—Police racism

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wishes to file a complaint.

A civilian review board in conjunction with attorneys and an investigative staff should be instituted to handle correct following of report proceedings.

The public distrust of the police force has also had a significant effect on the number of minorities applying to join the force, creating a larger gap between actual numbers of blacks on the force in relation to the city population.

Some of the harshest criticism and strongest accusations were directed by the task force report toward the inner workings of the police department.

The report continues: there appears to be a system with a lack of accountability and an implication of lax authority in the ranks.

This is evident in the low numbers of blacks in the system. Blacks make up only 22 percent of 5,014 police officers, 60 of 358 sergeants, 10.6 percent of lieutenants (11 of 104), and zero percent of captains.

In the area of promotion and recruitment, the problem lies in the process by which applicants are selected. Testing is based on a select few according to the top scores.

The elite few who participate in the exam are usually white and score higher which means that blacks must significantly outscore whites by a wide margin in order to increase black representation.

Disciplinary practices within the department are regarded as severely unbalanced. There have been numerous instances in which black officers were treated much harsher than their white counterparts.

Accounts have been seen where two officers (one black and one white) were faced with situations which had called for a higher official to intervene, and the black officer was subjected to denial of promotions, and threatened with terminations. These are some of the matters brought out in the report.

A portion of the report that Mayor Schmoke was not previously made aware of, has brought new light onto the racism findings by the task force.

Bigotry in the department has now risen to the surface. A source which calls itself The White Police Chapter of the Ku Klux Klan (WPC of the KKK).

In March of 1988, executive director of the NAACP, George Buntin, received a derogatory letter, handwritten on official police stationary and envelope.

This letter consisted of those who call themselves the WPC, explaining why minorities are being held back, and the departments' apparent laxness in investigating crimes involving them are overlooked.

The faction states that their group is getting stronger, and is here to stay.

Buntin said that the mayor was taken by surprise at the findings, and expressed grave concern. An investigation is underway to look into these findings.

The task force concluded its investigation by stating this is a tense situation which needs constant monitoring and immediate action needs to be taken.

It calls the situation a "ticking time bomb" in the city which is the result of unhealthy relations between the city's black residents and the department.

Clint Coleman, press secretary, said Mayor Schmoke will be addressing the NAACP charges in a written response.

—Palladium

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rather than the name of the catering facility, a technicality the bank felt entitled them to initiate foreclosure proceedings against the Palladium.

On June 9th, Butler asked for an emergency hearing before a bankruptcy judge in order to rule on the banks right to foreclosure/auction the Palladium due to the technicality.

Butler said, "The court upheld the decision of the bank because the judge involved said that he did not have the jurisdiction to overturn the decision of an earlier court.

I was able to raise the total of $148,000 by adding a check for $75,000, of my personal money along with $73,000 released from the escrow account which the bank held from the sale of the Nutter and Son Funeral Home.

"I requested that money in June, 1988 but it was never released. It was held in violation of my rights. If I had that money there never would have been a problem like this occurring," Butler said.

Butler said, "When I first entered into negotiations for the purchase of the Palladium I was assured that the Davis Bacon Wage Laws (Davis Bacon Laws stipulates that union scale wages be paid to employees) would not apply to anything but the grounds."

"After beginning the project I was told that I would have to pay Davis Bacon wages. This ran the costs of the building up an additional $300,000. This did not apply to anyone before me or anyone building after me."

Butler continued, "I had applied for a $693,000 UDAG grant and was told that I would have to pay back the $693,000 plus an additional $495,000 for the cost overruns due to paying the Davis Bacon Wages for the entire project. I would have been a fool to consent to that arrangement," said Butler.

Butler said, "Because of these kinds of stipulations being put on the deal I had to spend my personal monies to finance the building of the Palladium. I spent money from the sale of the Nutter and Son Funeral Home on Gwyns Falls Parkway, which I owned."

"All of these obstacles are only being put in my way because of a few people who belong to a business clique in this town that does not want to see any black developer of businessman own anything unless he is in with the white business owners who are in control of the Baltimore catering business."

—Community

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Mrs. Mitchell impressed me deeply. I was a 7-year-old South Baltimore kid who with a group of other kids only had the use of a shabby swimming pool about 2ft.deep by 30 ft. long and 24ft. wide.

"About 15 blocks from that Sharp Street playground there was an all white pool at Riverside Park that was Olympic sized. Mrs. Mitchell took us by the hand and led us to demonstrate at that pool each day until it was desegregated. It would be impossible for me to turn my back on someone whose life work has been the struggle."

Attorneys Cummings and Gosley will join forces with Rev. Marion C. Bascom in an effort to reach a goal of $100,00 for presentation to Mrs. Mitchell. Cummings said, "We know that $65,000 will stop the auction proceedings but we want Mrs. Mitchell to live comfortably, without worrying about where the next money will come from."

Rev. Marion C. Bascom, Pastor of Douglass Memorial Church, is spearheading a campaign among area churches to raise the needed funds.

Rev. Bascom said, "We are asking each church to give $1,000 where possible and other gifts according to the strength of the church. The checks should be made out to the Clarence Mitchell, Jr.and Juanita Jackson Mitchell Trust,c/o the Harbor Bank of Maryland, 21 W. Fayette Street, Baltimore Maryland, 21201."

Each of these groups has set June 22, 1989 as their deadline hoping to raise the $100,000 goal by that time.

Help for the NAACP

The NAACP has been going through perilous times recently resulting in staff cut-backs and other financial constraints.

These, somewhat, troublesome time for the NAACP has not been overlooked by The Maryland Legislative Black Caucus.

Each year at its fund-raising dinner, the caucus honors one of its members. This year's honoree was Senator Troy Brailey.

The honoree can suggest that the caucus make a financial contribution to their favorite institution or organization.

Senator Brailey suggested that the Caucus make this year's contribution to the Baltimore branch of the NAACP.

Delegate Curt Anderson, Chairman, and Senator Troy Brailey of The Maryland Legislative Black Caucus presented the $1,500.00 check to the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP.

George Buntin accepts a check from Black Caucus head Curt Anderson, along with State Sen. Troy Brailey.

Balto. County's youngest

Col. James Pennington congratulates William Thomas Baker, II on becoming an NAACP member.

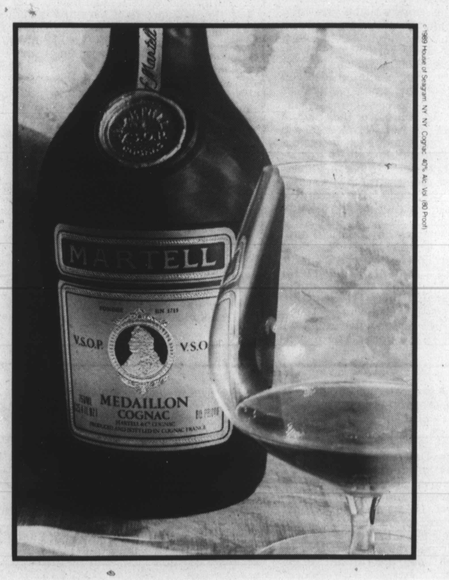
By Delfield S. Yoes, III
AFRO Staff Writer

"I'm in the process of exposing my grandson to black history and the NAACP was the first organization to really help black people on a continuous basis," says Dorothy E. Richardson, William's grandomther.

Two-year-old "L.B.," (short for "little Baker") was born in Germany and lives in Rochester, N.Y. with his parents April R. Baker and William Thomas Baker, I.

However, when he recently visited his grandmother here in Baltimore, she made it a priority to register him as a member of the Baltimore County branch of the NAACP.

The talented two-year-old, has shown exceptional progress at retaining information.



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Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price[4]	SAVINGS			Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Less Discount and Bonus
	Manufacturer's Option Package Discount[3]	CASH BONUS[3]	Total Savings	
$15,860	$700	$750	$1,450	$14,410

Cash Bonus and Option Package Discounts available on all '89 Taurus models.

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Save $1,561 when you combine Option Package Discount with Cash Bonus on the 1989 Ford Escort LX four-door with Preferred Equipment Package 321E.

Major Standard Equipment: • 1.9L EFI 4-Cylinder Engine • Four-Wheel Independent Suspension • Automatic Shoulder Belt Restraint System • Power Brakes

Package 321E Equipment: • Automatic Transaxle • Air Conditioning • Electronic AM/FM Stereo Radio • Tinted Glass • Power Steering • Interval Wipers • Dual Electric Remote-Control Mirrors • Rear Window Defroster • Light/Security Group • And more

TOTAL SAVINGS $1,561

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price[4]	SAVINGS			Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Less Discount and Bonus
	Manufacturer's Option Package Discount[3]	CASH BONUS[3]	Total Savings	
$10,425	$811	$750	$1,561	$8,864

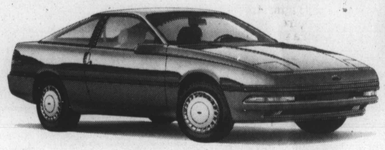
Cash Bonus and Option Package Discounts available on all '89 Ford Escort models.

'89 Ford Probe

Save $500 with Cash Bonus on the 1989 Probe GL with Preferred Equipment Package 251A and manual transaxle.

Major Standard Equipment: • 2.2L SOHC 12 Valve EFI 4-Cylinder Engine • 5-Speed Manual Transaxle • Power Brakes • Power Steering • Electronic AM/FM Stereo Radio with Digital Clock • Split/Fold-Down Rear Seat • All-Season Tires

Package 251A Equipment: • Tinted Glass • Interval Wipers • Light Group • Dual Electric Remote-Control Mirrors • Tilt Steering Column and Cluster • Rear Window Defroster



TOTAL SAVINGS $500

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price[4]	SAVINGS	Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Less Cash Bonus
	CASH BONUS[3]	
$11,582	$500	$11,082

Cash Bonus available on '89 Probe GL models.

'89 Ford Tempo

Save $1,750 when you combine Option Package Discount with Cash Bonus on the 1989 Ford Tempo GL four-door with optional automatic transaxle and Preferred Equipment Package 226A.

Major Standard Equipment: • 2.3L HSC EFI 4-Cylinder Engine • Automatic Shoulder Belt Restraint System • Power Brakes • Power Steering • Interval Wipers • Electronic AM/FM Stereo Radio with Digital Clock

Package 226A Equipment: • Air Conditioning • Rear Window Defroster • Light Group • Power Lock Group • Dual Electric Remote-Control Mirrors • Tilt Steering Wheel

TOTAL SAVINGS $1,750

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price[4]	SAVINGS			Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Less Discount and Bonus
	Manufacturer's Option Package Discount[3]	CASH BONUS[3]	Total Savings	
$11,715	$1,000	$750	$1,750	$9,965

$1,000 Cash Bonus and Option Package Discounts available on '89 Ford Tempo All-Wheel Drive models.

'89 Ford Mustang

A $1,569 value when you combine Option Package with Cash Bonus on the 1989 Ford Mustang LX Hatchback with 2.3L engine, 5-speed manual overdrive transmission and Preferred Equipment Package 240B.

Major Standard Equipment: • Power Brakes • Power Steering • Interval Wipers • Console • Full Instrumentation with Analog Gauges

Package 240B Equipment: • Power Lock Group • Dual Electric Remote-Control Mirrors • Electronic AM/FM Stereo Radio with Cassette and Clock • Speed Control • Power Side Windows • Styled Road Wheels

TOTAL VALUE $1,569

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price[4]	VALUE			Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Less Package Value and Bonus
	Manufacturer's Option Package*	CASH BONUS[3]	Total Value	
$11,025	$1,069	$500	$1,569	$9,456

Cash Bonus and Option Package available on all '89 Ford Mustang models with manual transmission and 2.3L engine.

*Based on comparison of option package price with prices for options purchased separately during 1988. Not all options are separately available during the 1989 model year.

'89 Ford Festiva

Save $400 with Cash Bonus on the 1989 Festiva L Hatchback with manual transaxle.

Major Standard Equipment on Festiva L includes: • 1.3L 4-Cylinder Engine • Front-Wheel Drive • Power Front Disc Brakes • 4-Speed Manual Transaxle • Inside Hood Release • Side Window Demisters • Front High-Back Reclining Bucket Seats • Wide Bodyside Moldings

TOTAL SAVINGS $400

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price[4]	SAVINGS	Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Less Cash Bonus
	CASH BONUS[3]	
$6,328	$400	$5,928

$500 Cash Bonus available on '89 Festiva L-Plus and LX models.

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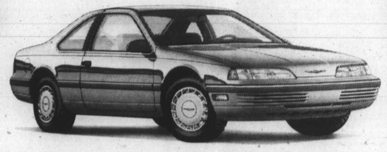
'89 Ford Thunderbird

A $1,675 value when you combine Option Package with Cash Bonus on the 1989 Ford Thunderbird Standard with Preferred Equipment Package 151B.

Major Standard Equipment: • 3.8L EFI V-6 Engine • 4-Speed Automatic Overdrive Transmission • Air Conditioning • Power Windows • Power Brakes • Tinted Glass

Package 151B Equipment: • Electronic AM/FM Stereo Radio with Cassette and Clock • Speed Control • Tilt Steering Wheel • Power Lock Group • Power Driver/Passenger Seat • Rear Window Defroster • And more



TOTAL VALUE $1,675

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price[4]	VALUE			Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price Less Package Value and Bonus
	Manufacturer's Option Package*	CASH BONUS[3]	Total Value	
$17,281	$925	$750	$1,675	$15,606

Cash Bonus and Option Package available on '89 Ford Thunderbird LX and Standard models.

*Based on comparison of option package price with prices for options purchased separately during 1988. Not all options are separately available during the 1989 model year.

[1] Based on 1989 model year-to-date (through May 10, 1989) manufacturers' reported retail deliveries by division.

[2] Cash back directly from Ford: $750 on 1989 Taurus; $750 on 1989 Escort; $500 on 1989 Probe GL; $1,000 on 1989 Tempo All-Wheel Drive; $750 on other 1989 Tempo models; $500 on 1989 Mustang equipped with 2.3L engine and manual transmission; $500 on 1989 Festiva LX and L-Plus; $400 on 1989 Festiva L; $750 on 1989 Thunderbird (excludes SC models). You may keep the cash or apply it to your purchase. Or your participating Ford Dealer can arrange special 2.9%, 5.9%, 6.9%, 10.9% A.P.R. financing through Ford Credit for qualified buyers (excludes Thunderbird models). Rates depend on length of contract. For Cash Bonus or special A.P.R. financing you must take new-vehicle retail delivery from dealer stock by July 31, 1989. Dealer participation may affect customer savings. See your dealer for complete details.

[3] Savings based on manufacturer's suggested retail price of option package vs. MSRP of options purchased separately. Package content differs and savings may vary by region of country. See your dealer for complete details.

[4] Manufacturer's suggested retail prices include destination charges but exclude title and taxes. MSRP higher in New York.

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