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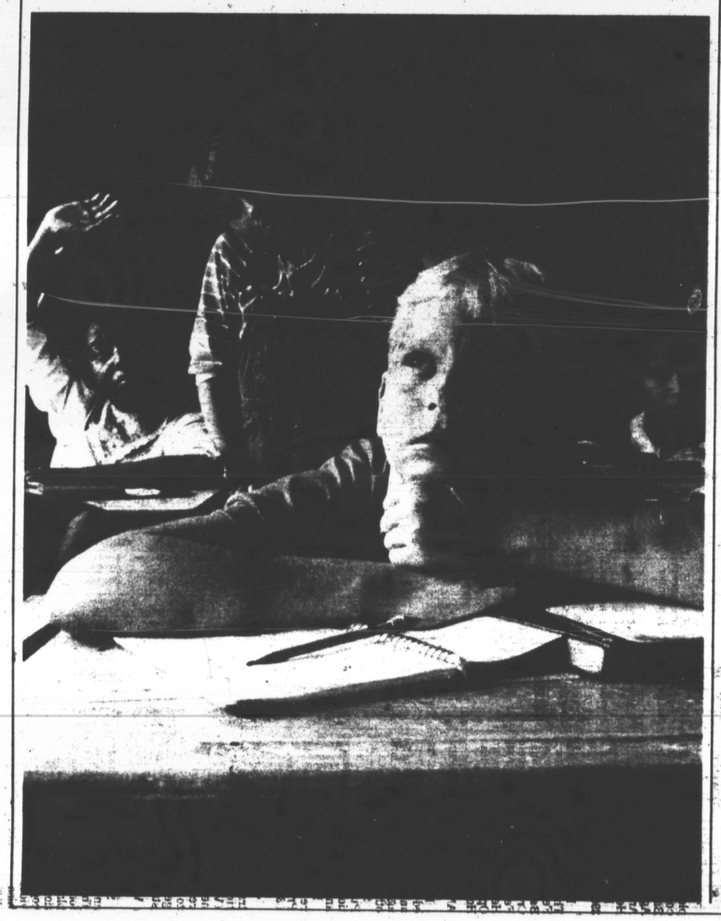

Billy is an abused child. In the classroom, he's pretty tough to beat. But at home, it's a far different story. And the marks that Billy displays on the outside don't even compare to the far deeper ones he carries within. But thanks to the State of Maryland, Billy now has a fighting chance for a spotless future.

Through the efforts of a program sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Human Resources, the State General Fund provides protective services for children. Additionally, the Maryland State Department of Human Resources operates a variety of other family services including Foster Care, Adoption Services, Public Assistance and Day Care.

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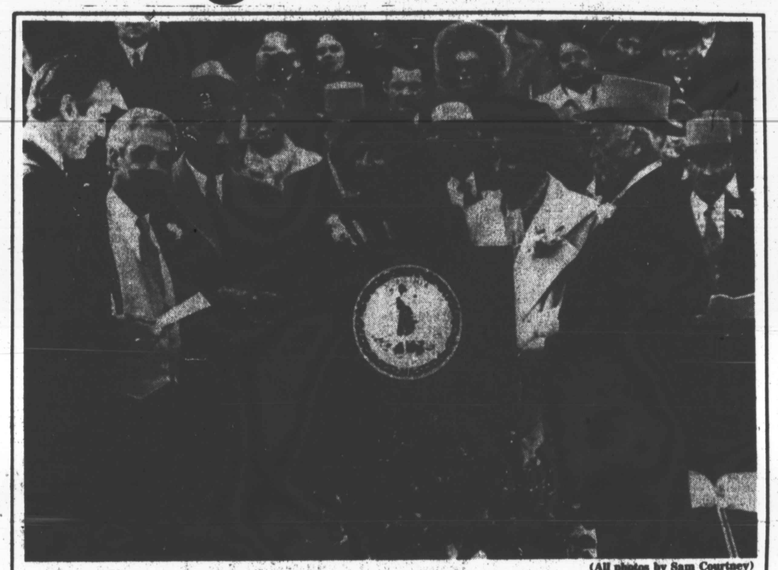
GOP refuses to support him for governor, Aris Allen says



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Douglas Wilder, new lieutenant governor of Virginia, stands with new governor, Gerald Lee Baliles, during Jan. 11 inauguration ceremonies.

'Attitude doesn't help attract blacks to party'

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

Charging that the Maryland Republican Party and its leadership gave him no encouragement--financial or otherwise--Dr. Aris T. Allen announced Thursday that he "will not be a candidate" for his party's nomination for governor in the fall.

He would have been the first bonafide black gubernatorial candidate in this state's history.

That announcement came Thursday night before a crowded room of curious spectators, political observers, members of his own party and represen-

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Dr. Aris T. Allen

Fleet gets 30-year term for killing Rick Grim

By Brion M. Tyson
AFRO Staff Writer

Tuesday City Circuit Court Judge Arrie Davis sentenced Harold David Fleet, the 37-year old West Baltimore man who suddenly admitted his guilt in the murder of a 15-year old West Baltimore Youth in April, to 30 years in prison.

Fleet's attorney Randolph O. Gregory, before sentencing asked Judge Davis to consider the emotional aspect of the case, noting that Fleet only reacted to his knowledge of his daughter being the target of sexual attacks by the victim, Crim.

However, Judge Davis stated to Mr. Gregory that Fleet's actions were unwarranted and proceeded to issue his sentence.

According to assistant state's attorney John Getz, Fleet killed young Crim in the 200 block of N. Stricker St. after his daughter told of how the youth sexually assaulted her several days

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Duvall Stokes' death still a mystery

By LaMont Curry
AFRO Staff Writer

For the family and friends of Duvall Stokes, the musician who was fatally struck by a Catonsville driver in December, anger and outrage have matured into quiet chagrin.

"Somebody is dead but there are no people willing to stand up with the truth for the sake of justice," said Renee Walker, the sister of Stokes. she is baffled by responses from witnesses who at first were willing, but now appear to be afraid to come forward with their testimonies.

Stokes was struck, his legs broken, feet burned to the ankles, brain exposed, his body lodged under the vehicle. his coat stuck in the brakes . . . He was crossing a damp-slick Gwynns Falls Parkway between 9:30 and 9:45 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13. The accident occurred near the intersection at Tioga Parkway. He was pronounced dead by emergency medics at the scene.

The driver, to date, has not been charged because police report there was no indication of driver error.

Baltimore City Police Agent Arlene Jenkins said that a State's Attorney's report had been issued Jan. 8 which said that no manslaughter charges would be filed against the driver. It said the police reported that none of the eight witnesses at the scene

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Caucus nixs jail site, residents say, 'Enough'

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

Several members of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus called a press conference on Wednesday afternoon to protest the state's plan for a new maximum security prison in East Baltimore.

The proposed 400-bed facility would lead to a disproportionate number of prisoners being housed within the city, its opponents warn.

"We don't intend that the inner city be a dumping ground for the prisoners of this state," said Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell (D-39th).

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End S. African role, Council 7 demand

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

Shocked but not stymied by the pension trustees' rebuff last summer of a non-binding resolution calling for the divestment of all holdings from U.S. firms that do business with the government of South Africa, seven members of the City Council now want a bill to achieve that end.

Lead by Councilman Kweisi Mfume and backed by seven co-sponsors, a bill to force the action was introduced Monday night.

Roughly, 20 percent of the $833 million in the two systems--one for retired police and firefighters and another for the remaining city employees -- is currently being invested in U.S. firms with ties to that country.

Supporters of the proposed ordinance want the city to join with several cities and states throughout the country that have adopted similar legislation as a form of condemnation against South Africa's practiced policy of racial separation which allows three million whites to determine the rights of 26 million blacks.

That system is known as apartheid.

Comptroller Hyman A. Pressman, chairman of the pension trustee boards, already has indicated that should the council pass the bill, he will not begin divestment procedures until a court test has been exercised.

Gov. Hughes swears Provident will get its promised money

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

Provident Hospital watchers in the state legislature raised an eyebrow on Wednesday afternoon when it was discovered that there was only a $1 million appropriation for the West Baltimore facility in Gov. Hughes' $8.2 billion for fiscal 1987.

It seems that the other $2.5 million dollars was missing.

Gov. Hughes said he would appropriate the money, provided that some conditions were met. These included the city contributing a sizable amount to the $3.5 million requested by the hospital's trustee.

Del. Larry Young said he was "concerned" when he found just that $1 million.

That sum merely reflected that emergency appropriation given

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Black gay, lesbian meeting called 'success'

By Brion M. Tyson
AFRO Staff Writer

About 200 city gays were present at a meeting last Sunday held at 3835 Reisterstown Road where they heard the outcome of an earlier meeting with representatives from the city police department.

Also during the meeting, sponsored by the Baltimore Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men, gay residents received an update on the AIDS crisis as it affects city gays.

The meeting was very successful, according to coalition co-chairman Goldie Mason, but revealed the traumatic experiences of several lesbians who were raped in their homes and on the street by men and other lesbians.

"These women told of how they had been raped, but the devastating thing was the fact that they had not reported any of this to the police," Ms. Mason said.

According to Ms. Mason, those women failed to report that they had been raped because of alleged past insensitivity from city

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Lottery $8 million

Since there was no Jackpot winner for the Lotto drawing of Saturday, Jan. 11. The current week's Jackpot prize for the drawing of Saturday, Jan. 18 will have an estimated annuity value of $8 million for a single winner.

The Maryland Lotto game experienced two-week rollovers in previous Lotto drawings conducted on November 17, 1984 and September 29, 1984 with Jackpot prizes of $2,000,000 and $2,250,000 respectively.

In the recent Lotto drawing of Jan. 4, there were 355 second tier winners of $839 each. These winners correctly matched five of the six winning numbers in that drawing. Also, 13,626 Lotto players won $28 each for correctly matching four of the six winning numbers. The winning numbers selected that evening were 03-05-06-11-18-23.

Breakfast for King on holiday

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

This year's annual Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast sponsored by the YMCA of Greater Baltimore had an especially historical significance.

It would become the first breakfast held on the very first national holiday honoring its namesake.

Started 11 years ago by A. Paul Moss, now Associate General Executive Emeritus of the YMCA and Richard Kelly, a former executive of the "Y," this year's breakfast exemplified the goals

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Ms. Terri Wilson, owner of 'Extra Extra' newsstand in Charles Plaza at Charles and Saratoga Sts., shares a laugh with Robert Ingram, a customer. AFRO-AMERICAN is among papers sold there.

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