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7th Congressional District race, was part of a national press conference Tuesday sponsored by the American Taxpayers Association.

At the event, according to campaign spokesman Charles Avery, Crosse "pledged not to raise taxes past the present limits. We know higher taxes do hurt the working people," Avery said.

The American Taxpayers Association is a bi-partisan group interested in tax reform.

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The rumors circulating around City Hall and the street about 4th District City Councilman Michael B. Mitchell's relinquishing his seat in the Maryland Senate and letting the Democratic Sent Central Committee from the 39th Legislative District appointing his brother Clarence Mitchell to fill the vacancy has been quashed permanently.

According to Del. Larry Young, D-39th, he and fellow delegates Elijah Cummings and Ruth Kirk plus the district's five central committee members and acting chairman Sterling Paige met recently and tabled the matter.

"It was such a bad rumor," Young said. "It won't happen. That matter was put to rest last weekend. We met as a team; everybody was there but Mike Mitchell. He's been sick."

Young said he has heard several names being bandied about to fill the vacancy Mitchell's leap to the state senate will create, if he is successful in next Tuesday's election.

Kweisi Mfume's 4th Councilmanic district seat also will be up for grabs if he is successful also.

Young said some of the names he has heard are Michael Richardson, Toby Goodwin, Rodney Orange, Michael Scales and Madeline Pulliam.

The matter will not be decided until about mid-December and is dependent on the City Council's approval.

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39th Legislative District senate candidate, Victor Clark, Mike Mitchell's Republican opponent, had a fundraiser at the Manor Club on Thursday, Oct. 30.

Because it was past the AFRO's deadline, no other details were available.

According to Republican sources, Clark has been hampered in his campaign by the shortage of funds and has not been able to wage the kind of high visibility contest needed to unseat his opponent.

The last minute fundraiser was looked at askance by some in the political community who asked, "isn't it a bit late in the game for this?"

—AFRO endorsements

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to house an amphitheater, exhibit tanks, classrooms, a library and a research laboratory.

Question C is a $2.3 million Recreation and Parks loan.

Funds will go toward the renovation of Druid Hill Park and the new children's zoo.

Question D concerns a $2.5 million economic development loan.

Half a million dollars are earmarked for the commercial revitalization of the Liberty/Garrison shopping area of northwest Baltimore.

Other improvements will be to the Seton Business Park, the Center for Medical Biotechnology, the city's three enterprise zones.

Question E deals with a $1 million Civic Center loan.

The money will beused to continue improvements to the Civic Center which is undergoing a major renovation. It will be renamed the Baltimore Arena.

Question F is for a $2.5 million street parking loan.

A new parking garage will be built in the Inner Harbor East area. It is a self-supporting loan to be repaid from parking revenues.

Question G is a $3 million neighborhood facilities loan.

Funds will be used to rehabilitate public service buildings throughout the city as libraries, health centers, recreation centers, fire and police stations.

Roof replacement, heating and air conditioning improvements and structural repairs also are proposed.

Question H is a $5.5 million streets, alleys and bridges loan.

This is a self - supporting loan to be repaid by the city's share of automobile licensing and title taxes as well as gas tax revenues.

The last bond issue is **Question I**, a $4 million school loan.

One fourth of the funds will be used to repair and replace school roofs and other capital maintenance needs.

The remaining money is scheduled to renovate Garrison Middle School, Arlington Elementary. Funds will replace Hampstead Hill Elementary and renovate or replace several schools.

Question J is a charter amendment authorizing the use of a city self insurance program, letter of credit or performance bond for successful bidders on city contractors.

Question K authorizes the exemption of standard goods and services bidders from procurement bond requirements.

Question L authorizes the increasing of dollar thresholds for advertising and procurement for certain goods and services for the city and authorizes the city council to increase or decrease certain thresholds.

Question M Changes the bonding requirements for certain city contracts under an amount established by city ordinance and providing for the initial amount to be $25,000.

Question N requires a candidate for mayor to have been a resident for at least 1 year.

Question O is called a peace amendment and it would establish a commission to advise the city on the impact of military spending and recommend economic policies and practices that will increase the number of civilian jobs.

Question P would eliminate the Department of Transit and Traffic and replace it with a Department of Transportation.

—Wade new U of M coach

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More importantly to Maryland officials, Wade has established a reputation as a coach who stresses academics, and has successfully won college scholarships for 36 of his players.

Following Bias' death June 19, it was disclosed that four Terps' players had flunked out or had withdrawn from classes.

Wade, who signed a five-year contract, said coaching a major Division I program "is something we've been looking forward to all our lives." Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Wade declined to answer questions, and hurried from a downtown hotel back to Dunbar, where he also coaches football. "We have a big game Saturday and I owe this to the youngsters," he added.

Wade will meet with the Maryland team Thursday night in College Park.

Maryland officials apparently chose Wade over former Terps' star and NBA coach Gene Shue, DeMatha High School coach Morgan Wooten and assistant coach Ron Bradley. All were reportedly interested in the position.

"It's just a tremendous opportunity for Bob and I'm sure he'll make the most of it," said Wooten, who beat Wade and Dunbar in 1984 and went on to the national title. "He's a good motivator and very strong at discipline."

Wade is a graduate of Dunbar and Morgan State University. He played defensive back for four NFL teams, including the Baltimore Colts and Washington Redskins.

—Flagrant discrimination

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areas or those predominately populated by blacks.

On the other hand, the white testers were constantly sent to housing in the "lilly white" section known as the Harford-Belair corridor, the lawyer continued.

This area begins on Erdman Avenue and runs in a Northeasterly direction with Harford Road bounding it on the northwest side and Belair Road on the southeast side.

According to Brown, less than one percent of the home owners in this area are black while the immediate surrounding areas have a much larger black population.

He added that the firm's major argument may be that this divergence can be attributed to the costs of the houses, but this is refuted by the fact that all the testers asked for housing in the $45,000 to $55,000 range.

In a survey from July to December, 1985, BNI found that of the 28 houses sold by the firm during this period in this section, not one was sold to a black person, Brown acknowledged.

Adding that BNI has "seen in a number of real estate firms in northeast Baltimore" evidence of racial discrimination, Brown said the group's tests proved that Sauers' misconduct was most prevalent.

The suit asks a city Circuit Court for a jury trial and that the firm be ordered to take affirmative actions that will ensure future non-discriminatory action plus nearly $1.5 million in compensatory and punitive damages.

An official of Sauers, when contacted by the AFRO, said the firm had "no statement at the present time" regarding the suit.

Acknowledging that BNI has found that many real estate firms in the city discriminate because of race, Montague said his organization is beyond the stage of negotiations with the industry.

"We have not gotten the type of compliance from the real estate industry we wanted" using the method of negotiations after constantly discussing with them their actions, said Montague.

He continued that BNI has "warned" several real estate agencies of their discriminatory practices but "they seem not to be taking us seriously."

Don Miller, BNI's associate director, is asking persons who have had dealings with Sauers in the past few years, particularly in northeast, to contact him immediately at 243-4400.

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—WWIN

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Additionally, Henry was not available for comment and WWIN is not talking about the possible sale at this time.

Henry has been brokering radio stations for several years and at one time owned WITH in Baltimore, WWDB in Philadelphia and other television and radio stations. Reports are that all these stations have been sold, except WBUS-AM in Atlanta.

Sources comment that WWIN general manager, Sheldon Earp, witnessed several changes in the format through the years.

These include a jazz, talk show and the current contemporary soul thrust.

The first local black-owned station was WEBB, which was acquired during the 1960's by musical legend James Brown and later sold to Mrs. Dorothy Brunson, the current owner.

Mrs. Brunson also owns a radio station in Atlanta.

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AIDS group need volunteers

By P.A. Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

In 1979, only nine cases of AIDS were diagnosed in Maryland. Six years later, the number had leaped to 161 - an increase of a whopping 1,789 percent, according to the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in Maryland is no joke. Groups such as the Health Education Resource Organization (HERO) are trying to head AIDS off at the epidemic pass by educating the black community about the disease.

Fighting the perception in Baltimore and Maryland that AIDS is still a white gay male disease is Tony Allen, a minority outreach consultant for HERO.

Allen is in the middle of a campaign to increase the number of black volunteers working with HERO. These volunteers are desperately needed to get the word out about AIDS.

As of Sept. 30, according to state DHMH figures, 48.9 percent of AIDS cases affect blacks. Figures supplied by other agencies, including the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, report the percentage is higher - 52 percent in Maryland.

"There is a great need for black volunteers," Allen said. "The greater number of people contracting AIDS are black and they are outnumbering the whites who are getting the disease."

The black community is troubled by a high rate of teenage pregnancy, the highest in the nation according to experts in the field, and has a large number of intravenous (IV) drug users. Both groups are in the high-risk AIDS category.

The women who are mates or sexual partners of IV drug users and their children also are at high risk of getting the disease or its virus, HIV.

HERO's goal is to have 100 volunteers recruited by Dec. 31. So far, Allen said, 17 have come forward. The volunteers are needed to perform a variety of tasks.

Among those needed to work with HERO are clerical workers, street outreach workers, speakers for the speaker's bureau, and volunteers for HERO's Buddy System. These volunteers befriend an AIDS victim until that person's death.

Allen said HERO will work with each volunteer to determine where that person would be most comfortable in the organization. Each volunteer undergoes a one-day training session.

Those interested in contacting Allen for more information about AIDS or to volunteer are urged to call 685-1180.

The AIDS hotline is 945-AIDS and those calling outside the Baltimore area should call 1-800-638-6252.

FUTURE SOCIAL WORKERS CONFER — The Social Work Association at Coppin State College held its first social event of the academic year on Friday, Oct. 24 in the Student Union or Tawes Center at the college. Guests at the event were members of the Social Work Club at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Shown from left to right are Kathern Young of Coppin State, Isa Venable, and Ezra Bachdahl of UMBC.

3-pronged drug fight urged

By Carl Korn

(UPI) — A joint task force on crack - the powerful, purified form of cocaine that is spreading rapidly through U.S. cities - recommended a three-pronged attack Tuesday that members said would prevent the drug from infiltrating the Baltimore area.

The task force, made up primarily of drug counselors, educators and law enforcement officers from Baltimore and Baltimore County, proposed a massive education program that would bombard schools and the workplace with information about the dangers of crack.

In addition, the task force recommended comprehensive treatment services that would target those addicted to crack, a rock-like form of cocaine that is smoke , producing what is described as a tremendous high.

The 41-member task force also said it would seek tougher penalties for crack dealers, including an amendment to state law that would enable prosecutors to gain smuggling convictions easier. Another amendment would make it easier for the state to confiscate the assets of convicted drug dealers - with prevention and treatment programs benefitting with additional funding.

The task force concluded that while crack is available - and being used - in the Baltimore area, there is no epidemic like the one terrorizing New York and Los Angeles.

"It's out there, but I think we can prevent it. I think we can stop an epidemic," said Michael Gimbel, a former addict who is now Baltimore County's drug abuse coordinator.

Mass Transit Administration buses, the Baltimore Metro and schoolchildren will soon be seeing spiffy placards and brochures declaring, "Crack: It can d...roy any body."

The bulk of the initial informational campaign comes from the private sector, but Gimbel - and Mayor William Schaefer - said state and local government must also pitch in.

Schaefer, the overwhelming favorite to become Maryland's next governor, said he would look into increased funding to the state's Drug Abuse Administration but was non-commital about specifically funding the task force proposals.

Gimbel could not pinpoint the cost of implementing the recommendations, but said it would be "several million dollars."

Federal inquiry looking into payment made to Mitchells

NEW YORK (UPI) — Federal investigators are reviewing payments a Bronx defense contractor made to a law firm run by relatives of Baltimore Rep. Parren Mitchell, The New York Times reported today.

Wedtech Corp., said $100,000 to Mitchell & Mitchell, a Baltimore firm founded by Rep. Mitchell's brother and now run by a nephew, the paper reported.

When the payments were made, Wedtech had been designated a minority-owned company by the Small Business Administration, which allowed the firm to secure lucrative defense contracts without going through the competitive bidding process.

In order to receive the minority designation, Wedtech's principals transferred a controlling block of stock to a Hispanic businessman under an arrangement that was later rescinded, the paper said.

Wedtech has received over $250,000 in contracts resulting from participation in the SBA's minority set-aside program. The Times reported.

Mitchell, chairman of the Small business Committee, asked SBA officials in 1984 to look into whether the firm had received preferential treatment, but the inquiry was not pursued, according to The Times.

The inquiry is being conducted by the U.S. Attorney in Baltimore and stemmed from an ongoing investigation into another family member, State Sen. Clarence Mitchell III, another nephew, The Times reported.

Sen. Mitchell was said to be present at the only meeting held between Wedtech and the law firm.

The SBA since has moved to revoke Wedtech's minority status, and Rep. Mitchell has urged the administration to do so, the paper reported.

All Schools salute slated for Nov. 2

By Paula J. Wagner

In order to boost the current low morale in the Baltimore City Public Schools, the Fund for Educational Excellence, a private foundation, will sponsor the second annual All School Salute, Sunday, Nov. 2.

The event to be held at Festival Hall will feature a showcase of 120 Baltimore public schools and their displays of individual academic programs.

Jerry Baum, director of the Fund, said the All School Salute is intended to do for the public schools what the City Fair has done for downtown Baltimore.

"It is intended to change the perception of the public schools," he conceded. "Lots of individual schools have a clean, nice place for learning."

The event is an opportunity for Baltimoreans, at large, to support public education as well as a fundraiser to benefit the Fund for Educational Excellence, developed at the mayor's request to "enhance quality and increase resources available to Baltimore City Public schools," according to Baum.

For a $5 charge, patrons will receive a McDonald's hamburger, a drink and a fruit. There will also be entertainment and performances by city school students.

Also scheduled will be the recognition of one outstanding student, recommended by school principals, who will receive a mayoral citation.

Preceding the event a brunch will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in honor of six Baltimore City school alumni who have achieved distinguished accomplishments. Two students from each city school will be chosen to attend.

Alumni recognition will not be based just on professional achievement this year, Baum said, but achievement in a field of endeavor and community service are being considered to include younger recipients.

Among distinguished alumni to receive awards are Essie Meade Hughes, a graduate of Douglass High School's Class of 1929 and Kilma Wilkens, a graduate of Walbrook Senior High's Class of 1978.

Mrs. Hughes, fluent in Latin, French and Spanish, taught these languages to thousands of Baltimoreans. She later became coordinator of curriculum and supervisor at Douglass and in 1961 became assistant principal at Western High School in 1964.

Kilma Wilkens is a graduate of Yale's Class of 1982, where she was elected to the Berzelius Honor Society and Columbia University's School of Law, Class of 1986.

At Walbrook Ms. Wilkens was a member of the Paul Robeson Players, winner of her school's declamation contest, an event which she won city-wide from 1975-78. She was also recipient of the Lorraine Hansberry Scholarship Award from the Arena Players.

These alumni along with Mayor William Donald Schaefer, also a product of the Baltimore City Schools, will be displayed as a role models. "This award places high value on education and on being a good student," Baum said. "Students will aspire to do different things."

Last year the program attracted some 4,000 people and raised $9,000. This year's event is expected to exceed in number of supporters and in revenues.

Columbia pastor heads state rights group

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (UPI) — The NAACP has elected a Columbia minister to lead its Maryland conference.

At a statewide convention in Hagerstown, delegates from 24 local branches this weekend chose the Rev. John Wright as their new president. Wright, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Guilford and head of the Howard County NAACP, won out over Constance Brown and James Pennington.

Last year, the outspoken minister led a drive that prompted the Howard County Police Department to improve its minority hiring program. Wright replaces Nathaniel Smith, who headed the Maryland conference for 11 years.

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