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'EDUCATION NOW!' STAGES:

March on Annapolis

By Joy M. Tyler
AFRO Staff Reporter

Nearly 2,000 people marched and rallied in Annapolis Wednesday, to protest what they say is the refusal of legislature and Governor Schaefer to act on the deteriorating status of the poorer school districts financial situation.

Education Now is a statewide coalition in support of adequate and equitable funding for these districts including Baltimore City, St. Mary's County, the Eastern Shore and other districts across the state.

Marchers came by the busloads to show that they would no longer remain silent to the "Laissez-faire" attitude that our representatives seem to be taking, far outnumbering the abortion issue protesters across the capital lawn.

Marchers made their way along the highway chanting slogans and carrying banners expressing their frustration with the legislature.

There were mothers marching with children in strollers, too young to attend school.

Many at the protest were not only from the poorer school districts in the state, but support came from the wealthier schools to lend support to their neighbors.

Many community leaders addressed the demanding crowd. One of the speakers was Dr. Richard Hunter, superintendent of the Baltimore City public schools who suffered through stiff shortages in supplies and funding during the present school year.

" Some didn't think that many of us understood that the problems we faced were systemic, but we understand it clearly," shouted Dr. Hunter.

"Sure there are huge problems in places like South Africa, Germany, and Russia, but we have pressing problems right here in America that need our attention. Our children depend on us for a better tomorrow."

The coalition wants a taskforce to be implemented to examine the problem of funding and equity. They also want the legislature to put APEX, (Action Plan for Educational Excellence) on tar-

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(Photo by Paul Greene)

Baltimore NAACP President George Buntin

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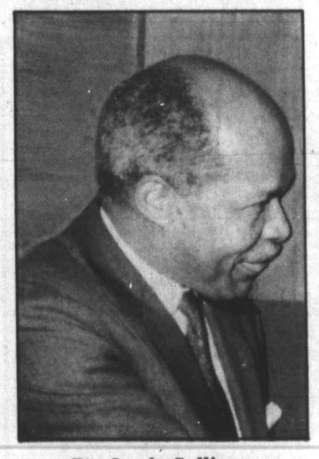
Over 2,000 march on Annapolis in protest of the deteriorating financial status of poorer school districts.

HHS secretary meets Black press leaders



Dr. Louis Sullivan

"The Black community must take the lead and solve these problems," Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Louis Sullivan told publishers of Black newspapers following an hour long meeting t his headquarters in Washington Feb. 27.

Dr. Sullivan, who said the main issues to be faced were infant mortality, AIDS, hypertension and lung cancer, stated that to address these problems and maintain "our self esteem we must do it ourselves." He said that the leadership and support must

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Homewood Hospital charged with patient mistreatment

Fired worker blows the whistle

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

Brenda Carter made a choice. Her options included keeping the peace by ignoring the mistreatment she saw doled out to patients by the Homewood Hospital staff or take a chance and voice her opinions. She took that chance and lost her job.

Brenda performed her duties as an admissions registrar in the emergency room with compassion and sensitivity, characteristics that she said were lacking in many of her fellow employees.

When Brenda decided to voice her opinions she followed the hospital's outlined grievance procedure. "I went through the proper hospital channels to get my concerns addressed," said Carter.

Her concerns included: detrimental patient care , the conduct of three registered nurses, one physician, the vice-president of nursing, the director of admitting; Mr. Nagle and the supervisor of admitting; Ms. Theresa Cimino.

Ms. Carter documented the abuse and mistreatment of patients that she says, "Was seen throughout the emergen-

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Police-students clash at Howard U-Morgan U game

By Margaret E. Davis
and Kevin Dickerson
Special to the AFRO

A traditional basketball game between Howard and Morgan State universities which resulted in a melee between students and District police officers Feb. 24, was not the result of overcrowding in the gymnasium as had been previously reported, the WASHINGTON AFRO has learned.

Twelve Howard students—including an 18 year-old freshman — were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct in the fracas which involved nearly 400 spectators, authorities said. They were each fined $25 before being released.

"We did not over-sell tickets because we had over 1,000 seats that were not taken in the gym," Howard Athletic Director William Moultrie said. "I took Lieutenant Harriston of Metropolitan inside to let him see, and he agreed. He said 'oh no, you all do have more seats.'

"Then he told me to let the students back in with a single file line."

Sanya Tyler, the head coach of Howard's women's basketball team agreed with Mr. Moultrie. "The gates indicated there were only 1,700 students in there when the gates shut down", she said. "The facility seats 2,700 and we have had an excess of that in here in the past.

"Howard security is well

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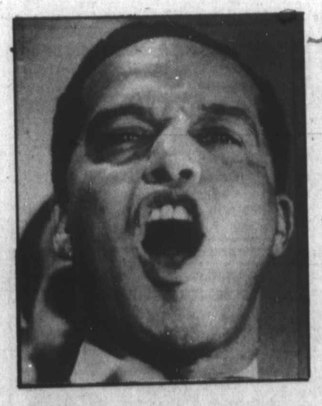
Farrakhan talks with Black Publishers

By Olive Vassell
Afro Assistant Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Minister Louis Farrakhan met with local area Black publishers and told them "not to be bullied" and to "take comfort; we don't have much longer to suffer."



Minister Louis Farrakhan

In a meeting at the offices of the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper Minister Farrakhan spoke about the plan to destroy Blacks and compared it to the biblical plan of Pharaoh to destroy the Israelites.

"Juxtapose Pharaoh's plan with Bush, Reagan and preceding administrations and the decimation of the ranks of Black men and you have the Bible fulfilled right in our midst."

Minister Farrakhan said he had had discussions with various African nations on providing land for settlement

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LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The abortion issue

By Hamil Harris
Afro Staff Writer

ANNAPOLIS—The heated and emotional and battle over a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion has gained momentum in the state's capital, and according to Sen.Larry Young (DB), "The vote is too close to call."

Sen.Young as well as Sen. Albert Wynn (D.PG) are the only two Black Senators on the judiciary committee, which began hearing both sides of the stormy debate this week.

Although he has listened to all of the testimony and has received over 1,000 telephone calls from those part of the pro-life movement. Sen. Young said nothing has changed in his mind. "My position hasn't changed in 16 years. I support the view that a woman should have the right to choose concerning abortion, that should

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Traci Reeves rites at Union Baptist

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

Traci Allynette Reeves, daughter of city councilwoman, Iris and the late Norman V. A. Reeves died at Mt. St. Agnes hospital February 21.

Funeral services for Ms. Reeves were conducted by Rev. Vernon Dobson on Saturday at the Union Baptist Church on Druid Hill Avenue.

The Morgan State University student was rushed to the hospital on Thursday evening

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Traci Allynette Reeves

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