.....Section B



to a capacity crowd of over 4,000 at the Palladium. In a "soup to nuts" speech ranging from history, current events and "Devils," both black and white, the National Spokesman for the Nation of Islam mesmerized his both black and white audience. Story

BUSINESS PULSE

...Section C

A MAN CALLED CRIP:
Community florist
Clarence "Crip" Smith has
a history of going that extra
mile for his customers.
Now "Crip" provides services for a wider segment
of the city residents as one
of Baltimore's 11 Urban
Services Agency Commissioners. Story on Page C1.



THE LIVING CHURCH Section D



TIST CHURCH: Tracing its history back to 1834 when it was founded by missionary Rev. Moses C. Clayton, Baltimore's First Baptist Church is both a modern worship center and a museum of the black church experience. Story

ALL OF IT: All the drama of Danny Glover and Morgan Freeman, all the voices of the Boys Choir of Harlem and the Richard Smallwood Singers, all the Sounds and All That Jazz in this weeks Friday Plus.



Dr. Thelma B. Cox, (center), originator of the tour talks to some of the participants before departure from Mondawmin Mall. LATE CITY EDITION

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Jesse Jackson goes to bat for the Mitchell brothers

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By Helen Glover Cook AFRO Staff Reporter

Jesse Jackson has come out of a protracted silence on the Mitchell brothers' case, urging everyone to get behind them, calling their imprisonment blatant examples of harassment and selected persecution.

Rev. Jackson's letter, dated January 25, 1989, is printed in its entirety on page A4.

In an exclusive interview with former State Sen. Clarence Mitchell, III at Lewisburg Federal prison, Mitchell told the AFRO that he looked forward to the hearing on his appeal, an event

Rev. Jesse Jackson's letter has brought to the attention of the entire black community.

Clarence Mitchell, III is 42 pounds lighter and determined to continue his role as a model prisoner. His spirits are high and his chance of job stress is light at the minimum security facility in which he resides at the Lewisburg Federal Prison Camp in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

His job allows him to spend time assisting many of the other inmates by encouraging them to write their legislators and in some cases acting as a scribe for that purpose.

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Oaks replacement meeting set

By Alisa Samuels AFRO Staff Writer

The 41st District Democratic State Central Committee will meet next week to consider candidates and then two weeks later name a replacement for Del. Na-

Heritage

tour

begins

February 1 marked the

beginning of Black History

Month. It may also be the

beginning of a new tradition in

Baltimore, a tradition in

which black history can be ex-

perienced by all of its citizens

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on a year around basis.

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thaniel Oaks, who lost his General Assembly seat Monday after receiving a five year suspended sentence for theft, perjury and misconduct in office.

Earl Banks, the committee's chairman, said Wednesday the 5-member committee would meet 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Edmondson Village Library on Edmondson Avenue to look at the credentials of those interested in filling Oaks' seat and hopefully fill the seat within two weeks.

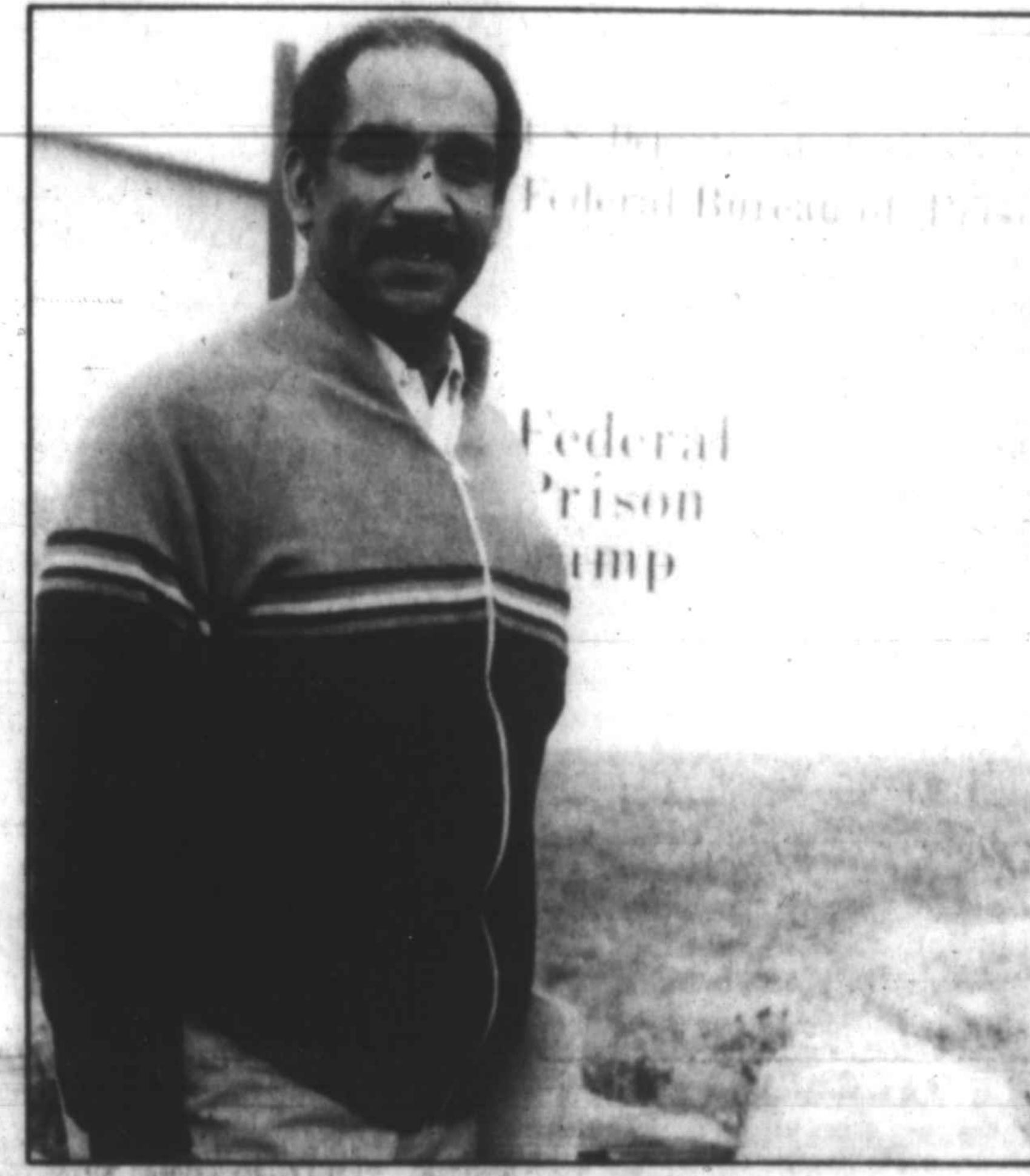
The committee could only hold the meeting after public-ly announcing the vacancy to encourage candidates.

Banks, former athletic director for Morgan State University, said the committee is looking for "a good representative of the 41st District".

"We're looking for a person who is interested in the 41st

Voice of Black America Since 1892

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Former State Senator Clarence Mitchell, III

Legislative Roundup

Hearing is held on drug trafficking

By Alisa Samuels AFRO Staff Writer

Arnold Berlin, owner of several hundred apartments in Prince Georges County, went to Annapolis with a plea for help: help get rid of the drugs in his buildings.

"I come here with a plea for help. Our properties are being basically taken over by drug traffickers," Berlin said, as he testified for a Senate bill that intends to decrease the amount of drug-trafficking on

rental properties.

Berlin testifying before a
Senate Judicial Proceedings

hearing Wednesday said many of the tenants are harassed by drug-traffickers as they try to enter their apartments. Often Berlin said 40 to 50 people stand outside of the complex dealing drugs, but when police are called and then arrive the suspects disperse within three

Mayor Frank J. Blackwell, of Seat Pleasant, testified in favor of the bill also saying drug-trafficking in Seat Pleasant has increased.

"We hear a lot about the (Continued on Page A2)

Controversy erupts over 'happy hour'

By Delfield S. Yoes, III AFRO Staff Writer

Competition between local liquor establishments has escalated lately in West Baltimore, but the main source of competition may be coming from beyond the city limits.

Recently, Martin's West in Baltimore County, established a happy hour, Monday through Friday.

For five dollars, they offer two drinks and a choice of hors d'oeuvres.

Thus far the promotion has done quite well; last Friday the crowd was estimated at around 1,200.

The success of this happy hour has made life miserable for several bar owners on the Liberty Road and Reisterstown Road corridors.

Bars and nightclubs such as, the Sportsman's Lounge, Regatta, and the Five Mile House, have all incurred substantial losses allegedly in direct correlation with the Martin's West happy hour.

Wesley Johnson, who owns
The Five Mile House, on
Reisterstown Road, has
launched one of the more
vocal oppositions.

Just a case of sour grapes?

Johnson says, no.

"What Marty is doing is

"What Marty is doing is free enterprise and I have no problem with that. "He has sunk a lot of money

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AFRO launches church program

Area churches can raise thousands of dollars by participating in the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper's "Church Community Enrichment Program."

The program is an eight-week subscription drive that will begin on the third Sunday of this month (February 19) and conclude on April 16.

It is the first time in recent history that the AFRO-AMERICAN has embarked on a concentrated in-church subscription program.

"For more than two years we've worked hard on improving the appearance and content of the paper and are pleased to introduce this fund-raising opportunity to the churches in the metropolitan area," said AFRO President Frances Draper.

"It's time to go back to our roots, she added.

According to the company's records, John H. Murphy, Sr., a former slave set free by the Maryland Emancipation Act of 1863, purchased the name and printing equipment of a one-page weekly named the Afro-American at public auction on August 13, 1892 for \$200.

Murphy, the District Superintendent of the St. John AME Sunday School, was already publishing a small tract called the Sunday School Helper from the basement

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