## —Protest rally

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men's mothers, Mrs. Thelma Purdie, is that county officials are trying to delay her son's trial until his 18th birthday in January. Purdie, 17, was held initially in lieu of $75,000 bail. His bail was reduced to $50,000 weeks after his arrest.

During the Dec. 13 proceedings, Dr. Lenard Stawodkas, who examined Mrs. Black after the incident, told the court that Mrs. Black was very relaxed and didn't act like a woman who had been raped.

A psychiatrist testified that the alleged victim expressed a need and desire for sexual relations with black men.

Charles Greywood also testified that he had slept with Mrs. Black for a year as he worked as a maintenance superintendant.

Wednesday, the presiding Circuit Court Judge questioned evidence offered by State's Attorney John Scarborough. Scarborough offered a torn nightgown and a bloodstained pair of women's briefs that he said Mrs. Black wore on the night of the alleged rape.

The trial will continue in Room 100 of Elkton Circuit Court and is expected to conclude Monday afternoon.

## —'Link with

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affected the quality of patient care."

When asked if those cuts would come in labor, Russell replied, "this a labor-intensive institution, obviously we're talking about labor..."

While Russell is confident about the linkage possibility, even to the point of saying, I don't anticipate University saying 'No'," sources close to Provident are fuming.

Delegate Larry Young said of the matter, "I have no comment at this time," but AFRO resources say Young has already begun "to smooth some ruffled feathers regarding the proposed linkage."

Russell said he hopes to step down in January, but before he does he'll make recommendations to the court regarding new board members.

He said a lawyer is working to make sure that the new board won't be a repeat of the old one and indicated that the hospital is currently negotiating with creditors to be released from its Chapter 11 status.

# Community Calendar

**BBB Seeks Volunteer "Judges"**

The Better Business Bureau, Inc. is expanding its pool of community arbitrators who will be trained to hold hearings and make final decisions in consumer-business disputes. The BBB conducts an arbitration program in which a customer and business may settle a dispute by taking it before a community volunteer who holds an informal hearing and then makes a final decision on the dispute.

"The credibility of this entire program," said Richard Hogan, Vice President, Operations, "depends on drawing volunteers from all segments of the community. We want public spirited people who can make equitable decisions. No special background is necessary. Our arbitrators do not have to have technical expertise. The Bureau maintains a special pool of volunteer technical advisors who are available to provide assistance when needed."

"Virtually anyone who has raised two children has arbitrated disputes of one type or another over the years," concluded Hogan. A training session will be held early in February, 1986. Persons interested in volunteering their time should contact Jane Harlow, Assistant to the V-P, Operations at 347-3977 or 1-800-492-2101 for more information.

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**Waterpipe Freeze Warning**

The Baltimore City Department of Public Works has issued a water service freeze warning to all City water customers who have experienced frozen water pipes during past winters, according to Francis W. Kuchta, Director.

"Water pipes and meters can freeze when the temperature remains below 25 degrees for an extended period. Our advice to customers who have had problems in the past is to let a thin stream of cold water run from a basement faucet, such as a laundry tub. The stream should be a very fine continuous flow," he said.

Customers were advised to check weather reports for an extended cold snap and take the necessary precautions. For additional information, phone 396-5352 or 396-5398.

**U of B Offers GMAT Review Course**

A course reviewing the content of the Graduate Management Admissions test (GMAT) will be offered on two Saturdays this winter by the University of Baltimore's Academic Resource Center.

The GMAT Review Course will be held Jan. 4 and Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Academic Center, Room 111B. The text for the course, The Official Guide to GMAT, is available in the UofB Bookstore. The fee for the course is $30.00 and advance registration is required.

Individuals interested in registering for the course should contact Ms. Natalie Hawkins at the University of Baltimore, 625-3233.

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**Sinai Hospital Group Meetings for the Newly Widowed**

Sinai Hospital's Widowed Persons Service will begin a new series of winter support groups in January, and will meet for eight weeks to help men, women and teenagers overcome their grief.

The four groups are tailored to meet the different needs of the bereaved, according to Adele Nudel, director of the service:

Newly widowed group (men and women widowed under two years) led by Dr. Leonard Woolf, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Growth group (for women widowed more than a year: How to build a new life), led by Alice Hoffman, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Younger widows and widowers group, led by Debra Case, Thursday, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Teen discussion group (for 13-17 year-olds who have lost a parent to death), led by Nancy Goldblatt, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

There is a moderate fee on a sliding scale. For more information and telephone registration, call Adele Nudel at 578-5018.

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**Black Actress Need**

The Baltimore City Life Museum, in cooperation with The Baltimore School for the Arts will be holding auditions for experienced black actresses (character age 20 to 25) to perform in The Baltimore City Life Museum's 1840 House.

Rehearsals and performances will be Tuesdays through Saturdays, Jan. 21 through May 17, 1986, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Those auditioning for this salaried position should bring a prepared audition and a picture and resume.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1986, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at The Baltimore School for the Arts, 712 Cathedral Street by appointment only. For further information and to schedule an appointment call 396-3279 or 396-3523.

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**Priority Mail Offers Fast Delivery**

There is a fast way to mail Christmas packages that many last-minute shoppers may have overlooked, according to Baltimore Sectional Center Manager-Postmaster James A. McDougald.

Priority mail affords First-Class handling for packages weighing over 12 ounces and up to 70 pounds. It's fast and consistent, offering next-day delivery up to 150 miles from the originating post office and delivery in three days anywhere in the United States.

"It's the ideal service for people who want prompt package delivery yet would like to avoid the higher cost of Express Mail Next Day Service," said McDougald.

Priority Mail can be sent from any post office, station or branch or through rural carriers to any address in the United States and even to foreign countries. The service is available with insurance, return receipts, COD, certificates of mailing and special delivery.

## Johns Hopkins Hospital opens AIDS Unit

The Johns Hopkins Hospital plans to open a 10-bed, formal, comprehensive AIDS service soon after the first of the year to provide state-of-the-art care and treatment for AIDS patients, previously dispersed through out the hospital.

"Hopkins has admitted and cared for AIDS patients as it has cared for those with all other ailments," said John D. Stobo, M.D., William Osler Professor of Medicine and Chief of Medicine. "The new unit will allow us to improve our existing inpatient and outpatient services for AIDS patients."

"We can care for AIDS patients more efficiently, effectively and comprehensively in a nursing unit with specially trained health professionals," said B. Frank Polk, M.D., professor of epidemiology at The Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and principle investigator of the Study to Help AIDS Research Efforts (SHARE). "They will care for them not only medically, but socially and psychologically as well.

The hospital has admitted approximately 120 AIDS patients since 1983. Almost 60 percent of these admissions have occurred in 1985. The mean daily inpatient census of AIDS patients in 1985 has been eight or nine. Hopkins has cared for more than half of the cases in Baltimore. As of July 31, Hopkins inpatients accounted for about one-third of all those in the State. Statistics later than these are unavailable at this time.

Detailed plans for the unit are still in preparation. Preliminary plans call for a social worker and religious and legal counselors to assist patients during the course of their medical treatment.

The hospital unit is only one of a handful in the United States and is modeled on similar units at San Francisco General Hospital and St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey.

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# Baltimore ends 1985 with high violent crime rate

## City will push the No. 2 highest U.S. position again

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Baltimore seems to be pushing hard to maintain its status of No. 2 on the nation's high crime scale for the year 1985. Detroit is listed as occupying the No. 1 position in the Serious Crimes category, murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

As December rushed to close out 1985, Homicide Division of the Baltimore City Police Department reported 205 murders. Lt. Stewart Oliver told the AFRO on Dec. 19, his division with a strength of 30 detectives had solved 143 murders.

Murders left unsolved total 61.

The latest murder of a policeman is the Nov. 18 fatal shooting of Police Officer Vincent Adolfo with a 357 Magnum. Charged with first degree murder is Flint Gregory Hunt who fled the jurisdiction and is lodged in jail in Tulsa, Okla.

As of Dec. 19, Hunt has successfully fought extradition to be returned to Baltimore for prosecution. His court appointed attorney insists because of widespread publicity that he could not be afforded a fair trial in Baltimore courts.

Det. Marcellus Ward, slain Dec. 3, 1984, was gunned down during investigation of narcotics violation in an apartment. Convicted and given two life terms is Laselle Simmons.

From January through June, 1985, Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson records state that the arrests for murder totaled 155 plus 22 juveniles.

Statistics on rape show 261 adults arrested for the crime for the first six months in 1985 with 66 a total number of juveniles arrested for that crime.

In the statement given by Commissioner Robinson as of November, 1985 the number of violent crime totaled 49,354 with an increase of 2.7 percent over 1984 the same period. Property crime totaled 37,806, an increase of 3.2 percent over 1984.

He concludes that the 911 number made it easier in 1985 to report offenses to police. He estimates that the total of 70,000 block watchers in the special Black Watch Program initiated in various communities made it possible for more crimes to be reported to the police.

The successful Blow The Whistle on Drugs program also initiated by Commissioner Robinson has brought in record response in the arrest of narcotics involving juveniles and adults.

Reports show several major dope rings and distributors have been broken and guilty persons brought to justice.

Arrests up through November total 3,489. However, the count on convictions is not yet available.

**WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS ROBBERIES**

Robbery, burglary and theft composed the largest number of crimes beginning the week of Dec. 16.

Keith Lee of Piedmont Avenue told police he was robbed of $115 when he was accosted by three men armed with handguns while he was walking near his home.

The Crown Gas Station, 6300 block Reisterstown Rd., had an incident of robbery when two employees were threatened by a man with a handgun.

Ronnie Forture, an Arlington Avenue resident, was robbed of a radio and $6 when he was in the 1200 block W. North Avenue.

**PURSE SNATCHES**

Ms. Ruth Tewater was struck in the face by two men who took her purse when she was in the 2800 block Rayner Street.

Ms. Theresa Givens, a resident of Laurens Street, said she was robbed of $44 when she was in the 1500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Charles Thomas a resident of Division Street told police he was accosted by two armed men who robbed him of $250 when he was in the 1200 block W. Lafayette Avenue.

Three teenagers armed with guns help up the Exxon Gas Station in the 5600 block The Alameda and vanished with $50.

Ms. Arlinda Lawson who resides on Edgecombe Circle North told police she was hit by a youth with a club when she was near her home and then robbed of the $128 she had in her purse.

**$1,700 TAKEN BY ARMED MEN**

A National Maritime Union official was heldup and robbed of $1,700 when he was in the 2300 block E. Monument Street Monday. The executive described his assailants as two young men armed with guns.

Ms. Dorothy Yates of East 41st St. said two youths knocked her down and robbed her of $246 when she was in the 2000 block of East Monument St. Monday. She sustained injuries of the back and neck and was treated at Hopkins Hospital.

An employee of Palmer House in the 100 N. Eutaw Street was robbed of $45 by three youths who accosted him on the street.

When Ms. Nan Brooks neared her Edmondson Avenue home Monday, a teenager took her purse and robbed her of $329.

Youths also took a $998 video recorder from the C&P Telephone Co. in the 100 block E. Pratt Streeet Monday.

Ms. Tammy Parker told police she was in the 100 block N. Calvert Street when two youths robbed her of $70 in her purse.

Ms. Vannie Lucas, age 78, was accosted by a man when she was near her Madison Avenue home. She told police she was knocked down and robbed of $67 she had in her purse.

Robbers entered the door of a residence in the 2200 block McCulloh Street and took the tapes and video recorder valued at $432.

A TV worth $200 was taken

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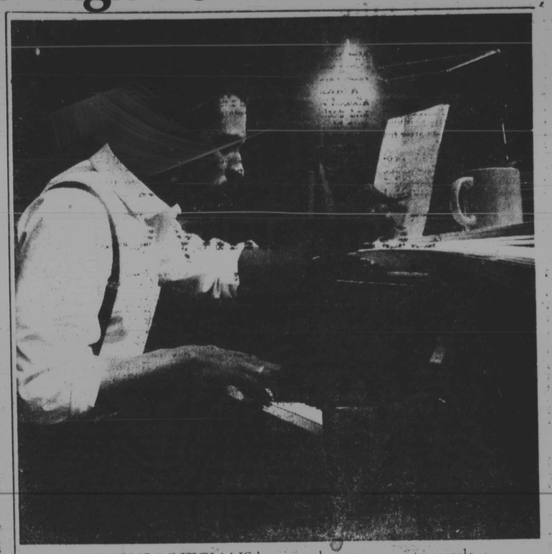
| Murder | 162 | 154 |
| Rape | 394 | 447 |
| Robbery | 5,760 | 5,538 |
| Aggravated Assault | 5,106 | 5,409 |
| Burglary | 10,113 | 10,279 |
| Larceny | 22,751 | 23,132 |
| Auto Theft | 3,757 | 4,395 |
| TOTAL | 48,043 | 49,354 |
| VIOLENT | 11,422 | 11,548 |
| PROPERTY | 36,621 | 37,806 |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