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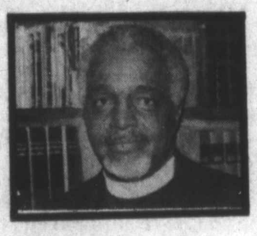

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WOMAN IN THE MARION BARRY CASE:

Was Rasheeda paid $1M?

By Robyn-Denise Yourse

WASHINGTON

The woman who lured Mayor Marion Barry to a downtown motel for an alleged rendezvous of sex and drugs, which ended with his arrest by FBI agents on charges of possession of a controlled substance, may have been paid as much as $1,000,000, sources close to the investigation told THE WASHINGTON AFRO.

"I was told that it was around that much," said the source referring to former model Rasheeda Moore, who is also expected to be called before a federal grand jury investigating the mayor's alleged cocaine use and reported corruption involving city contracts, "along with immunity from prosecution and a luxury shopping spree."

The source, a well-known figure in city circles, revealed the information during a Jan.

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Photo Courtesy Essence Magazine

RASHEEDA MOORE, the D.C. born model who lured Mayor Barry to the Vista Hotel as she appeared in the February 1979 issue of *Essence* Magazine with a male model.

ATTORNEY SAYS:

FBI setup Barry and Alabama mayor

By Robyn-Denise Yourse

WASHINGTON

Mark Lane, an attorney known world-wide for championing liberal causes, caught the ear of radio listeners this week with his account of an FBI plot to discredit and remove from office Richard Arrington, the first Black mayor of Birmingham, ALA. through a string operation much like the one used to snare Mayor Barry.

"Black mayors are having problems throughout the country with law enforcement officials," said Mr. Lane during an interview at his Capitol Hill home within hours of making the charge on a radio talk show. "I don't know if it's a conspiracy or not. I don't know if it is a coincidence or if it has been planned.

Earlier this week, demonstrators held a protest in front of the District Building to protest attacks against Black leaders.

In the case involving Mr. Arrington, however, Mr. Lane says FBI agents from Atlanta recruited Robert Mousallem — a Birmingham man facing tax evasion charges to help snare the mayor — "we want to get Arrington, he and the Black members of the City Council.

"They're all a bunch of dope heads."

Mr. Mousallem said FBI agents later showed him a dart board with Mayor Arrington's picture attached.

The "sting," Mr. Lane

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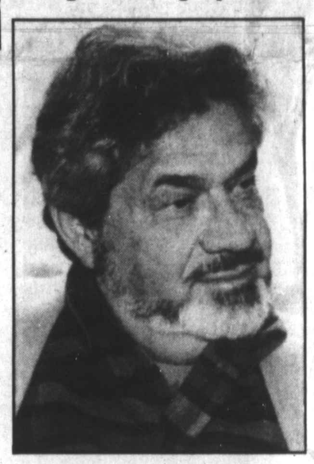

Photo By Lawrence Jackson, Jr.

MARK LANE — "There is a plot."

Palladium set to go on the block again

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

Lack of community support has led to an increase in the number of faltering business enterprises within the Black community. The Palladium, a 30,000 sq. ft. catering and banquet facility owned by Edward Butler, is scheduled to be sold at a February 15, auction.

The Palladium has long been beleaguered with problems, most of which its owner, Mr. Butler attributes to a decrease in the number of events scheduled at the facility.

Senator Larry Young a staunch supporter of Black businesses said, "At this moment the Palladium is 62 percent booked, all that is needed now is another 38 percent to make the slate full.

"Tuesday evening I chaired a meeting organized to form a committee for a fundraiser to obtain money to pay the hospital bills accumulated by Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell.

"The fundraiser is scheduled for May 3. I hope that the Palladium will still be a viable facility by that time," said Senator Young.

Although Butler does not want to file bankruptcy, he said," I can use that as a last

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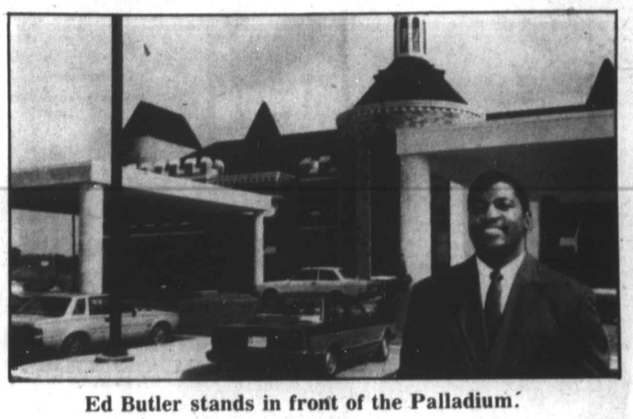

Ed Butler stands in front of the Palladium.

Black Caucus meets with Bush cabinet

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

Emphasizing the need for an exchange of dialogue between the offices of the U.S. Attorney General and the F.B.I. concerning a wide range of issues, Congressman Kweisi Mfume and members of the Congressional Black Caucus met with Attorney General Richard Thornburgh and F.B.I. Director, William Sessions Wednesday afternoon on Capitol Hill.

The meeting's agenda covered: the Supreme Court's reversal of many hard won civil rights, the lack of Blacks among the names submitted for Congressional approval for Federal appointments by President Bush and the passage of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act—legislation co-authored by Congressman Mfume.

Congressman Mfume said, "This meeting is the result of a meeting we had last year with President Bush. At that time he made a commitment that we would be able to meet with members of his cabinet on a regular basis.

"When we talk across the table from one another it dispels the polarizing often found among those who hold partisan differences as Democrats vs. Republicans and fosters trust instead."

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Citizens up in arms over city auto insurance rates

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

Insurance rates for Baltimore City residents have become so cost prohibitive that several citizens' groups have banned together to take the complaint's of irate consumers to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner.

Baltimore F.A.I.R. (Fair Auto Insurance Rates), Inc. a citizens' organization representing 56 neighborhood groups obtained over 51,000 signatures on a petition circulated throughout the city.

F.A.I.R. presented the signatures at a January 29, commission hearing on territorial ratings held at the 501 St. Paul St. office of the commission.

On behalf of F.A.I.R. its president, Mary Pat Clarke petitioned the State Insurance

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Falls North providing a boost

By Joy M. Tyler
AFRO Staff Reporter

In previous years, the Falls North area of Baltimore has been a sore spot in the slowly developing area around North Avenue, west of Hilton St. in need of new housing.

Otis Warren, real estate developer, has begun taking applications for Phase II of Falls North, new town home community in the Walbrook area of Baltimore for moderate income people.

Housing is being developed for moderate income families and individuals making over $24 thousand. Mortgages will average $66 thousand with monthly payments starting at $550-$650.

City and government grants are available for purchase and well as second mortgages, and additional subsidies. The units have a special 7 percent interest rate mortgage financing from the Maryland State Community Development Administration.

For slightly over the average of a regular apartment rental in the city, owners get a modern three

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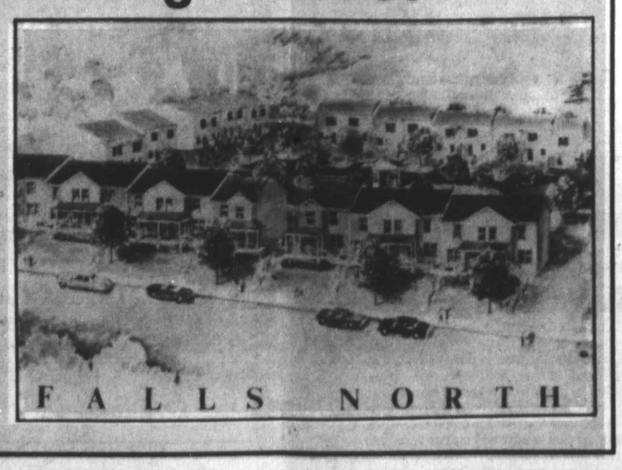

Two officers shot on routine patrol

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimore City police officers Carl Trogdon and Graham Sylvester thought that the call that came over the radio to the Collington Ave., Spider Web Tavern would be another routine summons to assist someone in danger or in need of an impartial party to dispel an argument.

What they encountered was a life threatening situation

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Carl Trogdon

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