—Crim murder

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to make bail.

A third person was also implicated in the case, Rose Marie Harris, 28, of the 600 block N. Mount Street. Police believed that Ms. Harris had knowledge of the young man's Easter Sunday murder, but showed unwillingness to share her knowledge with authorities.

On July 18, police apprehended Ms. Harris as she exited North Charles General Hospital after a visitor there recognized her and notified police who had sought Ms. Harris since the April 7 shooting.

Ms. Harris was charged as an accessory after the fact and was held in lieu of $5,000 bail. However, she was released after her family bailed her out. Her case will be handled separate from Fleet and Paylor's.

Crim's murder which came on the heels of the shooting of former Calvert High basketball star, Craig Cromwell who was shot as he walked home after watching the Villanova-Georgetown Championship at Crim's residence. Cromwell was dating Crim's sister, Annette.

The two youth's murders were the catalyst for Rev. Willie Ray's "Stop The Killing Campaign," which has sponsored a number of area carnivals and concerts which are designed to discourage youths from participating in violence and vice on the streets. Also a number of television programs, talk shows, and meetings have been held regarding this problem.

The trial is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in Room 215 of the Mitchell Courthouse.

—Coppin coed

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Graham, days after the coed's dissappearance, Bailey allegedly "broke down and confessed." Also, police reports showed that after a $1,500 reward was offered after an anonymous "tipster" reported that Bailey had boasted to an ex-girlfriend that he had killed McBryde. Although the ex-girlfriend thought that Bailey was only joking, the "tipster" felt that he should share that information with authorities.

On May 30 police arrested Bailey in his car in the 2200 block Presbury St. at about 6 a.m. He was charged with first-degree murder and held without bail. Noteworthy is the fact that, Bailey at the time of the incident, was on probation for a similar offense in another jurisdiction.

He was indicted on charges of first-degree murder on Monday, June 25. At a subsequent preliminary hearing held at Northwestern District Courtroom, angry relatives of the slain coed, Basley Graham, and the grandmother, Ruth McBryde, told the AFRO that they knew very little about the case other than "what we've read in the papers."

Bailey's trial, which began Wednesday, will resume today (Friday) and continue on Monday. Courtroom officials expect the trial to end Tuesday.

—Stepin Fetchit

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tion suit against Cosby and the network that he had been portrayed as "the symbol of the white man's Negro, the traditional lazy, stupid, crapshooting, chicken - stealing idiot."

"In a single program I was judged and found guilty by millions of people," he said.

Fetchit said of the highly successful black entertainers who followed him, "They make out like I hurt the Negro when I was using the only thing available to the Negro at the time. I defied the law of white supremacy. I had to defy a law that said Negroes were supposed to be inferior. All the things that Cosby and (Sidney) Poitier have done wouldn't be possible if I hadn't broken that law. I set up the throngs for them to come and sit on."

He saw no harm in his portrayals of eye - rolling unsophisticated and subserviant characters.

STEPIN FETCHIT

"Just because Charlie Chaplin played a tramp doesn't make tramps out of all Englishmen, and because Dean Martin drinks, that doesn't make drunks out of all Italians," said Fetchit.

He was born Lincoln Theodore Monroe Andrew Perry in 1902 — some sources say the year was 1892 — in Key West, Fla. He ran away from home at 14 and toured the South with "plantation shows" for black field hands, minstrel shows and carnivals, singing, dancing and telling jokes.

He said he got his stage name from a race horse after losing all his money at a track in Oklahoma. He bet his clothes against $30 on a horse named Stepin Fetchit, which won, and inspired him to write a song. The song became part of his act, then became the name of his vaudeville act, and finally stuck to him.

His first movie was "In Old Kentucky," in 1927. He said he got the role because the producer was looking for a "slow Southern boy who didn't like work" similar to one of his comic characters.

He was in the original film version of "Show Boat" in 1929, one of five films he made that year.

He appeared with Shirley Temple, Will Rogers and Janet Gaynor in "Stand Up and Cheer" in 1934. Among his other films were "The Country Gentleman" (1935), "Miracle in Harlem" (1947), "Bend in the River" (1952) and "The Sun Shines Bright" (1953). He returned to the screen once more, two decades later, for "Amazing Grace," released in 1974.

Between 1927 and 1938 Fetchit earned more than $1 million, but by his own account he spent more than $4 million. He wore $1,000 cashmere suits and had 12 cars.

"Hollywood was a fairyland in those days," he said years later. "You had to live it up. But I was foolish with money. I never had a manager and I used to sign too many contracts."

After working in nightclubs, he declared bankruptcy in 1941, claiming $146 in assets and $5 million in debts. He appeared occasionally in night clubs but made little money, and in 1964 he was a charity patient in the Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

Tragedy struck his family in 1969 when, police said, Fetchit's son, Donald Perry, 31, of Cleveland, drove onto the Pennsylvania Turnpike with three rifles, shot and killed his wife and two other people, and wounded 17 people in passing cars before killing himself. Fetchit refused to believe his son was responsible, saying he had been framed.

Fetchit is survived by a sister, Marie Carter of Los Angeles. Funeral arrangements were pending.

—NW police

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categorize the concern of community members and formulate a report which will be presented to the major's representative for the Park Heights area, Mary Atkinson.

However, Hill stated that from the diversity of complaints of residents of lower and upper Parks Heights, there are two different types of problems.

"Yes, there seems to be two completely slightly different problems between lower and upper Park Heights. I think that the two will have to be dealt with in a different manner," Hill told the AFRO.

Hill described the problem in upper Park Heights as police overreacting to the complaints of the whites who reside there.

"From what I gather, black youths have been abused and harassed as a result of police overreacting to the concerns of area whites. Parents there have complained that their children have been unnecessarily searched and abused because of the complaints of white residents. More and more blacks who reside in this area are distressed because police are now stopping and picking up black youths for every little thing," Hill said.

Hill expressed concern over what he termed as an "unusual arrangement" between members of a newly formed blockwatch team in that area.

"Some of the black youths have complained that members of the blockwatch team are often allowed to ride in squad cars with officers and cruise the area and point out black youths to police. Now I have to check with Commissioner Robinson on this one, but I recall instances where others were denied this privilege," Hill added.

Members of the Park Heights section are scheduled to meet at the Park Heights Multi - Purpose Center next Thursday to further discuss the issues.

Heavy vehicles restricted in Fort McHenry Tunnel

Heavy vehicles using the new I-95 Fort McHenry Tunnel will be restricted in each direction to the outermost tube of the eight-lane tunnel, the Maryland Transportation Authority said today in announcing operating regulations for the facility.

The restriction will apply to trucks, buses, trailers and campers.

The four-tube, eight-lane Fort McHenry Tunnel, which is the world's largest underwater vehicular trench tunnel, will be dedicated on Nov. 23rd and will open to traffic early November 24th.

A Transportation Authority spokesman said that restricting heavy vehicles to the right tube in each direction will have several positive operating benefits.

"First of all, safety will be enhanced in that professor and other light vehicles travelling the innermost tubes will not have to contend with slower, larger vehicles which tend to restrict sight distance," the spokesman said.

"This will increase the amount of traffic that the innermost tubes can safely handle," he added.

Since Toll Facilities Police will be checking trucks and other vehicles for hazardous cargoes which are restricted from the tunnel, including bottled propane gas, the procedure becomes more effective if all heavy vehicles are restricted to the right lanes. It will also be easier to spot vehicles which may be attempting to avoid the police truck checks.

The spokesman also noted that the restriction will present a unique opportunity to gather data regarding roadway wear, general maintenance costs, tunnel cleaning requirements, breakdowns, and accidents in general "car vs. truck" environments. The sturdy results will assist in budgeting and planning and carrying out maintenance requirements, the spokesman said.

While heavy vehicles will be restricted from the two innermost tubes, passenger cars and other vehicles may travel the outermost tubes with the heavy vehicles. For example, any vehicle which desires to use the first off-ramp on either side of the tunnel (Key Highway on the west end and Keith Avenue on the east side) should use the outside tubes.

The spokesman also said that television monitors within the tubes will aid in detecting violators of the truck restriction regulations as well as spot those who may be tailgating or changing lanes within the tunnel.

Among major items which are restricted from being transported through the Fort McHenry Tunnel, as well as the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, are explosives.

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AT UNITY BANQUET

Three area students get NAACP awards

Three Baltimore area college students were each awarded a $500 scholarship at the Baltimore Branch NAACP 1985 Unity Banquet held at the Baltimore Convention Center on Friday, Oct. 18, it was announced by Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the NAACP.

The scholarships were donated by the Ford Motor Company and DavCo Food, Inc., Wendy's restaurant largest franchisee.

The winners of the Ford Motor Company Scholarships were Valinda Riggins, a junior at Johns Hopkins University and Etienne Buster, a sophomore at Towson State University. Richard O. Davis, Washington District Manager of Ford presented the two awards.

Of the scholarship awards, Mr. Davis said, "Ford has long been committed to affirmative action and this kind of participation of presenting local scholarships through the NAACP is another example of that commitment.

"We believe that by helping young people get a solid education, they will be better prepared to meet the challenges of work and this ultimately will help them to find a successful place in the business and corporate community."

Franklin T. Wilson, a sophomore at Coppin State College was presented a $500 scholarship by Melvin Back, (Wendy's Restaurant), regional director of operations of DavCo Food, Inc. and Richard Borchers, regional manager of the company.

In making the presentation Mr. Back said, "Dav Co is a major employer of young people in this city and, therefore, feels strongly about supporting their quest for their education."

"We look forward to recognizing more bright and hard-working students in the years to come."

All of the scholarship recipients met the following criteria: (1) they attend a local college or university; (2) they maintains a "B" average or better, and (3) they work to help pay for their tuition.

Sunday afternoon PTA meeting at Franklin Square Elementary School kicks off American Education Week last week. This innovation makes it possible for all parents to talk with teachers and pick up their children's report cards. Left to right are: Arnette Hunter, Willie Holmes, Hattie Holmes, Damon Kitchen, Calvin Hall, teacher, Geraldine Lashley, DeWayne Lashley, Jarius Doughty and Louise G. Murphy, principal.

Walbrook holds retreat

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

While it was held several weeks prior to American Education Week (Nov. 17-23), the retreat recently attended by members of the Walbrook Senior High School staff proved to be, in the words of Walbrook principal Samuel R. Billups, "an outstanding professional activity."

Spurred by its motto, "Partners in Educational Progress," faculty members and school officials were joined by members of the Walbrook community. The groups sat down to examine some of the problems plaguing the school and worked toward some solutions.

The retreat, the result of several staff members suggesting to Mrs. Louise Lassiter, assistant principal in charge of staff development, provided an out-of-school setting for administrators, faculty and staff to take a "holistic" look at the school.

Also attending the retreat were Dr. Charles Hancock, associate superintendent, Secondary Education, school superintendent Alice G. Pinderhughes and Dr. Kathleen Luchs, executive director for secondary schools.

Those in attendance enjoyed dinner and then participants formed smaller groups to begin examining some concerns.

The subjects examined included teacher apathy, student apathy and achievement, teacher morale, lack of supplies, substitute teacher training and the Walbrook Community.

Some suggested solutions to some of the problems were: to hold an academic banquet for students who perform well scholastically; plan a buddy system between teachers for support; continue to work with the Walbrook Community; design a training program for substitute teachers; conduct hall sweeps; and monitor and share supplies.

Mathias hails immunization effort

Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R-Md.) recently hailed Senate passage of a resolution calling for a joint effort by the United States and the Soviet Union to lead the fight to eliminate childhood disease by 1990.

Noting that there are 100 million children born every year in underdeveloped countries, Mathias declared that "Medical technology today allows a child to be immunized against measles, diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, tuberculosis, and polio. It would be a great tragedy if we failed to take advantage of modern techniques that can protect these young children." Mathias added that the cost of immunization is estimated to be only $5 per child.

Mathias continued, "Not only does this bill provide a life-saving service to the world's children, but also it calls for cooperation between two countries which have increasingly isolated themselves from each other."

A similar program coordinated by the two countries in the 1960's and 1970's eliminated smallpox throughout the world by 1980.

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