—NAACP

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firmative action program and support it.

"At this particular time we don't have a black chief, but in time we will have a black chief. I am confident we will have a black chief. We have an open door policy to all community leaders who want to come in and talk."

Speaking of a recent promotion within the department Dr. Burns told the AFRO Major Harry C. Allender was recently promoted to chief of the Criminal Investigation Division. He said the officer only completed the tenth grade and has six college credits.

According to Dr. Burns, there are black officers in the department who have bachelors and master's degrees. However, the personnl director told the AFRO, "It (promotion is not based on education alone. Experience, past proven ability are all considered."

Mrs. McMillan told the AFRO the commissioner did not set any deadline on additional promotions. However, she said, "We will wait and give him more time to come though. The question is how much more time is needed."

—Harrison

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a humane fashione," said the statement released by the health department.

"It is the ruling of the hearing officer that the horses not be returned to the owner prior to the trial and that the owner not be allowed to continue his commercial animal establishment," it concluded.

Before the decision was released and after the hearing Harrison told the AFRO he was "confident" the decision would be in his favor based on evidence presented at the hearing.

Wednesday, he said he was angry about the decision and wondered how it could have been reached.

If convicted in District Court on animal cruelty charges, Harrison faces a maximum penalty of $1,000 in fines and 90 days in jail on each count.

—Mitchell

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the Senator of failing to directly watch over the activities of Robert A. Martin, who allegedly misappropriated deposits of several home buyers.

Prosecutors also are accusing Mitchell of not acting quickly enough to correct Martin's activities.

Martin allegedly secured deposits from customers, failed to present contracts to sellers and did not return deposits, which ranged from $200 to $3,000.

An investigation of the matter has been completed and a hearing before the Real Estate Commission began in December. It has been continued until Feb. 1.

The Senator, who is chairman of the Senate Executive Nominations Committee, feels because the charges against him still are pending he has a responsibility to provide his fellow senators with as much information as possible about the proceedings, Gibson said

Senate President Melvin Steinberg has arranged for Mitchell to brief the senate leadership and other senators who are interested in this matter next week.

At the briefing, Gibson said all of the complaints and investigative files will be made available and Mitchell will respond to any questions.

—Hitchcock

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internal grievances matters or small business concerns will be heard by the judges.

Businesses applying to the SBA must first be found to be small, if however it is determined that they do not meet such requirements they will make an appeal, said Hitchcock.

Companies appealing size qualifications are included under the heading of "size appeal" matters which will also be heard by Hitchcock.

Additional cases Hitchcock will preside over are minority contracts and bank certified cases.

He has worked as a legal counselor for the SBA in Baltimore and D.C.; for the U.S. Bureau Chemical Co. and as a lobbyist for the EXXON Co. for 12 years.

Hitchcock attended Douglass High School and Morgan State University. He has a masters of art in history and a J.D. degree from the University of Maryland Law School and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

MISSING — Linda Hunter, 23, has been missing from home since Oct. 4. Miss Hunter lives in the 300 block of Fremont Ave. Relatives said she was last seen wearing blue jeans, a beige blouse and a light colored jacket. If you have seen Miss Hunter, call the missing persons bureau of the Police Department.

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Talbot County King celebration

A county-wide celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday will be Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Easton, Talbot County.

The event is co-sponsored by the county's black ministers and the Talbot County branch of the NAACP.

Music will be provided with a 10 voice community choir and solos will be performed by Jespine Pryor. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Edgar H. Carter, president of the Talbot County NAACP.

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A teenager was ordered held on $100,000 bond on Tuesday, Jan. 11 in the fatal shooting of another youth who refused to give his leather overcoat to his assailants, police said.

Homicide detectives said that Mark Grant, 14, was arrested Jan. 10 and is the second youth accused in the shooting of Michael Gough on Jan. 4.

Grant, who will be tried as an adult, is charged with first degree murder, use of a handgun in commission of a felony and attempted robbery, police said.

Grant was arrested at his home without incident late Monday night. A court commissioner set bail at $100,000 for the youth, police said.

Gough, 16, was shot several times in the upper torso after he was confronted by two youths as he returned to his godfather's apartment from a grocery store with two friends. Police said Gough was shot when he refused to give his overcoat to the suspects.

The suspects grabbed the coat and fled, police said. Gough struggled to a hallway outside his godfather's apartment where he was pronounced dead.

Police charged a 13-year-old youth last Thursday with first degree murder and attempted robbery in the incident. The youth, who is held at the Maryland Training School for boys, will be tried as a juvenile and his name was not released.

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