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The Medivac Program is sponsored by the Maryland State Police from funds provided by the State General Fund. In addition, the fund also supports the State Civil Defense System, the Fire Prevention Commission and other general Maryland State Police functions.

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She's angry over trash

By Brion M. Tyson
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Mrs. Nellie Sanders of the 1400 block W. Lafayette Ave. says that the trash situation in her neighborhood is so terrible that it's impossible for her to enjoy her home. She also says that the trash contributes to the problems of rodents and other nuisances.

But despite repeated attempts to persuade the city and the Department of Sanitation to correct the problem, no action has been taken, she says.

Mrs. Sanders cited a lot, reportedly owned by the city, located on the side of her house, and the rear alleys of several houses in the 900 block Whatcoat St. and the 900 block N. Stricker St. as the problem areas.

"This lot here on the side of my house has been like this since the

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AFRO Photo by Paul A. Greene

Mrs. Nellie Sanders points to a trash filled vacant lot that has made her life unpleasant. The lot is owned by the city.

Dave Richeson found guilty on 13 counts

By Brion M. Tyson
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A federal jury Tuesday convicted David H. Richeson, a city businessman, of 13 of 21 counts against him stemming from his involvement in a Pakistan-supplied heroin ring which authorities say operated between July, 1984 and October, 1985.

Richeson was the president of Quazar International, an import-export business located in the World Trade Center, and former owner of the Ritz and Gatsby's nightclubs.

The government traced over a half million dollars of Richeson's assets to his import-export business, but said that it was acquired through the sale of the illegal drug-heroin.

After the trial the jury decided that the government should seize $70,000 worth of stock and bank accounts connected to Richeson's import-export operation.

During the trial prosecutors told the jury that in 1984 Richeson travelled to Pakistan three times to purchase large quantities of pure, high quality heroin.

Richeson was acquitted of one count of importation, one count of crossing state lines, and six counts involving failure of meeting customs requirements and transferring money into bank accounts.

After the verdict was announced, Richeson's lawyer, William "Billy" Murphy, Jr. indicated that he would appeal and requested Judge Murray to allow his client to remain free on $500,000 bail.

However, Judge Murray revoked Richeson's bail and scheduled sentencing for July 2.

The judge also scheduled Richeson's alleged supplier, Mahmood Ul-Hassan, for sentencing on June 2. Ul-Hassan was also convicted as the supplier in the international drug ring.

Authorities found Ul-Hassan to be a supplier after Richeson's partner in the import-export venture, Dawar Shaikh was arrested as he returned from Lahore, Pakistan with four kilos of heroin, and, as a result, turned govern-

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Connolly cleared of contempt despite court order violations

By LaMONT X CURRY
AFRO Staff Writer

One of Baltimore's largest low-income housing landlords was cleared of contempt charges by a circuit court judge here May 15, but informed critics charge that the finding undermines a previous order and signals an insensitivity to low-income tenants.

Robert W. Connolly, 49, of B&M Associates was initially hit with a 22-page class action suit that was filed by the Maryland Attorney General's office and the Baltimore Legal Aid Bureau for unfair and deceptive trade policies in rentals that were unfit for human habitation last year, according to reports.

In December 1985, a court approved settlement between Connolly and the consumer protection division of the attorney general's office, included terms that were violated by Connolly, according to court testimony.

On April 7 Connolly was hit with contempt charges by the attorney general's office for said violations.

Circuit Court Judge Joseph H. H. Kaplan in one sense concurred with the prosecution that Connolly had violated the agreement, but on the other hand rebuked them, charging that they (pro-

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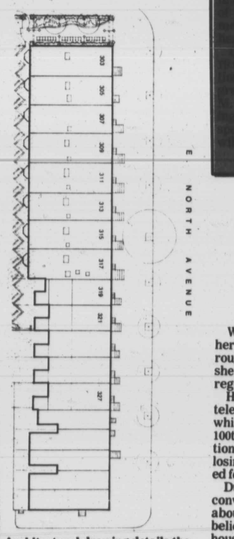

Architectural drawing details the proposed layout for a new residential redevelopment project—The North Avenue Terraces. It shows the "properties from 303-321 and, skipping over two others (323-325 which are unmarked), Rachel Tutt's 327 E. North Ave. property which have all been condemned. The project will be located between Barclay Street and Guilford Avenue across from the future headquarters of the Baltimore City Department of Education.

Battle continues over the property at 327 E. North

By Racine S. Winborne

When Rachel Tutt telephoned here on Wednesday the time was roughly 2:45 in the afternoon and she seemed tired and lacking her regular spark.

Her voice came through the telephone receiver in a low soft whisper as she attempted for the 100th time to convey her frustrations about being on the brink of losing the property she purchased for under $2,000 dollars in 1982.

During the 15-minute telephone conversation, she complained about what she continues to believe is harassment by city housing officials who have condemned the property at 327 E. North Ave.

She also accused her attorney of using tortoise-like legal manuevers and generally expressed dismay over the drain of having fought so long and possibly losing in the end.

Gone were the normal jabs of defiance ever present in her past discussions over the last four-weeks. That customary rush of humor and then determination to face all challenges head-on was missing.

She shared a shopping list of worries. For one, she said she had just gotten a copy of the city's response to the lawsuit action filed in April on her behalf by her lawyer, George W. Liebmann.

Next, she told of how she was finally served with condemnation papers on May 13 by some unknown person whom she says she presumes was a sheriff since no

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Rev. Blackmon killer used fence to escape

By Rosalyn M. Hamlett
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After the shock subsided from Saturday night's slaying of Rev. Curtis Blackmon, grief-stricken neighbors revealed their belief that Baltimore County's slow action concerning a fence was a contributing factor in the much-loved Eastside pastor's brutal killing.

Rev. Blackmon, who was gunned down in front of his Rayton Road home was returning home from his father's funeral. The assailant gained entry through the rear patio door and escaped through the disputed fence in the victim's backyard, county police said. The pastor's funeral services will be held on Friday morning at 10:30 at the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church at 3900 Elmora Ave., where he was the minister.

This week James Thompson, Baltimore County zoning enforce-

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Colmar apartments settlement reached

$50,000 awarded BNI

By LaMONT X CURRY
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In January 1985, Cynthia Jones, who is black, made application for a one bedroom unit at the Colmar apartments overlooking Jones Falls Expressway at Coldspring Lane.

The next day Jones was told that there were no one bedroom units available but that they would call when one became available. That evening a white woman, Helen Carpenter filed application for a one bedroom also.

Days later Jones called and spoke with a Colmar rental agent who informed her that her application had been approved, but that there were no vacancies as yet.

Hours later Carpenter called, spoke to the same agent, was informed that her application had been approved and that she could lease a one bedroom terrace apartment at 4409 Colmar Drive.

Colmar would later learn that Jones and Carpenter were testers for a local fair housing organization.

On May 15, a U.S. District Court judge ordered the Colmar Apartments to pay in excess of $50,000 to Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. (BNI) and four private co-plaintiffs.

Last year BNI filed a discrimination suit in federal court against the owner of the Colmar Apartments charging "Racial steering" and other forms of discriminatory renting practices, under Fair Housing Act of 1968 and the Civil Rights Act of 1966.

According to Donald Miller,

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POLITICS '86

By Racine S. Winborne
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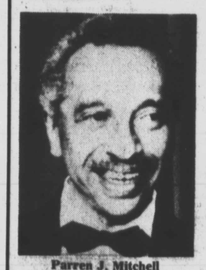
PARREN SAYS "NYET" TO MAYOR'S RACE — Cong. Parren J. Mitchell not only clarified his status in the fall primary elections by announcing his official retirement from office at the close of the 99th U.S. Congress but later laid to rest any interest in being Baltimore's next mayor.

Speculation that he might be planning a run for local office has been mounting in recent months and was further bolstered when Mitchell concluded his retirement announcement Monday with the following statement:

"This phase ends and I will start planning for the next phase of public service for this community."

Outside his Bloomingdale Road district office, the congressman ruled out a mayoral bid saying "I have no plans to run for the mayor's seat . . . none." Sources have indicated that Mitchell may play an important role in the Sachs for Governor campaign and will likely endorse the Attorney-General in the near future.



Parren J. Mitchell

Earl Koger, Sr.

POCKET AND POLITICS — Pocket Newspaper Editor and Publisher Earl Koger, Sr. says he has filed in Annapolis as a candidate for Congress in the 3rd District.

He has created an interesting, if not daring platform of issues around which to base his campaign, including, Federalized Insurance, Reparation, to address discrimination or bias complaints, Legalized Drugs, and the Korean Take-Back, an effort to stem the flow of foreign economic dollars out of the black community and to eliminate the numbers of Korean businesses locating there.

Describing himself as "over 70," he says he doubts he will file with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) since he probably will not raise or even spend the minimum allowable campaign contribution amount of $5,000 which would legally necessitate his filing with that agency.

Koger says he's surprised more people have not filed for the seat being vacated by Representative Barbara Mikulski, who

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