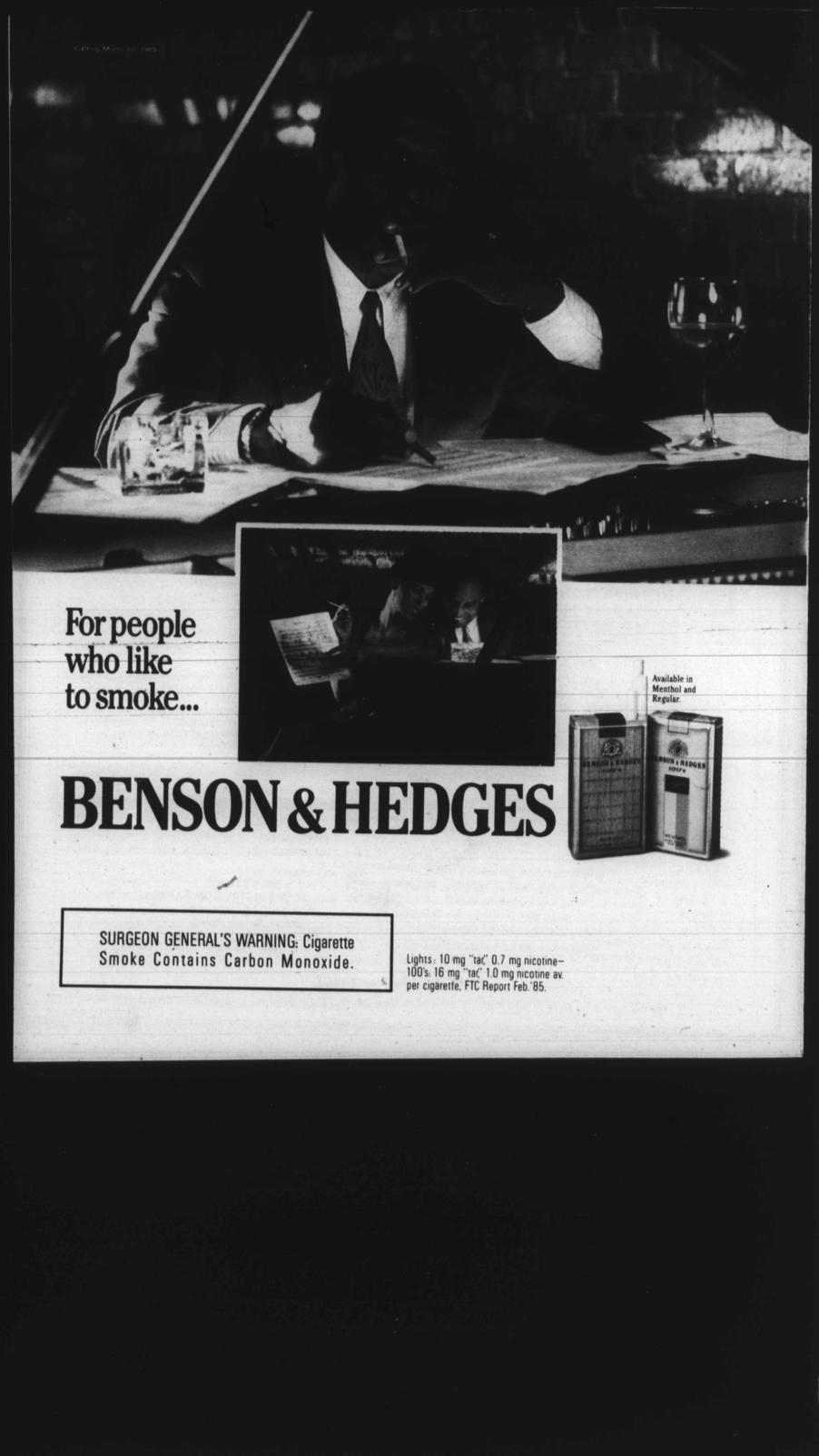


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SOMEWHERE TO TURN: Teenage pregnancies produce more than statistics. For the young women fortunate enough to find their way to the Laurence G. Pacquin School, the final months leading up to the birth of their babies can be a time of maturing. Learning about responsibilities, themselves and their children is something no young woman should have to face alone. Fortunately, there is somewhere to turn.....**Page A7.**

METRO PROFILE.....**Section B**



A HOME AT LAST: The thought of buying a home raises a number of questions: Can I afford one, will it be in a safe neighborhood, is there any special financing for someone in my situation, etc. There are answers to each one on these questions and more importantly there is hope. Story on.....**Page B1.**

BURIAL BLUNDERS seem to be catching. The Whole Town Is Talking. Need we say more.....**Page 4B.**

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MAXIMA: Joshua Smith knew he had what it takes to build a successful company, now after ten years the crowd of believers has grown substantially larger. The president of one of the nation's largest black - owned companies has a simple formula for success. Story on**Page C1.**

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21-year-old niece exposes:

Voodoo widow murderess



(Photo by Ricardo Gray)
Renee Burns

On May 10, 1989 Geraldine Parrish, 52, will be sentenced for one of the most bizarre murders in Baltimore history. Accused of killing 48-year-old New Jersey resident Albert Robinson, Geraldine Parrish recruited 19-year-old Lionel Robinson (no relation to victim) to pull the trigger and her 21 year old niece Renee Burns to lure the victim to his death.

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Throughout her childhood, Renee Burns had quietly listened behind doors when she was supposed to be asleep, hearing family members whisper rumors about the sinister ways of her Aunt Geraldine Parrish.

The opinions of the family, as well as those of the congregation in the storefront church which Geraldine Brown Parrish served as Minister/Prophetess, were divided among those that thought of her as the sweet and caring shepherd of her church flock, and others who were deathly afraid of her voodoo-like methodology and thought that a darker side lay beneath her exterior personality.

When Renee became older she was taken into the confidence of Aunt Geraldine. These discussions made Renee realize for the first time that many of the family's accusations of murder for insurance levied against Aunt Geraldine might indeed contain some grain of truth.

Although Renee at this time had no concrete proof of her Aunt's involvement in the act of murder, she was becoming increasingly convinced that Parrish was capable of murdering for money.

Renee also believed that Parrish had actually committed murder and lived well off of the insurance payments she received as the sole beneficiary of her victims.

It was a combination of these informed hunches as well as what she saw in the

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Mitchells appeal

By Hazel Trice Edney
AFRO Staff Writer

"There's a war going on. A civil war to get rid of black officials wherever you can. This is a divided country. It always has been and always will be. But, this is the big one. If we win here, this is the important one."

Those were the words of Civil Right attorney William Moses Kunstler as he left the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond April 14 where appellate arguments were heard on behalf of Maryland Senator Clarence M. Mitchell, III and Michael Bowen Mitchell, called "political prisoners" currently serving two-and-a-half years in prison on charges of wire fraud and

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Photo by Williams' Photography

FREEDOM FIGHTERS — Family and supporters of Senators Clarence and Michael Mitchell conferred in a local restaurant after the April 14 court appeal. Pictured (L-R) are Clarence's daughter, Lisa Mitchell, Representative David P. Richardson, Jr., a research assistant, Donald Washington, Jr., Clarence and Michael's mother, Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Esquire, and Clarence M. Mitchell, IV.

1199E-DC

Union battle heats up

By Delfield S. Yoes, III
AFRO Staff Writer

A volatile union battle over local health care workers, continued this week with the arrest of a union officer.

Robert Moore, president of District 1199E-DC of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees was arrested earlier in the week during a union meeting, for alleged trespassing.

Moore was arrested while conducting a union meeting at the Inns of Evergreen-Northwest, a nursing home represented by the health workers union.

The union claims that article 16 of their contract allows union representatives access to health facilities.

Moore's arrest was the latest incident in a union battle marked by allegations of unethical practices,some with racist overtones.



Marjorie Taylor, executive secretary of District 1199E-DC, holds a press conference in protest of the arrest of union president, Robert Moore.

Officers of 1199E-DC, believe that Moore's arrest was a blatant effort to in-

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Story claims:

Cheek gets $250,000

A 44-paragraph story on Dr. James Cheek, which appeared in a North Carolina daily, charges that the Howard University president "earns more than two U.S. Congressmen combined, is driven to work by a full-time chauffeur and lives rent-free in an elegant mansion in the Gold Coast section of Washington's 16th Street."

The story said that Cheek, a native of North Carolina, had a "base salary last year of $179,375" and with bonuses included, his income reportedly reached $250,000.

The story, which appeared in the April 2 edition of the Raleigh News and Observer,

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More than $5,000 in cash and prizes:

AFRO 'contests' almost over

Time is winding down for two AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper programs, scheduled to end in May — the Church Community Enrichment Subscription Drive and the Mother of the Year Contest.

Church Community Enrichment Program

In the Church Community Enrichment/Subscription Drive, Bethel AME has reported the most subscriptions to date.

Emmanuel Christian Community Church is a very close second, followed by Sharon Baptist Church.

Other churches that have made their reports (as of April 19) include: Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Good Tidings Baptist Church, Waters AME Church, Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, First Baptist Church and Enon Baptist Church.

More than 50 area churches have signed up for this exciting program which ends on May 14 (see page D-1 for a complete listing of participating churches).

The AFRO will donate $2500, $1500 or $1000 to the three churches with the most

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GLADD CHILDREN—These young people show their support of the principles of G.L.A.D.D (God's Law Against Drunkenness and Drugs. They are (L to R) Ian Thornton, Devin Parker, Jeremiah Walker, Crystal Barnes and Temika Silvers.

Area Churches:

March for Health

In a concerted call for health awareness, Dr. Donna Willis, WMAR Medical reporter, Dr. Levy Watkins, noted Hopkins cardio-surgeon and Dr. Maxie Collier, Commissioner of the Baltimore City Department of Health, have joined with local churches and civic groups to sponsor a "March for Health."

The march which will take place Saturday, April 22, is intended to highlight the adverse effects of teen pregnancy, substance abuse, AIDS, homicide and such chronic diseases as cancer, diabetes, sickle cell anemia and heart disease in the black community.

The march will depart from two locations at 10 a.m. sharp, Lafayette Square, on the west and Clifton Park on the east and will arrive at War Memorial Park at 12 noon.



DR. HENRY A. SILVA—National vice-president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and pastor of Centennial-Caroline Street United Methodist Church and Dr. Maxie T. Collier. Other groups participating in the march will be the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the National Baltimore Baptist Conference.

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