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## Councilman Reeves hospitalized

City Councilman Norman V.A. Reeves, was hospitalized last week for an intestinal blockage.

Reeves underwent surgery at Provident Hospital Wednesday, Jan. 5, to remove adhesions according to Dr. Edward Hunt, the Baltimore surgeon who conducted the operation.

Adhesions are tissues abnormally united by fibrous tissue resulting from an imflammatory process.

Hunt told the AFRO the 5th district councilman is in the intensive care unit and is listed in critical condition.

Hunt also said Reeves has been experiencing some complications from the operation and that the primary concern at this time is to treat the complications.

The hospital will restrict the number of visitors due to regulations governing patients in an intensive care unit.

## Sen. Mitchell to explain charges against him before Senate

Counsel for Sen. Clarence Mitchell III, D-39, has requested the Maryland Attorney General promptly dismiss all complaints against Mitchell before the Maryland Real Estate Commission.

The Senator has announced he will brief his fellow senators about the matter in a special briefing in Annapolis on Thursday, Jan. 20.

Mitchell, who is represented by Larry Gibson and Michael B. Mitchell, has been charged with inadequately supervising the activities of a salesman who represented Mitchell's real estate firm.

State prosecutors are accusing

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## Hitchcock named to SBA post

Claude Hitchcock, a native of Baltimore, was sworn in last week as one of six administrative judges for the Small Business Administration of Washington, D.C.

Hitchcock told the AFRO his new responsibilities will include hearing cases and controversies prompted by situations which arise under the SBA Act of 1958.

He said any cases under that statute, a quasi judicial administrative act, that are exhausted prior to going into the federal court system, such as

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Claude Hitchcock

# Old hands, new faces in Annapolis

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New Delegate Curtis Anderson brought his daughter to the House with him for her first day on the job.

Clarence "Tiger" Davis, one of the young turks who swept to victory, is in a pensive mood on his first day as a Delegate.

Delegate Mary B. Adams addresses the Assembly.

Senator Clarence Blount's new power and added responsibilities make him one of the Maryland Senate's strongest leaders.

By AFRO Staff and wire service

The Maryland state capitol in historical Annapolis was jam packed with new politicians and a renewed interest in the electoral process, as a truly history making 446th annual session of the General Assembly convened Wednesday.

House Speaker Benjamin Cardin, D-Baltimore, said the size of the crowd that jammed the State House probably was attributable to a one-third turnover in the General Assembly membership since last year.

"This is the biggest crowd I've seen," said Cardin, who is beginning his fifth four-year term.

Cardin said jobs will be an important issue of this year's session.

"Our first and most urgent task this year is to enhance job opportunities in Maryland," he said.

Across the hall, new Senate President Melvin Steinberg, D-Baltimore County, mirrored Cardin's remarks, telling the Senate that their most important task will be to resolve "the tragic social dilema of unemployment."

This opening session gave further evidence of the rapidly growing interest of black Marylanders in the whole gamut

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Nathan Irby is one of our new senators.

# NAACP critical of police promotion, hiring policies

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Dr. Emmett C. Burns Jr., regional director of the NAACP this week told the AFRO the incidence of "Blacks in management spots in the police department is dismal and there are not enough black officers on the policy making level."

Dr. Burns and Mrs. Enolia McMillan, president of the Baltimore branch of the NAACP said they met with Commissioner Frank Battaglia on Jan. 12, following the recent promotions of two black officers. Lieutenant Bessie Norris was promoted to major and is head of the Southwestern district and Major Calvin Lewis was promoted to deputy chief.

Dr. Burns called the promotions a "trade off." He said there are no blacks above deputy chief except Deputy Commissioner Bishop Robinson and Jamor Edward Woods, director of Community Relations.

According to Dr. Burns, he feels that Major Woods' position is not a "powerful position at all and is a showcase position. We have been ignored and we are mad. We need more blacks to help make policies."

However, a police department spokesman has explained to the AFRO that the decisions the police commissioner makes are based on his needs and what he feels is best for the department.

Major Herman R. Ingram, director of the personnel division told the AFRO, "You can't make everybody happy." He said the commissioner has only been in office since September 1981 and the majority of the other directors in the department were appointed by former Commissioner Donald Pomerleau.

Major Ingram told the AFRO there are two line black deputy chiefs who controll two thirds of the city under their command. They are Calvin Lewis and Edward J. Tilghman.

Lewis has three districts under his command. They are Central, Southwestern and Southern. According to Ingram, "Everybody in command staff has an input and only the police commissioner makes policis."

Major Ingram also stated that when an officer joins the police department, he is not "stuck at any level regardless of race or color." Everyone has the opportunity to take the test.

The personnel director said, "Out of 33 command positions eight are held by black officers.

They are Deputy Commissioner Bishop Robinson, Major Bessie Norris of Southwestern District Deputy Chief Calvin Lewis, Deputy Chief Edward Tilghman, Major Edward Woods of Community Relations, Major John Barnes, Southern District; Major Joseph Nixon Eastern District and Major Mark Boles of Western District.

Major Ingram said the police commissioner is known as "a fair, man and makes promotions that he thinks is best for the agency. His position is he needs time to satisfy all needs. The alternate responsibility in running the agency is with him and he will continue with an af-

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# Eddie Harrison will appeal horse stable decision

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

The Baltimore City Health Department's Bureau of Animal Control has recommended to revoke Eddie Harrison's permit to operate the Windsor Mill Stables.

The decision came Wednesday morning following a two-day administrative hearing that was completed Dec. 27.

The bureau filed 11 counts of animal cruelty against Harrison, the stable's owner, in Baltimore District Court and seized all 10 of the horses housed at the Leakin Park stable at 4921 Windsor Mill Rd. on Dec. 14.

Harrison, director of Justice Resources a counseling service for teenagers, faced those charges in Southwestern District Court Thursday afternoon.

However, the trial was postponed until Feb. 23 by Judge Henry Stichel, according to a spokesman for the State's Attorney's office.

The purpose of the administrative hearing by the Bureau of Animal Control was to determine whether the horses, which currently are in the possession of the bureau should be returned to Harrison and to determine whether he should be allowed to continue operation of the stable.

Harrison told the AFRO he does not "feel well" about the decision. He said he will appeal the City health department's recommendation in Baltimore City District Court.

Besides revoking Harrison's permit to operate the stable, which he leased from the city's park department the Bureau of Animal Control has recommended the horses not be returned to Harrison.

"Based on the totality of evidence both in the form of testimony, photographs and written documents, it is the opinion of the hearing officer (Kathleen F. Edwards) that these horses were not taken care of in

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