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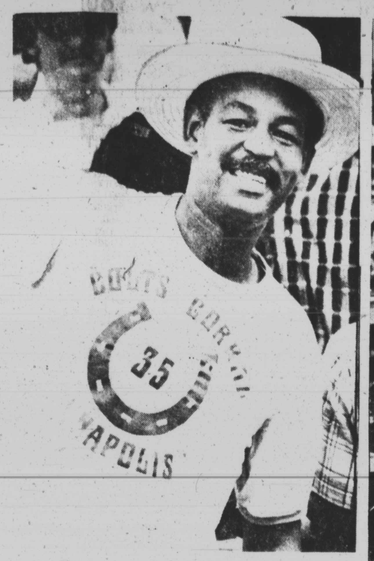
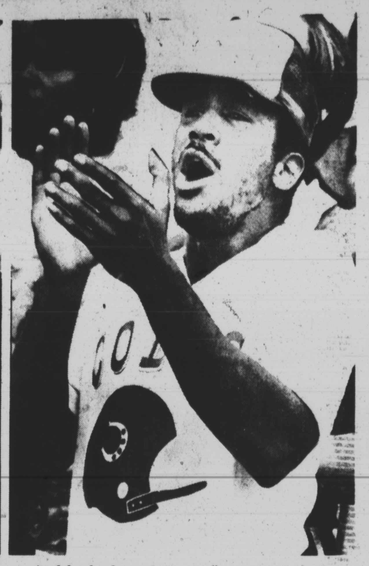


He came up from Annapolis to root

She toasted local heroes with both hands



And he had good reason to applaud...early

**AFRO sports bonus**
**Baltimore's NFL opening**

**Steelers 20, Colts 17**
**A Mark Gail pictorial**

Dancing Willie's hex didn't work

Big moment for Sander Shiver: TD!

Aw gee, c'mon, fellahs! P-l-e-e-z !!!

Colt fans had their 'jollies' Baltimore led into late stages

But Steeler followers were ones who had the last laugh

# Parent sues entire staff of city school

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## Students march on D.C.

By James M. Abraham
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Thousands of black college students are expected to converge on Washington D.C. Monday, Sept. 29, in support of black colleges, as part of "Black College Day '80", an effort being sponsored by Tony Brown, syndicated talk show host and columnist.

The rally is designed to bring attention to the plight of black colleges, which, according to Brown, are facing extinction as a result of a lack of resources and efforts by the federal government to integrate them "out of existence."

Questions concerning the purpose of the march, its sponsors, and the lack of involvement by traditional black advocacy groups have been raised by several black leaders.

"In my opinion," said House of Delegates member Troy Bralley, D-45, "this rally is nothing more than a minstrel show, a publicity and political gimmick sponsored by Tony Brown and the Pepsi-Cola company."

Pepsi is the leading sponsor of Brown's televison show. But Benjamin Cook, a former Morgan State University professor and deputy director of the rally, blasted critics of the project.

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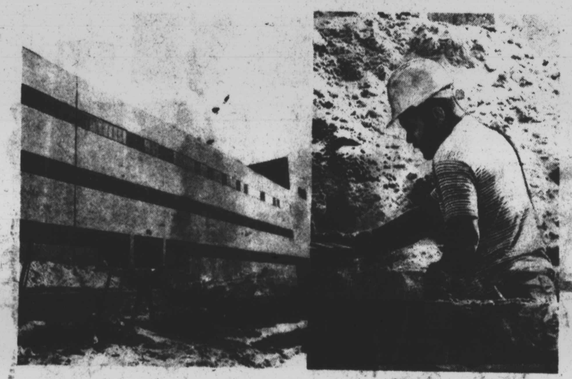
**Melba headlines City Fair**

See Showtime

## New Forest Park high rising fast



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NEW FOREST PARK — In left photo construction workers diligently work on the new Forest Park Senior High which includes 54 classrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium, library and a regulation-size pool. At right, Albert Quinn lays bricks for the school which will open in Fall '81.

## Crosse loses court fight with Pressman

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

A $2 million suit filed by the Rev. St. George I.B. Crosse against city comptroller Hyman G. Pressman has been tossed out of court by district court Judge Robert L. Karwacki.

The city Urban Service Agency, Mayor Schaefer and the city government was also named in the suit, filed after Pressman had ordered Urban Services Director Lenwood Ivey to grant him access to Crosse's previous employment record at the agency during the 1979 municipal elections.

The charges against the city agency and the government, including Schaefer, were dismissed by Karwacki on grounds of government immunity.

### GOP leader plans appeal

The judge also ruled that Crosse was a "public figure", and therefore was open to public scrutiny. The invasion of Crosse's files by Pressman was ruled a matter of public interest by Karwacki.

Crosse, who was represented by attorney and Supreme Bench candidate William H. Murphy, Jr., denounced the ruling, and said "I will appeal."

The ruling has caused some controversy throughout Baltimore, as evidenced by an editorial in the Evening Sun which deplored Pressman's actions and hinted that the comptroller, who has successfully defended his office three times since his election in the early Sixties, ought be tried for a state offense.

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VERY FISHY

## Those rancid sardines

### Eastside politico's new law shields donors of food dubious in quality

The manufacturers of an allotment of allegedly rancid sardines which were distributed to several local senior citizen's facilities may be able to escape prosecution due to a 1979 state law sponsored by an East Baltimore legislator.

The bill, House of Delegates No. 1679, was introduced by state Delegate Hattie Harrison, D-45, and states that, "...a person who in good faith donates food for use or distribution by a non-profit corporation, organization, or association is not liable for civil damages as a result of an act or omission affecting the nature, age, condition of packaging of donated food, unless the act or omission amounts to gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct."

The sardines were provided by Overlea Caterers, and a spokesperson for the company has told reporters that the containers passed inspection when they left the company's plant on Sept. 18, but a local "Eating Together" program head, Toby Fletcher, notified the city health commission the next day at about 4 p.m. to complain that the cans had swelled.

The sardines had been distributed to three senior citizen centers which host "Eating Together" programs which provide older residents with a daily luncheon and emergency food packets.

The centers were the Northwest Senior Center, 6300 block Reisterstown Rd.; the Jewish Community Center, 5700 block Park Heights Ave. and a Park Heights area senior citizen's high-rise.

Delegate Harrison was unavailable for comment at AFRO press time.

Seeks $200,000 damages

## Ms. Chandler sues 43 teachers and principal

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

A 1975 candidate for mayor, Claudette Chandler, has filed suit against the principal and 42 teachers at Edgecombe Circle Elementary school, located in the 2800 block Virginia Ave.

The suit stems from a series of disagreements Ms. Chandler has had with the school's administrators and faculty concerning her involvement in student activities.

The conflict reached the boiling point in January, when Ms. Chandler was arrested and charged with assaulting one of the defendants in the suit, Ms. Marcelina West.

Chandler was declared not guilty of those charges.

The suit specifically addresses a Jan. 10 letter sent to Mrs. Edgar White, the principal of the school, which alleged that Ms. Chandler had become "intimidating and abusive," in her relations with members of the faculty. All 42 faculty members mentioned in the suit cosigned the letter.

The letter pleaded with Mrs. White to take action against Mrs. Chandler, who was finally barred from the school conditionally by Northwest school region supervisor Samuel Sharrow.

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## REGISTER AND VOTE!

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

The NAACP 1979 voter registration drive is in high gear, according to Barbara Cooper, program director of the NAACP.

Ms. Cooper received an additional 1500 voter registration forms from Gene Raynor, head of the Board of Elections Supervisors, Wednesday and judging from the work done so far by the NAACP, more may be needed.

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## Congress told to hire more minority staff

By David E. Anderson

WASHINGTON (UPI) — At the request of Congress, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has taken a long look at Employment discrimination in the legislative branch of the federal government.

Its conclusion: Congress should extend provisions of the Civil Rights Act to itself and "all congressional employees should be guaranteed equal employment opportunities."

Congressional employees, the commission said, "Lack the equal employment opportunity rights and protections afforded most other employees in the country."

The story grew in part out of a sex discrimination case involving former Rep. Otto Passman, D-LA., who in 1974 fired Shirley Davis, a deputy administrative assistant because, in Passman's words, "it was essential that the understudy to my administrative assistant be a man."

Ms. Davis took Passman to court and the case ultimately reached the Supreme Court. But, according to the commission, the narrow 5-4 decision "left many important questions unanswered."

While the Davis case did result in giving congressional employees the right to sue for damages for unconstitutional employment discrimination, "Constitutional litigation is difficult, time consuming and expensive," the commission said.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is the basic federal law prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex and national origin.

## Still leads in AFRO church race

There is only one week left for you to get those votes in for your favorite churchwoman. The deadline for mailing in votes to the AFRO churchwoman of the year contest is Oct. 3.

Still in first place is Mrs. Helen Talley of Christian Community Church of God. If you want to enter the contest, it is not too late. Have your neighbors, church members, family and friends clip votes from the Friday and Tuesday AFRO.

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## Atlanta's black mayor coming here to boost Billy Murphy's campaign

Maynard Jackson, popular mayor of Atlanta, Ga., will arrive in Baltimore on Thursday, Oct. 2 to support the candidacy of William H. Murph Jr. in his quest for a Supreme Bench Judgeship.

Maynard Jackson

The mayor will be part of a program which will include Fourth District city councilman Kweisi Mfume and several other black political luminaries.

According to Art Murphy, who is running brother William's campaign, the fund-raising effort is needed to secure victory for the candidate.

"Modern political campaigns need money," he said. "Without good fundraising efforts, blacks will not get political power."

For ticket information, contact 523-6565.

William H. Murphy Jr.

## Is Maryland lottery really swindle-proof?

By Fortia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

A grand jury investigating charges that the April 24 drawing of the Pennsylvania state lottery's daily numbers game was rigged for a record $3.5 million payout has raised the possibility of whether such a scheme could happen in Maryland.

Persons involved in the scheme including a Pittsburgh personality who allegedly weighted the ping-pong balls used in the lottery machines by injecting a liquid in certain numbered balls.

However, according to a spokesman for the Maryland State Lottery Commission, the possibility of such a scheme happening in Maryland is "extremely remote."

Tom Skarzynski, public information director stated that a number of security factors virtually prevented anyone from being able to rig the machines at any time.

He explained that the ping pong balls used in the daily lottery game which started in July 1976, are made in England and are specially constructed with no seams whatsoever.

An independent weights and measures company is used to weigh the balls to insure that they are all at least one-tenth of a milligram in weight to one another.

There are four sets of balls along with four machines which are kept locked in a vault at all times at the WMAR TV station which airs the show nightly at 7:30 p.m.

The balls are only taken out for use on the show or for security checks which are made on an unannounced, unspecified time, according to the lottery spokesman.

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