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In Baltimore City
Chief judge insists on South Baltimore for courthouse

Maryland District Court Chief Judge Martha Rasin said yesterday she has "no intention" of proposing a site for the city's 3rd District courthouse that is outside South Baltimore.

The courthouse, an idea that has languished for 15 years, was to have been built on a state-owned parcel in Brooklyn, but recent tests showed methane in the ground, forcing Rasin and the Department of General Services to look for a new site.

Rasin had said Monday that "we may need to put the courthouse in a different part of the city" -- a comment that angered some legislators. But she said yesterday that she was misunderstood, adding, "I am not going to seek to have this courthouse put someplace else."

Police interview fails to change shooting scenario

Baltimore homicide detectives re-interviewed a young teen-ager Monday night about the shooting death of his 12-year-old playmate, but said yesterday that they learned nothing to advance their investigation.

Robert Foye, 13, maintained he was walking up a kitchen staircase of his rowhouse in the 1800 block of W. Franklin St. Sunday evening when a sawed-off shotgun went off, killing Calvin "Juicy" Fair, who was in the kitchen. The boys had found the gun abandoned in an alley.

"[Robert's] story has never wavered," said Lt. Timothy G. Keel of the homicide unit. Police initially had believed that Fair accidentally shot himself. But police said Monday that autopsy results indicated the wounds might not have been self-inflicted.

Black police, Vanguard groups install officers

New officers were installed last night to serve two-year terms with the Vanguard Justice Society and the Maryland chapter of the National Black Police Association, advocacy groups for Baltimore's black police officers.

The officers were installed in ceremonies at 7 p.m. at the Baltimore Urban League in the 500 block of Orchard St.

Sgt. Richard A. J. Hite Jr. was installed as president of both groups.

Family services division to sponsor senior luncheon

The Division of Family Support Services of Baltimore's Housing Authority will hold its second annual Senior Luncheon for the Gilmor, Rosemont and Dukeland Community Seniors tomorrow from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Family Support Services staff members will be serving the seniors lunch. The celebration, which honors senior residents for volunteer efforts within their communities, will be held at St. Gregory the Great Church, 1545 N. Gilmor St.

In Baltimore County

Man throws coffee on clerk, takes money from 7-Eleven

ESSEX

ESSEX -- A man who robbed a 7-Eleven yesterday morning by throwing hot coffee on the clerk and then stealing money from the cash register is being sought by county police.

Police said the man entered the store in the 200 block of Back River Neck Road about 5: 20 a.m., got a cup of coffee and approached the register. When the clerk, not identified by police, opened the register, the man threw the coffee, took an undisclosed amount of money and ran. The clerk was not seriously injured.

The robber was described as black, 30 to 35, 6 feet 3 and 200 pounds. He was wearing a maroon T-shirt and black shorts with a green stripe. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 410-887-2198.

Liquor license ruling pending for Oak Crest Village club

PARKVILLE

PARKVILLE -- The county liquor board will decide within 30 days whether to grant a club liquor license to Oak Crest Village retirement community, after weighing arguments by the county's Licensed Beverage Association that the development is not a social club and would compete with area restaurants.

However, the board on Monday approved a package goods license for Karen A. Norris and Mary Elizabeth Gernand's Oakcrest Liquors in the nearby Walther Shopping Center at Walther Boulevard and Dunfield Road, despite opposition from community groups and neighboring license holders.

A license was granted for a new Applebee's restaurant in the Eastpoint Shopping center.

Zoning hearing on parcel in West Towson reset

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TOWSON -- A zoning hearing on whether a residential property in West Towson can be used as a law office was rescheduled to 1 p.m. July 27 and, if needed, 1 p.m. July 28 after a witness was unable to attend a hearing on Monday because of illness.

Zoning Commissioner Lawrence E. Schmidt granted a continuance in a petition filed by Abraham P. Korotki, who is seeking a special exception for property he owns at 516 Allegheny Ave. Korotki, who is selling the parcel, wants the county to allow a number of variances, including a stone-based parking area and lesser setbacks from property lines. The West Towson Neighborhood Association opposes the request.