CPHA sets $50,000 campaign goal

The Citizens Planning and Housing Association sets $50,000 as its goal as it starts its contribution campaign. CPHA is the largest citizens organization in the area and has, among its 2800 members, over 220 City and County community associations and 125 businesses. At the forefront of civic responsibility and working in the public interest for 35 years it has become the "conscience of the community" in major issues affecting the city and its metropolitan surroundings.

James B. Zabin is chairman of the Campaign Committee and Ed Crawford has been named campaign coordinator by John Michener, CPHA's president.

Mr. Zabin is president of James Barton Zabin, Inc., a firm involved in advertising, public relations, and marketing. He also teaches at the Community College of Baltimore, and authored two books and is working on a third.

Mr. Crawford is an economist in the office of the Secretary for the Maryland Department of Transportation. Prior to that he was an economist with the Baltimore City Department of Planning and taught economics at the University of Maryland.

CPHA is on top of a number of projects that have a direct influence on the life of the city, the county and their residents. It is fighting to keep the Rapid Transit Phase I Segment A plan going and working with many other agencies and community groups to plan the future of Rapid Transit in Phase II. It put together a bill concerning Historical and Architectural Preservation for Baltimore County to prevent the loss of many of the County's treasures; it is coming out with a new addition of BAWLAMER, the City's pithy guidebook which it gave birth to a few years back.

Further, it continues to post zoning, liquor and legislative alerts on a weekly basis to all of the neighborhood associations; it worked hard to get the FHA 518(b) housing repair payback bill in operation by conducting research and coordinating a community effort to get HUD to make the program work.

State Police now have .357 magnums

Seventy-five high powered .357 magnum revolvers have been issued to officers of the state police, to replace the standard .38 caliber revolvers.

According to Cpl. H. Thomas Moore of the public information office, some 300 magnum revolvers are allocated in the 1976-77 state budget. He also said eventually all 1,500 state police officers will be equipped with them.

However, Cpl. Moore did point out that they have no plans to use the more powerful magnum rounds and he does not forsee any plans to use that type of ammunition in the future.

According to a local gunsmith, a .357 magnum round, if fired at the fleshy portion of a person's body, would leave a huge jagged exit hole as the .38 round would not.

Cpl. Moore told the AFRO, the revolvers were purchased after a study, in which 54 law enforcement agencies were polled, showed the magnum, with a 4-inch barrel rather than the awkward 6-inch barrel, is better for their type of police work.

He said there was less chance of the barrel getting caught in the holster.

A local gunsmith stated a .357 magnum costs approximately $200. This means the total cost of the magnum revolvers purchased by the state police would run about $750,000.

DEC. 9

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 9 the Baltimore County Youth Commission will sponsor a meeting to inform young people about upcoming legislation which will affect youth during the next legislative session. The program is at 6:30 p.m. in the Towson library.

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Man kills girlfriend, gets 15 years

A 30-year-old man was found guilty Dec. 2 of killing his 50-year-old girlfriend and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

A Criminal Court jury under Judge J. Harold Grady found George Warren guilty of second degree murder.

According to Assistant State's Attorney Sam Brave, Warren and Ms. Naomi Lee, of the 3900 block Reisterstown Rd., became involved in an argument when he told her he was planning "to leave her and end their relationship."

Mr. Brave told the jury the fight occurred between the couple on Jan. 4 and her body was not discovered until Jan. 6, around 3 p.m. in her home.

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In his closing staement to the jury, Mr. Brave said, "Warren had packed his clothes and attempted to leave the house, but Ms. Lee apparently tried to stop him.

"Warren threw Ms. Lee against the wall, broke her jaw and shoulder bone before he left the house." The medical report shows Ms. Lee died approximately four hours after the beating.

Teenager pleads guilty to murder

James R. (Tito) Thompson, 19, 4400 block Towanda Ave., pleaded guilty Dec. 2 to second degree murder on Tuesday, before Judge Albert L. Sklar.

Thompson was sentenced to 40 years for shooting William Davis, 71, while standing in a grocery store on April 1, in the 3000 block Frederick Ave.

Assistant State's Attorney Robert Fine told the court Thompson thought Davis was the owner of the store, but later learned the victim was a customer.

Lee V. (Apple) Thompson, 18, the defendant's brother and Dexter (Hawk) Dudley, 17, 2500 block Shirley Ave., were sentenced to 20 years for participating in the shooting.

Criminal court docket

Forgery — James Clemanis, guilty, 6 months imprisonment, suspended 1 year probation.

Hand Gun Violation — Crawford Mason, postponed; Richard L. Marshall, guilty, 90 days imprisonment, suspended 1 year probation and fine $250.

Discharging Firearms — Paul R. Harbuck, dismissed.

Traffic Violation — Lewis A. Smith, dismissed; Same, guilty, fine $25; Same, guilty 3 months imprisonment, suspended 1 year probation; Freddie L. May, guilty, 60 days imprisonment, suspended 1 year probation and fine $100; Same, dismissed; Same, guilty, fine $25.

Gambling — William Stuckey, guilty, fine $50; Joseph N. Carroll, guilty, fine $100.

Deadly Weapon — Mark S. Voncent, 1 year probation.

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Sodomy — Charles Rhyme; James Bond; Ronald G. Gerard, guilty, sub curia Pending pre-sentence report, as to each.

Storehouse Breaking — Frank E. Crowe, guilty, sub curia pending pre-sentence report.

Assault — Melvin Jacobs, guilty, 3 years imprisonment.

Hand Gun Violation — Melvin Jacobs, guilty, 3 years imprisonment, concurrent.

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Murder — George Warren, guilty 2nd degree, 15 years imprisonment.

Storehouse Breaking — Donald Lee Lochard, guilty, sub curia pending pre-sentence report; Carlos W. Waith, guilty 2nd count, 2 years imprisonment.

Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — Larry A. Johnson, sub curia pending pre-sentence report.

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