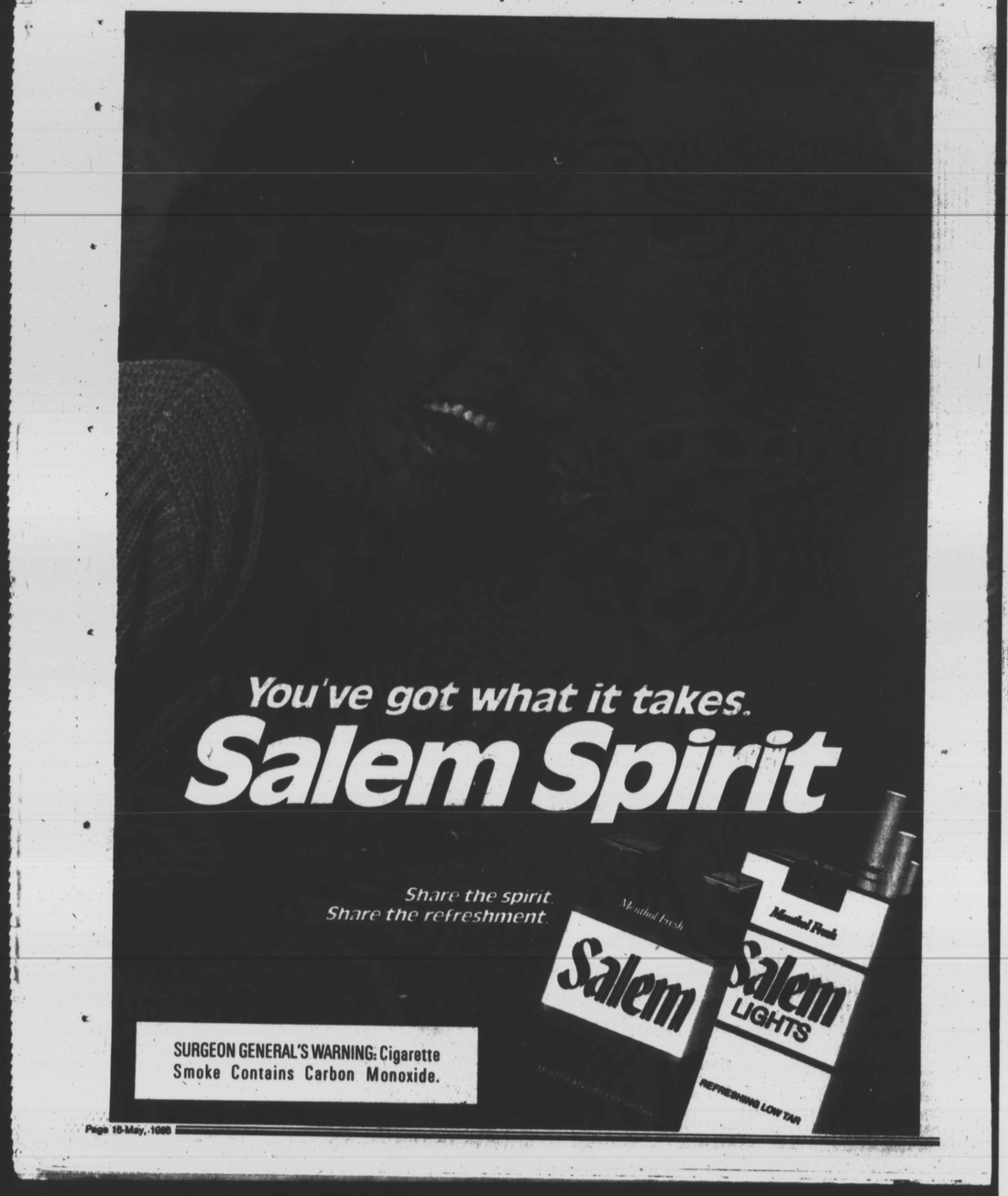


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Mrs. Carol Jordan, co-founder of the Murphy Homes Improvement Association, assisting Murphy Homes tenant in convenient store.

Murphy Homes has example of self-help

By Paula J. Wagner

The Murphy Home Improvement Association is an example self-help community organization located in the much talked abut Murphy Home public housing facilities.

Florence Berkley, acting chairperson and co-founder, said the association was established to refute negative publicity initiated by a chain of killings at the time of the association's birth, back in Feb. 1981.

Started as a small organization that through fundraising provided school supplies to needed neighborhood children, the association has grown to become a respectable institution within the community.

Mrs. Berkley said she and other founder, Mrs. Carol Jordan knew that since they were dwellers of the Murphy Homes community, that they would be the only ones who would care enough to do something about all the negative things that are so associated with those projects. "Nobody else would do it," she said. "We don't want to be seen as a neighborhood of drug and killings."

In collaboration with the city, the Murphy Homes Improvement

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Court agrees with fired Sinai workers

By LaMONT X CURRY
AFRO STAFF WRITER

In the continuing sage that began in December 1984 between Sinai Hospital and fired strikers, a Baltimore Circuit Court Judge upheld the right of replaced workers to receive unemployment benefits.

In December of 1984, 61 members of District Workers Local 1199E were informed that they were fired when they attempted to return to work after a strike was settled.

When former employees filed for unemployment benefits they discovered that Sinai had contested their applications.

Two hearings were held by the Maryland Department of Employment and Training which upheld the rights of the workers for benefits.

Sinai Hospital then appealed to the Circuit Court of Baltimore.

On May 23, Judge Thomas Ward of the Circuit Court upheld the previous decisions.

Attorney Keith Zimmerman, council for the Union (1199E), said that Sinai has until June 23 to appeal the last decision to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.

"The decision states that workers in Maryland who go on strike and are replaced by the employers during the strike, are entitled to unemployment," Zimmerman said.

Greenmount group backs Rachel Tutt

By Racine S. Winborne

Round six in the Rachel Tutt vs the Neighborhood Progress Administration battle took a turn for the dramatic on Tuesday when members of the Greenmount West Community Association P.A.C. voted overwhelmingly to support the young woman in her fight to retain the house she purchased from the city four years ago.

During an oftentimes tense and heated community meeting at an Urban Services community center on Guilford Avenue, residents living near the 300 block of E. North Avenue expressed resentment over the manner in which they say proposed residential redevelopment project is being forced upon them.

NPA officials have awarded the project to a white developer who will reportedly break ground on the project sometime this month.

Members of the Greenmount West P.A.C. have followed Ms. Tutt's struggle to maintain her four-story property almost from the very beginning and have decided that she should be allow-

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FOUR E. BALTO. BANKS ROBBED:

Two suspects sought

By Brion Tyson
AFRO Staff Writer

City detectives Wednesday began the search for two suspects believed responsible for a string of East Baltimore bank robberies that occurred between February 5 and June 3 of this year.

Detectives arrived at a description of the two suspects after examining surveillance photos taken during the duo's most recent caper at Harbor Federal on June 3.

The string of robberies consists of five incidents that occurred on East Monument St. and one at Harbor Federal Bank on Eastern Ave.

Of those bank robberies, two occurred at Union Trust Bank at 2008 East Monument St.

Another occurred March 27 at Provident Bank, 2118 East Monument St., another at Maryland National Bank, 1800 East Monument St. on April 21. On May 19, Maryland National Bank was robbed for a second time in less than 30 days.

Tuesday, surveillance cameras at Harbor Federal Bank at 3200 Eastern Ave. picked up images of two black men as they took cash from bank drawers after vaulting the teller's counter.

Police are searching for two black men in their early 20's, one approximately 5'11" in height and with thin build. This suspect is reported as clean shaven with close hair.

The other suspect is approximately 5' 8", medium brown in complexion and has a slight mustache.

Police reported that no weapon was displayed during either robbery, but because the suspects announced that they have guns, they should be considered armed and dangerous.

Police spokesman Dennis Hill told the AFRO Thursday that the two suspects picked up by surveillance cameras at Harbor Federal Bank on June 3 were seen by surveillance cameras during all of the five other bank robberies.

"We have pictures of them in all of the other bank robberies. It's definitely the same two," Hill said.

Police request that anyone knowing the identity or whereabouts of the suspect, or any information concerning either robbery, call the Metro Crime Stoppers 24-hour HOT LINE — 276-8888. Metro Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to $1,000 for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of these individuals. The Maryland Association for Bank Security is offering an additonal $2,000 for the same information. Information given to Metro Crime Stoppers will be kept confidential.



This surveillance photo shows robbery underway at East Baltimore bank.

EVICTION—the final defeat

By Brion M. Tyson
AFRO Staff Writer

"I really hate to do this, but these people owe me almost $900 and it doesn't seem as though they're making any effort to pay me. This is the first time I've ever had to do this, but what can I say."

These were the concerned words of one Baltimore City landlord last week as she fumbled through paperwork that would result in a westside family's removal from one of her properties.

To avoid legal altercations with the involved parties, the landlord withheld her name and any particulars that might identify her, her properties or the family being evicted.

However, this was just one of many unfortunate situations where occupants, who for various reasons, are unable to keep up with the never-ending rent cycle, and one day are met by the landlord, his agent, a city constable and eviction.

Eviction is a reality that some of us who rent our dwellings take for granted at times. But when a renter's grace period expires and the rent has not been paid, the wheels of eviction begin to turn.

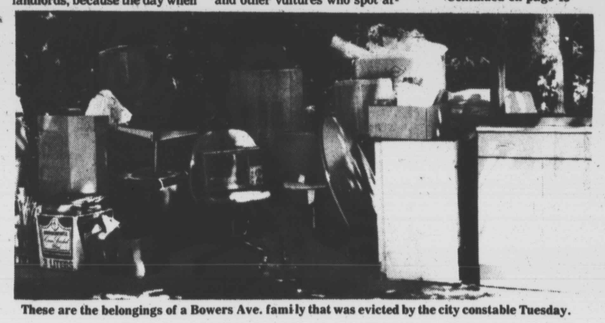
And when those wheels start turning, tenants had better start making arrangements with their landlords, because the day when they return home to find their possessions setting outside of their door, moves slowly closer.

Unfortunately, when this happens, many times, when left unattended, those belongings become fair game for former neighbors and other vultures who spot articles that might be nice additions to their present collections.

Imagine the painful feeling of returning home to find your kitchen table, bed, couch and other furnishings on the sidewalk, minus stereos, televisions, VCRs and other prized valuables.

It's enough to cause anger, violence, and even tantrums.

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These are the belongings of a Bowers Ave. family that was evicted by the city constable Tuesday.

Foxwell Apartment residents are filing class-action suit

by LaMONT X CURRY
AFRO STAFF WRITER

Larry White is legally blind, on a fixed income and pays $29 a month towards his $679-$689 apartment rental.

White lives in the Foxwell Apts. at 3700 Greenspring Avenue in a 150-unit apartment complex specifically designed for the physically handicapped.

All tenants are subsidized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

White and two other blind tenants filed a class action suit in Baltimore Circuit Court in May against a real estate management company that last year lost eight separate suits on the same charges.

The Louis W. Foxwell, Sr., Memorial Apartments, is owned by the Oxford Management Company, Inc. of Indiana. The class action suit includes all past, present and future tenants of the complex, according to Attorney Keith J. Zimmerman.

The suit charges that Oxford overcharged on secuity deposits and late payment fees.

White, Julie Morales and Maritza Lloyd are the plaintiffs in the case. They charge Oxford for taking advantage of their subsidized status and taking them for granted.

White, who pays $26 a month rent, was charged $86 for a security deposit, which is a violation of Annotated Code of Maryland, Real Property (ACM-RP) S8-203(b) (1), according to Zimmerman.

A landlord can only charge a tenant the equivalent of two month's rent for a security

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News-American and the state law

The News American Newspaper did not notify its employees at least 90 days before the termination date and thus did not live up to the "spirit" of the law, according to charges leveled by State Senator Troy Brailey.

The Economic Stabilization Act is the amended version of the Plant Closing legislation, which was sponsored by Sen. Brailey.

The legislation came about largely as a response to the public outcry against the way in which plant closings were being handled. The act provides guidelines for employers faced with a major reduction in the workforce.

However, according to Luther Starnes, spokesperson for the Department of Employment and Training, "All of the regulations are voluntary and employers have a choice as to whether or not they wish to comply.

"We do not have a responsibility to monitor communications between an employer and employee, unless it has to do with unemployment insurance."

But Sen. Brailey stated," Even if the bill was voluntary, the company did not live up to the spirit of the law. In my opinion, the company violated the law by not giving the employees 90 days

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By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Political Writer

STEINBERG'S MUDSLINGING — State Senate President Melvin A. Steinberg was quoted Tuesday in a Washington newspaper as saying that Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, is a "controversial" man who maintains a reputation as a "confrontational militant".

It seems Steinberg and other Jewish leaders and their constituents are still smarting some 16 years later from the fact that Mitchell ousted a Jewish congressman on his way to becoming the first black representative elected in the state and from the 7th District back in 1970.

A caller telephoned to accuse Steinberg of some double-dealing antics which they say is connected to certain political pressures already being exerted from within the Schaefer for Governor camp. This source says that many local and state political figures are already being urged and in many instances pressed to verbally denounce the selection of Mitchell to round

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