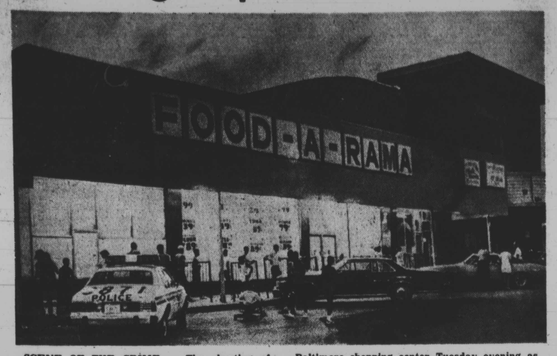
Man shot in hold up

High speed chase ends in suspect's arrest



SCENE OF THE CRIME — The shooting of Rodney Young occurred near this Northwest Baltimore shopping center Tuesday evening as Young played basketball.

CRASH — The sedan Frank S. Harper and another man were travelling in crashed near Greenspring Ave. after the men were pursued by police during a high speed chase on Northern Parkway.

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SUSPECT ARRESTED — Harper is taken into custody by an unidentified plainsclothed Baltimore City police officer. Harper's companion in the car escaped the police and remains at large at AFRO presstime. Harper is charged with assault with the intent to murder a handgun violation and possession of a controlled, dangerous substance.

A shooting near a Northwest Baltimore shopping plaza and a high speed chase with police earlier this week, resulted in the arrest of a 28-year-old Northwest Baltimore man and with the escape of his companion.

Police spokesman Dennis Hill told the AFRO that Frank S. Harper, of the 5400 block of Fairlawn Ave., was arrested Tuesday evening and charged with the shooting of Rodney Young, 25, also of the 5400 block of Fairlawn Ave.

Young was in serious condition at Sinai Hospital's intensive care unit at AFRO presstime.

Hill said Young was shot as he was playing basketball around 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, in the 5400 block of Reisterstown Road.

After the shooting had occurred, police said two suspects fled the scene in a sedan travelling eastbound along Northern Parkway. The car was travelling on the wrong side of the road, Hill said.

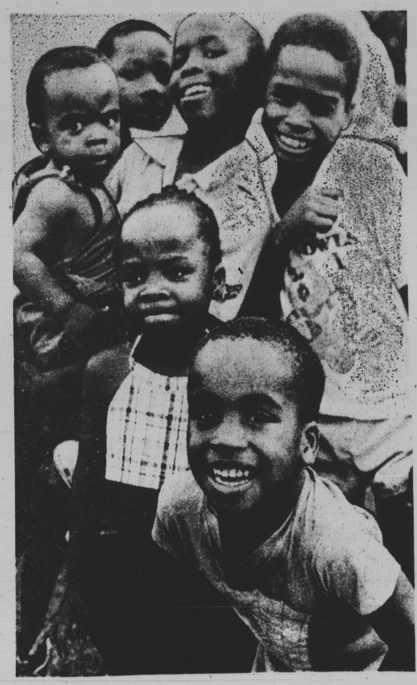
Police spotted the car, pursued it and the high speed chase between the suspects and the police came to an end when the sedan crashed near Greenspring Ave., Hill said.

Harper was arrested at the scene, but his companion escaped to the nearby woods, he said. After a search of the area, which included the use of helicopters, officers on foot and police dogs, the man still remains at large.

Harper, who later was released on bail, is charged with assault with intent to murder, a handgun violation, possession of a controlled, dangerous substance and receiving goods, Hill said.

The motive for the shooting is unknown.

Park Heights Festival



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SMILE! As these children waited in line to purchase carnival tickets they did what children do best of all — shared smiles with passers - by.

One-parent families rising

The number of one-parent families doubled between 1970 and 1981, according to a report issued recently by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

About one of five of the nation's 31.6 million families with children are now maintained by one parent. One-parent families totaled 6.6 million in 1981, compared with 3.3 million in 1970.

The number of two-parent families has dropped by 2 percent since 1970, although they still comprise about four out of five families with children.

Approximately 90 percent of one-parent families are maintained by mothers; fathers head only 10 percent. Nearly three- fourths of the men and women were maintaining single-parent families were either separated or divorced.

The percentage of one-parent families with children was much higher among blacks—51 percent— than whites, 17 percent. Of all one - parent families in 1981, 68 percent were maintained by whites.

The bureau notes that the report is based on a 1981 national survey. Comparable data for areas will soon be available from the 1980 Census of Population and Housing.

Other highlights from the report:

Since 1970, the number of households has increased by 19.0 million to a total of 82.4 million. Of these, 22.1 million were nonfamily households, an increase of 10.1 million.

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SPEED AND ACTION seem to be the most popular features of amusement park rides. Youngsters of all ages got plenty of each on the "Bayern Kurve," a small roller - coaster.

CITY OF BALTIMORE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF WATER AND WASTE WATER
WASTE WATER ENGINEERING DIVISION
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
TO DISCUSS ALTERNATE POINTS
OF DISCHARGE FOR THE BACK RIVER WASTE
WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The City of Baltimore is in the process of completing the Back River Waste Water Treatment Plant 201 Facility Plan. Advanced waste water treatment processes (AWT) will be necessary at the treatment plant for continued discharge to the Back River estuary. In order to develop alternatives to compare with advanced waste water treatment, relocation of the points of discharge has been studied. The three points of discharge which would appear to impact the least on existing development and environmentally sensitive areas are as follows:

1. in the vicinity of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, Patapsco River;
2. near the mouth of the Patapsco River; and
3. in the Chesapeake Bay, immediately east of the Patapsco Neck peninsula, and slightly south of Black Marsh.

Five pipeline alignments, including different combinations of pipe size and pumping systems, were investigated. Discharge at any of the relocated points would require advanced secondary treatment (AST) at the Back River Waste Water Treatment Plant.

In order to assist the public in understanding the 20 year facility plan, a public information meeting is scheduled to compare the merits of: 1) keeping the Back River effluent point of discharge to Back River 2) relocating the discharge to a different water body, or 3) discharging pulses of Back River effluent to Back River. The meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, July 20, 1982
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Administration Building
Back River Waste Water Treatment Plant
8201 Eastern Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

All interested citizens are cordially invited to attend and participate.

Theodore M. Andriotis
Bureau of Water and Waste Water

Kurt Schmoke

Schmoke's three-point plan to curb crime against our elderly

Saying crime has forced many senior citizens to live "behind locked doors in a form of self-imposed house arrest," Kurt Schmoke, candidate for the Democratic nomination for State's Attorney, promised "serious crimes against the elderly will be a special concern of my administration."

"The elderly are too often the victims of some crimes of violence and many crimes of fraud," the former federal prosecutor said. "The victimization of the elderly is not inevitable. The state's attorney of Baltimore City can and should do something about it."

To better protect senior citizens, Schmoke proposed a three-fold program of punishment, prevention and improved communication with the elderly.

Schmoke's three point program calls for quick, effective and strong punishment for those who commit crimes against senior citizens; awareness of security measures and other techniques that will help prevent crimes from occurring; and better communication with victims of crime to ensure senior citizens are not "victimized again by the criminal justice system."

Tough sentences will be requested where senior citizens

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Woman, 25, held in 5 fire deaths

Father Franklin fined for handgun violation

The Rev. Patrick Franklin, 63-year-old minister charged with illegal possession of a handgun and an illegal sex act on June 26, appeared for trial at Northern District Court July 20, with his attorney George L. Russell.

Rev. Franklin, pastor of St. Martin's Church of Christ Spiritual, Madison and North Avenue was found guilty of a handgun violation and fined $300.

District Court Judge I. Sewell Lamdin placed Rev. Franklin on 12 months supervised probation. On the second charge involving an illegal sex act conviction imposed on Rev. Franklin by Judge Lamdin, was probation before judgment, a $100 fine and $20 in court costs.

Carl Joyner, 24, of Pall Mall Road , who was involved in the illegal sex act was fined $100 plus $20 court costs and his sentencing was probation before judgment.

Northern District Officer Carolyn Salley testified in court that on June 26, shortly after midnight while driving in the 2000 block of Rockrose Ave., she observed Joyner sitting on the passenger side and Rev. Franklin in the driver's seat of the car.

The officer stated that as she drove past the two men in the car, she saw what she believed to be an illegal sex act transpiring between the two men. Officer Salley testified that she parked her car and as she walked towards the minister's car, both men started "fumbling".

Officer Salley testified that Joyner's pants were up to his

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AFRO Photo by Martin Evans

A MUCH WELCOMED BREAK — A much welcomed break in the heavy, humid, hot weather which oppressed city residents during the weekend and early part of the week allowed many, including these three golfers, to resume outdoor activities. The three, Tony Evans, Sylvan Johnson and Mel McLaughlin, were on the Forest Park municipal links earlier this week, sharpening their game with a late afternoon round of golf.

White roomer indicted in S. Carey St. blaze that killed tots, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

A 25-year-old white woman who dated the father of one of five children killed in a South Carey Street rowhouse fire in January, was arrested July 20 and charged with one count of arson and five counts of homicide.

Ms. Beverly M. Harshberger lived in the basement apartment at 8 South Carey St., scene of the tragic fire. She was a very close friend of the family, according to relatives.

Detectives and city arson investigators claim Ms. Harshberger ignited a trail of kerosene on the building's first floor Jan. 14. Police said there were 12 children and six adults living in the brick rowhouse at the time of the fire.

The one alarm fire destroyed the first floor of the three-story house and killed Shante Burley, 2, her sister, Theresa Morris, 4, Victor Barrett, 5, Victoria Marshall, 6 and Emanuel Burley, 7.

At AFRO presstime Ms. Harshberger was being held at City Jail without bail.

Melvin Burley, father of Shante Burley told the AFRO he had dated Ms. Harshberger for nearly a year. He said, "She got along well with the family and I cared for her a lot but I never knew she had that in her."

Burley described Ms. Harshberger as a very "jealous" person. He said, "She did not want any one else to date me."

Burley and other members of his family first learned about the arrest of Ms. Harshberger while listening to the 12 noon news. "We were all shocked," he said.

He said he still does not know why it happened. Burley told the AFRO Ms. Harshberger continued to visit his family following the fire and he would occassionally date her.

Mrs. Darlene Burley grandmother of the five victims told the AFRO, "I treated her like she was one of my daughters. She would call me 'Mama' and still came to visit the family after the fire."

She would buy me cigarettes and sodas and would always say 'Don't wory, everything will be allright.'

Mrs. Burley said Ms. Harshberger was unemployed and paid her $20 a month rent while staying at the Carey Street house. "I let her stay with my family because she did not have any place to stay and I felt sorry for her."

After the family moved on Bayard Street following the fire, Mrs. Burley said Ms. Harshberger wanted to "stay with my family."

With a quiver in her voice, Mrs. Burley said there was never a day that she would not think about her grandchildren.

Arson investigators report the

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Politics 1982

Ministers meet on Brailey, Johnson issue

Rumors that controversy and dissent are wracking the Baptist Ministers Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity over that body's president's candidacy for the 40th District Legislative senatorial seat, have been dismissed by several of its members as "ridiculous."

The conference's president is the Rev. William E. Johnson. He, the Rev. James L. Ball, the conference's first vice president, and another member, the Rev. William Brown have all denied knowledge that Johnson has been asked to step down from his office during the campaign.

Johnson seeks the senate seat now occupied by Sen. Verda Welcome since 1963. Del. Troy Brailey also is a candidate in that race.

Against this background, the conference's Monday, July 26, closed session at Brown's Memorial Baptist Church, on West Belvedere Ave., "to finalize the slate of candidates to be endorsed by this body," should be controversial.

Candidates who already have appeared before the conference were sent a letter requesting their presence at the meeting. They will be asked to present their positions and to answer questions asked by conference members.

Brown told the AFRO, the conference does not make "tentative endorsements." The candidates who have been endorsed already by the conference stand, unless the conference finds something wrong with an endorsement. Then it is withdrawn, Brown said.

He said Monday's meeting is for candidates already endorsed, but apparently the group wants to hear from them again.

Johnson said the meeting is to give "official" endorsement and Monday's meeting only is part of the candidate screening process.

The question that must be resolved is whether Brailey, already endorsed by the conference, will keep that endorsement against his opponent, Rev. Johnson.

A political education forum, sponsored by the Politcal Education Committee, will be Saturday, July 24, at Our Savior Luthern Church, 33rd and the Alameda, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

The forum's purpose is to educate the black community to the political process and to increase their participation in the political system.

For more information, call Sylvia Williams at 435-3678.

Cassandra "Sandy" Marshall, a community activist and educator, recently announced her candidacy for the House of Delegates in the new 43rd Legislative District in Northeast Baltimore.

Mrs. Marshall, a resident of Northeast Baltimore for almost 20 years said, "In light of the federal

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Park Circle family feeling impact of Reagan aid cutbacks

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

Diane Watson lives in the Park Circle area in Northwest Baltimore. She is ill, cannot find work, and shares a rented rowhouse and a $295 monthly social services check with her two children and a young cousin.

For Watson and tens of millions of other Americans life is a grim battle to try to make ends meet. They are the nation's poor.

The ranks of Americans who fall below the official poverty benchmark increased by 2.2 million in 1981, and numbered more than 31 million according to a Census Bureau report.

And to make matters worse locally, the state must stop paying benefits to 10,000 jobless Marylanders out of work 26 weeks or more.

A change in the eligibility formula, suggested last year by the Reagan administration, makes it harder for states to offer extended relief to victims of the economy's deep recession.

The rapid rise in the number of poor people means 14 percent of the national population, roughly one in seven, had an income below the poverty level, the highest percentage since the 1967 level of 14.2 percent.

And for the black community the Census Bureau statistics are even more appalling, with 34.2 percent, or one person in three, living in poverty. That figure rose from 32.4 percent in 1980.

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(AFRO photo by Marvtin Evans)

DIANE WATSON, (R) and her two children struggle to make ends meet at their Park Circle home.

—BULLETIN—
Sonny Stitt dies in D.C.

At presstime, reports reached the AFRO that veteran saxist Edward (Sonny) Stitt died at Washington General Hospital Thursday evening.