AFRO SPORTS

FUN OFF THE FIELD — Post-season bowl appearances give college football players chance to enjoy proverbial "fun and games" as is demonstrated here by Joseph Bailey of the Maryland University eleven. The Terp safety cuts a wing with a Texas beauty at Sun Bowl hospitality scene, icing on cake that marked Maryland's victory over Tennessee at El Paso.

Bears versus 49ers

Payton may show off another NFL dimension this weekend

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — "If they want me to, I'll give it a try."

That was Walter Payton's response to questions about his possible use as punter for the Chicago Bears when they play the 49ers at San Francisco Sunday for the NFC championship and a berth in the NFL Super Bowl.

Payton, who has set records as a running back, played quarterback and thrown touchdown passes from the halfback option, may be called upon to fill in as the team's kicker.

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Bears' Coach Mike Ditka said Monday that regular punter Dave Finzer injured his right kicking leg in last Sunday's 23-19 victory over the Washington Redskins.

If Finzer cannot punt against the 49ers, Ditka will turn to either Payton or third-string quarterback Rusty Lisch.

"Dave's injury is the most serious one," Ditka said. "He hurt it on the saving tackle on a runback. We'll know more about it later this week."

Ditka said if Finzer cannot punt, Payton, who punted some in college, at Jackson State, could be the punter.

"We'd look to either Walter or Rusty Lisch," Ditka said.

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Quarterback Jim McMahon, sidelined with a lacerated kidney since early November, said at halftime of the victory over the Redskins he expected to be back for the Super Bowl should Chicago advance. Ditka conceded McMahon was a good competitor but wouldn't say whether his No. 1 quarterback could be ready to replace starter Steve Fuller.

"There are a lot of football games you can play," said Ditka, "but you only have one kidney."

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Oddsmakers have listed Chicago as between a nine and 10 point underdog against the 15-1 49ers. Ditka said he likes having his club being the role of the underdog.

Wide receiver Dennis McKinnon, who returned to action after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery late in the season, said he isn't surprised the club is still an underdog.

"We haven't gotten the respect all year. It doesn't surprise me," McKinnon said. "We beat this team last year (13-3) and we're still underdogs."

Ditka also said that playing at Candlestick Park may be as tough for his club as it was playing at RFK Stadium. He recalled in his final year as an assistant with Dallas, the 49ers beat the Cowboys 28-27.

"And the crowd in that game was as loud as any place I've heard," he said. "Their fans can make a difference."

Chicago Bears' Walter Payton running back, quarterback, etcetera

Sugar Ray hurt in auto crash

BELTSVILLE, Md. (UPI) — Former boxing Champion Sugar Ray Leonard was injured in a car accident Wednesday night.

Leonard, of Potomac, was listed in stable condition at Prince George's General Hospital with bruises to his chest and cuts on his face and wrists, police said.

Police said Leonard, 28, was driving south on Route 1 in a new jeep about 7:35 p.m. when a man heading north in a pick up truck attempted to make a left turn onto Montgomery Lane.

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The truck hit Leonard's jeep and pushed it into another car waiting at a light on Montgomery Lane, police said. The driver of the other car was not injured.

Police identified the driver of the truck as 19-year-old Brent Sharp, a marine stationed in Washington, D.C. Sharp was not injured but he was charged with failure to yield right-of-way and driving an unregistered and uninsured car.

Leonard retired two years ago from boxing after sustaining a detatched retina in his eye. He announced his comeback last winter and defeated Kevin Howard in the spring - only to announce his retirement again.

Sugar Ray Leonard condition stable

Zina brings No. 9 ranking to DC Monday

Area sports fans get an opportunity Monday to see the leading black player on the woman's professional tennis tour.

Zina Garrison, ranked No. 9 in the world and winner of $179,014 on the last year's Virginia Slims circuit, is entered in the annual $150,000 event which runs all next week at George Washington University's Smith Center courts.

It will be her first start in the U.S., since she captured the European Indoor title in Zurich.

She was a finalist here last January, losing to Hana Mandlikova in the championship match.

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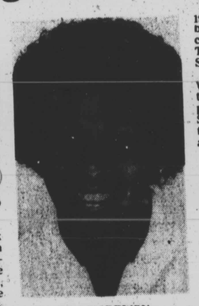
Garrison is the first black woman to grace the top-10 in women's tennis since Althea Gibson accomplished the feat more than 30 years ago. In her prime, Gibson won consecutive Wimbledon and U.S. Open titles. Garrison is just beginning to realize her potential, and may someday surpass even Gibson's great achievements.

Early in her amateur career, Garrison, a Houston native, became the first black female to earn the No. 1 spot in the Texas region. In 1981, she was the best junior player in the world, winning both the Wimbledon and U.S. Open Junior titles. That same year, she was selected "Female Amateur Athlete of the Year" by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Since turning professional in 1982, this 5 foot 4, 128-pounder has blazed through the women's circuit, beating top players Wendy Turnbull, Andrea Jaeger, Pam Shriver and Mandlikova.

The Virginia Slims of Washington is a major event of the Virginia Slims World Championships Series. The Virginia Slims Series spans four continents and 11 countries to offer a year-round format in which top women tennis players compete for the title of world champion.

The undisputed champion will be determined by points accumulated during tournament play throughout the year. Players with the highest point totals through the Virginia slims Championship at Madison Square Garden, March 18-24, 1985, will share a record-breaking $1 million bonus pool.



ZINA GARRISON

Ex-Poet Wingate leads Hoyas in Big East debut

Former Baltimore Dunbar High School star and Sam Lacy Scholarship Award winner David Wingate hit 17 points and paced Georgetown to a 73-56 rout of Seton Hall at Capital Centre Wednesday night.

It was the Big East Basketball Conference opener for both teams.

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The Hoyas, playing under Assistant Coach Craig Esherick because of a throat infection to head coach John Thompson, jumped to a 9-0 lead after 4½ minutes. Georgetown, 12-0, has won 23 in a row over two years.

Seton Hall, led by Andre McCloud's game-high 20 points, closed to 23-19. But the Hoyas scored 6 of the half's final 8 points to lead 37-25.

After trading baskets early in the final half, Seton Hall, paced by McCloud's three field goals, scored 7 straight points to pull to 17-40 with 12 minutes left. Georgetown answered with 10 straight points, 4 by Wingate, to put the game out of reach.

The Pirates, who won their four previous games, fell to 9-3.

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Wingate was the 1982 winner of the Project Survival scholarship named for the AFRO sports editor.

Another Hoya starter, Reggie Williams, was the 1983 scholarship awardee; he also is a product of Baltimore Dunbar and Post Coach Bob Wade.

David Wingate Survival scholarship winner

'85 Bowie stakes series to open

Bowie Race Course will open the new stakes year by presenting the 23rd running of the $25,000-added E. Palmer Heagerty for Maryland-bred 3-year-olds on Saturday.

Several stakes winners are gearing up for the six and one-half furlong headliner which honors the Baltimore born chartcaller for the Daily Racing Form who died in 1966.

Among the list of nominees are Fourbroc Stable's Rain Shelter, a divisional winner of the Tri-State Futurity who was runnerup in the Bowie Juvenile Stakes; Fred A. Greenwalt's Bea Quality, who is riding a streak of three consecutive stakes victories; Judy Bujnicki's rags-to-riches gelding Doubly Clear and other stakes placed candidates.

Basketball

NBA WEEKEND

Thursday

Washington @ Cleveland 8:00
L.A. Clippers @ Milwaukee 6:30
Dallas @ San Antonio 7:30
Indiana @ Golden State 7:30
Seattle @ Portland 7:30

Friday

New York @ Boston 8:00
Phoenix @ New Jersey 7:30
Atlanta @ Detroit 7:30
Milwaukee @ Chicago 7:30
L.A. Clippers @ Kansas City 7:30
Denver @ Utah 7:30
Portland @ L.A. Lakers 7:30

Saturday

Chicago @ New York 7:30
Detroit @ Washington 7:30
New Jersey @ Atlanta 7:30
Phoenix @ Cleveland 8:00
Philadelphia @ Milwaukee 8:00
Kansas City @ Dallas 7:30
L. A. Clippers @ Denver 7:30
Houston @ Golden State 8:00
Indiana @ Seattle 7:30

Sunday

Houston @ Utah 7:00
(in Las Vegas)
San Antonio @ L.A. Lakers 7:30
Indiana @ Portland 7:00

Monday

Boston @ New York 8:00
Phoenix @ Philadelphia 7:30
Golden State @ Kansas City 7:30
Utah @ L.A. Clippers 7:30
Dallas @ Seattle 7:30

COLLEGE RESULTS

Norfolk St. 81, Delaware St. 65
Clark 89, Va. State 85
Siena 64, Howard 62 (OT)
Georgetown 61, A and T 56
Seton Hall 97, Tenn. State 88
Central St. 63, Ohio Northern 60
Charleston 75, Ky. State 74
S.W. Texas 54, Grambling 46
Tulsa 92, Alcorn 79

Baltimore cager on W. Maryland 5

WESTMINSTER, MD. — Henry Montague, a senior from Baltimore, is a starter for the 1984-85 Western Maryland college men's basketball team.

The 6-4 forward has scored 57 points in seven games for an 8.1 point per-game average. He leads the club in field goal percentage at 55 percent and is averaging 4.4 rebounds per game. He scored a season - high 16 points in the Terrors' 77-76 victory over Lebanon Valley.

Western Maryland is currently 4-3 overall and 3-1 in the Southwest Section of the Middle Atlantic Conference. The Terrors return to action January 4 taking on Washington and Jefferson in the Johns Hopkins Tournament.

Montague, a social worker major, is the son of Mrs. Ruth Montague of Ocala Avenue, Baltimore.

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Showtime

Ida M. Peters
What's Happening

Celebrities

Visitors in our AFRO office Wednesday... the day after New Year's... were Ray, Goodman and Brown. Based in Hackensack, N.J. they were in town to appear at Glenn Doughtery's Shake and Bake promotion but there was some doubt they would all put on roller skates.

Since we saw them last in our office in early 1984, they have a new record company Panoramic Records... have been to Germany and the Far East. They are promoting their new album, which they started in June... "All About Love". They visited WWIN, V-103, Gatsby's and Star's Palace. They will visit North Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee cities before going back to the Far East where servicemen at the various bases are crazy about them.

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The Christmas flick featuring Clint Eastwood and Burt Reynolds... "City Heat" from Warner Bros. sent out a press kit featuring pix of Clint and Burt and completely ignoring **IRENE CARA** and **RICHARD ROUNDTREE**. Both have demanding roles and should not have been so ignored. Richard Roundtree plays the character who ignites a gangland explosion and Cara is the speakeasy songbird Ginny Lee who is a witness to a vicious crime.

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Freddie Ellis (**ERIC WALLACE**) thinks his basketball skills will assure his future, but a teacher forces him to see that the odds for a pro career are against him, in the "ABC Afterschool Specials" presentation, "The Hero Who Couldn't Read," airing Wednesday, Jan. 9, on the ABC Television Network. **KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR**, of the Los Angeles Lakers makes a special appearance.

Freddie Ellis doesn't worry about getting through high school because his coach and his friends make it easy for him. He has been taking the "easier" courses, and his girlfriend, Cynthia, writes his term papers. Although Freddie is being courted by a number of colleges because of his athletic prowess, he still has to take the scholastic aptitude exams - a definite problem because he can hardly read. Much to his surprise, however, a plot has been hatched to let Freddie cheat, and he gets a high score.

His new teacher, Mr. Simpson (Clarence Williams III), suspects something is wrong when Freddie's present classroom performance contradicts his past record. When Freddie finally admits that he can't read, Mr. Simpson offers to help him. Freddie is too proud to accept until a near-tragic accident shakes him into realizing that reading can help save a life, and prevent wasting one.

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Sylvester Stallone stars as a New York cop pursuing a professional terrorist who does not hesitate to blow up children if the price is right - a terrorist whose next target is the policeman's wife - in "Nighthawks", a tense tale of action and intrigue which also stars **BILLY DEE WILLIAMS** and Lindsay Wagner.

"Nighthawks" will air on ABC Television Network's "The ABC Sunday Night Movie", Jan. 13.

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Lorenzo Lamas, one of the stars of the hit series "Falcon Crest," and Lisa Hartman, of "Knots Landing," will host the third annual "Miss Teen USA" pageant, in which 51 of the nation's most beautiful teen-aged girls compete for the coveted title of Miss Teen USA 1985. The special will be broadcast live from the James L. Knight International Conference Center in Miami, Tuesday, Jan. 22 on the CBS Network.

KOOL & THE GANG, whose new album "Emergency", and hit single, "Misled," are both currently on the pop charts, are scheduled to perform on the special, as are The Solid Gold Dancers who are making their third appearance on a "Miss Teen USA" broadcast.

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Coming to Painters Mill Jan. 19, New Orleans-born trumpeter **WYNTON MARSALIS** is considered a music phenomenon. He began playing in clubs at 13 and by age 14 he played Hayden's trumpet concerto with the New Orleans Philharmonic. His debut album, "Wynton Marsalis, in 1982 was Down Beat's unanimous choice for Jazz LP of the year. It also earned Marsalis his first Grammy nomination. **Father and Sons**, his second release, which featured his brother Branford and father Ellis on piano spent 30 weeks on Billboard jazz charts.

In 1984 Marsalis made musical history when he won back to back Grammy's in the same year in the categories of Jazz ("Best Soloist") and Classical ("Best Soloist with Orchestra") music for his similtaneous released jazz and classical albums **Think of One** and **Hayden/Hummel/L. Mozart Trumpet Concertos**. Marsalis was also named "Best Trumpeter" and "Jazz Musician of the Year" in the Down Beat Reader's Poll.

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A building at Goldwater Memorial Hospital in New York, where blues singer **ALBERTA HUNTER** worked as a nurse for 20 years, will be renamed in her memory, the city has announced. Hunter, who died recently at 89, began singing when she was 11 but had retired when her career was at its peak to become a nurse at Goldwater. John McLaughlin, president of the city's Health and Hospitals Corp. noted that after her retirement from Goldwater in the early '70s, Hunter went back to singing and became a sensation all over again. "Part of her appeal," he said, "stemmed from her upbeat philosophy of life, which was embodied in her nursing as well as her music."

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Rock star **PRINCE** topped the list of nominees for the 12th annual American Music Awards, with 10 nominations to **LIONEL RICHIE**'s eight and three for last year's big winner, **MICHAEL JACKSON**.

Prince was nominated yesterday in every category for which he was eligible: favorite male vocalist, single, album, male video artist and video single in both pop-rock and black music classifications.

The Minneapolis-bred musician-actor was cited for the soundtrack to his hit film, "Purple Rain," and the single "When Doves Cry."

American Music Awards nominees are determined by year-end sales charts fo major music industry publications.

TINA TURNER, who enjoyed a big comeback in 1984 with the album "Private Dancer" and the single, "What's Love Got To Do With It", scored five nominations, followed by Anne Murray with four nominations in country categories.

Michael Jackson last year won seven voted awards and one special award and is up for favorite black male artist and favorite pop-rock and black album for his phenomenally successful "Thriller". The Jacksons - the group consisting of Michael and his five brothers - had one nomination.

Bruce Spingsteen; Ray Parker Jr.; Kenny Rogers; Hank Williams Jr. and the Statler Brothers also had three nominations each.

Winners to be announced during a January 28 ABC telecast hosted by Richie, will be chosen by a poll of 20,000 music buyers chosen to reflect the nation's geographic, age, sex and ethnic composition.

Goldwater Memorial Hospital has named a building for Alberta Hunter who died Oct. 4, 1984 at age 89. Her career spanned 65 years and three generations. She wrote "Downhearted Blues," made famous by Bessie Smith.

Prince got 10 nominations in the 12th Annual American Music Awards. 20,000 music buyers are now voting and winners will be announced on Jan. 28 ABC telecast.

TRAZANA BEVERLEY, Tony winning actress, tells Santa all about her one-woman show at the Eubie Blake Cultural Center, 409 N. Charles St., Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. She is shown at the Urban Services Cultural Arts Program trim-a-tree party arranged by Mrs. Sylvia Hardison, acting center director.

Irene Cara, who co-wrote 1984 Oscar winning song "Flashdance" and starred in such movies as "D.C. Cab," "Fame" and "Sparkle," is almost ignored as far as pictures in press kit for "City Heat." She will be seen soon with Tatum O'Neal in "A Certain Fury."

Richard Roundtree, who gained fame in "Shaft," plays private eye Dahl Swift in "City Heat" with Burt Reynolds and Clint Eastwood.

BSO accepting applications for 1985 competitions

The Baltimore Symphony will accept applications between now and February 1 for its 1985 Competition for Young Soloists, which for the first time will be held in two separate categories: one for pianists, and one for all other instrumentalists. Preliminaries will take place on Saturday, March 2 at the Peabody Conservatory of Music. Finals follow on Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m. at Peabody's Leakin Hall, and will be open to the public.

The BSO's Competitions for Young Soloists are open to any student in grades 9-12 who is a Maryland resident or enrolled full-time in a public, private or parochial school in the State of Maryland. Applications will be accepted for string instruments, brass, woodwinds, percussion, and guitar in the "other instruments" category. Each applicant must play a movement from a concerto or solo piece with orchestral accompaniment selected from a repertoire list printed directly on the application form. Professional accompanists for all instruments, including piano, will be available at an additional fee of $10 for each contestant.

Winning young soloists will be given the opportunity to perform with the BSO during the season following the competition. Each winner will receive a $250 Lubov Keefer Award, as well as be featured on "The McGraw-Hill's Young Artist Showcase," aired on WQXR in New York and syndicated to radio stations nationwide. The judges will select no more than one winner in each category, and reserve the right not to select any winner if competition standards are not met.

The purpose of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Competitions for Young Soloists is to provide an opportunity for talented young musicians to perform as soloists with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. The goal is to recognize and encourage those young artists who have the talent to persue a serious career in music. Judges will include BSO Associate Conductor Catherine Comet, BSO Assistant Conductor Christopher Wolfe, pianist Renaldo Reyes, and cellist Stephen Kates. The competitions are sponsored by the Baltimore Symphony Associates.

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Top Hits of 1984

Top Pop Artists of the Year

1. Lionel Richie (7) Motown
2. Michael Jackson (4) Epic (2) Motown
3. Culture Club (7) Virgin Epic
4. Prince (9) Warner Bros.
5. Duran Duran (7) Capitol

Top R&B Artist Singles LP's

1. Lionel Richie (7) Motown
2. Prince (7) Warner Bros.
3. Jeffrey Osborne (8) A&M
4. The Pointer Sisters (4) Planet
5. Tina Turner (4) Capitol

New Pop Artists - Singles & LP's

1. Cyndi Lauper (5) Portrait
2. Steve Perry (5) Columbia
3. Rockwell (3) Motown
4. Wang Chung (4) Geffen
5. Ben Jovie (1) Mercury

New Black Artists - Singles & LP's

1. Rockwell (3) Motown
2. Art of Noise (4) Island
3. Sheila E. (2) Warner Bros.
4. Cherrelle (3) Tabu
5. Roger (3) Warner Bros.

Top Pop Albums

1. Thriller Michael Jackson
2. Sports Huey Lewis & The News
3. Can't Slow Down Lionel Richie
4. An Innocent Man Billy Joel
5. Colour By Numbers Culture Club

Top Pop Album Artists

1. Lionel Richie (2) Motown
2. Michael Jackson (2) Epic
3. Duran Duran (3) Capitol
4. Culture Club (2) VirginEpic
5. Prince (4) Warner Bros.

Top Pop Singles Artists

1. Lionel Richie (5) Motown
2. Lyndi Lauper (4) Portrait
3. Prince (5) Warner Bros.
4. Culture Club (5) VirginEpic
5. Huey Lewis & The News (5) Chrysalis

Top Pop Singles

1. When Doves Cry Prince
2. What's Love Got To With It Tina Turner
3. Say Say Say Paul McCartney & Michael Jackson
4. Footloose Kenny Loggins
5. Against All Odds Phil Collins

Top R&B Singles

1. When Doves Cry Prince
2. If Only You Knew Patti LaBelle
3. What's Love Got to Do With It Tina Turner
4. She's Strange Cameo
5. Time Will Reveal DeBarge

Top R&B Singles Artists

1. Lionel Richie 2. Prince 3. Tina Turner 4. The Pointer Sisters 5. Kool & The Gang

Top R&B Albums Artists

1. Can't Slow Down Lionel Richie
2. Thriller Michael Jackson
3. No Parking on the Dance Floor Midnight Star
4. Busy Body Luther Vandross
5. Stay With Me Tonight Jeffrey Osborne

Top Jazz Albums

1. Backstreet David Sanborn
2. Think Of One Wynton Marsalis
3. Future Shock Herbie Hancock
4. December George Winston
5. Autumn George Winston

Top Spiritual Albums

1. We Sing Praises Sandra Crouch
2. Rough Side of the Mountain Rev. F.C. Barnes
3. Peace Be Still Vanessa Bell Armstrong
4. This Too Will Pass James Cleveland
5. Jesus I Love Calling Your Name Shirley Caesar

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1. Rev. F.C. Barnes
2. Sandra Crouch
3. Shirley Caesar
4. Vanessa Bell Armstrong
5. James Cleveland

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