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PARTY TIME: New Year's Eve is the traditional time to kick back and party till you drop. And the AFRO went out to capture some of the happenings on this end of a decade night. Pictures



STRICTLY PERSONAL: continues to have immense appeal for those seeking companionship, or just someone with whom to relate. This week, Pen Pals and Lonesome Hearts listings will be found Page B5.

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A NEW GENERATION OF OLDS: That catchy commercial from the Detroit auto giant has found a new and special meaning for an area Black-owned car dealership. To find out why, along with other news in the world of business, please see.....Page C1.

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Maryland National Bank, 25th and Charles Streets.

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celebrating the first new day of the decade, two racist

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AFRO. "Another bomb has

branch of the NAACP."

exploded at the 25th Street

our minds," State Senator

Larry Young told the AFRO.

meeting with local NAACP

executive secretary George

Buntin on Thursday, said

"With all of the recent events,

To the relief of many, the

A man dressed in women's

it was an easy thing to think."

report was false. Just a half

block away, a foiled robbery

clothes, entered the North

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had taken place.

Senator Young, who was

It was a frenzied call to the

"That's what ran through

AFRO GETS FRANTIC CALL:

groups chose to ring in 1990's by threating the leader of the NAACP at the organization's As most Americans were national headquarters in Baltimore - adding more hate to a growing number of

'I thought it was us'

attacks aimed at Blacks Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, throughout the nation.

eight which calls itself the American Resistance, along with the Maryland American

voiced their approval of the A little-known hate group of recent rash of bombings involving NAACP leaders as they carried signs proclaiming "Bomb Benny," referring to Dr. Benjamin Hooks, the executive director of the civil rights group.

The pickets, who began their protest on New Year's Day, have vowed to continue their demonstration in support of the series of mail bombings that killed a prominent civil rights attorney, an 11th circuit court judge, and bomb attempts at the NAACP's Jacksonville chapter, and several other attempts to kill other prominent leaders.

In addition to the New Year's Day demonstration, Baltimore City police are investigating the Jan. 3 bombing of a bank located half-a block away from the NAACP headquarters for a possible link between the two protests.

NAACP spokesman Jimmy Williams said that the groups staged the protest during the holiday because there would be no one there to dispute

"It's obvious that they

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CHARLENE HARDEN:

Missing woman found murdered

By Helen Glover Cook **AFRO Staff Writer**

On Wednesday, December 20, John and Gwen Hardin their daughter, Charlene if she wanted them to pick her up from work.



Charlene Harden

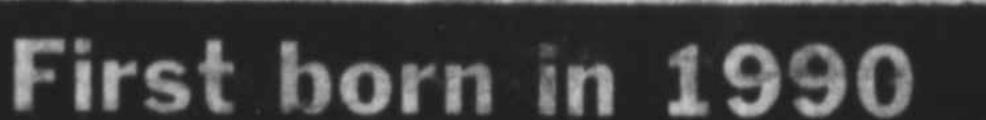
She said that she would get a ride home — they wished they had insisted on giving her a ride, because that was the last time Charlene was seen alive.

John Hardin said, "After a week had passed and my wife had no news of Charlene's whereabouts, we contacted the AFRO to help us find Charlene. The local media refused to give us any assistance.

"The media did however contact us after they learned of her death. They wanted to broadcast her photograph and the circumstances surrounding her death. I said no thanks — too late."

Charlene was last seen as she exited the company van that transported Janitorial Maintenance Service workers to and from work assign-

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(Photo by Ray Gilbert) April Perkins and new son Jamone Jakeen.

> By Helen Glover Cook AFRO Staff Writer

Jamone Jakeen Perkins has the distinction of being the first baby born in 1990. Jamone first saw the light of day 45 seconds after the new year had begun.

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Juanita Mitchell condition guarded

By Helen Glover Cook **AFRO Staff Writer**

While receiving rehabilitation therapy at Montebello Hospital Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell has suffered a stroke that family members say took place two weeks before Christmas. It is her second since February 1986.

On November 25, Mrs. Mitchell suffered a serious fall and was rushed to The Greater Baltimore Center. Later, she was transferred to Montebello Hospital to rehabilitation receive therapy.

Doctors at The Greater Baltimore Medical Center have labeled her condition as guarded.

Mrs. Ethel Gordon a long time family friend and registered nurse who has been monitoring Mrs. Mitchell at her bedside said,



Mrs. Juanita Mitchell

'Guarded is a term that hospitals tend to use when they run out of explicit terms to define a patient's condition.

"Guarded means that things can become better or worse instantly."

Total Health Care gets a reprieve



Although the sign remains the same, Division Street houses the troubled Total Health Care.

By Joy M. Tyler **AFRO Staff Reporter**

In the midst of eternal optimism, Total Health Care has persuaded the State Insurance Commissioner to grant them a 30-day extension of the deadline to conform to state insurance guidelines.

The previous 60-day extension on its "impairment of net worth" is for more than a million dollars.

The impairment is a requirement set by the state for the facility to continue its operations in its East and West Baltimore locations.

Total Health Care met with the Commissioner December 28th to persuade the state that a 30-day extension on its "impairment notice" would give Total Health Care the opportunity to meet with their team of experts to help cut costs.

Cutting costs so far has meant the lay-off of 72 employees, and still more to come, servicing some 22,000 enrollees according to Michael A. Rashid.

January 23 is now the final cut-off date given to the health care system that is con-

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L.L. Cool J. guard convicted of rape

MINNEAPOLIS — A former bodyguard guard for rar singer LL Cool J was convicted of raping a 15-year-old girl after a concert in the Twin Cities in August.

The Hennepin County District Court deliberated about 10 hours before issuing a verdict Wednesday night convicting Christopher Tsipouras, 22, Union, N.J., of first- and third-

degree sexual assault. Judge Philip Bush set sentencing for Jan. 5, revoked Tsipouras' \$100,000 bail and placed him in custody. State guidelines recommend a prison sentence of more than seven years.



RAPPER L.L. Cool J

The victim and a 16-yearold girlfriend had won backstage passes from a radio station.