SUMMER SPORTS

The AFRO's weekly view of community athletics

SUMMERTIME SURVIVAL

Tutoring hope through the hoop

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Appropriately, the group program is named Survival.

And just as appropriately, it uses a deliberate combination of sports and education to impress upon its members that success stems from more than one factor.

The Project Survival Basketball League (PSBL) grew this year to its largest size ever, 74 teams, and at the same time, had such an impact that it received a grant for operation the rest of this summer.

In a ceremony last Friday, Dr. Michael Joyce, director of the Goldseker Foundation, presented (PSBL) with a $3,000 check.

Joyce says his organization recognized the special duel role PSBL plays for its young participants.

"While the program is monitored by adults," he said, the league allows youngsters to develop "organization and a sense of responsibility and accomplishment."

Vernon Wolst, the PSBL chairman, also recognizes his organization's role helps the league's players reach for higher goals.

"We offer tutoring all ages levels but in the upper ages it is on a voluntary basis," Wolst says. "They come to us, say for a college entrance exam, and we set up a program."

The age levels for teams in the PSBL are: unlimited, in its first year; 18-and-under, 15-and-under, 13-and-under and 11-and-under.

"In the 11-and-under, which has both boys and girls, the scholastic tutoring is mandatory. We teach the fundamentals of basketball and education," Wolst emphasizes.

And that part is what attracted the Goldseker organization.

"Many of those kids have problems with conventional education," Joyce said. "The project is an exciting supplement to that. We are really impressed and have found that the teachers are enthusiastic about their work."

That's only because they know the results of PSBL's two-pronged youth education program could be very far-reaching.

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There must be some outlet.

Here the AFRO spotlights three different programs, that, in varying degrees, plug into that youthful, sometimes untapped pool and channels it into constructive athletic and social activities.

Of course, they are just a few. Let us know about your organization. Remember, its the kids that count.

PROJECT SURVIVAL ENSURES quality growth through this type of tutoring. The youngsters here work on their reading.

CROUCHING AND READY, these youngsters learn tennis from three instructors in the CCB Youth Sports Program.

NYSP: worry-free, serving many

Operating a program without worring about money can allow many things to happen. Then a director can concentrate on the quality and size of an athletic program rather than its existence.

That has been the case for the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) at the Community College of Baltimore (CCB). Funded by the federal government and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), college athletics' governing body, the program ends today after six weeks of action.

CCB's NYSP program, mirrored this summer at Morgan, Loyola and Johns Hopkins Universities, is testimonial to where a program can go without financial hassles and a dedicated staff.

"We get about 210 kids each day," CCB NYSP director for six years said earlier this week.

"A lot of kids who walk (into the program) have been in here a couple of years," added Activities Coordinator Joe Smothers. "They come back because they want to, not because they're sent."

In this program, Phipps said, most of the emphasis is on development of physical skills; including basketball, tennis, swimming and modern dance (just started for girls this year).

However, Phipps points out, NYSP taught organization and sportsmanship through an enrichment class, which included lectures and films for emphasis.

"The positive effects are not measurable now," Phipps concedes. "The future will tell what the positive effects really are, but I think it can only help."

In addition, NYSP also emphasizes nutritional and medical maintenance to the 10-18 year olds who participate in NYSP. Phipps says each of the 442 NYSP participants have to take a physical exam before initially entering the free clinic ("Some of those kids haven't been to the hospital since they were born," Phipps says.).

Community-backed 'life' club

There is something special about somebody who does just what he wants to do in the face of what others would call unbeatable odds.

Ricky Williams and Tyrone Gains beat the odds three years ago, and are stomping on them now.

Back then, the brothers were residents in what is commonly called Reservoir Hill. They saw a lot of youngsters being eaten up by a life of idleness.

"There was a lot of crime going on," Williams, the elder of the duo at 24, said on Tuesday. Gaines 23, couldn't make the interview.

So, as if it sprang from the pavement of the neighborhood itself, Williams and Gaines decided to do something about the idleness of community youth: they started the Community Sports Club (CSC).

"It is really a life program," Williams said, sitting on the bottom step of the stone bleachers facing CSC's brightly colored blue and orange basketball court behind Park Ave. "We deal with a lot of people in a year, close to 400."

CSC channels those 400 into activities ranging from girls' softball on summer weekends to a basketball league on the bright court, to boys' and girls' clubs, to bake sales and block parties.

The club reflects all the things the kids, and grownups, in the Hill want to do, and dream of doing.

And "we earn our own money from bake sales and parties," Williams says simply.

Ironically, while CSC is part of the fabric of the community, Williams sees some deficiencies on the part of the city-funded organizations in the neighborhood.

"We need more help from John Eager Urban Services, (which is located up the alley from the basketball (court), they are already funded," Williams said.

But even without help, except maybe that of the Reservoir Hill Community Association, Williams and Gaines have instilled a sense of independence and friendship in CSC members.

"The girls work for Summer Corp (a city program that pays them to sweep streets), and when they get paid, they buy uniforms," Williams says of the 90 girls who participate in the girls' league (four teams of 20 players).

CSC activities also "relieve a lot of tension," Williams added, "by bringing the community and youngsters together."

RICKY WILLIAMS STANDS outside the Eager rec field where his and Tyrone Gaines' club's girls teams play.

Ali floored for community school

The security guards in the Baltimore Civic Center had just thrown everyone out of the corridors leading to the boxer's dressing room.

In 10 more minutes, a fight was to take place that would make all involved forget about backstage.

Meanwhile, sitting in the arena were thousands of spectators whose adrenalin flowed through their bodies in anticipation of seeing a world figure who has dazed many opponents with his lightning fast moves.

The celebrity was "the Greatest" — Muhammad Ali.

Ali was billed to fight four fighters, a round each.

The exhibition was the climax of a day (last Saturday) of events sponsored by the World Community of Islam (WCIW) and geared toward giving community folk a chance to see the champ. The proceeds would benefit WCIW's Clara Muhammad school.

The highlight of the night was a two-rounder between Ali and Kwaise Mfume, program director for WEAA-FM, in Baltimore who made pre-fight announcements that Ali has been "ducking him for years."

During the first round Kwaise was floored twice but kept coming toward Ali, showing a determination his lightweight body hid.

The first round had ended but Kwaise's corner men had to hold him back. Between rounds he danced and pranced, ready for Ali.

Spectators in the crowd were undecided as to who they should root for. Kwaise, because of his surprising quickness was becoming a favorite.

Many asked themselves whether this skinny 140 pounder could really be the man who would replace the hefty 240 pound Ali.

Ali's shouts of "I want Kwaise, I want Kwaise," between rounds did not appear to penetrate the guis and determination of the local personality.

As the bell to the second round sounded, Ali whispered silently to Kwaise "I'm going to whip your a--," not realizing that the outcome may turn out to be the opposite.

A minute was over in the second round and some kids in the crowd were hollering "knock him down Ali." Others were shouting "get him Kwaise."

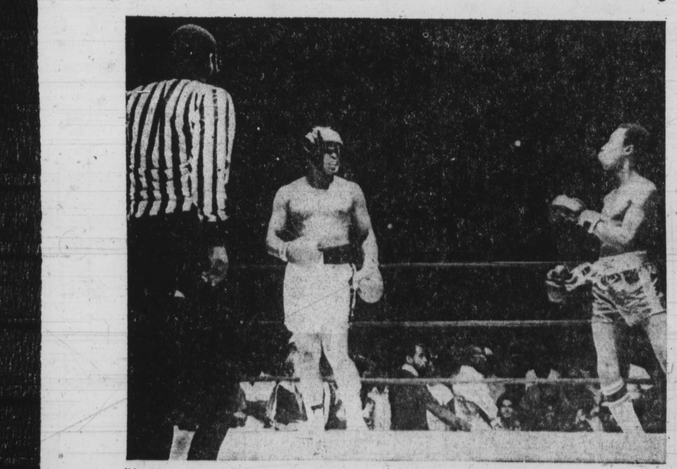
It was then it happend. Two minutes into the round.

The punch was so quick half of the crowd missed it and were asking for a replay, in the meantime wondering what happened.

The impossible had occurred and Kwaise was dancing around the ring with arms raised as high as possible.

Kwaise had knocked Ali down Ali failed to get up before the count ended.

Kwaise's only problem was he could not be crowned heavyweight champion. He simply did not weigh enough.



STALKING EACH OTHER Muhammad Ali and Kwaise Mfume look for an opening in their fight last weekend.

Boxing match at Cherry Hill

An All-Star Amateur Boxing Review will take place Saturday, August 6 in the Cherry Hill Community Building at 2700 Spellman Rd., sponsored by the Champ AC Amateur Boxing Club.

The event, which takes place from 7 to 11 p.m., will feature boxing, kick boxing and karate demonstrations.

Andrew Singletary, an organizer for the boxing club, said the review is taking place to raise money to send a Baltimore City team to Columbus, Ohio for the five-day Ohio State boxing tournament fair.

The event cost $1.50 for kids and $3.00 for adults.

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A 2nd couple executed—plush hotel suite 526 is death scene

Teacher, business exec slain in bed

'Little' Will Franklin in 2nd major heroin bust

William E. "Little Will" Franklin, popular businessman who was on $100,000 bail and charged with distribution of heroin, was arrested Wednesday night by federal agents.

Franklin, 34, who is scheduled for trial September 1 in Federal Court for another narcotic case, is alleged in the indictment as being a wholesale distributor of heroin who distributed supplies of heroin in Baltimore.

According to the indictment, Franklin distributed heroin to James E. Howard of York, Pa. who is alleged to be a major distributor and dealer of heroin.

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Also charged with distribution of heroin were Sam Preston Layer, Carolyn Jean Holmes, Theodore Hartzog, Berry Lee Palmer, James Norrell and Carla Palmer, all of York, Pa.

Neal M. Janey assistant U.S. attorney who is handling the case, stated Howard was charged in a separate count of the indictment with maintaining a continuing criminal enterprise for the distribution of heroin, an offense carrying a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years in prison or up to life in prison, a fine of not more than $100,000 or both fine and imprisonment.

Janey recommended the following bail for Franklin, $150,000 Howard, $400,000; Layer, $75,000; Holmes, $50,000; Hartzog, Palmer and Norrell and Palmer, $30,000.

POPULAR Baltimore city school teacher was slain in Pikesville luxury hotel with New York business executive. AFRO discovered that it was not murder suicide but a double execution.

AFRO uncovers hush - hush double homicide, police said it was murder-suicide

By Pam Widgeon and Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writers

We could not buy it!

First police reports said an attractive young Baltimore city school teacher and a dynamic young New York business executive carried out a murder-suicide pact.

Police reported that he killed her and then himself in a swank room at the Pikesville Hilton Hotel on August 3rd.

The AFRO, however, learned that 28-year-old Miss Sondra Diane McMeekin, of the 200 block Denison St., a fifth grade teacher at Arlington Elementary School, was not the kind of person who would become involved in such a bizarre situation.

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Further, the supposed murderer, Allen Phipps, 34, vice president of a Bronx, N.Y. construction firm was described by Mel Weintraub, president of the company as "The happiest individual anyone would want to know."

He added, "I can't believe he (Phipps) took his own life. He never drank, smoke and was one of the finest men around."

Police reports further state they were found in the hotel room bed. She was shot in the head. He was lying near her with the pistol in his hand.

The AFRO's inquiries

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AFRO birthday events

LOIS HOLCOMB, 1977's new Miss Charm City, by virtue of her selection in the pageant held last Sunday at the Community College of Baltimore, Liberty Heights campus. Lois is one of the queens riding in the AFRO's 85th birthday parade today (Friday).

THE MANDEL TRIAL

Nobody wins

An Analysis

Whatever the verdict in the corruption trial of Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel there can be no winners.

First, by admission of the governor's own tearful attorney Aug. 9, the last day of the arguments, Mandel is a ruined man. His health and strength gone and nothing can be done to restore them.

As to the loss suffered by the citizens of Maryland, the cost of the four-year investigation, the two-year duration of the indictment and two trials add up to millions of taxpayers' money.

Further, the trial and retrial as recorded by mass media saw all of its superficial aspects; including the governor's love life has helped spread Maryland's already established reputation of corruption in government around the globe.

Before Mandel's problems surfaced, former Governor Spiro T. Agnew had gone down in unprecedented shame. Whatever the Mandel trial result, this state will be hard put to live down the impression that this is a political swamp.

The entire story is a matter of public record and was told both by the United States government in documents and the various lawyers who defended the six men accused, Mandel, Dale Hess, Harry Rogers, William Rogers, his older brother; Irvin Kovens, W. Dale Hess and Ernest Corey.

The 123 charges bunched together and termed "corruption" found the government's lawyers using such words as lying, deception, fraud, cheating, cover-up, pure horwash.

Mandel's lawyer at one point inferred the obscene

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"A RUINED MAN"—This is how Marvin Mandel was described by his attorney near the close of his trial. The governor was termed "a person whose health and strength were gone after four years investigation and two years under indictment," and "nothing can be done to restore them." The only thing left, the lawyer told the jury, "is the presumption of innocence and the verdict that he is not guilty beyond a reasonable doubt."

UNITY SPIRIT FILLS COLTRANE AUDITORIUM

1,000 at 2nd black family affair

By Peter Harris
AFRO Staff Writer

"The ruin of a nation begins in the homes of its people" — Ashanti proverb

Unity. Singers sing about it, leaders plead for it, we all know deep down black people must achieve it.

But it takes a lot of work. Paul Coates knows that, and on occasions has taken it upon himself to sponsor events that foster a "commonality" among people.

His second annual Black Family Affair (BFA) last Sunday at the John Coltrane Performing Arts Auditorium at Walbrook High, was such a happening.

It combined music, poetry, fashions and an intangible (but easily sensed), oneness that enfolded the close to 1,000 people in attendance.

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Thirty-one years old, with six children, Coates says a BFA is about promoting "positive self images," which get us together for "reinforcement . . . of energy" of black people.

The concept, he says in retrospect, "proved to be on the vibe of the many people who were there."

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Indeed. The Oneness of Ju-Ju and Theatre West (TW), from Washington, D.C.; the last Poets and Baltimore's Laini Mataka (a brilliant, poetess) and Januwa's fashions all "plugged into that vibe." What could only be described as spontaneous combustion jumped from Walbrook's expansive stage and shocked us all.

For example, TW fused music, drama and dance into compelling and magnetic performances which made for tremendous audience participation.

Call it positive, unifying chaos, but that's what happened when TW urged nearly all the hundreds of

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$19 MILLION INSURANCE NEGOTIATIONS

Mutual Benefit may merge with N. C. Mutual

The Mutual Benefit Society of Baltimore City, in operation 74 years and one of the city's oldest and most affluent black businesses, is moving toward a merger with North Carolina Mutual, one of the largest black business in the world.

Harry O. Wilson Jr., president of the company, announced Thursday the Board of Directors after more than a year of long and careful consideration is recommending to its members that they vote for reinsurance of all its business by North Carolina Mutual, which has its home office in Durham, N.C.

The Society, which was founded by Harry O. Wilson Sr. May 1, 1903, currently has admitted assets just under $5 million and insurance in force of nearly $14 million.

Under the plan worked out by the officers and approved by the directors of both companies, all of Mutual Benefit's policies and liabilities will be taken over and payments of all claims and benefits will be guaranteed by North Caro-

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WEAA-FM salutes AFRO

Saturday WEAA-FM, Morgan State University Radio, will pay homage to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper on its 85th birthday.

Broadcast times for the salute will be 2:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Jean Roas, Larry Dean and Sandra Banks will be the commentators.

Awards to newspaper pioneers

This afternoon, Friday, the Association of the Study of Afro-American Life and History Inc. (ASALH) will be presenting two plaques in honor of the late John H. Murphy Sr., founder of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers and the late Dr. Carl Murphy, chairman of board of directors and president.

The presentation will be made at a reception at the Community College of Baltimore, Harbor Campus.

ASALH is a group which initiates activities which honor prominent black Americans.

CHERRY HILL WINNER. Mrs. Marion Barr and her daughter, with the AFRO that was in her home, flash big smiles as Mama tries for the $100 bonanza in the AFRO-in-Your-Home Contest.

Another $100 'Mr. Fro' winner

'Mr. Fro' suffered a "mild heart attack" Wednesday when Mrs. Ruth Tanner became the sixth $100 winner in the AFRO in the Home Contest.

"I'm going to buy me some things," she said, shielding her head from the fifth straight day of 90 degree heat. She turned to 'Mr. Fro,' who was "slowly recovering" after forking over $100 and smiled gamely while one of his assistants made out the check.

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It was a good day for 'Mr. Fro' as he toured East Baltimore [illegible] away money, calendars and AFRO T-Shirts.

His first stop was in the

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Nothing more on Jr. Bunk and Linda

Prince George's County police report no new leads nor evidence in the July 21 double gangland-style killing of TV Dancer Linda Kane and companion. Dope King Nathaniel "Junior Bunk" Johnson. While on weekend leave as a release prisoner serving 25 years narcotics violations term Bunk and his beauteous friend were shot in the back of the head and left in the front seat of a blue, rented LTD Ford on the county road. Investigators want to hear from anyone with leads.

NAACP probing W. Maryland College

The state NAACP has started an investigation of Western Maryland College.

The state group's education committee has requested a meeting with the president of the college to discuss allegations of discrimination lodged against the school.

The request was sent in the form of a letter by Howard "Pete" Rawlings, chairman of the committee.

John [illegible] president, asking for the meeting to "discuss several serious concerns" brought to the committee's attention by the college's Black Student Union (BSU).

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We feel," wrote Rawlings, "that it is imperative to seek an effective resolution at the local level (the school) prior to any

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