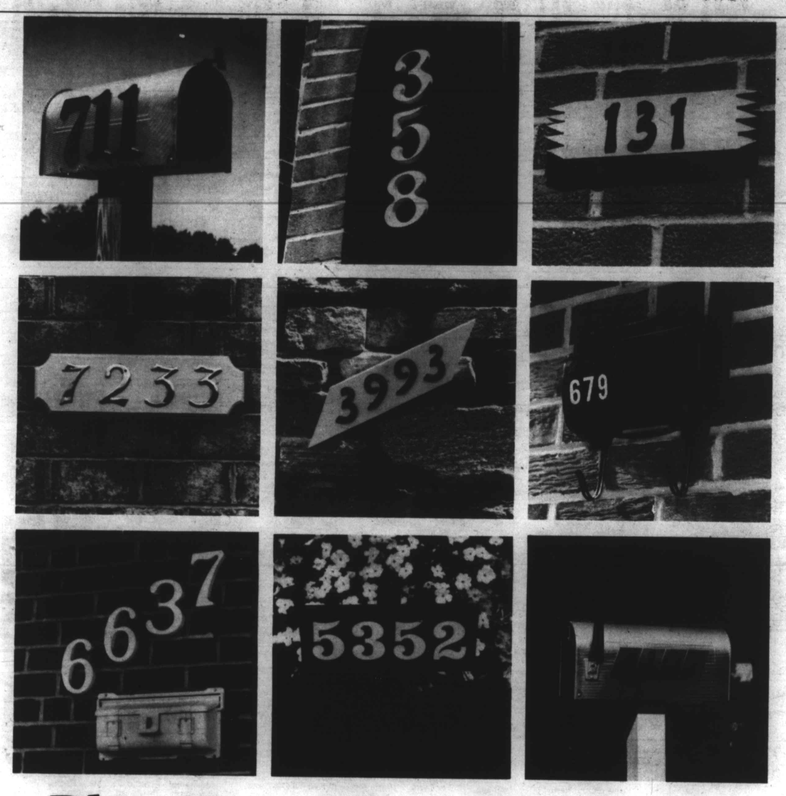


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The 1988 Maryland General Assembly was gaveled into session on Wednesday. The main thrust of the session will be higher education and prison reform.

## State-of-State message high on education

By Alicia Benjamin
AFRO Staff Writer

In his state of the state address yesterday, Gov. William Schaefer designated this as the year for higher education and said he hoped Morgan State University and St. Mary's College would see the wisdom of his higher education consolidation plan and join if the bill is passed.

"I want to make Maryland's colleges and universities the best in the world," the governor said. "If so, it is absolutely essential that we provide a new and more accountable structure for higher education," he said.

A math-science high school would help the state reach a goal of excellence by meeting future technological needs of the state, he said. The program would "help us meet the critical needs to train future math and science teachers," Schaefer said.

Del. Howard "Pete" Rawlings, D-40th, said he thought the math-science high school would be a boon to the state.

"I believe the math-science project would be an economic and educational benefit to the state because it helps to develop a well-educated, technical work force because many high school students will stay in the state of Maryland's," Rawlings said following the speech.

Rawlings said gifted and talented students should receive special attention from the state.

He said he was concerned that blacks would not. He said he wanted to make sure a fair selection process was in place in order to ensure the selection of black students.

Schaefer also addressed issues concerned the poor, including a plan which would enable those on welfare to obtain jobs. He also urged additional funding for day care needs.

"Too many citizens are still on welfare," Schaefer said. "We must help these citizens get jobs and increase the amount of the welfare grants to those who must live on welfare."

Schaefer said the government must work with the private sector to meet the needs of parents.

"This year I will appoint a child care coordinator to coordinate all of our policies," he said. "We will also be asking for additional funds for day care slots for low income parents."

Another major issue that the governor discussed was prison reform.

"All of you know that it's crowded in prisons and that's wrong," he said.

Scahefer said although many are reluctant to spend money on prisons, the state faces no alternatives.

"We have spent far too many years patching up our system," he said. "The time has come to fix the system, to look at our pro-

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## Douglas raps General Assembly leadership

### Claims he lost State Treasurer post through 'Old Boy Network'

By Alicia Benjamin
AFRO Staff Writer

Del. John Douglas, D-45, this week lashed out at General Assembly leaders, who he claimed excluded blacks from leadership positions while looking out for white legislators.

At a press conference in Annapolis Tuesday, Douglas claimed he lost a bid for State Treasurer last year after House Speaker R. Clayton Mitchell and other House members backed white candidate Lucy Maurer, who won the slot.

Douglas referred to Mitchell and other key white Legislators as members of an 'Old Boy Network' which promotes the causes of their friends discriminates against black members.

"I know that some will say that John Douglas is a sore loser . . . he should not be taken seriously . . . he ran for Treasurer and he lost," Douglas stated.

But Douglas asserted he was "run-over by a system that has operated over the past decade to promote and take care of its own kind."

Mitchell said he recently asked Black Caucus leader Senator Decatur Trotter D-24 if discrimination against blacks existed among Legislators and Trotter said no.

Douglas documented what he said was the work of the 'Network' listing the names of 49 Legislators who were given high salaried state jobs after retiring from office or losing elections.

"You will notice from the pictures . . . their backgrounds and training vary widely, from lawyers to plain people" Douglas said. "There is one characteristic, though, that they all have in common. They are all white!"

Douglas further claims Mitchell reneged on a promise to back his appointment to chief deputy state treasurer. Douglas retaliated by resigning as chairman of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee and as a member of the Spending Affordability Committee.

Mitchell denies making any

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## Green gains zoning post after councilmanic battle

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

After all the friction between the mayor and the Third District over the mayor's nomination of Barbara A. Green to the zoning board, the Council approved of her appointment Wednesday night at a special Council meeting. The Third District abstained from voting, however.

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke had met with the Third District delegation Wednesday morning to ask for their cooperation in appointing Green.

Green needed at least 10 votes in her favor to be appointed. Councilman Martin E. Curran, of the Third District, said his district had enough votes to block Green's appointment, but they did not because of the mayor's vow to communicate with them about future appointments.

"We had the votes," Curran said, "but who wins?"

As a member of the zoning board, Green, 51, will receive a $7,000 annual salary and serve for four years.

At a hearing Tuesday, Green told the Council that she would be happy to serve on the zoning board because she liked helping the community.

"I feel I'm a good applicant, because of my commitment to the city and the dedication I've

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(AFRO Photo by Paris Gray)

Officer Howard J. Gittings answered a screaming mother's cry and caught her five-month-old she threw from a burning three-story home.

## Heroic police officer takes rescue in stride

By Cindy N. Harper
Special to the AFRO

Dorothy Carter said she was asleep when the fire started and did not know what was happening until her mother awakened her, screaming "fire, fire!"

If it had not been for the heroic rescue made by officer Howard J. Gittings, Carter's youngest son. Richard Shedrick, may not have escaped the fire and smoke filled room safely.

The five-month-old child, had been sleeping in his crib nearby and Carter knew she would have to get him out of the smoke filled room as soon as possible.

"I was hysterical," said the 18-year-old mother of three, who found herself trapped as her home at 1111 N. Fulton Ave., burned shortly before 6 a.m. Tuesday.

She snatched up her child and ran to a front window, where (Western District) police Officer Cuttings was standing three stories below.

Partially blinded by the smoke that poured from the window, she hung her baby from the window and, urged on by Gitting, dropped her youngest child into the veteran officer's arms.

Gittings rushed to the baby to the precinct, where he administered CPR.

"I'm so thankful that he caught my baby," Carter said later.

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## Clarence Mitchell's back in court

### Accused of obstructing grand jury investigation

By John Robinson
Special to the AFRO

Jury selection continued yesterday in U.S. District Court in the trial of former state Sen. Clarence Mitchell, III who is charged with obstructing a federal grand jury probe of a city drug dealer.

Mitchell's attorneys had asked the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to disqualify federal Judge Norman Ramsey from the case because of an alleged conflict of interest involving the judge's wife, Tucky Ramsey.

Mitchell contended that federal investigators had tampered with a tape-recorded conversation he had with Mrs. Ramsey in 1985 concerning some public relations work he asked her to perform for him.

Defense attorneys argued the judge should remove himself from the case because he was aware the government had recorded the conversation.

The Court of Appeals denied the motion Tuesday.

Mitchell is charged with conspiring to obstruct a grand jury investigation of convicted drug dealer Melvin Williams by having a witness falsify documents to cover up payments Mitchell allegedly received from Williams.

Clarence and his brother, State Sen. Michael Mitchell were convicted in November of accepting $50,000 from officials of the New York-based Wedtech Corp. to block a congressional investigation of the firm, being conducted by the brothers' uncle, former Rep. Parren Mitchell.

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## Mother, daughter reunited during radio Prayer Line

By Yvonne Keith
Speical to the AFRO

A prodigal daughter and her grieving mother were reunited during a religious broadcast on the Rev. Vashti McKenzie's WEBB radio show.

On Wednesday, Jan. 5th during McKenzie's early morning Prayer Line, Roxcena Ramsey called to ask for prayers for her missing daughter, Alisha Ramsey, age 13.

Rev. McKenzie said she could hear the sadness in Ramsey's voice as she recounted the story of her missing daughter.

Ramsey told Rev. McKenzie her daughter had been missing since Dec. 23, 1987.

Alisha had not returned from school. Ramsey also told Rev. McKenzie that she had filed a police report, and received an anonymous tip that her daughter was in East Baltimore, But Ramsey told Rev. McKenzie that she did not know if Alisha had been kidnapped or even if her daughter was alive.

Upon receiving Ramsey's call,

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