## Picked up kids

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testimony from Johns Hopkins," she said, careful to only share that which was public record. She recalled the defense lawyer saying he needed to line up his doctors' time with the court scheduling.

According to the "Statement of Facts" sheet on John Ashby:

An unidentified woman of West Fayette Street would tell the court, were she to testify, that on May 29, 1985, from her window, she witnessed a 10-year-old (name withheld) summoned from play in the 700 block of Fairmount Avenue by (Ashby) and later informed the mother of what she had seen.

The mother would testify that when she approached her son, he told the truth and the authorities were notified.

The 10-year-old would testify that he willingly went with the man whom he knew as "John" or 'Jack" in order to earn money on approximately 10 occasions from Dec. 1, 1983 until May 29, 1985. That usually they would meet in front of the Walter P. Carter Center and would go to various parking lots and garages in the city where the defendant would perform fellatio on the victim (10-year-old) in the car. For this the victim would earn $15.

In another case, according to the report, a mother would testify that her son, who was 11 at the time, asked in 1983, if he and a friend could go to the Inner Harbor to help a man sell balloons and flags.

She allowed him to go but subsequently learned that her son and friend were actually going to meet John Ashby, who was engaging her child in sexual acts, adding:

The son would testify to having met Ashby at a trick shop near an arcade. The defendant suggested they go to the hotel across from the Civic Center to a game room, which they did. As the three were riding down on the elevator, the defendant asked if he could feel one's penis through his clothing for $5. It was done and the three made arrangements to meet the following week.

The following week they met, the defendant parked his car on a lot at the Inner Harbor and performed fellatio on both the boys.

After the sexual acts were completed, Ashby bought food and sodas for the boys, took them for paddle boat rides, paid them $11 and then dropped them off at Walter P. Carter Center. According to the youngster, this pattern continued for some time.

The third case was similar, involving an 11-year-old. Bruning called the case one in an escalating crisis, approaching epidemic proportions.

She said one out of four girls and one out of seven boys are sexually abused, but suspects the true figure for boys is much higher.

"Boys are reluctant to report such acts, fearing to be associated with being gay (etc.)."

"Parents usually worry about girls but boys are especially vulnerable."

"Fixated pedophiles (lovers of children) are not interested in 18-year-olds. They are attracted to children only and in some cases, the offenders care for and listen to children more than parents do," she said. Quoting an FBI agent, she added: "If you don't love your children, somebody else will."

Originally charged with five counts, Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties agreed that they wouldn't go forward on their charges in exchange for Ashby's pleading guilty to three counts here in Baltimore City. If convicted, he could be hit with a 20-year sentence, Bruning said.

According to official reports, all victims would tell the court (if they were to testify) that the defendant would use one of two cars, both with Virginia tags, one a green Dodge Colt, the other a silver Datsun with a sun roof.

Police also located an employee of the U&L Parking Corporation on the University of Maryland Campus at 22 S. Greene Street who saw the defendant stop right in front of her booth and pick up three young black boys and drive west on Fayette Street. This occurred in January, 1985. She described the car as a silver Toyota or Datsun with Virginia tags.

Detectives also spoke to community residents (Fayette Street) who would identify the defendant as the person seen picking up young black boys by the Walter P. Carter Center.

"A white man in a fancy car - in this neighborhood, to pick up young black boys attracts attention," one was quoted as saying.

When John Ashby was contacted at work, he turned himself over to detectives, telling them that he had a prior conviction for child molesting, that he had received treatment for it, but after leaving the clinic he could not control his urges. He had to have sex with young boys, according to official reports.

## —Thanksgiving Day

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Monday, Nov. 25, 5:30 p.m.
*Dinner for shelter residents only
Heritage United Church of Christ
3106 Liberty Heights Ave.
Saturday, Nov. 23, 2-4 p.m.
*Dinner will be served at the Park Heights Multi-Purpose Center, 3939 Reisterstown Rd. Open to public free of charge.
*Tuesday, Nov. 26, 12 noon to 3 p.m. dinner will be served at the church.
Our Daily Bread
17 W. Franklin St.
Thursday, Nov. 28, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Dinner served. Open to the public free of charge.
Patterson Park Emergency Food Center Soup Kitchen
Friedens Lutheran Church 219 N. Chester St. (Between Fayette & Orleans Streets)
Thursday, Nov. 28, 11 a.m. to 12 midnight
*Dinner served - Free to the public. Entertainment by the Softones.
St. Ambrose Outreach Center
3445 Park Heights Ave.
Thursday, Nov. 28, 12 noon to 2 p.m.
*Dinner will be served free to the public
St. Ambrose Rectory
4502 Park Heights Ave.
*Daily food giveaways to persons living in 21215 zone, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
St. James & St. John Church
1225 E. Eager St.
Wednesday, Nov. 27, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Dinner will be served. Must have ticket
St. Peter Claver Church, Parish Hall
Carey & Pressman Streets
Thursday, Nov. 28, 12 noon to 5 p.m.
*Free dinner in memory of Mrs. Cecilia Swell
St. Wenceslaus Rectory
2111 Ashland Ave.
*Provides free emergency food baskets daily, Monday thru Friday.
Thirtieth Annual Baltimore Goodwill Industries Dinner
Baltimore Convention Center
1 W. Pratt St.
Wednesday, Nov. 27, 3-5:30 p.m.
*Free dinner served to the public
The Waxter Center for Seniors
861 Park Ave.
Thursday, Nov. 28, 12 noon to 1 p.m.
*All senior citizens over 60 invited.

## Highway Administration to hold hearings on I-695

The Maryland State Highway Administration will conduct an Alternates Public meeting concerning proposed improvements to I-695 (the Baltimore Beltway). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1985, at 7:30 p.m. at Catonsville Senior High School, Bloomsbury Avenue and Rolling Road, Catonsville.

This meeting will consider proposed improvement alternates to increase the safety and capacity of I-695 by the addition of lanes from west of Md. Route 170 through the U.S. Route 40 (West) interchange. The modification of various interchanges along the Beltway and the Harbor Tunnel Thruway will also be discussed.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., one hour prior to the Public Meeting, wall displays will be presented. Representatives of the State Highway Administration will be available to assist and provide information.

The purpose of this meeting is to acquaint the public with the need for the project and the progress of the study to date. Aerial photographs depicting the project alternates will be on display. A formal presentation of approximately 30 minutes will be followed by a review of the alternates and discussion with the public.

Written comments and requests to be included on the project mailing list may be submitted to Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Director, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State Highway Administration, P.O. Box 717, Baltimore, MD 21203-0717. Brochures and forms for written comments will be available at the meeting.

All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting and express their views regarding the proposed alternates, including the social, economic and environmental effects.

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### RUTH V. EDWARDS RETIRES IN STYLE

More than 150 people attended the retirement dinner held recently in honor of Mrs. Ruth V. Edwards at the Forum.

Mrs. Edwards retired after 16½ years of state service with the Division of Parole and Probation.

The Honorable Del. Phil Jimeno and Major Pamela Pennix were emcees for the affair.

Senator Nathan Irby presented a State Resolution and Councilman Kweisi Mfume presented a City Resolution. The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church sent a mailgram.

Musical selections were rendered by Deborah Butler, Calvin Brooks and Major Pennix.

Mrs. Edwards was presented with a full length black diamond mink coat by Mr. and Mrs. Sam McNeill Sr. (daughter and son-in-law). She was also presented with a 19" color tv by her friends.

Murl E. Coplin, former Parole and Probation, presented her with a Certificate of Retirement from the State of Maryland. Her grandson, Sam McNeill Jr., read a poem in her honor.

Many of the top dignitaries of Parole and Probation attended the affair.

A surprise taped message was played for her from her grandson Jerrick McNeill, a student at St. Paul's School for Boys, who is currently an exchange student studying in Niebuli, Germany.

Long-time friend Dorothy Ingram spoke in her honor and Flowers were received from Mr. and Mrs. Warren Turner of Kalamazoo, MI.

The sitting judges from the Circuit Court of Baltimore attended. People unable to attend sent cards and acknowledgements.

Mrs. Edwards thanked all who participated in the retirement dinner. The celebration continued at the honoree's home with a party given by her daughter and son-in-law.

On the committee for the retirement dinner were Joyce A. McNeill, Sandra Blue, Karen Foster, Stephanie Lee, Major Pamela Pennis and Lauretta Stokes.

Among those in attendance were the Rev. Morris Reddon, of Bethel A.M.E. Church; Judges Clifton Gordy Jr., Mable Hubbard, David Ross, Hillary Caplan, Kathleen O. Friedman and Marvin Steinberg; Dr. Donald Atkinson, Dr. Fran Beckles, Melvin Beckless, Senator Nathan Irby, Maxine and Earl Goosby, of New York City; Dr. James A.G. Lindner and Laura J. Lindner;

Also Sam McNeil Sr., Joyce McNeil, Sam McNeil Jr., Juanita McNeil, Otis, Victoria, and John McNeil; Tony McCray, Brenda McCray, Michele McDonald and John McCaskill; Councilman Kweisi Mfume, Dr. Betty Jean Park, Wilhelmina Nutter and Conrad Yorkshire.

### TOP LADIES INDUCT NEW MEMBERS

The Baltimore Chapter of the Top Ladies of Distinction (T.L.O.D.) Inc., a national professional, humanitarian service oriented organization gathered recently on Sunday afternoon for an induction ceremony at the home of one of its members, Lady Ruby B. Lee on Koko Lane.

The Baltimore Chapter was organized April 2, 1978. Nationwide there are more than 2,500 members.

There are four major thrusts, namely—Top Teens of America, Senior Citizens, Beautification of the city and Status of Women.

Lady Barbara Lett Simmons of Washington, DC, Area II, Director, administered the oath and presented certificates to the incoming Top Ladies, Mrs. Juanita C. Rogers and Mrs. Marguerite A. White.

Lady Simmons reiterated the purposes of the organization as being dedicated to the service of all mankind.

A social hour followed the induction ceremony, during which there were delicious delicacies and sippables.

The members are Ladies Ruby B. Lee, Jonelle Ray, Fannie B. Poulson, Emma Arnelle, Helene S. Gwynn, Evelyn Faulk, Elaise Johnson, Anne Wood, Doris Browning Austin;

Also Ladies Clarice LaV. Brooks, Mary Ames, Dr. Clara C. Praling, Charlotte Lyles and City Councilman Agnes Welch.

The guests were Lady Phyllis Hopson of Washington, DC, Area II, recording secretary and Mrs. Mildred Johnson.

The affair was coordinated by the Dean of Pledges Lady Anne Wood.

Lady Doris Browning Austin is president. Lady Clarice LaV. Brooks is immediate past president.

### GEORGE DEANE NAMED 1984 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Serving cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to Linda Evans, Red Skelton and Carol Burnett are just part of the duties that helped George Deane become the Hyatt Regency Atlanta's 1984 Employee of the Year. Deane is in charge of the hotel's exclusive Regency Club Level Lounge housed on the 22nd floor.

"It is a wonderful feeling to work at the Hyatt, and to receive this award," Deane said.

"My job is to set up breakfast, snacks and hors d'oeuvres for guests, but mostly I make sure each guest is pampered and taken care of to the best of my ability. I provide first class service for our guests."

As Employee of the Year Deane has won a trip to Hawaii with his wife, beginning with a champagne limousine ride to the airport. He will also receive an extra week paid vacation and $500 spending money.

Frank Calaguire, Hotel Manager, described George as "a true shining star in our organization. He was selected Employee of the Year out of 60 finalists from among our 800 employees."

Deane pioneered the Regency Club position at the Hyatt and has built a reputation among guests and hotel employees during his eight and a half years with the corporation. He is proud of the many letters from mayors, local dignitaries and celebrities praising his work. Photographs of Deane with the Haager twins, Miss Kitty of Gunsmoke fame, John Schneider, the cast of "Four Seasons" and many others hang proudly on his walls.

In a past Atlanta Magazine article, Deane was described as "concierge, confidant, mother superior and ray of sunshine" to the guests.

Prior to his arrival at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Deane spent 28 years in the Army. He was VIP Manager at West Point, in charge of serving all the dignitaries that came to West Point including an impressive list of presidents, queens, and ambassadors. Deane now resides in East Point with his wife. They have three children.

George Deane Honored

## Sigma Gamma Rho celebrates Founders' Day

GAYNELL COLBURN (C) Miss Wheelchair America, who was presented the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's "Woman on the Move' award during the sorority's Founders' Day Luncheon Saturday, Nov. 16 is congratulated by Soror Alice Cooper Lee as Soror Vivian Gardner, basileus, looks on. The affair was held at 12 noon at the Forum, Primrose Ave.

VERNA DAY (C) an honorary member of the sorority, who was an integral part of the Nov. 10 program prior to Saturday's luncheon is seen with (from left): Myra W. Curtis, chairperson and Emily Bryant, co-chairperson.

Photos by P.A. Greene

OTHERS SEEN ARE (L to R): Patelle Harris, Vivian Gardner, who was presented the sorority's 'Sigma of the Year' award; Veta Booth and Patricia Mosley.

SOROR PATRIA HILL (second from L) who presided, is pictured with (L to R): Julia Medley, Lota Howard, Hortense Franklin and Geraldine Dobson.

The Baltimore alumnae and undergraduate of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. held Founders Day celebrations during the month of November.

One of eight Black Greek letter Pan Hellenic organizations, this sorority was founded on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana in November, 1922 by seven young educators, Sigma Gamma Rho is dedicated to improving the quality of life for others through a commitment to her human and material resources.

In observance of the founding of the organization, two public events were held. Following participation in a Sunday morning worship service at the Metropolitan United Methodist Church, an open invitation was extended to experience an "Afternoon With Sigma Gamma Rho." At this event, Sigma continued its tradition of providing cultural enrichment and emphasis upon youth.

The opportunity was provided for three talented students from Forest Park High School to display their performance artistry before a discerning public. Thomas Smith played the trumpet, Yvonne Allen sang and Stacey Shaw rendered a clarinet selection. Well received by the audience, the three students exhibited poise and potential. Verna Day, Honorary Member and local actress, gave three humorous readings in a portion entitled "Vignettes From Verna."

The sorority history was uniquely reviewed by Emily Bryant, Vivien Gardner, Basileus and Mary West Miller. Janet Evans, Tara Harvey, Patria Hill, Kay Merrill, Ruth Nicholson, Karen Sykes and Marguerite Wood recalled the founders through a creative candlelight presentation.

Other program participants were Myra Curtis who gave a cordial welcome, Patricia Mosley who introduced the feature performer and Patelle Harris, presiding soror.

The concluding activity was a luncheon and Fashion Show by Pauline Brooks Boutique. The setting was the Forum on Primrose Ave, Saturday, Nov. 16. Patria Hill presided, Cheryl Barnes, Beta Tau, Morgan State University, gave greetings from the undergraduates and Karen Sykes offered grace.

Basileus Vivien Gardner was presented the 'Sigma of the Year' Award by Alice Cooper Lee. Sandre Mitchell introduced Gaynell Colburn who was presented the Sigma Gamma Rho "Woman on the Move" Award.

Gaynell, the lovely "Miss Wheelchair of America," receiv-

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## Unique Outreach endeavor launched

"Hidden Waters," the home of Chancellor and Mrs. Edward N. Brand, Jr., University of Maryland at Baltimore (UMAB) was the setting of the recent first annual reception honoring contributors to UMAB the Minority Scholarship and Leadership Guild.

DR. GREGORY ROBINSON, Assistant Dean at the University of Maryland at Baltimore (UMAB) is seen with Ms. Alice Pinderhughes at the first annual reception honoring contributors to the UMAB Minority Scholarship and Leadership Guild, held recently at the home of UMAB Chancellor and Mrs. Edward N. Brand, Jr.

More than 200 persons from greater Baltimore gathered in support of the honorees and new members of the Guild.

Contributions greater than $127,000, included art artifacts.

"These contributions are greater than those of any gathering of minorities in the City of Baltimore" stated Professor James E. Lewis.

According to Guild Chairman, Dr. Theodore G. Patterson, "This unique outreach endeavor will support Black students in all graduate and professional Schools of UMAB."

"We have tremendous community support because these students deserve our support" stated Dr. Anne Emery, a charter member of the Guild.

The Guild was created to provide Scholarships for Black Students and to serve as a liaison in achieving and maintaining a positive relationship between the Black community and the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

MEDICS ON THE SCENE are (L to R): Dr. Bernard Christmas, Dr. Louis Murdock, Dr. John Gambrill, Dr. Elijah Saunders and Dr. Theodore G. Patterson, Guild Chairman.

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