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Congressman Mitchell launching unemployment crisis hearing

Another no-jobs winter—what's Charm City's excuse this time?

Policeman cleared in nude woman' suspect's shooting

Officer Ray Coleman of Northwestern district has been cleared of all charges following the Jan. 1 shooting of Lester Leroy Assistant State's Attorney

said Robinson turned suddenly, knocking against Officer Coleman's gun causing it to discharge. Robinson, 20, of the 3600 block Forest Park Ave., died of a gunshot, wound in the head.

Howard Gersh stated witnesses (Continued on Page 7) State lawmakers

ready for the fray

By Clarence W. Hunter

The state's political gladiators re readying for the legislative frav Wednesday, Jan. 11 when the eneral Assembly convenes for its nnual law-making session in

Assembly comes in an election legislators will have to campaign from their respective floors in the House and Senate rather than in -their districts. An exciting prospect and also as one state senator put it

With elections looming over the 90-day session, the voters back home will be in the forefront of the

Assembly members' minds as the go about their legislative tasks. One unknown factor in this 1978 session is Acting Gov. Blair Lee III. For the first time in eight years the legislatures do not have the sharp eye of Marvin Mandel looking over their shoulders. For years Mandel pressured the Assembly to do pretty much what he wanted. Prior to that he was the

show almost as strongly. Mandel's gone and Lee must Lee can expect the legislature to test him. In turn he will see how much he can extract from them.

top man in the House and ran the

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contest amounced

Some 10 years ago the churches of Baltimore and the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN participated in an exciting Favorite Minister

Many AFRO readers have asked increasingly for a similar Churchof-the-Year Contest, enabling the community to vote for those churches residents feel are doing the most to improve the spiritual climate of the community.

Therefore as 1978 begins, the AFRO is again sponsoring an exciting competition for the religious

Your church may share in prizes

and bonuses totalling over \$3,000 in the AFRO's Church-of-the-Year

Your church might enrich its treasury with the prize money, improve church property, present a substantial gift to some worthy endeavor in the name of the church or issue scholarships. Winning churches are free to decide how best to use the cash prizes. First prize is \$1000; second prize, \$500; third prize, \$250; fourth prize,

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\$100 and these are ten prizes of \$50



AFRO'S FIRST BABY OF 1978 - Mr. and Mrs. Forest (Betty) Moore of Amberwood Road are the proud parents of Anglea Lisa, the first baby bern to AFRO readers in 1978. The Moores sent a Baby Contest coupon to the AFRO and won \$25. Anglea was born at 3 p.m. Jan. 1 at Johns Hopkins and weighed 7 pounds, 101/2 ounces. Renay Moore, 4 is

'Roots' hero stirs new Annapolis war



Actor LeVar Burton as Kunta Kinte

Kunta Kinte plaque is the issue

ANNAPOLIS - A political battle prompted by the book "Roots" is imminent when this city's Council must decide Monday, Jan. 9 whether or not to erect a plaque commemorating the landing of Kunta Kinte, the ancestor of author Alex Haley at the city dock in The vote by the nine-member

body on the proposal could go either way, according to reports. The only Annapolis leader who seems totally opposed to the commemoration idea is Mayor

John C. Apostol. A heated dispute between the mayor and the Committee to Commemorate the 1767 landing of Kunta Kinte has been gathering steam for almost two months. The committee developed the idea to place the plaque across from the Market House at the head of the

dock in October. The plaque, which would be 14 by

Fire victims need help

are asked to aid the family of Mrs. Nancy Burris whose five children lost all they had infire at their home, 904 N. Gilmon St., last Sunday at 6 p.m.

The bedrooms were gutted and

24 inches in size, would either be imbedded in the street surface or placed on a post in front of the Market House.

The mayor feels the city dock should not be "singled out for one individual." He also said Kunta Kinte was not an Annapolitan or a Marylander.

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Jobs queen Pines, other city officials invited to explain

The city employment picture this winter for blacks, for residents of all groups, remains grim, so grim that Congressman Parren Mitchell is using the power of his office to hold public hearings here in Baltimore to find out what i anything city leaders intend in the way of emergency measures. Further, Mitchell wants local manpower officials to publicly state

their progress and problems so that

he can go back to Congress with

comprehensive full-employm monies from Capitol Hill. Spokesmen for the congressm say he is in no mood for excuse Marion W. Pines, director of the Mayor's Office of Manpowe

more information in the fight

Resources, has consented to app at a public hearing set y (D. Md.) for Jan. 24, in Baltimore

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CEBO's 10th year dinner on Jan. 12

The Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity, Inc. (CEBO) will celebrate its tenth anniversary dinner at the Blue Crest North, Thursday, Jan. 12, 1978.

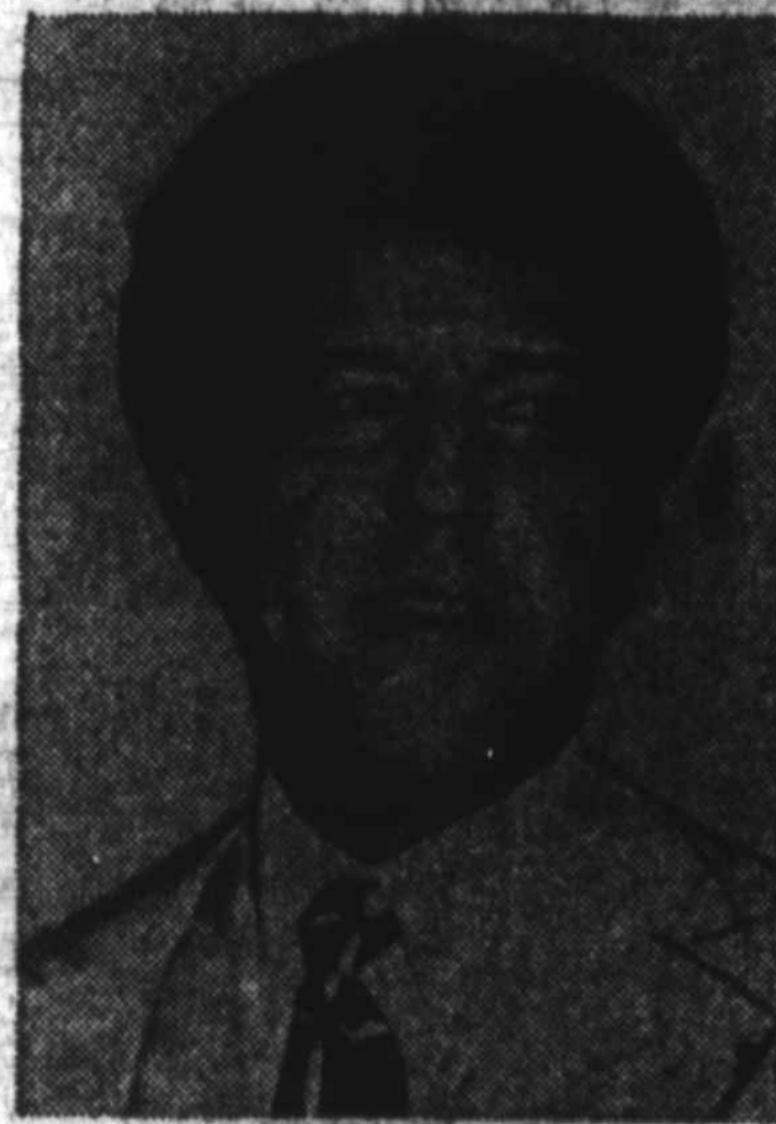
Guest speaker will be Dr. Sidney Harman, undersecretary Dr. Harman is the second ranking officer in the U.S. Department of Commerce and is committed to the promotion of programs of human development within industry and labor.

Henry G. Parks, founder of Parks' Sausage, and Robert H. Levi, vice-chairman, Mercantile Bank Shares Corporation, are serving as honorary co-chairmen. Baltimore CEBO, which is under the leadership of Samuel T.

Daniels, executive director, is a private non-profit organization funded by The United Way, The Urban Services Agency and the Office of Minority Business En-

For the past 10 years, CEBO has successfully offered counseling. managerial and technical assistance to minority business persons. It has been instrumental in obtaining over \$60 million of loan money for minorities and services with a caseload of approximately 2,500 clients.

This achievement would not have



Samuel T. Daniel

been possible without the supr of community leaders to be honored at the dinner.

Honorees include: Irving Blur G. Cheston Carey Jr., Robert I Levi, and William C. March For ticket information call Ma Ophelia G. Bell at CEBO between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mo through Friday at (669-3400).

AFRO editorial chief

Ray Boone assumes top post

Raymond H. Boone, the veteran editor of the Richmond AFROhas relocated to Baltimore fectively"

vice president -editor of the 13edition newspaper

young black editors" in the nation had been commuting between Richmond and Baltimore since he was named editorial vice president nearly two years ago.

In this position, Boone heads the AFRO's entire editorial division and reports directly to the board

"Ray Boone has an outstanding reputation in the newspaper field. said Murphy, welcoming him Baltimore. "We are fortunate record and an unswerving commitment to high professions

awards for