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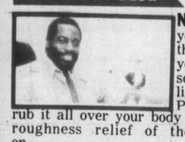

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Community rallying to save Juanita Mitchell's home

By Helen Glover Cook
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Lending support to long time civil rights activist and attorney, Juanita Mitchell's efforts to save the historically significant ancestral Mitchell home from a foreclosure auction on June 23, several groups have organized campaigns for the purpose of raising funds to pay the Mitchell creditors.

In June of 1987 Mrs. Mitchell took out a 90-day commercial loan from First American Bank of Maryland. The bank granted her several extensions on the $60,000 loan. Mrs. Mitchell offered her house at 1324 Druid Hill Avenue as collateral.

The terms of the loan included both repayment of the total loan sum ($60,000) in addition to 12% annual interest to be paid within 90 days. Mrs. Mitchell now owes a total of $64,549, including both the principal and the interest on the loan.

The Welfare Rights Organization and attorneys, Elijah Cummings and Georgia Gosley as well as Rev. Marion Bascom have each launched fundraising rallies.

Wednesday evening, Irving Conaway, President of The Welfare Rights Organization at short notice, called together an assemblage of Mitchell supporters at the Palladium on Liberty Heights.

Conaway said, "Remember the times when you couldn't go in many department stores downtown. Mrs. Mitchell stood up for you then, now it is time for you to take a stand, for her. I charge each of you to go out and talk to at least five other people about soliciting funds for Mrs. Mitchell."

Conaway closed the meeting by asking for volunteers to join one of several committees which would target specific professions for fundraising. Conaway extended an invitation to the public to attend a meeting to be held in the park facing Mrs. Mitchell's Druid Hill Avenue home on Sunday, June 17th from 4-5:30.

Conaway said, "There will be members of the Mitchell family present to recieve any cash donations and they will give reciepts for any money.

In a telephone interview Attorney Elijah Cummings said, "I have contributed $2,000 of my personal money towards stalling the auction of the Mitchell home. I am paying my staff overtime to mail out letters soliciting support for this cause.

"My first encounter with

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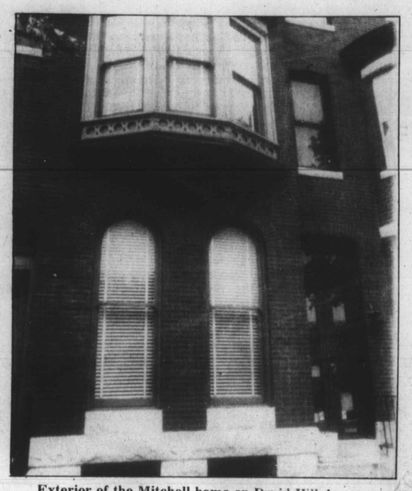

Exterior of the Mitchell home on Druid Hill Ave.

NAACP Reports:

Police Dept. Racism

By Joy Tyler
AFRO Staff Writer

The Baltimore branch of the NAACP has just released its stormy Task Force Report on the state of relations with the city police department and the community.

The findings were presented to Mayor Schmoke in a morning press conference on Wednesday.

One of the most disturbing aspects of the report was the charge that the Baltimore City police department and its ranking officers have shown evidence of racism and a severe lack of respect and understanding of cultural relations.

One of the primary goals of the report consisted of covering the problems three-fold. Foremost, one of the main concerns focused on the parity between the department and the people that it's entrusted to protect.

The report states that citizens find it extremely difficult to trust the very people who are there to help them. Police are accused of subjecting citizens to physical, psychological, and verbal abuse.

This has led to a weakened alliance between the public and law enforcement officers.

Those who seek assistance in handling reports of excessive brutality, or wish to make a formal complaint are written off many times as not creditable, are misinformed, or become subjected to threats of retribution for their actions, according to the report.

The recommendation by the task force is to relocate the citizen complaint board outside the district station all together, to alleviate the problem of having to face an officer about whom someone

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AFRO prediction true:

Palladium is snatched off of the auction block

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

As the Joseph Billings Auction Company, Inc. proceeded to set up its equipment to auction the Palladium catering and banquet facility on Liberty Heights at a Tuesday auction, the owner of the Palladium, Edward "Slim" Butler presented a $75,000 check to a representative of the John Hanson Savings And Loan Association which effectively canceled the auction.

The check was presented along with the release of $73,000 held in an escrow account which the bank agreed to release and add to the debt owed by Butler. This $148,000 brought Butler's payments on a $1.4 million dollar bank loan up to date. In 1985 Butler took out the loan to build the Palladium which is now valued at $4.2 million.

On May 2,1989 Butler filed bankruptcy proceedings on behalf of the Palladium, Inc. two days later the John Hanson Savings and Loan Association filed foreclosure proceedings against Butler.

The bank listed the name of Butler and his partner Robert Doyle on the loan documents

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Part one of three-part series:

Teen pregnancies challenge of 90s

By Delfield S. Yoes, III
AFRO Staff Writer

The 1990's are upon us and the 21st century looms on the horizon.

It is clear that the African-American community must face many difficult challenges if we are to survive and thrive collectively in the next century and beyond.

Some of the challenges are new to us, while others are not so new.

The dilemma of adolescent pregnancy continues to haunt and dismay us.

Indeed, teenage pregnancy is not a problem confined to the black community, however the ramifications of the problem are magnified in our community.

In most cases, the connection between teenage mothers

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Wilder is nominee

By Hazel-Trice Edney
AFRO Staff Writer

It's finally official. Lt. Governor L. Douglas Wilder accepted the Democratic nomination to the governorship of Virginia at the spirited Democratic State Convention last Saturday. He is the first black to run for the top seat since reconstruction.

The Convention floor rocked to the musical theme of the

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STATEMENT ON:

AFRO ownership

By Frances Draper, President
AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers

Vicious rumors circulating in the Baltimore-Washington-Richmond corridor that the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper Co. of Baltimore has been purchased by a white Baltimore daily are untrue and are viewed as an effort to erode the financial base of the company.

The AFRO company is one of the few wholly owned black companies in the United States of America today with all of its stock owned by black people. This is the way it was started almost 97 years ago and this is the way it is today in 1989.

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper Co.— which has five products — was founded Aug. 13, 1892 by John H.

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Ed Woods named new commissioner

By Joy Tyler
AFRO Reporter

One of Baltimore's own, Deputy Police Commissioner Edward V. Woods, has been officially appointed to the rank of Police Commissioner.

Woods' appointment becomes official this July following the retirement of present Police Commissioner Edward Tilghman.

A veteran of the department for nearly 29 years, Woods was promoted after an in-depth search was con-

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Commissioner Ed Woods

COMMENTARY

Supreme Court shame

By Parren J. Mitchell, former Congressman and John J. Oliver, Jr., AFRO Publisher

In the case of Wards Cove Packing Co., Inc. et al. vs. Atonio et al., the Supreme Court held against the complainants who had alleged that the packing company had practiced racial discrimination in its hiring and promotion practices. In its decision, the Court reversed many longstanding procedures used to implement Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

There is no doubt about the message sent by the Court in its politically motivated judicial decision. Simply stated, it tells blacks and other minorities, "this is a white businessman's country; our roles are designed for the protection and benefit of such; and you will have to live

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