POLICE AND FIREMEN work to pull person from wreckage. Three-car mishap injured four, including two county policemen and two civilians.

(Photos by Roman Hankewycz)

Four injured in high speed chase through county, city

A high speed chase of a stolen car led county and city police to this three car pile - up on Fulton Ave. and Presbury St. this week, injuring four persons, one of them seriously.

The driver of the car, who had been under surveillance by county police for several burglaries and auto thefts in Woodlawn, apparently lost control of the car when police fired four shots at his tires in an attempt to stop him.

Official versions said the driver had tried to run over police before the shots were fired, ignoring their warnings to stop.

The driver, who was arrested on assault and traffic violation charges by city police, is expected to be charged by county police on separate counts.

Only one of the injured persons retained serious injuries. The other three, including two county police officers, were treated and released.

Maryland Human Relations ready for '80's

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One of the oldest human relations agencies in the nation is gearing up for the 1980s with a novel effort to coordinate the activites of such organizations throughout the state.

The Maryland Commission on Human Relations, which was first organized in 1928, recently held a day-long conference to acquaint similar agencies in the state with the services and resources available.

According to Erma Perry, conference coordinator, the purpose of the meeting was two-fold.

"We're taking a lead role in assisting other agencies throughout the state in their human rights program," she said. "and we're trying to establish a concept of cooperative programming."

At the conference, participants had a chance to learn the latest on affirmative action and equal opportunity provisions, and to gain insight into ways of dealing with individual cases as they relate to the provisions.

Merry Hudson, one of two hearing examiners for the HRC, said her role during the workshop was to describe several basic theories of discrimination. She said that the four basic theories are disparate treatment, disparate impact, reasonable accomodations and present effects of past discrimination.

Disparate impact, she said, refers to cases which involve individual complaints, while disparate impact defines the effect of alleged discrimination on classes or groups of people.

"An example of present effects of past discrimination," she said, "would be where you have a situation where in the past, two departments of a business were segregated. When the law was changed, the employer may have integrated. But what if there's a requirement that when one transfers to another department they lose their seniority. That would mean that anyone in the all-black department may be worried about transferring because of a possible loss of seniority. Tha past would have a chilling effect."

Changes in recent law have led the commission to also be concerned with enforcement of provisions which require the employers of handicapped workers to provide them with "reasonable accomdations "which allow for their respective disabilities.

Is there still a need for organizations such as HRC? Joann Anderson, of the Community Relations Division of the HRC, says there is.

"When a person is denied a job because they're handicapped, a woman or a minority, we can intercede and hopefully get them a job," she said. She says one experience which re affirmed her commitment to the process ocurred two years ago, when a handicapped youthpressed for more seating for the handicapped at Memorial Stadium. The commission went to bat for the youth, and finally more seating was installed.

The agency is headed by long-time civil rights fighter David H. Glenn, and is located at 20 E. Franklin St.

Black businessmen to fight 'Reaganomics'

Helping to Unite Baltimore, (HUB), announced Monday the group of businessmen plan on fighting Reaganomics with a program of economic self-sufficiency.

The group said it will attempt to convince blacks to patronize black-owned fuel distributors this winter, and to frequent black-owned gas stations. According to Raymond Haysbert, president of Parks Sausages and a leading black figure in the Baltimore business community, consumers will be asked to purchase one tank of gas a year from black dealers. Also, homeowners will be asked to take at least one delivery of fuel oil per month from black distributors.

The group plans on distributing cards listing black fuel firms by the end of the month, Haysbert added.

"The refocusing of this 25 percent of a quarter of a billion dollars a year in the black community will help increase employment in the black community," said Haysbert.

The quarter of a billion dollars Haysbert mentioned represents the amount of money blacks spend in the city on an annual basis.

He added that, in return, black businesses will launch a concerted effort to employ black youth. Haysbert said 2500 jobs may be created as a result of the effort.

The black church and community groups will be utilized to distribute the cards, the group announced.

Last year, the group sponsored a "Buy inBuy Us" campaign designed to increase the amount of money black consumers spent at black businesses.

The effort is similar to one mounted by the Black Chamber of Commerce, headed by Douglass Sands, which earlier in the year distributed discount cards entitling the bearer to savings at selected black businesses.

Plans are already underway for this year's "Buy inBuy Us" campaign, HUB officials announced.

Bath House dedication set

There is a need for another holiday in Baltimore, says Washington Village Newsletter editor Charles H. Howe. And for good reason.

Baltimore, according to the editor, could use another holiday- one that would be relished by all. Retail sales will zoom with excess shoppers. Doctors will be given a reprieve from their grind and would enjoy themselves on the golf links.

More importantly, the local citizenry will have a chance to feel fresh and zesty. Howe proposes the holiday be called "Bathhouse Day' in remembrance of the last shower - taker on the closing of Baltimore's last Bath House, Walters' Bath House No. 2 at 904 Washington Blvd. The Bath House closed on Dec. 29, 1959.

Howe relates that on the day of the closing, at five minutes before five, the attendant, George Prince realized that when the shower-taker would emerge from the shower, it would signal the end of an era.

Recalling the lasy bather at the Bath House, Howe relates that, "unmindful that he had soaped himself into history, he, the shower-taker, turned out to be a man in his 80's. He wore a woolen shirt and dungarees, and carried a shopping bag in which he had stuffed his used underwear.

Prince asked him if he cared about the baths closing.

"Eh?" the man asked, cupping his ear.

The question was repeated louder.

"No way it should happen," the old man shouted back. "Let them cut down the big shots. Why hurt the poor people who have nowhere else to take a bath?"

Howe feels these words are worth remembering and that Mayor Schaefer should proclaim Dec. 29 "Bath House Day."

Today, another institution occupies the premises. The Urban Services Agency is the current tenant of the building.

If the old man is still living, maybe he would be gratified to know that the building is still being used for the general welfare of the people.

But the Bath House is not and will not be forgotten. The Mayor, members of the City Council, as well as state and national elected officials and civic leaders will be on hand at the Walters' Bath House No. 2 when a bronze plaque will be unveiled. It will announce to the world that the Bath House has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Date for the ceremony is set for October 10 at 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served. A tour guide will be held afterwards.

MSU to hold global workshop

Morgan State University will be host to a public conference on "Global Partnership-North and South Together." The conference will be held at the McKeldin Center at Morgan on Tuesday, Nov. 17 and Wednesday, Nov. 18.

The conference will feature American and Indian speakers. It will center on the theme of the international ecompnic order and its effect on Americans and on the poor of developing countries. The conference is open to all interested persons, but will be of special interest to teachers and students.

The featured speakers will be S.V. Purushottam, Deputy Director of the Indian delegation to the U.S., and John Reichard, executive vice president of the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs.

Originally trained in physics, Mr. Purushottam has served for over 20 years in the Indian Foreign Services, including posts in Africa, Europe, and the Soviet Union.

Mr. Reichart, a graduate of Wesleyan University in Connecticut, has served in a number of internationally oriented posts, including the Philadelphia Council for International Visitors, and the Global Interdependence Center in Philadelphia.

Program director for the conference will be Jeremiah Novak, economic columnist for the Asian Mail. He will also be the introductory speaker.

Among the topics to be addressed are the brain and brawn drain from poorer nations, the role of multi-national corporations, and the aims of foreign aid.

The conference is being sponsored by the Council on Religion and International Affairs of New York in cooperation with the International Studies Program of MSI.

It is being financed by a grant fromthe U.S. International Communication Agency.

Persons interested in further information should write or call the International Studies Program at MSU-444-3205.

GOP, Dems fight Reagan attack

UPI- The House rejected a move by Republican leaders this week to force further cuts in a bill funding social programs for the poor included in President Reagan's "social safety net."

But the Republicans called the bill a "candidate for veto" since it did not meet Reagan's request for additional cuts, and said they had enough votes to sustain a veto.

After eight hours of debate, the House voted 249-168 against procedural motion by Rep. Ralph Regula, Ohio, that would have returned the measure to the Appropriations Committee for deeper cuts requested by Reagan.

The House then approved the bill by voice vote.

Assistant Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi said it was the Republican "judgement call" that GOP members could not muster, enough votes to defeat the bill on the final passage vote.

"The important thing was we got 168 votes," he said, adding it was "clearly evident there are sufficient votes with room to spare for sustaining a veto."

Thirty-nine Republicans opposed their leadership, while 28 Democrats crossed party lines to support the Regula motion. Moderate Rep. William Green, R-NY., who voted against the motion, said it was a "message to the budget cutters...that the House doesn't want the safety net cut to shreds."

Earlier, the House trimmed $74 million from the bill in a committee-sponsored attempt to bring it in line with budget target cuts.

Howard U. receives grant award

Howard University is the recipient of a $50,000 Bell System capital grant package.

The companies participating in the Bell System grants package are: American Telephone & Telegraph - $20,000; The Western Electric Fund - $15,000 and the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company - $15,000.

According to Dr. Roger Estep, Howard's vice president for Development and University Relations, the grants will be applied to Howard's New Direction Fund Campaign.

The grant also will be used to raise funds for several capital projects including a Cancer Research Center, Center for Health Sciences and expansion of Founders Library.

On behalf of the Bell System, Ken Raschke, General Manager, Western Electric's Eastern Region, recently presented the first installment to Dr. Estep.

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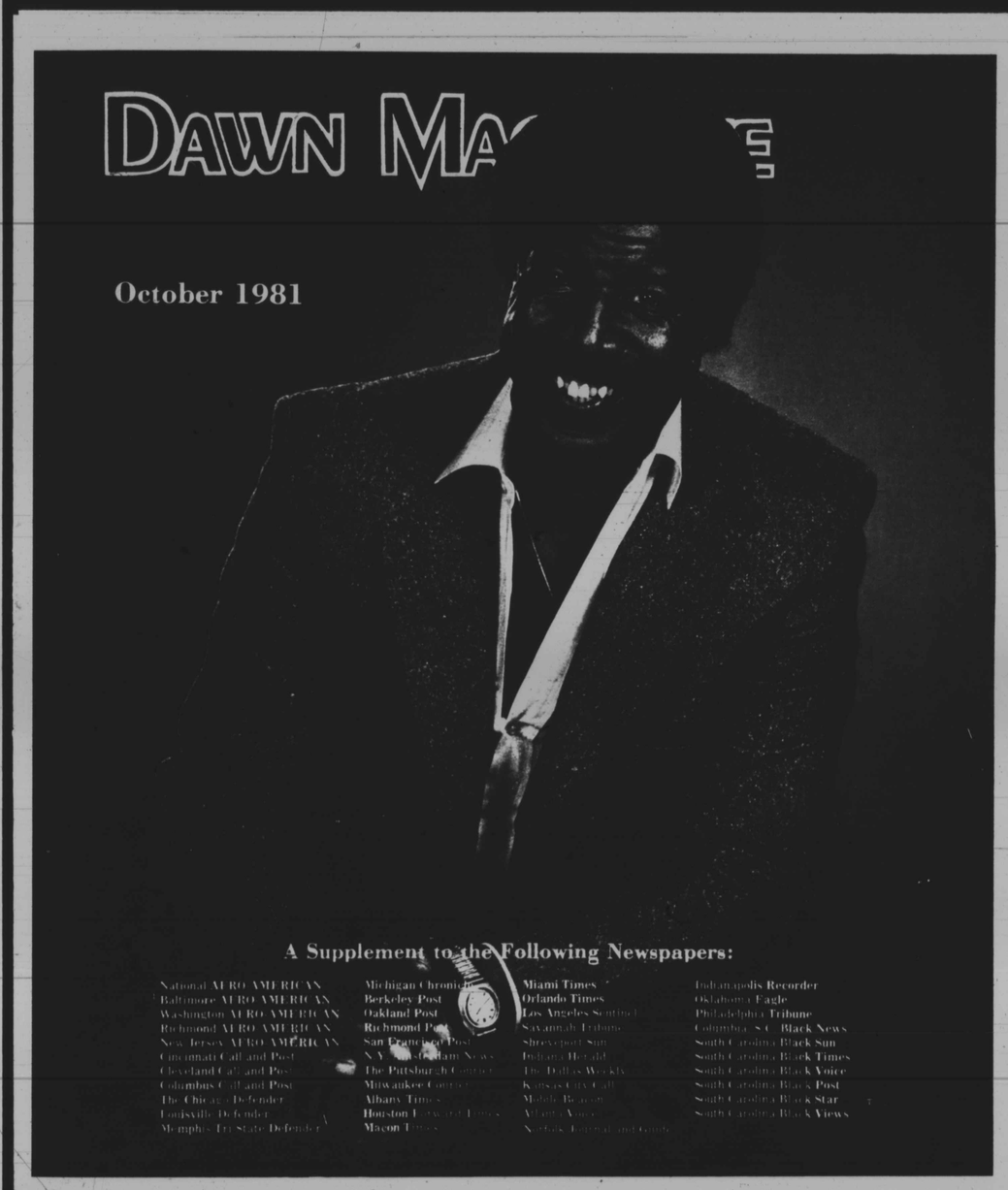
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