not present.

The man escaped running down Druid Hill Avenue. Police say no one has been apprehended.

Two Banks Hit

Two banks were robbed, one in the morning hours and the other just before the late, after dark, closing hours last Friday.

The Provident Savings Bank, 2934 O'Donnell Ave., was hit by a bandit at 8 p.m. "by a man who boldly entered and without fanfare," told a teller, "Big bills. All the money. No Dye packs."

Police report that after the man was handed an undetermined amount of cash and he rushed out the door. He had no weapon.

Within minutes the suspect, William E. Crunsenberry, 57, 1300 block Washington Street, was apprehended by a citizen just outside the bank and later bound over to Federal authorities. The money was recovered.

The First American Bank, 210 E. Lombard St., was robbed about two hours after the 9 a.m. opening by a man who appeared to be about 21 years of age, 6 feet tall and wearing a blue ski mask and a beige coat.

Police report the robber gave the teller a note saying, "Give me your 50's, 10's and no bait."

The teller said he had a handgun. Given an undetermined amount of money, the man left. Police report the suspect has not been apprehended.

Two Cab Drivers

A Royal Cab driver and an Arrow Cab driver were both robbed on Dec. 14.

Oral Arrin Blackmore, 26,4900 block Chalgrove Ave., told police he picked up two men, one with a gold tooth, at Belair Rd. and Moravia Ave. about 3 p.m. Dec. 14 and was told to go to the 5700 block Chinquopin Parkway.

He revealed that when he arrived at the address, one of the men produced a shotgun and demanded money. After he gave the man $85, all he had, he said the men jumped from the cab and fled on foot toward The Alameda.

Blackmore reports that he fired his gun at the fleeing men but missed. A bullet went through a window of a house in the 1100 block Ramblewood Rd., struck the curtain and fell to the floor. The suspects escaped without being apprehended.

Royal Cab Driver

Robert Long, 59, 1400 block Bloomingdale Rd., the Royal Cab driver told police he was parked and putting air in one of his tires when a 26-year old man came up and asked him if he wanted to buy some items he had in a shopping bag.

Long said he told the man he had no money. The man then took out a handgun and announcing the holdup, demanded money. Long gave him his pouch containing $60.

Police later arrested Burrett Johnson, 26, 800 block Dunston Way who has been charged with the robbery.

Citrate Hit for $4,900

Two men about 6 feet tall and about 35 years of age robbed Emogenes Cut Rate Store in the 1800 block W. Fayette Street on Dec. 15 and left with $4,900 in cash.

Ms. Emogene Williams, 57, 7300 block Fairbrook Rd., owner of the cut rate told police the two men arrived at her store about, 7:40 a.m. and said they wanted to cash their winning lottery tickets.

The matron said she took them to the rear of the store near the lottery machine expecting to cash the tickets. However, she said, one of the men pulled out a gun and told her, "It's a holdup".

She said she gave the men all the money she had and they fled on foot. No arrests have been made.

5 Police Officers' Hard Luck

Officer Johnny Moore Jr., 27 and his wife, Mrs. Cynthia L. Phillips (Moore) also an officer, were both off duty but not at home when they were robbed Dec. 15.

Police report that the thieves broke into the Moore residence, 5700 block Bland Ave., sometime after 12 noon and took each one of the offcers' service revolvers, gun belts, handcuffs and bullets.

The as yet unknown bandits have in their possession Officer Moore's Smith and Wesson 38 caliber revolver, Serial No. D 183026 engraved with the words Baltimore Police Department. They also have his wife's Smith and Wessen 38 caliber service revolver Serial No. D 65442 also engraved Baltimore Police Department.

Their handcuffs are Nos. 224659 and 208176 respectively.

No suspects have been apprehended.

Officer Joseph Kindral, 37, suffered injuries when he attempted to place a suspect under arrest in a bottle-throwing incident at Charles and Franklin Streets around 8 a.m. Dec. 18.

Not only was the policeman struck with a bottle but he also suffered injuries when the suspect "got him in a scissor hold". The officer was taken to Maryland General Hospital, treated and released.

Arrested was William Hurd, 24, 200 block E. North Avenue, who was taken to Mercy Hospital for evaluation.

In another incident on Dec. 2, one officer was bit on the finger and another kicked in the leg when they were attempting to place a man under arrest in the Unit block East Cross Street about 3 p.m.

News Man Shot

Kenneth Walker, 23, 2800 block Ridgewood Ave., told police he was selling his papers in the 2000 block Linden Ave. shortly after 12 noon Dec. 16 when a man with a handgun came up and said, "It's a holdup."

He said the man went through his pockets and then suddenly stepped back and shot him in the hip.

Walker is reported as in fair condition at University Hospital. No arrest has been made.

A 37-year old matron told police she was parking her car in the rear of her home in the 4400 block Kathland Ave. after 9 p.m. Dec. 4 when a man between 20 and 25 years of age and six feet tall came up to her armed with a handgun.

She said she was struck repeatedly by the assailant who then took her at gunpoint to the rear of the 4400 block Wentworth Ave. and forced her to submit to sexual attack. The woman was taken to Mercy Hospital. The suspect escaped.

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contract that give the city the authority to take legal action against the Denver-based company.

Taking that warning yet another step further, several black council representatives told United's top-ranking officials last week that they would organize a economic boycott to "financially cripple" the local franchise in light of any serious violations.

In particular, they cited those provisions of the franchise agreement dealing with minority ownership, employment, promotion and public access as key points to which United must strictly adhere.

United, for its part, has repeatedly said it will uphold all of the terms of that 20-year contract and has continually pledged full compliance with those sections dealing specifically with the city's majority black population.

The company has also promised that full project construction will be finalized within a four-year period.

The lone black United representative highlighted throughout the negotiation preedings, Patryscia Duncan said she firmly believes United will keep its promises.

"The company is thoroughly committed to all its promises to Baltimore and all of the contingent practices to (operate) the best system available," Duncan, United's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Officer offered.

Today's bill signing ceremony was an early Christmas present for Mayor Schaefer, who four weeks ago requested that the council work diligently so that Bill 575 could be passed before the end of the year.

"Now it's up to us to work with the company to make sure the provisions (of the franchise agreement) are carried out," remarked Schaefer.

According to United's construction schedule five percent of the franchise will be completed during the first year, 40 percent in the second year, and at the close of the third year, 70 percent of the city's population will have direct access to cable T.V.

However, the system's operators will still have to contend with the watchful eye of one or two city council members who, while voting the bill through, say they still have reservations.

"I'm far from satisfied with many of United's responses to questions dealing with shared ownership by African-Americans, equitable funding for public access, cost to subscribers, and opportunities for promotions for employees," a still reluctant Kweisi Mfume indicated two days ago.

He said that those areas of "dissatisfaction" made it impossible for him to embrace the franchise awardee, United, "without reservations."

Mfume said that in the final analysis he chose to support the cable bill in order to allow the city to maintain a "competitive technological par" with its neighboring counties and other cities with demographics similar to Baltimore City.

Councilwoman Jacqueline McLean, who kept top United officials on the defensive throughout last week's public hearings on cable, said there were two factors that influenced her decision to back Bill 575.

She said the fact that United was the sole bidder for the franchise coupled with the firm's commitment to hiring, a commitment she said "seemed a little shaky," convinced her somewhat reluctantly that the opportunities for "urgently needed jobs" for city residents was still there.

"The biggest (factor) was no opposition from the people in the city," McLean said. "A few came to the evening public hearing (Thursday) and they were all for it.

"I was disappointed that no one came...to say they understood the minority commitment we were trying to get from United, but we're for the award," she complained.

The freshman councilwoman said she would personally serve as a kind of watchdog to make sure United fulfills its part of the contract arrangements.

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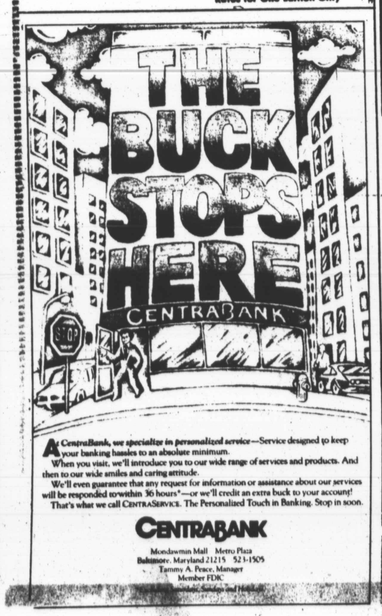

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Woodbourne Center gives community service award

The Northeastern District of the Baltimore City Police Department has been selected as the first recipient of the Woodbourne Center's Annual Community Service Award, announced Dr. John Hodge-Williams, the Center's Executive Director.

The award was presented last month at the 186th Annual Meeting of the Woodbourne Center, Inc, Woodbourne is a private, non-profit treatment center for emotionally handicapped adolescents. The center operates a day school for behaviorally disordered junior high students, a residential treatment center and school, an independent living unit, an outpatient clinic for families of residents and day students, and an aftercare program for graduates.

Receiving the award for Northeastern District were District Commander Major John C. Lewandowski and Officer Myron Fields. Although the award was presented in recognition of all officers from Northeastern District, Officer Fields received special tribute for presenting an outstanding example of personal service and commitment.

The center also honored Charles Gardner of General Repair Company for his outstanding business services to Woodbourne.

Awards for outstanding services as a board member were given to Charles J. Leiman, Ph.D., President; Thomas P. McCracken, First Vice President; Sally Michel, Second Vice President; Thomas O'Neil, Jr., Treasurer; and Arthur A. Sipes, Secretary.

The following Woodbourne staff members received departmental service awards: Chester Dunkerly, Robert Ortiz, Allie Bailey, Darlene Forney, Marguerite James, Laura Thompson, Guy Tucker, RoxAnna Winkes, Gregory Young, Gregory Powell, and Mary Walker.

Officer Myron Fields

Free service for laid off workers

The Bradley Center has immediate openings for laid-off workers to receive free training in a variety of occupations.

The skills programs will retrain laid-off workers for jobs in diesel mechanics, dental and medical technology, banking, secretarial sciences, data processing, automotive mechanics, drafting, construction, legal assisting and heating - air conditioning - refrigeration.

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WHEN IT SNOWS

Routines set for clearing streets

By Eddie King
AFRO Staff Writer

Procedures for clearing snow off city streets will be slightly different this year, according to Transit and Traffic Department spokesman Stu Davis.

A job once handled by three separate city departments is now performed by one office, causing changes in methods of operation that allow the three divisions to work together.

Last March, the mayor combined the city's Departments of Public Works, Transit and Traffic and Interstate Division to form the Office of Transportation to keep the three divisions from competing for the same pot of money. The results, a cost-effective operation and a more careful screening of allocation of funds.

A meeting was held Thursday to decide the most effective way the offices could work coherently together without getting in each other's way.

Under the new procedures, whenever a storm is expected, 12 men will be assigned to cover one area of the city, a slight increase in the number covering the area from previous years.

"In the past, the number of people assigned to coverage depended on the severity of the storm," said Davis. "In most instances it was under 12. This new procedure provides better service."

According to Davis, the men assigned will monitor road conditions as well as keep tabs on the progress of snow removal efforts.

Some residential streets, more than major arteries, will continue to suffer from either not having any service or having very slow resPonses to requests for removal services.

Residents needing to make requests will have to call the city's operator at 396-3100 which will screen the call to decide whether or not conditions are severe enough to refer to a snow emergency room on the top floor of the municipal building. No citizen can call the room directly, the line would always be busy," said Davis. "Everybody will want something done to their street."

Davis said, however, any information about traffic conditions could be easily obtained through the transit and traffic lines (396-3050).

Office advice to drivers is that cars ought to be in good mechanical condition during these unpredictable times of weather actions. That includes appropriate tires, and frequent anti-freeze checks as well as a properly tuned car.

Poster cautions on teenage pregnancy

"Finish your education before you start a new generation" is the slogan featured on a new poster issued by the Baltimore Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Pregnancy Prevention, Inc. (BCAPPPP).

The slogan was written by Janice Hackett, a student in the Baltimore City Public Schools, during the Youth Speak - Out sponsored by the Mayor's Task Force on School - Age Parenting.

During April, 1984, students in the Baltimore City School's seventh and eight grades were asked to write brief spot announcements on commercials to help convince their fellow students that being a teenage parent was both difficult and dangerous.

The many effective messages submitted will be publicized by tte Council as part of a campaign to lower the rate of adolescent pregnancy in the City of Baltimore.

The poster, designed and illustrated by William Pitt, a member of the Art Design Cooperative at The Maryland Institute College of Art is printed courtesy of the Baltimore City Health Department.

A limited number of free copies are available to Baltimore City agencies and organiztions from BCAPPPP.

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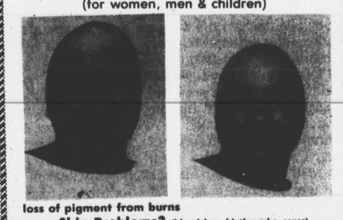

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