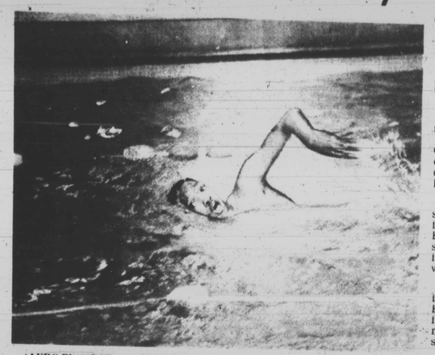
# School Sports Scene

## Forest Park swimmers stroke toward victory



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FOREST PARK SWIMMER — Brian Lambert shows form in 500 yard freestyle in meet against Patterson. Foresters won, 62 - 14.

By Mark Gail
AFRO Staff Writer

A far cry from their dismal showing last year, Forest Park's swim team can already boast a 6-4 record so far this year and has high hopes for a successful season.

"This will be our season to shine for a while, since half of this year's squad are seniors," said Coach Clinton Jennifer. "We will be fighting for a respectable third place in the MSA finals."

Leading the attack for Coach Jennifer will be team captain Allen Wright, who is a hard worker, always giving 100 percent in his events. Wright's favorites are the butterfly and freestyle relays.

Seniors Darryl Pollard, who was third in the 50-yard freestyle, and Duane Lambert, the anchorman on the 500 yard freestyle event, will assist their team captain.

Nack Back from last year, and the most improved swimmer, is Anthony Allen, who has a better than average breaststroke. Junior Gary Dickens, who can swim the 100 yard backstroke in 113:9 is also returning to water for the Foresters.

Coach Jennifer has some promising sophomores coming up the ranks in the form of Spurgeon Carter, Anthony Harrington and William Johnson, among others.

"I am very proud of Carter," said Jennifer. "At the beginning of the season, he couldn't swim in deep water, but now he is one of the team's most promising swimmers," Jennifer said.

Forest Park's team gets additional help from the girls varsity basketball coach, Nick Johnson, who coached swimming at Patterson Park for 14 years.

Between the two coaches, they hope to smooth over the rough spots on the 100 yard butterfly, the 200 yard freestyle, and 400 yard freestyle relay, which are soft areas on the Foresters' path to success.

## Laker gymnasts try to find their own

### Stiff competition keeps them in 2nd place

Always a bridesmaid, never a bride.

That is the way Lake Clifton's gymnastics coach Sue Freeland describes her team's luck.

"We have finished in second place for the past four years," said Freeland. "The 77-78 season was a bright spot for our program when we won our division title."

Posting a 1-4 season so far this year, Coach Freeland has high hopes for the 11-person squad made up of juniors and seniors.

"I believe that some of my girls, especially my seniors, have a good chance to place high in the finals," explained Freeland.

Seniors Zina Barrow, Debbie Ferbee, Sheena Young, Sandra Jenkins and Pat Allen provide the backbone of the team in the floor, beam and vaulting events.

Though not a senior, junior Jackie Yancey should do well in the beam competition.

"Jackie is one of the hardest workers on the team, giving 100 percent every single day," said Coach Freeland. "As a sophomore, she placed 6th in last year's finals."

The only weak spot for the Lakers is the parallel bars, with only one girl competing, junior Jackie Moore, who has developed the needed strengths and skills for the event.

Despite that weak spot, however, Coach Freeland has a "nice bunch of girls" who work well with the right spirit and attitude.

(AFRO Photo by Mark Gail)
LAKE CLIFTON GYMNASTS — are good, but face stiff competition in the form of opponents from Western. Shown during recent practice are (L - R) Debbie Ferbee, Jackie Yancey, Sheena Young and Zina Barrow.

## City female hoopsters fight through first varsity season

By Mark Gail
AFRO Staff Writer

Lacking height, a consistent offense and varsity playing experience, City's coach Sue Young is optimistically hoping to finish the season at .500.

Chalking up a 4-6 record, the lady Black Knights are finding a rough road to travel in their first varsity basketball season.

Last year on the junior varsity level, City found the road a lot smoother, running up a 13-3 record and played in the junior varsity championship, losing to Dunbar.

"We have learned that things that worked on a junior varsity level just don't work on a varsity level," said Coach Young. "Little mistakes, like turnovers, are no problem in j.v., but in varsity play a good team will take advantage of it."

The small City squad is led by 6-1 center Melissa Higgs, who is the leading scorer and rebounder. Helping Higgs are Carla Kelch, the floor general, and Kim Jefferson, who can stay with anybody playing in the guard slot.

Juanetta Robinson, with her deadly outside shooting, and Faith Person, the second leading scorer who "always hustles," according to coach Young, fill out the Black Knights starting five.

Coming off the bench are back-up center Katanya Cooper, Co-Lynn Harrison, Connie Anderson and Theresa Johnson.

City's team is made up of only sophomores and juniors, who, according to Coach Young, are a very "coachable" group.

"They have good fundamental skills but the lack of varsity experience makes them have to match their skills with sheer desire to win," said Young.

The Black Knights play well together as a team, while not giving up, even when falling behind on the court.

And if being close counted, they would have a lot more wins to their credit. Already this season, they have lost by two points to Southern and by a mere eight points to both Carver and Douglass.

"We are slowly beginning to overcome our mistakes," said Young. "It's just that we fall asleep for one quarter and then have to play catch up."

She smiled.

"Maybe the game should be played in three quarters instead of four," she said.

(AFRO Photo by Mark Gail)
CITY FORWARD FAITH PEARSON — looks for opening as Patterson guards work just as hard to block her out in City - Patterson match this week. City lost, 41 - 25.

## Sports Schedule

**Friday, January 30**

**Basketball - Girls**

Dunbar vs. Towson Catholic at Calvert Hall - 6:30

**Monday, February 2**

**Basketball - Boys**

Poly at Southern - 3:15
Northwestern at Northern - 3:15

**Wrestling**

Northern at Patterson - 3:45

**Gymnastics**

Lake Clifton at Poly - 3:15

**Tuesday, February 3**

**Wrestling**

Edmondson at Boys Latin - 3:45
Forest Park at Severn - 3:45
Mervo at Curley - 3:45
Southwestern at Friends - 3:45
Lake Clifton at Southern - 3:45
Northwestern at Carver - 3:45

**Swimming**

Douglass at Edmondson - 3:45
Northwestern at Gilman - 3:30
Dunbar at Northern - 3:30
Forest Park at Mervo - 3:45
Severn at Southwestern - 3:30
Patterson at Carver - 3:45
Lake Clifton at City - 3:30

**Basketball - Girls**

Edmondson at Lake Clifton - 3:15
Southwestern at Northwestern - 3:30
Walbrook at Eastern - 3:30
Carver at Western - 3:30
Northern at Mervo - 3:30
Forest Park at Dunbar - 3:30
City at Douglass - 3:30

**Wednesday, February 4**

**Basketball - Boys**

Southwestern at Southern - 3:15
Patterson at Northwestern - 3:30
Poly at Mervo - 3:15
Lake Clifton at Walbrook - 3:15
Forest Park at Dunbar - 3:15
Northern at Carver - 3:15
Edmondson at City - 3:15

**Swimming**

Poly at McDonogh - 3:30

**Basketball - Girls**

Patterson at Southern - 3:30

**Gymnastics**

Western at Forest Park - 3:30

**Thursday, February 5**

**Wrestling**

Northwestern at Lake Clifton - 3:45
Southern at Edmondson - 3:45
Severn at Northern - 3:45
Curley at Patterson - 3:45
Lutheran at Mervo - 3:45
Forest Park at Walbrook - 3:45
City at Southwestern - 3:45
Douglass at Boys Latin - 3:45
Carver at Friends - 3:45

**Swimming**

Northwestern at Douglass - 3:45

**Basketball - Girls**

Western at Forest Park

## Despite roundball tradition Lake Clifton wrestlers have record of their own

By Samuel Davis

Face it, basketball is the number one sport at Lake Clifton High School.

For the past few years, with its successful contention in the Maryland Scholastic Association's A Conference, the basketball program at Lake Clifton has overshadowed every other sport at the 10-year old institution.

Even though the school's football team wrapped up the MSA "B" Conference football title for the first time, basketball season is upon the northeast Baltimore school, and all else is second.

Getting lost in the success of the basketball team is a very noticeable wrestling program. For nine years, under the coaching of Don Morrison, Lake Clifton wrestlers have never suffered a losing season.

In the 1978-79 season, the Laker mat men won their first "B" Conference title ever. Last season's club won nine matches and lost two to finish in second place in their division.

"Basketball is king over here," said Morrison, who joined Lake Clifton in 1972 after 10 years at Forest Park, especially the spectator wise.

"The gym could easily be filled for basketball games, but never for wrestling. Of course, I have to admit sometimes I sneak upstairs and watch basketball games. The lack of fans has not hampered the team's performance so it's nothing real bad."

Morrison's view is apparently accurate, as his teams have succeeded without strong viewer support. This season has been no different as the Lakers are topping their basketball teams as well as the MSA's "B" Conference Division I. The team has won 7 matches and lost none, and five of the wins are in the division.

Using a combination of veterans and newcomers, Morrison has kept his team in contention through the years and it is what has kept them rolling this year. The team is wrestling at a pace so furious just one match has threatened to go to an opponent.

"I try to keep the teams balanced so that I don't have a senior team one year and all freshmen the next," explained Morrison, who has five seniors, five juniors and three freshmen wrestling in the 12 weight categories.

The seniors are the backbone of the team, where their combined records read 32-2 in five weight classes. Two members of the championship football team handle the two heaviest spots.

At 187 pounds, William Curtis, who finished third in the MSA's wrestling tournament at the end of last season, is 7-0 with five pins. The unlimited contender is Dorian Gary, who also has a 7-0 record. He has pinned four opponents.

Ken Lipka wrestles at 114 pounds, boasting a 7-0 record and five pins. Kevin Baylor and Eugene Ayeres are the two remaining seniors, Baylor wrestling at 100 pounds with a 6-1 record, and Ayeres at 140 and also a 6-1 record.

Two more of Morrison's wrestlers are unbeaten—Robert Rivers, a 120 pound 10th grader, and Ron Phifer, who shares the 134 pound class with Bernard Vice. The team is rounded out by juniors Alex Williams and Alvin Wiley.

Freshman Anthony Bennett wrestles at 147 and is 2-5, while another freshman, Mike Arlington, in the 167 class, 3-3-1. Wendell Arrington, the 128-pound contender, has won two matches and lost four.

William Curtis

## 2 Mt. St. Joe students sign with N.C. college

Rodney Brown and Wilbert Allen, two players from the Mt. St. Joseph High School football team, have signed to play next year with Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Rodney played wingback and ran back kickoffs for the Gaels and was instrumental in the win over highly rated South Carroll. He caught a swing pass and ran 74 yards with the pigskin for the winning TD in the 21-14 win.

Wilbert Allen, a Baltimore City resident, led the 1979 JV team to a division championship. As a varsity performer this year, he had what appeared to be the game winning TD run, a 36-yard scamper against Poly. Poly came back to win the pivotal game, 14-13.

Both Brown and Allen were recruited by ex-coach Hal Sparks and played an important role in establishing the Gaels as a football contender each season. Coach John Flen, Livingstone College backfield coach said, "these two players will give us the speed we need and will also help our track program.

"We are happy they accepted football scholarships to Livingstone College," he said.

## Public school wrestling tourney

The Baltimore City Public School system has announced the first annual Baltimore Public Schools Wrestling Tournament, to be held at Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School on Friday, Feb. 13 and Saturday, Feb. 14.

The first matches will begin at 2:30 p.m. and on Saturday, they will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The tournament will feature 15 schools in the public school system with 180 wrestlers competing. A team trophy using the Federstion point system and a "Most Valuable Player" trophy will also be awarded.

Tickets are $1 for Friday and $1.50 for Saturday's events.

For more information, call Mark Schlenoff, tournament director, at 396-6491.


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# Reagan tells where he stands on rights

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# Man held in teacher's murder

## He acts in Atlanta case

WASHINGTON — President Reagan says there "will be no retreat" on civil rights legislation — but that he opposes affirmative action programs that set up racial and other minority quota systems.

While Reagan's statement put him on record as favoring civil rights, his opposition to affirmative action, which was endorsed by the Carter administration to put minorities in jobs traditionally closed to them, most likely will be a major reason for civil rights spokesmen to charge that Reagan is talking out of both sides of his mouth — if not indeed, retreating on civil rights.

"There will be no retreat," Reagan told his first White House news conference last Thursday. "This administration is going to be dedicated to equality.

"I think we've made some great progress in the civil rights field. I think there are some things, however, that have, that may not be as useful as they once were or that may even be distorted in the practice such as some affirmative action programs becoming quota systems.

"And I'm old enough to remember when quotas existed in the United States for the purpose of discrimination, and I don't want to see that happen again."

Reagan also called the death or disappearance of 17 black children in Atlanta a "most tragic case," and said the federal government will do what it can to help investigate.

Reagan said he had just received a request from Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson to meet on the subject.

"A few minutes before I came in here, that message was handed to me that the Atlanta Mayor wanted to talk and we are going to get someone in touch with him immediately," Reagan said.

But he said "possibly civil rights violations would be the only basis on which we would have jurisdiction down there."

"There's been no evidence of crossing state lines or anything . . . and yet we want to be helpful because that is a most tragic case and so we will be meeting on that very shortly," he said.

In response to Reagan's orders, Justice Department representatives met Friday with Atlanta officials to explore ways the federal government can further help in the investigation of Atlanta's child slayings.

Deputy Attorney General Charles Renfrew and Kenn Starr, counsel to the attorney general, promised to take back to Washington Mayor Jackson's appeal for "federal help of any kind and every kind." Jackson said the probe had already cost the city $500,000.

Renfrew said he would be back in touch with Jackson this week

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UPI Photo
HE SURVIVED IT — Ronald Harns, 23, plummets from the roof of his four-story Brooklyn, N. Y. apartment building Jan. 28 in the apparent aftermath of a quarrel with his mother. Harns missed an airbag by about five feet. He was listed in stable condition at a New York hospital. His mother said Harns had gotten "bad drugs."

## Suspect worked with husband

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

The AFRO has learned that the 27-year-old radio dispatcher who has been charged with the Jan. 14 murder of a Carver High School teacher, had visited the family to offer his condolences during the period of mourning.

Police report Johnny Lee Daniels, 27, of the 2900 block Bowers Ave., was arrested Jan. 29 at his home. He is also charged with use of a handgun in committing a felony and is being held without bail at City Jail.

Mrs. Ethel Mae Love Bond, The 56-year -old teacher was shot to death as she attempted to open her front door. Witnesses report an unidentified man called her an odscene name and shot her in the throat, chest and left thigh.

Mrs. Ethel Mae Love Bond

Clarence Bond, husband of Mrs. Bond and transportation director for the West Baltimore Community Health Care Corporation worked with the suspect.

Daniels had been employed as a radio dispatcher for nearly seven years. Bond told the AFRO, "He (the suspect) seemed to be a very fine young man and got along with everyone."

According to Bond, the suspect had never had any arguments with his wife and said, "I just don't know...."

AFRO sources said the suspect worked the day Mrs. Bond was killed and returned to work the following day.

Mrs. Bond had been employed with the Department of Education for 26 years and had been teaching at Carver for 10 years. She had served as chairman of the health care corporation board for whom her husband worked. Police investigating the case had interviewed more than 50 people. Daniels will appear in Western District Court on Feb. 26 for preliminary hearing.

## Diana, Michael, EWF win awards

Singers Diana Ross and Michael Jackson smile happily with the American Music Awards awarded on nationally televised show. Miss Ross won two awards, one for favorite female soul vocalist and one for "Upside Down" favorite soul single. Jackson won for "Off The Wall" and favorite male soul singer.

By Ida Peters

Teddy Pendergrass was co-host and sang "Love TKO"; Stephanie Mills performed "I Never Knew Love Like This Before" and the O'Jays, "My Girl", all sensational outstanding performances on the American Music Awards last Friday night on National television.

However, none of the above were winners as the public's favorite recording artists of 1980.

Diana Ross won two awards for favorite Pop/Rock single, "Upside Down" and for favorite soul single, "Upside Down".

Michael Jackson, dressed in faded jeans with sequinned sweater and formal collar won for favorite soul male vocalist George Benson and Teddy Pendergrass. Earth, Wind and Fire won as favorite soul group over Kool and the Gand and The O'Jays. They were not on hand to receive their awards along with other top winners including Kenny Rogers, Billy Joel and the Eagles.

The Dick Clark produced show was outstanding this year with Teddy Pendergrass and host Rod

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## Ali's name on fishy accounts

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — An embezzlement scheme that may have cost the Wells Fargo Bank as much as $20 million involved accounts with former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali's name on them, it was disclosed Saturday.

A spokesman for Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, Inc. (MAPS) said the organization would continue to promote fights despite the former champion's tenuous connection to the embezzlement.

An officer of the bank, who is also an associate of Ali, was one of two suspects in an investigation of the alleged theft, it was reported. The nature of his relationship with the three-time heavyweight boxing champion was not disclosed, however.

A bank spokesman said the way the money was taken included moving internal business accounts into dummy non-profit accounts, one of which was called the "Muhammad Youth Atheltic

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## DHR exec explains why fuel is late for needy families

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

According to Charles Tildon, assistant secretary for community programs at the department of Human Resources, the bugs in the Maryland Energy Assistance Program have been ironed out, and those energy distributors who have not been paid will receive reimbursements before the end of next week.

Tildon said that the delays in the program, which have left many state residents without heat, were due to several factors, including the relative newness of the MEAP.

"This year," he said, "we decided to pre-pay vendors, unlike last year when the vendors did not get paid until after they delivered. This new system has some problems, due to the transmission system in the computers."

The computers Tildon referred to are those owned by Tymeshares, Inc., a Pennsylvania-based data-processing firm which is responsible for determining the final eligibility of applicants for the energy assistance program.

The company which currently assists energy assistance programs in ten states including Maryland, was awarded the contract to service the Maryland program after a bidding process, according to Tildon.

"We had planned to issue payments to the energy companies every week, and we paid them for two weeks in a row, (the first two weeks of January), but the computer broke down and we have just resumed payments," he told the AFRO.

Tildon said that payments should be up to date by the end of next week.

Participants in the program have suffered because energy suppliers participating have refused to deliver any more fuel until they have been paid.

Also, since eligibility guidelines have been broadened, local social service programs who administer the program have been swamped with a backload of applications.

Ruth Herring, of the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Program, said that 1230 applications have been mailed to Pennsylvania and an additional 1200 requests have yet to be processed.

Tildon said that $8 million has been paid out to the participating vendors to date, and that by the end of next week more than $10

Tildon said he and Frank Welch, DHR director of community services, have been "working around the clock" to process those applications held up due to the computer malfunction. He said that the files should be brought up to date by next week.

HERO'S WELCOME — Charles Jones of Detroit, the lone black among the 52 freed hostages, waves to crowds as he and his wife Mattie ride up Broadway during ticker tape parade in New York City for the 52.

## Community creates plan to save Monumental

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

A group of concerned citizens concerned about the future of Monumental Health Plan have formed an action plan aimed at saving the troubled health maintenance organization.

Monumental, which has been under fire by both state and federal officials, stands to lose its state and federal license along with the second $1 million installment of a federal loan.

Concerned Citizens for the Support of Monumental Health Plan met Jan. 30 in a strategy session which produced a list of items that could generate community and financial support for the health plan.

A meeting has been scheduled this week between members of the coalition and Howard Veit,

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## Jones recalls days as hostage

The only black hostage held in Iran throughout the 444-day ordeal says his captors treated him the same as they did the other Americans.

At the same time Charles Jones, the communications specialist from Detroit, clarified remarks he had made about having been treated like an animal in a zoo.

Participating in a press conference at West Point, Jones explained: "We were fed, like, at certain times; were being watched all the time.

"In other words, that's what I was talking about. I wasn't talking about being treated as an animal in a zoo."

One of the first detailed interviews with Jones ran in the German magazine, Stern.

In it Jones related how he and other captives kept up their spirits with late night clandestine conversations while their captors slept.

Jones said he spent the last six months in a cell with three other former hostages in Iran's Revolutionary Committee Tehran Prison.

"As long as the guards stayed out of our cells we were satisfied," he said. "Sometimes they acted like real men, sometimes like terrorists. But as

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