Looking back at the 1981 Birds

ATTENDANCE: Despite the fact that the Orioles lost 25 home dates due to the baseball strike, the club attracted 1,024,247 fans in 55 dates at Memorial Stadium. It marks the seventh consecutive season and the 15th time in 28 years that the O's have gone over the one million mark in home attendance. Baltimore went over the half million mark in its 23rd home date on May 31, the earliest in club history that the O's have reached 500,000.

The Birds opener against Kansas City on April 10 drew 50,323, an opening day record. The club also drew over 50,000 against Detroit on May 30 when 51,464 attended, the third largest regular season crowd in team history. A three - game, mid - week series with New York, May 25 - 27, attracted 124,464, largest ever for an all - week - night series and the greatest attended series prior to mid - June in Memorial Stadium history. Detroit followed the Yankees into town, May 29 - 31, and drew 102,517 for three dates, marking the first time the club has ever had back - to - back 100,000 plus series. The total attendance for that six - game homestand was 226,981 (an average of 37,830), second best in club annals.

On the road, Baltimore drew 954,261 for 50 dates and was one of five American League clubs to average over 20,000 away from home.

BATTING - HOME RUNS: The Orioles' overall team batting average of .251 placed them 11th in the A.L. The Birds batted .262 in the first half and .240 in the second half. While the O's were just seventh overall with 88 home runs, they hit 49 in 51 second - half games to trail only Oakland (50). Those 49 home runs accounted for 49 percent of the club's second - half run production (99 of 201 runs).

Baltimore led the major leagues with five grand slam home runs, all of which were hit at Memorial Stadium between August 15 and September 7: DOUG DeCINCES, August 15 vs. Chicago; EDDIE MURRAY, August 16 vs. Chicago; DeCinces, August 27 vs. California; LENN SAKATA, September 6 vs. Oakland; Murray, September 7 vs. Cleveland. Murray, DeCinces, and the Mets' Dave Kingman were the only major league players with two slams. The Orioles hit five of the A.L.'s 20 total slams and no other major league club had more than two.

The Birds also tied Detroit for the A.L. lead with 404 bases on balls and topped the majors by grounding into 110 double plays. The club was fifth in the circuit in doubles (165) and on - base percentage (.331).

BEST IN THE LEAGUE: For the third consecutive season, the Orioles had the American League's best record in night games at 46 - 28 (.622). In '80, the O's set a major league record with 79 victories under the lights. However, the Birds had their trouble in day games this season, winning just 13 of 31 decisions to place ninth in the circuit. The club was just 6 - 13 on Sundays.

Baltimore also led the A.L. in performance in one - run games for the second time in the last three years with a 21 - 7 (.750) mark.

DESIGNATED HITTERS: Orioles' designated hitters combined for a .252 average (96 - for - 381), sixth in the A.L., with 11 homers and 57 runs batted in (fifth in league). Four players saw extensive time in that role: TERRY CROWLEY, .257 (28 - for - 109), 4 hr, 20 rbi in 42 games . . . KEN SINGLETON, .284 (31 - for - 109), 3 hr, 15 rbi in 30 games . . . BENNY AYALA, .265 (18 - for - 68), 2 hr, 8 rbi in 27 games . . . JOSE MORALES, .221 (15 - for - 68), 2 hr, 11 rbi in 22 games.

DOUBLEHEADERS: The O's participated in six twinbills in '81, more than any A.L. club except Oakland (7), winning two, losing three, and splitting one. The lone split came against Kansas City on August 12, Baltimore's only doubleheader of the second half. The team was 2-0 in twin-night doubleheaders but 0 - 3 - 1 in daytime twinbills.

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Jim Palmer
the old standby

Injuries

The Birds were hit hardest by injuries on the pitching staff. STEVE STONE, who won the A.L.'s Cy Young Award with a club record 25 wins in '80, was placed on the disabled list on May 18 with tendinitis in his right elbow and did not pitch again until Aug. 20. Stone was also bothered by recurring arm problems in September and made just 12 starts all year. MIKE FLANAGAN was sidelined from Aug. 25 to Sept. 18 with a torn muscle in his left forearm, ending a streak of 157 consecutive starts.

Tippy Martinez
talented relief

Mike Flanagan
fireball lefthander

Pitching

Baltimore finished eighth in the league with a 3.70 earned run average, the club's second highest era in the last 25 years. The O's had never finished lower than sixth in the A.L. in team era in 27 previous seasons. The O's had a 3.45 era in 54 first - half games and a 3.94 mark in 51 second - half contests. The Birds were tied for fifth with ten shutouts, three of those coming by 1 - 0 scores.

Scott McGregor
13-5 last season

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City hands Douglass High raw deal

Radio WEBB to air around the clock

After a 13-year effort on the part of station WEBB-AM to be granted a license to operate 24 hours-a-day, the Federal Communications Commission has finally okayed the move.

The final step for WEBB, the city's only black - owned broadcast outlet, to assume an all-day, all night format hinges upon the approval of a City Council zoning change amendment.

Dorothy Brunson, WEBB's owner, told the AFRO the amendment to change the zoning ordinance that would allow construction of a radio tower in the Seton section of Northwest Baltimore, will be introduced at a City Council meeting in about two weeks.

If approved and once the tower is completed, which could take a year, Ms. Brunson said her station can begin expanding its service and coverage to the community.

She described WEBB as an "adult-oriented" station that does not play "rap records or hard disco." Ms. Brunson said she hoped also to expand the station's news coverage operations, hire

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Teddy out of intensive care

Soul Singer Teddy Pendergrass, 32, partially paralyzed following a March 18 auto accident in which his 1981 Rolls Royce crashed into several trees in the West Germantown section of Philadelphia, remains in stable condition at a Philadelphia hospital and soon may be released from the intensive care ward.

Tanika Watson, Pendergrass' companion in the car during the accident, is described by her attorney, Julius Fioravanti, as still being "confused, depressed and under medication" following the accident.

Watson, also known as John, is an alleged transsexual entertainer, who impersopates singer-actress Diana Ross during a nightclub act. The en-

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His pal Tanika called 'very attractive'

(Reproduced from the Los Angeles Sentinel)

TANIKA WATSON - Teddy Pendergrass' companion, who was trapped with him in the wreck of his 1981 Rolls Royce, according to Philadelphia police is very much "alive" and still resides at the West Philadelphia address listed on accident records. A Philadelphia cop at the scene told a JET magazine writer, "She was a very attractive female. She was wearing dark clothing, but there was nothing cheap looking about her."

Minority contractors left out of renovation of historic school

Calling it "the last straw," Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D-7th, has called for an April 12 demonstration-rally in from of City Hall to challenge the exclusion of black contracting firms from "significant participation" in the $7.2 million renovation of Douglass High School.

Mitchell said two black firms were offered subcontracts of $12,00 and $8,000, but that he was pleased the offers were rejected.

"It's not just (token) participation, it is equitable, fair participation," contractors are seeking, Mitchell said.

Speaking at a Tuesday press conference at his Bloomingdale Rd. office, the congressman was joined and endorsed by leaders from several business and civic organizations, including Enolia McMillan, of the NAACP, Arnold Jolivet, of the Maryland Minority Contractors Association and Hannibal Mickens, of the Douglass High School Alumni Association.

Cautioning blacks about becoming content as "pawns on Baltimore's economic chessboard," Mitchell said economic integration into the economic mainstream is vital to the continuation of social equality.

"We have our political rights, its money we need now. Economically, we are way behind," Mrs. McMillan said, adding economic development is a top priority of the NAACP.

CAM Construction Company, Inc. was awarded the contract to renovate Douglass High School, but its proposal did not include specific plans to use black subcontractors.

Instead, CAM subcontracted a Randallstown company, New Look Painting and Decorating, which is owned by a white woman.

State guidelines include women as minorities, making them eligible for minority contract benefits. City guidelines do not.

Further, the state only requires 10 percent minority participation in construction contracts it funds, while the city requires 15 to 25 percent.

Because the state actually funds the renovation, state guidelines were used by the Board of Estimates in approving awarding the contract to CAM, a maneuver Jolivet said evades the intent of the law.

"In my opinion, the city has not lived up to the spirit of the law," he said.

Mitchell voiced a similar view. "The city did not violate the law, they just chose the wrong option," Mitchell said, noting the city could have applied its own standards.

Douglass High has educated a host of notable blacks, including Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Cab Calloway, Parren J. Mitchell.

HUB 2nd annual awards Saturday

HUB's Second Annual Awards Banquet will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton downtown, culminating a week of consumer education activities focusing attention on HUB's "Buy in, Buy us" message urging black economic unity.

Joe Black, former Dodger great and presently a corporate vice-president for the Greyhound Corporation will address the convention on the issue of blacks and economic responsibility in the 1980s as the banquet and keynote speaker.

Mr. Black arrived in Baltimore Thursday and will participate in a number of civic functions before the Saturday banquet.

Joe Black, who became a legendary figure in the world of sports as the first black to pitch in the World Series, began his baseball career in Baltimore, pitching for the Elite Giants of the Negro National League.

Black broke into the major leagues with the Dodgers in 1952, and was the winningest pitcher on the staff. He was named rookie of the year.

He finished his career with the Senators in 1957, and eventually moved on to the Greyhound Corporation, where he became a vice president in 1969, a posiiton he holds currently.

Joe Black, who graduated from Morgan State University, will stress black economic independence in his keynote speech at the Saturday banquet.

An outspoken individual, Black stresses blacks cannot continue to be dependent on government handouts.

"It's foolhardy for blacks to think we cannot survive (without welfare.) God gave us a mind for thinking. We have to figure out our problems rather than standing on the corner and crying 'woe is me,'" he told the AFRO on Thursday.

He added all problems do not stem from Reaganomics, and to think so would be to divert attention from meaningful efforts to respond to the present economy.

If warm days ever come...

AFRO photos by Roman Hankewycz

MONDAWMIN MALL EASTER FASHION SHOW — The latest in evening and beachwear is modeled by Candace Easterling (L) and Gwen Keliam (R) during the first of Mondawmin Mall's Easter Fashion Shows Saturday, April 3 in Center Court in the mall. (see Our World section for full story and more pictures)

Saundra Banks will seek re-election

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Mrs. Saundra E. Banks, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, filed this week to run for re-election as chief clerk.

The 33 - year - old former school teacher, who has served as the chief clerk for four years said, "It is going to be a difficult election" but she feels very confident about winning.

"My four years in this office have been successful. This election to me is significant. I am the only black female who has successfully run for a local city wide office excluding judgeships" she told the AFRO.

Patriscya E. Duncan, former chief deputy of the Court of Common Pleas announced her candidacy for clerk of the court last week.

"My candidacy also holds out hope to the black community that we can successfully run for other city wide positions and be succesful," Mrs. Banks said.

The six city courts will be consolidated following the election. Mrs. Banks said there have been several occasions where the white community has simply rejected a black candidate solely based on race without given due consideration of qualifications.

"My first campaign was successful with the support of the entire community white and black. The thing that makes me proud is that I did not have to sell my soul or make a retrenchment of any of my values or principles.

"I recognize that the broad base of my support will be in the black community and I have demonstrated to the citizens of this city that I want to give all of them the service, courtesy and respect they deserve," Mrs. Banks said.

Mrs. Banks is a graduate of Morgan State College, and an active member of Providence Inspirational Baptist Church.

She said she has received the support and endorsement from every black political organization and the active support of Rep. Parren Mitchell. Mrs. Banks said she plans to start campaigning in neighborhoods this month.

Mrs. Saundra E. Banks

Workfare bill killed

House Bill 13, a bill that would have forced welfare recipients to work off their grants, was killed Wednesday in the Senate Finance Committee in Annapolis.

Sen. Louise G. Murphy, D-44th, told the AFRO even though the bill had cleared the House of Delegates earlier in the session, it received an unfavorable report and was voted down by the eight-member committee by 5 to 3.

After hearing testimony from such groups as the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization, the legislators reached the understanding the bill would "not help the people," Sen. Murphy said.

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