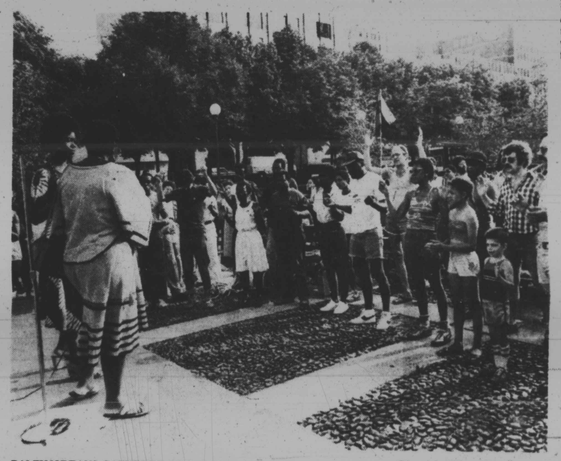
Local woman wins coveted nursing award

AWARDED — Mary Wynn, (C), of Govans, is presented the Ruth B. Freeman Award for Excellence in Community Health Nursing by Dr. Janet Neinrich (L), while Jane Callaghan (R), regional director of the Visiting Nurse's Association, looks on.

June 16 massacre

The people remember Soweto ...



BALTIMOREANS GATHERED THIS WEEK — at the War Memorial Plaza to commemorate the uprising in Soweto, South Africa five years ago in which hundreds of children and women were massacred.

(Photos by Roman Hankewycz)

A SILENT MOMENT — of commemoration was offered by a participant in rally. Demonstration took place as South African official visited City Hall across the street.

HEADS AND HEARTS MET — at demonstration, which drew activists including Bobby Cheeks, head of the Welfare Rights Organization and 4th district City Councilman Kweisi Mfume.

Subway will roll ... but not to East Baltimore

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimore's mass transit system will probably open as scheduled in early 1983, extending as far as the Reisterstown Plaza and eventually to Owings Mills, but plans to wind the subway into predominantly black East Baltimore are way down the road, officials say.

At ceremonies this week officially dubbing the system "Baltimore Metro," and hailing the system as being comparable to urban rapid rail systems in Europe, Mass Transit Administrator L.A. Kimball said that the subway is "symbolic of how far we've really come."

Kimball said that the name "metro" was in keeping with the international flavor the city is fast adopting, with its international port and airport.

Governor Hughes, concurring with the remarks made by Kimball, said that the subway "is coming along very well according to time and according to budget."

But as the city and subway were being honored for their international appeal, one could not help but notice that East Baltimore wasobviously absent from the fanfare.

"At the time the subway was being planned," explained Kimball, "the regional planning council did not consider East Baltimore one of the highest priorities."

The current route, extending into west Baltimore and further north, were chosen instead, he said.

"This system is designed on a regional consensus," Kimball said. If in the future East Baltimore is considered a higher priority, then extension to that part of the city will certainly be considered. There are, however, no immediate plans for such an extension.

Councilman Nathan Irby, (D-2nd), who was an activist at the time the regional planning council began to plan the subway system in 1968, agreed that it will be a long time before the subway reaches East Baltimore. He recounted some of the controversy that surrounded its planning.

"There was a remendous argument at that time over where the subway should go," Irby remembered.

Explaining that the subway project was essentially a state project and not really under the control of the city, Irby said that the influence of Marvin Mandel on the regional planning council was more opposition than could be overturned by city members who attempted to influence the tide of the negotiations.

"The original plans called for the subway to reach from the center city (or downtown) to Sparrows Point, because it was an area felt most inhabited by people who did most of their work in the center city," Irby explained.

The current, citcenter city to Owings Mills route was primarily a state choice, rather than that preferred by city leaders, Irby said, but because monies for the project were coming from the state and federal governments, the state won out.

Other legs or routes were proposed at that time, as alternatives to the Owings Mills route, including a leg that would have reached from downtown to the airport,from downtown to East Baltimore, and from downtown to the Belair area of the city. All of them were defeated by the state.

"A lot of us felt that Johns Hopkins should have been a focal point for the " Irby said. East Baltimore was undergoing and had undergone a large transition, and by 1968, blaccks were becoming the powerhouse for the core of the area. City activists, forseeing the future, conceded that many people who worked in other parts of the city, as well as in East Baltimore, would have benefitted by having a subway stop in the area.

But after a while, he said, it became obvious that further arguments would not be able to win over the state, and the issue was dropped.

"We could have argued further," Irby said, "but what we felt was important was that a subway be built, and the other problems dealt with later. If we had argued too long, it is possible we could have lost the subway altogether."

Although Irby contends that he does not see any possibility of the subway serving East Baltimore in the near future, he does not hold a bleak outlook.

"The subway should help improve feeder systems in East Baltimore," he said, meaning that more buses andshuttles will probably be available to East Baltimore residents who need to have access to the subway.

"It could help upgrade the on-street transporation for that part of the city," he continued.

"You need patronage on the subway system to make it work," he said, noting that improved feeder systems will help the subway maintain the number of riders it will need for survival.

VIP TOUR — Governor Harry Hughes (C) is flanked by transportation and MTA officials including MTA administrator L.A. Kimball (R) during tour of Baltimore metro system.

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Seventy percent complete, the subway will stretch into west and northwest Baltimore, but there are no plans to extend the system to East Baltimore.

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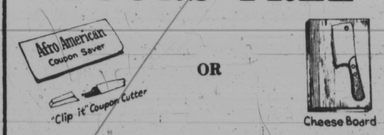

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Mary Welcome— nation's hottest young lawyer!

Will she return to Baltimore as candidate after Atlanta trial?

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White couple charged in near-fatal beating

By Sue Williams
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Baltimore County police have arrested two persons in connection with the beating of 24-year old Gary Allen Smith, the Morgan State University student attacked by eight white men as he left his job at the Continental Can plastics factory in East Baltimore two weeks ago.

Gary Lee Randolph, 28, of the 7400 block of Aluah Rd. in Dundalk, and his girlfriend, Tanya Michael, 21, an employee of Continental Can who allegedly had an argument with Smith earlier on the day he was beaten, were arrested and charged with assault with the intent to commit murder.

Seven other white men whom witnesses said also took part in the incident have not yet been located, and police say the investigation is continuing.

Early in the investigation, police told the AFRO that Ms. Michaels had been completely exonerated in the case. After locating and questioning her, police said they were satisfied with her allegations that she neither knew Smith nor had ever had any contact with him. She also denied pointing him out to his alleged attackers.

Police said, however, that Ms. Michaels had left the parking lot that evening with a man who drove a white Cadillac, which, witnesses said, was one of the vehicles out of which the alleged attackers emerged.

Although they said they suspected the man to be the boyfriend of Ms. Michaels, police said she did not know of his whereabouts, nor had they been able to find him or the automobile.

But the investigation and further questioning led police to Randolph and finally indicated that Ms. Michaels had in fact been involved in the case as well. The two were arrested late Monday evening.

Smith, who underwent emergency surgery at Baltimore City Hospital last week, remains in fair condition.

County cops link pair to gang attack on MSU student

BIG PARADE — Young majorette struts on Eutaw Place parade route Sunday, as Masons held their annual parade. More photos page 28.

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

WEAA struggling

Radio Station WEAA (Morgan University) is about to go under unless the public comes to its rescue.

According to City Councilman Kweisi Mfume, WEAA program director, people from the private sector have defaulted on their pledges (which were made in September 1980) to the tune of nearly $70,000, creating a deficit which has to be wiped out by June 29, 1981 or the station will go into phasedowns and possible eventual demise.

Staff will have to be cut by 50 percent, programming reduced from 21yto 9 hours a day, special features, programs will be eliminated, over-the air programming will be reduced from 7 to 5 days and 25 percent of it will have to be done by automation.

Phasedowns will begin with the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

According to M fume "anything that can be done by the public through donations will be highly appreciated."

—THE ATLANTA STORY—

Welcome for the defense

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

Mary Sue Welcome, the Atlanta attorney who is representing the suspect charged in one of the 28 deaths in that city, has now become one of the best known young, black, female attorneys in the country as a result of her involvement in the case.

But being cast into the limelight almost overnight is a position that doesn't sit too well with Ms. Welcome.

In an interview with the AFRO, she stated, "I don't particularly enjoy getting into the limelight on someone else's plight. I would rather have instigated this than be on the end result of it.

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Victims' mothers feel more are involved

By Pam Widgeon
and
Portia Badham
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The dog hairs and fibers that led to the arrest of Wayne B. Williams, 23, who is charged in one of the 28 deaths of young blacks in Atlanta are similar to evidence found on 15 other bodies, according to police.

At a preliminary hearing in Atlanta June 16 for Williams, a state technician testified that he found no significant differences between the fibers and dog hairs recovered from the body of Nathaniel Carter, 27, and the fibers and dog hairs found in Williams home where he lived with his retired parents.

Williams, who is being held without bail is charged with the death of Nathaniel Carter, the latest of the young blacks slain in Atlanta.

However, several Atlanta mothers of the slain youths told the AFRO, despite Williams alleged connection to the case, the deaths of their children came at the hands of more than one killer.

Mrs. Patricia Ellis mother of Milton Harvey, told the AFRO, "I don't think he (Williams) is involved in the first ones. I do not think he is responsible for my son's death.

Harvey, 14, the youngest of five children living with his mother and stepfather disappeared Sept. 4, 1979 and his skeletal remains were found in an Atlanta suburb on Nov. 5.

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Conaway sues 2nd black leader

Del. Frank Conaway, head of the Legislative Black Caucus, has sued state Sen. Verda Welcome for $30 million, claiming that the senator slandered him.

The suit grew out of an incident which occurred during the waning days of the 1981 session of the General Assembly, after Welcome called for an open election to choose a new Caucus head.

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Public workers are scared of being Reaganized

DSS staffers fear mass lay-offs

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

More than 2,000 city Department of Social Services workers gathered at the Civic Center Wednesday to learn what steps the department will be taking to cope with federal cuts in money allocated to the program.

Dr. George Musgrove, DSS director, told those assembled that the most equitable policy to meet the cuts would be a "shared

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WORRIED WORKERS—More than 2,000 Department of Social Services employees wait to hear news of their possible termination from DSS head Dr. George Musgrove.

AFRO Photo by Mark Gail

Hughes promises he won't forget affirmative action

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

Governor Harry Hughes, apparently sympathetic to the potential for blacks and women to be disproportionately affected by an estimated 1800 layoffs in the state government system, assured black leaders this week that the gains of affirmative action would not be ignored or forgotten.

Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings, member of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus and a key organizer of the meeting, told the AFRO that the governor assured the group of about 20 leaders that he did not intend to violate the spirit of affirmative action.

According to Lou Panos, spokesman from the governor's press office, Hughes agreed to present written guidelines to hiring authorities within the state personnel department, advising them that the layoffs are not to be used as a device to erase the gains made by affirmative action programs.

He also agreed to send a report to the Legislative Black Caucus every 30 days, indicating how many blacks and women have been laid off, and how many of them have been transferred to other departments within the state system.

Panos said that the governor "expressed the hope that many of the job-holders who must be eliminated because of the Reagan cuts could and would be placed elsewhere in the system in vacancies that occur by natural attrition.

As a means of helping that cause, Panos said, the governor's office is in the process of preparing a clearinghouse list, which will help personnel officers match laid off workers with job vacancies which already exist or which will occur shortly.

The Reagan cuts, which will mean a loss to Maryland of $200 to $215 million in federal funds, has been blamed for the estimated 1800 layoffs in the state's workforce.

Black leaders began to worry when they estimated that approximately three-fourths of the workers who stood the most chance of being laid off were either black or women.

In terms of financial loss to the black community alone, Delegates Pete Rawling and John Douglass estimated that as much as $20 million could be lost, not only in terms of actual workdays missed, but in terms of the reduction of goods and services purchased by blacks from blacks.

It was Rawlings and Douglass who alerted the Black Caucus and community leaders to the potential dangers for the black community inherent in the cuts and the layoffs. The meeting with the governor resulted

None of those present at the meeting expressed doubt that the governor's intention to abide by and to uphold affirmative action programs in the state was less than sincere.

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