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Lydell tells why

Lydell Mitchell

Park Heights voters demand Lee kill MTA depot

By Fred Hines AFRO Staff Writer

Steny Hoyer, running make of gubernatorial candidate Blair Lee III, told residents of nine northwest Baltimore community associations Sunday that it would not make sense to put the Mass Transit Administration (MTA) bus garage in Park Heights.

"What you say makes sense. The Lee - Hoyer administration is not interested in destroying the Park Heights community," Hoyer said after several community spokespersons told why the bus garage should not go in the area.

"I will talk to the governor today.
I'm going to get back to you this
week," Hoyer said.

The meeting with Hoyer came as a result of State Sen. Verda Welcome's attempt to get Lee and Hoyer to convince MTA Secretary Herman K. Internant to eliminate the Carlins Drive - In site as a possibility for the garage.

During her remarks Welcome hinted that she would pull out her support for the Lee - Hoyer ticket if they did not make a commitment to eliminate Park Heights from consideration.

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HOYER GETS MESSAGE — Steny Hoyer (L), candidate for lieutenant governor on Blair Lee's ticket, listens to Sen. Verda Welcome (R) make a point at a recent community meeting in Park

Heights. Residents are fighting an MTA proposal to locate a bus terminal in their neighborhood. Del. Larry Young is shown at center.

- By Sam Lacy

While Lydell Mitchell is pondering a proposed trade that will send him to the San Diego Chargers, some observers are convinced the Baltimore Colts' management is dealing in semantics in defending its refusal to settle the issue.

From this desk comes the revocable charge that owner Bossay is totally lacking in constant

Also, that players on the Colts are insensitive to Mitchell's case — black and white.

Irsay, in an earlier display of stubbornness, became huffed with

Marchibroda.

But when several players, notably quarterback Bert Jones, were openly critical of him and

lown and re-hired Marchibroda —
t a pay increase.

Jones, despite knowing the importance of Lydell to the team, has been conspicuously quiet in the ingoing word battle between Irsay

ongoing word battle between Irsay and Mitchell.

Jones, Marchibroda and the entire Baltimore media have acted

like puppets on an Irsay string.

It cannot have escaped any of

counted for 300 total yards rushing in the first three games.

This is a 100-yard combined average for a collection of nine

A 100-yard rushing game for Lydell alone is commonplace when the elusive running back is playing.

What started out as a dispute over a \$25,000 difference in salary has evolved into a battle of words over the treatment of Lydell.

Mitchell's attorney, Lee Goldberg, charges that the club is dealing

A hearing in Washington on Wednesday failed to close the gap, although general manager Dick Szymanski and vice president Ernie Accorsi had tentatively worked out a salary agreement.

Owner Bob Irsay, however, nixed the whole bit, declaring that Szmanski and Accorsi were not empowered to negotiate on salary.

According to sources close to the Colts, Irsay indicated that Szymanski and Accorsi were sent to the D.C. meeting the process of the colts.

"They had no right to enternegotiations on salary."

The AFRO question: Why were Szymanski and Accorsi accepted by Irsay as defendants against the racial charge—which Irsay took as a personal affront—yet were not

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Pupils show gains in skills

Tensions high at Hagerstown

Guard's rape of male inmate hidden behind wall of silence

An alleged recent homosexual attack on an inmate by a jail guard has emotions raging at the Hagerstown Maryland Correctional Institute.

received by the AFRO from inmates and concerned citizens indicate the incident caused a protest demonstration which was crushed with "extreme brtuality."

Midnight jogger-rapist --have cops got him?

If police hunches are right women in Southwest Baltimore may no longer live in fear of a rapist who has generally become known as the midnight jogger.

Shortly after an AFRO story about the rapist, Southwest police report they have a suspect who fits the description of the man.

Police report they have

Another fight

meets for last time?

Monday, Aug. 28 to determine if they have the right man.

"He may be our man and he may not be. All I can say is he answers to the description of the man we want," the officer told the AFRO Thursday. He said the police probe into the case has been beefed up by two investigators from outside.

The officer said the suspect for

him as wearing a ski mask in the winter and a navy blue hooded jogging suit and tennis shoes in the summer.

The rapist, who police state attacks his victims between midnight and 5 a me has made several un-

Monday's test fits the description of the rapist, who is said to be about 6

successful attempts to rape victims in West Baltimore.

According to several victims he usually does not say much to his victims.

His activities have thrown women in the area into a state of fear. Most of them report they are afraid to walk the street alone.

The rapist follows a familiar pattern when approaching his

office, state police and jail general commotion. In silencin authorities are not talking about the rape incident and details are sketchy. But the following is what the AFRO has learned.

On Sunday night August 13 pealing for public support on behalf

tedly sexually Maryland Correctional Institute inmate in the said:

"We are living under a the derstorm of racism, overcrowding the cruel and unusual punishment about the incident such as a recent incident when

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By Clarence W. Hunter AFRO Staff Writer

As if the teacher layoff issue was not problem enough, school officials now must deal with causes for the high percentage of city school students who have failed to pass the proficiency exam required for graduation.

The result of the 1978 City Schools

Proficiency Examination, released by school administors Thursday, revealed that out of an estimate 80,000 who took the exam in spring only about 27,000 (or 34 prercent) of them passed.

them passed.

This marks an increased of 12 percent over the test given last fall.

School officials are not worried.

They see the scores as a "substantial improvement" over last fall's. They also believe the test is new to the students and that this

"I'm not necessarily disappointed," said Dr. John L. Crew, the kids showed a lot of improvement. If you jumped in with a test that everybody could pass the first time you wouldn't have much

The 120-question exam had been given to students this year to familiarize them with the contents. Passing mark is 70 percent.

prerequiste for promotion and graduation starting in September as the result of school board action in the spring.

Best reading scores in the 1978 exam were among 12th graders with 57 percent and worse scores were in the 7th and 8th grades with

20 percent.

Other grades reading scores were as follows: 38 percent in the 3rd grade; 36 percent in the 5th grade; 27 percent in the 9th grade; 33 percent in the 10th grade and 49

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Why Raashidi planned to burn his taxi in front of White House

By Fred Hines AFRO Staff Writer

Mr. Raashidi, a black taxi cab driver in Baltimore city, gets excited when he talks about the plight of his fellow workers and himself. His voice gets very loud and anger quickly fills his face.

Sometimes his anger consumes him so much that he does things no one understands.

Such as early Sunday morning

On that day he drove on sidewalk to the White House attempted to burn his taxi in proof the treatment he and fellow cab drivers are receiving

