—Hate group

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staged the protest at this time because our headquarters was closed for the holiday," Mr. Williams said.

"It makes sense considering that they knew that the news media would show up to announce their protest."

Baltimore City Police spokesman Dennis Hill said the group's professed leader was identified as Joseph Rossiter of the 3900 block of Pascal Ave, in the Citrus Bay/ Pulaski Highway area of the city.

No arrests were made, although the group issued threats, and several of the verbally abusive protestors wore full facial gear to prevent identification.

FBI officials, however, said they have no knowledge of the group, and believe that a couple of members branching off from the Klan have decided to call themselves by another name to gain more recognition.

"We almost wish that the press would not report on the incident," stated an FBI official.

"By publicizing the group's actions, you give them exactly what they want — attention."

The State's Attorney's office added that local officials were handling the case and that NAACP leaders were being kept abreast of ongoing information involving racist group activities against them.

The headquarters has been under 24- hour surveilance since the uprisings began in December. Last week, NAACP officials released a toll-free number — 1 (800) NAACP-55 — in an effort to stem the present tide of racial uprisings against Blacks.

In November, members of the Montgomery County chapter of the NAACP became the victims of harassment when a van was smeared with racial slurs against the Rockville-based group as they attended a breakfast service celebrating their 52 years of existence.

Elsewhere, in what appears to be a growing number of attacks against Black organizations, police in nearby Washington, D.C. are continuing their investigation into a Jan. 2 rampage on the headquarters of the United Black Fund.

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—Missing woman

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Normally at the end of the work day, the van would deposit employees at the company's Exeter Hall Avenue office.

The last Wednesday Charlene was seen the weather was particularly cold. Charlene asked to be dropped of within two blocks of home rather than have to travel the longer distance from Exeter Hall Ave. to her Homestead Ave. home.

On Thursday, December 28, Police detectives visited the Hardin house with clothing and jewelry belonging to the body of an unidentified young Black female. John Hardin identified the belongings as those of Charlene.

The Hardin's were discouraged from identifying the body at the coroner's because the brutal blows inflicted upon the head had left large wounds that had removed all traces of recognition.

Charlene's body was found on the Kirk Athletic Field in the 2400 block of Kirk Avenue. Her clothing had been removed and was found near her body. The head was severely damaged by her unknown assailant.

On January 3, mourners packed the Cookley Community Baptist Church at 1208 Walnut Street to pay their last respects at the funeral of Charlene Hardin. The funeral was conducted by Reverend Mackey J. Cookley.

Police investigators have no suspects in the case at this time.

—First born

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Jamone was born to Jesse and April Perkins after an eight day delay (doctors told Mrs. Perkins her baby was to be born on December 22) and a 20 minute walk from their home on Rose Street to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

April said, "The walk was not as bad as it sounds. In a case like that you do what you have to and I needed medical attention." The AFRO congratulated the seven pound, 13 ounce first baby born in the New Year by awarding to him a year's supply of baby food, diapers and a basket filled with toys.

The stork impersonated by Roland Hines, owner of *Balloon Orchards* in the Mondawmin Shopping Center delivered a bouquet of balloons to the new baby.

The Perkin's also have a 5 year old son, Jesse, Jr. who said, "It's fun having a brother. It will be better when he grows up and we can play together."

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

PATRICK KELLY

The fashion world is mourning the loss of Black Mississippi-born designer PATRICK KELLY, who succumbed to a rare bone marrow disease Jan. 2.

Mr. Kelly, who was 37, revolutionized the fashion world with his innovative use of color and design.

Funeral services will be held in Paris Jan. 6

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Superstar comedian EDDIE MURPHY will be baring his all for Playboy Magazine — well almost.

In the publication's February edition, he talks graphically, and often profanely, about his love child, women and the size of his private body parts. It's his last interview for five years, he says.

EDDIE MURPHY

SUZANNE de PASSE

Motown Productions President SUZANNE de PASSE plans to tell more than 5,000 women how to mind their own business, during a February conference.

The day-long event -- jointly sponsored by the non - profit American Woman's Economic Development Corporation (AWED) and Murdoch Magazines begins Feb. 24 at the Grand Hyatt in New York City.

Ms. de Passe will be among scores of successful business leaders who will participate in the 10th Annual National Conference for Women in the Businesses of fashion, beauty, fitnesss, food and home furnishings.

JOHN JACOB

JOHN E. JACOB , president and chief executive officer of the NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE will lead a panel of distinguished Black scholars in an analysis of key issues confronting Black America when the group releases its annual STATE OF BLACK AMERICA 1990 report Jan. 9.

The publication, now in its 50th edition, is regarded as the most authoritative annual document examining the current status and conditions of Black Americans.

Hilton to get facelift

By decree of Mayor Kurt Schmoke, one of the city's most dangerous roads, a parkway dubbed a crashway, will be getting a serious facelift in the near future.

Since 1982, 10 people have been killed in traffic accidents along a 1.4 mile stretch of Hilton Parkway, a winding, hilly roadway in the western section of the city jokingly referred to as the Hilton crashway.

In the past year alone, here have been at least 40 serious accidents on the short stretch of the Hilton Parkway, traversed by some 25,000 motorists daily.

"There are probably 3,000 trees along that road. You show me one within 10 feet of the road that hasn't been hit," said Sgt. Silas Summers of Traffic Investigation Section. "I think it is one of the worst stretches we have in the city as far as the potential for accidents is concerned. That stretch of road has killed a lot of people.

Because of the accidents, Mayor Kurt Schmoke has ordered the city's Department of Transportation to revamp the parkway and has labeled it a priority project.

The project went out to bid recently and will end up costing millions of dollars when a contractor is chosen early this year.

The roadway will be widened from 40 to 48 feet, which will increase each of the four lanes from 10 to 12 feet.

The contract involves banking the curves and installing barriers to separate northbound and southbound lanes.

The installation of barriers is significant because even though the speed limit has been lowered to 25 miles per hour, and flashing lights were installed to alert motorists, drivers repeatedly fail to exercise caution.

"I would bet that 95 percent of the accidents are due to drive error," Summers said. "But what can you do?"

Community Calendar

Musical Tribute to Dr. King

"Let Freedom Ring: A Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," will be presented on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 8 p.m., at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. The concert, the state's official tribute to the civil rights leader, is sponsored by the Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture in cooperation with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

Admission is free, limited to two tickets per person on a first-come-first served basis. Tickets must be picked up in advance at the Meyerhoff ticket office at Preston and Cathedral Sts., beginning Jan. 2. Ticket office hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and noon to 6 p.m., Saturday.

Challenging Racism

The second annual seminar, initiated by the Baltimore Branch, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, will be held Saturday, Jan. 13 in honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Co-sponsor is the American Friends Service Committee, Middle Atlantic Region. The seminar, observing theme, "Women Speak Out - Meeting The Challenges in Baltimore's Ethnic Communities," will take place at Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 5513 York Road, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 327-0134 or 254-4487 after 6 p.m.

YMCA of Anne Arundel County

The YMCA of Anne Arundel County, Inc., in cooperation with Anheuser-Busch, will present the ninth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast at the Ramada Inn, Annapolis, on Jan. 15. Breakfast will be served promptly at 7:30 a.m. Congressman Tom McMillen, Maryland 4th District, will be master of ceremonies. Dr. Calvin Burnett, president of Coppin State College, will be the featured speaker. Call 841-6331.

National Association of Women Business Owners

The National Association of Women Business Owners will hold its monthly meeting, Monday, Jan. 15 at the Johns Hopkins Club, 34th and Charles St from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. "Dreams, Myths and Reality: Understanding the Investment World," will be the topic of the evening with guest speaker Joan Huber. Call 337-7356.

League for the Handicapped, Inc.

The League for the Handicapped, Inc. will hold its first ever Fur Elephant Clearance on Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 1111 East Cold Spring Lane. The Fur Elephant Clearance, sponsored by The League's Women's Auxiliary will offer fur pieces and fur coats at half price. Proceeds will benefit The League's programs, including Camp Greentop, the nation's first residential summer camp designed specifically for adults and children with disabilities. Call 323-0500.

Delta Sigma Theta

Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta will observe Founders' Day, Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Ave., 11 a.m. Participants include Congressman Kweisi Mfume, Atty. Georgia Goslee and Ms. Jewell Jackson McCabe, president, National Coalition of 100 Black Women. The public is invited. Call 944-8996.

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