—Covenants still exist

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major objection that the Homeowners have with the Northwood Covenant Association. The near 20 year conflict between Margaret Dockins and the Covenant Association is centered around this maintenance fee.

Dockins, who moved to the Northwood area in the early 70's, claims that she was never made aware of the Covenant Association, until she received letters from them requesting the maintenance fee, which amounts to around 30 dollars annually in Dockins'case.

Dockins refused to pay the fee, citing that the Covenant was not providing the services that are outlined in The Northwood Charter Bylaws, Deed and Agreement.

According to Dockins, without her knowing, the maintenance fee was extracted from her mortgage. She didn't discover that this was happening until her mortgage company informed her that her escrow account was deficient and that she was facing forclosure on her mortgage.

Dockins questioned the Covenant about the deductions and they claimed that they knew nothing about the situation. Allegedly, soon thereafter, the money was returned to her account.

Several members of the Homeowners group claim that they have received similar treatment from the Covenant.

Many of the them have been hauled into court by the Covenant's legal representative, Robert Prem and have been sued for the maintenance fee. The cases are currently at the appeal stage.

Dockins relayed other personal encounters that she has had with the Covenant, or supporters of the Covenant, since the maintenance fee incident, ranging from racist telephone harassment, to unwarranted police visits.

The Homeowners have attempted to voice their grievances at the bi-annual meeting between the residents and the officers of the Covenant Association.

None of their complaints have been ressolved. According to Dockins, many of the Homeowners refuse to attend meetings for fear of persecution from the Covenant Association.

The AFRO attempted to contact Sylvia Williams, who is listed with the office of the Northwood Covenant Association as the non-voting president of the association.

When we spoke to Ms. Williams, not only would she not acknowledge that she was president of the Covenant, but she claimed that she had never heard of the Northwood Covenant Association, Inc.

—AFRO awards

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consists of weekly newspapers.

In the series category, Brown was awarded second place for his story, "Great debate: Maryland's new gun law."

First prize was given to Carter in the religion coverage category, for her article, "Prayer partners pledge to pray for all youngsters."

Samuels also captured second prize in the feature category, for her profile, "Barbara A. Green."

—Attorney general

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Maryland MBE was written in 1978-10 years ago" meaning now the state has to update its 10-year-old fact-finding report.

"We don't need to change anything...the only problem is there is a need for future statistics" on discrimination in Maryland's contract awarding process Anderson said later during a press conference.

"If there was no discrimination in Maryland, there would be no need for the MBE program," Anderson said later on.

Anderson and other members of the black caucus said the state's program has faired well because Gov. William D. Schaefer supports it.

But others said the state's program has not been effective.

"The state is not meeting its 10 percent goal," said Del. Elijah E. Cummings critically.

Cummings said unlike the state transportation department, which has continually met the state's minority participation goal, many other departments and agencies have failed to do so.

Cummings finger-pointed the University of Maryland for failing to meet the goal, although he had no specific figures.

The delegate said because there is a substantial black population in Maryland, more blacks should reap benefits from state contracts.

"African-American people deserve more than what the goal states and it should be mandatory," said Cummings about the program.

"The Supreme Court's decision has placed black businesses in a defensive position. We can't afford to be on the defense on this matter. We need to be on the offense," Cummings continued.

Del. Albert R. Wynn said he and Sen. Decatur W. Trotter have developed a resolution to be introduced this week asking the General Assembly to conduct a bias study on the state's procurement and construction contracts procedures.

"The reason for a study is to prevent some kind of challenge," said Trotter.

Wynn, calling the discrimination study a "safety valve," said the study is expected to be presented to the General Assembly Dec., 1989.

—State report

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Officials at the department say that this home is one of the worst violators they have ever seen. They have never cited so many abuses in one nursing home.

The Medicaid billing privileges of the home have been suspended until they correct the deficiencies cited in the report.

The Dukeland Nursing Center must correct the violations cited by March 11; or risk having their license to operate as a Medicare provider revoked.

Henry Swartz, director of the office of license and certification, has said that the decision to close the home is separate from whether or not we will look at pressing criminal charges against the home.

Reports have been sent from the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene to the states attorney's office and the Medicaid fraud division of the attorney general's office.

Among the many violations listed: the denial of the patients' right to submit any complaints they might have to an outside source without fear of reprisal from the nursing home staff.

Artson says "I have told everyone with any type of authority to do something about the problem and how they operate there.

Dukeland was cited in the report for both flagrantly abusing the rights of patients, and the low level of patient care found at the home.

There is a lack of dignity and respect given to the patients. They are often to be found lying in bed uncovered with their genitals and buttocks exposed.

"The filth and rodent infestation level is high due to the rodent droppings and excretion found in the rooms of the home and the food of the patients. The food is inadequate for patients and they are given no recourse to complain about it," says Artson.

Most of the allegations made by Linda Artson have been cited by the Health Department report but she says that there is a darker side to the goings on at the Dukeland Nursing Home.

"My phone number has been unchanged to an unpublished number because of the threats I have received, telling me to keep my mouth shut about the home — or else. I no longer live in the same place for the same reason."

"The report published by the department of Health and Mental Hygiene has described most of the violations but the drug addiction of many health care providers at Dukeland including nurses is not cited nor is the threat of death to those who have opposed the owners of the home mentioned," said Linda.

"I have had to send a nurse home because they were too high to properly care for the patients. I think that really made the administration angry with me because this nurse was a white girl."

Artson said, "I hope that this situation will turn out for the good of all of the patients involved, these people were respected members of the community when they were able to move around.

—Local legislators

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vancement of White People has been heavily criticized by the Republican Party and Reagan and President George Bush have denounced Duke, but many politicos have said their denouncements came too late.

But Duke claims blacks and Jews have "nothing to fear" from him.

"I'm for getting the government out of our personal lives. I'm not for any law for segregation or integration," the New York Wire Service quoted Duke.

"I don't believe anything he has said," said Blount. "He is out to reverse the clock and promote white racism and make blacks second-class citizens.

Del. Gloria Lawlah, Prince George's, said she worries Duke's election will lead to "copy cats". Those white politicians who under the surface are really racists and now after Duke's election can flaunt it.

Del Curtis S. Anderson, chairman of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus, and Del. Elijah E. Cummings agreed Duke's victory sends a strong message to the entire country, particularly to blacks stressing to them the importance of voting.

When asked if the old saying, "You can take the boy out of the country, but not the country out of the boy," applied to Duke the state officials only said Duke has not changed.

"The record is too clear," said Sen. Decatur W. Trotter.

—Grammy winners

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Awards Wednesday night.

Chapman's "Fast Car," a hopeful song with thoughts of making a better life by leaving the social ills of the city for the suburbs, was a big contender for the Record of the Year Award, so was pop superstar Michael Jackson's "Man In the Mirror." Jackson won no awards.

"It was so popular because it went to the spirit of the times... People wanted to hear something that was uplifting," said McFerrin about his zany mega-hit.

McFerrin also was named best pop and jazz male vocalist and "Don't Worry, Be Happy" was named song of the year.

"I was really surprised about the song of the year (award). I'm just sort of numb right now," said McFerrin.

But Chapman was no dimly-lit star. She shone quietly and effectively.

Dressed in her typical black leather jacket, black turtleneck and blue jeans, Chapman accepted the awards for best pop female vocalist for "Fast Car," new artist and contemporary folk recording.

She was nominated for six Grammys and won three.

"I want to ...thank my mother, who brought my first guitar, and my sister, who's always been my best audience," said the double-dimpled Chapman after being named best pop female vocalist.

She did not say much, but the Cleveland, OH native later sang "Fast Car" to round up the three hour-plus show, receiving a standing ovation.

Other multi-winners were Anita Baker for best female vocalist and R&B song: "Giving You the Best That I Got" and gospel group Take 6. The group won awards for best soul gospel duo or group and best jazz vocal performance, duo or group.

Other religious music awards went to Aretha Franklin, who began her musical career in church. Franklin was named best soul gospel female for her song "One Lord, One Faith" and BeBe Winans, of the famous Winans, won a Grammy for best male performance in the soul gospel category.

Tina Turner and British star Terence Trent D'Arby, both not in attendance, won for respective best female rock vocalist and R&B male vocalist awards.

Veteran group Gladys Knight & The Pips won best R&B vocals by a group or duo for their 1988 song "Love Overboard."

New to the music award scene are D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince who received a Grammy for best rap song: "Parents Just Don't Understand" and children of reggae legend Bob Marley, Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers who were honored with a Grammy for the best reggae album, "Conscious Party".

Rev. Jesse Jackson received a Grammy for best spoken word or nonmusical for his "Speech by Rev. Jesse Jackson" recording.

Pop star George Michael, who won an American Music Award for best male R&B artist in January, received the album of the year award for "Faith". He too was not present for the CBS show.

—Collapses

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life when things don't go as you want them to, Charles was no exception, but his overall goodness was a model that many young people followed."

Issuing a statement to announce the death of 6'7" Patterson, CCB President Joseph Durham and the athletic administration said the body had to go to the coroner's office where an autopsy will be performed.

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Carl Snowden to run for mayor of Annapolis

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By Alisa Samuels
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Carl O. Snowden, a civil rights activist and one of two black city councilmen in Annapolis, said he plans to run for mayor of Annapolis if the current mayor, Dennis Callahan is elected Anne Arundel County's Chief Executive in this year's elections.

"If I can get the majority of the black vote and 10 percent to 15 percent of the white vote, I see no reason why I could not become mayor of Annapolis," Snowden said in an Anne Arundel Community College office Tuesday. He is serving as a part-time consultant for the school to help increase its 15 percent minority enrollment.

Snowden, D-Ward 5, admits it will be no easy task to gain Callahan's seat in a city where blacks comprise only 35 percent or 15,000 of the total population (35,000).

But said his strong alliances and coalitions could help overcome the hurdles during this election year.

Snowden, 35, is serving his first term as a councilman from the predominantly black district.

He was elected to the Annapolis legislature in 1985 and serves on the Finance and Economic Matters Committee.

During his tenure Snowden has successfully introduced legislation requiring Annapolis to sever ties with local businesses that were involved with South Africa, the minority white-ruled nation that oppresses its huge black population.

He also introduced a 20 percent minority set-aside law to help black businesses thrive and spearheaded Arthur G. Strissel, Jr.'s removal as the executive director of the Annapolis Housing Authority in 1988.

"People say the quality of life in public housing has now been improved," Snowden said. "That was no easy task. It took two-and-a-half years."

Strissel was charged with 10 counts of bribery, racketeering and wire frauds in 1988 as chief of the housing authority.

Snowden said 5,000 blacks live in public housing in Annapolis, a booming city where the average home costs $250,000.

The separated husband and father of two sons is now fighting to get private clubs to open memberships to women and minorities in Annapolis.

Earlier this month, the 103-year-old Annapolis Yacht Club admitted women for the first time in its long history.

The problem of restrictive memberships in private clubs across the state apparently is a serious problem, because the Maryland Commission on Human Relations has scheduled hearings 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Feb. 27 in the Joint Hearing Room in the Legislative Services Building, 90 State Circle in Annapolis to encourage testimony on the discriminatory practice.

"We're not doing an investigation of any individual club at this time," said Jennifer Burdick, the commission's executive director. The purpose of the hearing is to only foster discussion.

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Neighborhoods get grants for Rehabs

LENA BOONE — sits in her newly renovated office in the Upton Planning Committee building on Division Street.

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Reporter

The "Sweat Equity" expended by over 25 Baltimore Neighborhoods has finally paid off.

Friday at 3 p.m. Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke and Housing and Community Development Commissioner, Robert W. Hearn presented Neighborhood Incentive Program (NIP), grant certificates and commemorative plaques to neighborhoods in need of financial help for the building or improvement of various neighborhood projects.

The Neighborhood Incentive Program grants are awarded twice a year, in May and November. This award ceremony included projects that were approved during each of the award rounds.

One of the fortunate neighborhood associations who have received the maximum $25,000 grant, is the Pimlico Good Neighborhood Association.

The ceremony was held at the Cross County Elementary School which has received a grant for the Rehabilitation of its two playgrounds and auditorium.

Department of Housing and Community Development spokesman, Zack Germroth, says, "The NIP program allows community groups to have a place to turn to when they have a problem or want to do something that requires monies that they do not have."

Often there is someone in the organization who knows a contractor or professional in the field of work that is needed. Once that work is donated they can look for ways to obtain materials, etc.

When labor is donated for the NIP grant it is valued at $10 an hour, there can be only 75 percent donated to the project in materials and labor the remaining 25 percent must be given in cash," said Germroth.

Many of the projects are located in ex-schools and other sturdy buildings that will meet the NIP qualification of being operable for at least twenty years. Germroth says, "this standard makes sure that the community can look for service from the project for a long time."

The projects range from park and lawn beautification to day-care centers and library renovations. One community association will receive a grant for repainting the Woodberry, community mural in Druid Hill Park.

The Upton Planning Committee has been awarded a $2,500 grant for the renovation of a library in a former school building located at 1315 Division Street. The Upton Planning Committee has leased this building from the city for the last 17 years.

Lena Boone, President of the Committee, said, "When the new school #125 building was constructed this building became vacant. At that time there was no office space to house community services, so the Upton Planning Committee thought that this building would be ideal for that purpose, but first it would require renovation."

The Upton Planning Committee has almost completed the library renovation. No longer are the walls and ceilings in shambles. One of the walls has been stripped to the original brick. As a extra touch the contractor has added a fireplace to the original building plans.

"The fireplace makes the atmosphere cozy and we are quite thankful for having it. Now all we need to complete the atmosphere is a donation of artificial logs that can be placed behind a red bulb in the well of the fireplace and our library will be quite inviting."

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