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College results

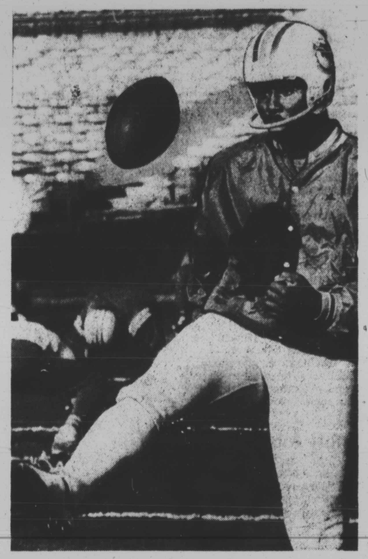
BASKETBALL

Howard 65, S.C. State 64
S.C. State 82, Howard 53 (women)
Fayetteville 82, Bowie State 74
A and T 52, Delaware State 48
Fayetteville 86, Bowie St. 41 (women)
Shaw 96, Univ of DC 67 (women)
Radford 86, Morgan 67 (women)
Norfolk State 89, Hampton 67
Va. Union 81, Fayetteville 63
Ft. Valley 75, Armstrong St. 73
Mo. Lincoln 94, Quincy 68
Ark. State 62, Tenn. State 61
Alcorn 73, Grambling 54
Southern 105, Miss. Valley 98 (OT)
Prairie View 91, Jackson St. 79
Bishop 61, Jarvis Christian 47

Panthers No. 1

Virginia Union continues as the top-ranked team this week in NCAA basketball for Division II.

The Panthers (14-0) hold a 13-point lead over Florida Southern. Alabama And M is ranked 16th.



MIAMI WEAPON — It may turn out as predicted that San Francisco will have the edge in place kicking in Sunday's Bowl against Miami. But there's no doubt the Dolphins enjoy the presence of the better punter. In fact Reggie Roby leads the league and will appear later as the Pro Bowl kicker.

Scribe sees Super Bowl spawning super swindles

By Rich Tosches

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Ok. It's a big event. But big enough to warrant production of a thousand counterfeit tickets? Big enough to point guns at someone's head and steal their real tickets? Big enough to kidnap your kids' Cabbage Patch dolls and offer them in trade for one ticket.

What's going on? What is this event that has turned dull insurance salesmen in London Fog raincoats into raving lunatics for the chance to be there to see it?

Dolly Parton attempting to play the accordion?

Nope.

Bill Shoemaker trying to slam dunk a basketball?

Nope.

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We're talking about a football game. Sixty minutes worth of large men grunting and trying to hurt each other's knees in something called the Super Bowl this Sunday.

But for the craziness it has brought to San Francisco. vou'd think Evil Knievel was jumping the Golden Gate Bridge in a rowboat.

Months ago, the ticket scalping began. People offered $200 to buy the $60 tickets before they even knew who was going to play in the game. And the scalpers held out for $300.

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Then, the local boys made it. The San Francisco 49ers were in the Super Bowl, and people were out of their minds. Two guys held travel agents at gunpoint this week and swiped 50 tickets. a couple talked eight friends into putting up an $800 deposit on tickets from a man who furnished a computerized bill of sale, and then, according to police, took the money and went to India.

People are advertising their insanity in the local newspapers' classified section.

First, there are the cut and dried big money deals:

— 2 Superbowl tix. $1000 each.
— 2 tix on 50-yard line. $2500 for both.
— 49ers fans need 4 tickets. will pay $600 each.
— 2 tickets for sale. $700 each. call 9 am - 11 am Illinois time.

These people, for the most part, are bonkers. A thousand bucks for one seat to one football game. In a stadium where unbrellas have been banned by the National Football League? In San Francisco? In the rainy winter season?

O's 5 to test Meadowlark

The Orioles basketball team takes on Dundalk Community College tonight (Friday) at Dundalk.

The O's schedule is highlighted by consecutive games on Jan. 29-30 against the "Shooting Stars," who are led by former Harlem Globetrotter Meadowlark Lemon.

Proceeds from the two games will be donated for the construction of Rock Church Academy Christian School in Baltimore. Prices for those games are $8.00 for adults and $4.00 for children under 12 and senior citizens.

Among the Orioles participating on the team are Cal Ripken, Jr., Floyd Rayford, Al Bumbry, and Rich Dauer, Sammy Stewart, and Bill Swaggerty.

INTRODUCING another of the city's new pro football players. Bryan Thomas wants Baltimoreans to know that Kelvin Bryant is not the only running back worth noticing in the Baltimore Stars' backfield.

Moses charges arrest entrapment as prosecutor remains undecided

LOS ANGELES — The scene was slightly removed from the location for Eddie Murphy's block-busting film "Beyerly Hills Cop," but the action may have provided a striking similarity.

At least, that is the interpretation put on Edwin Moss' arrest Sunday for soliciting prostitution and drug possession, by the two-time Olympic hurdles champion.

Moses and his lawyer, Harold Lipton, allege that the popular athlete was considered a "good catch" by the woman cop and so was "trapped" into embarrassing situation.

"I'm truly mortified by the events of the last few days and I'm fully confident that a full investigation by the responsible authorities will see the allegations made against me are mistaken," Moses said.

"I worked very hard all my life to build a positive image and reputation," he said, "and I'm grateful that my family, friends and admirers are behind me.

"You can be sure I will fight these charges of an misconduct and I know that I have done nothing wrong.

Mike Wilkinson, a spokesman for the city attorney, said Tuesday prosecutors have not yet decided whether to formally charge Moses with the two misdemeanor counts of solicitation and possession of marijuana.

Attorney Harold Lipton, who also appeared at the news conference, said Monday the 29-year-old track star was entrapped by police who recognized his car with its distinctive "OLYMPYN" license plate and "thought he would be a good catch. So Edwin was picked up."

Edwin Moses described as 'good catch'

Moses, one of 82 men arrested early Sunday during a vice squad sweep in Hollywood, was freed on his own recognizance pending a Jan. 29 arraignment.

Police said Moses was approached by an undercover officer working as a "trick task force" and offered her money for sex.

Gordon Baskin, Moses' manager, earlier said the athlete told him the woman waved him down at a stop sign as he was returning from a disco where he had spent the evening with members of the U.S. Olympic Committee's Athletes Advisory Committee.

"She came around to the passenger side and said something to the effect of, 'What are you looking for?' " he said. "Edwin looked at her and said, 'I'm just out to have some fun.'"

"At that point she asked, 'Do you have some money?' And he said 'Sure, I have $100.' "

Baskin said the woman then asked him to meet her around the corner, but Moses instead rolled up his window and drove off. He was stopped by police more than a block away.

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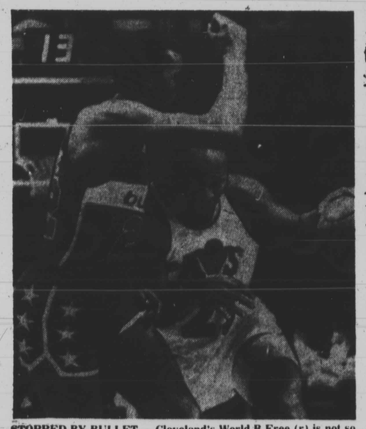

STOPPED BY BULLET — Cleveland's World B Free (r) is not so free as he tries to drive around Washington's Dudley Bradley Tuesday night. He was fouled on the play but World and his team were stopped, 101-91, in game played on the Cavaliers' home floor at Richfield, Ohio.

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The North Avenue Facelift

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

North Avenue, the five-mile thoroughfare that intersects two of the city's six councilmanic districts, is in the midst of a facelift.

When the dust settles, North Avenue will see 400 housing units added, that will have been newly built or rehabilitated, and nearly 1,000 trees will be planted to improve the landscape.

The signs of refurbishment are apparent. Construction at North Avenue and Howard Streets regularly snarls rush hour traffic. Fast food restaurants are springing up.

At North and Pennsylvania Avenues, the year-old Metro station still manages to gleam in the afternoon sun, a concrete testimony to the city's improvement of public transportation.

The improvements can be traced back to last summer when Mayor Schaefer took a ride down the corridor, from North Avenue at Leakin Park on the west, to its eastside end, at the Baltimore Cemetery.

On a recent bus tour of the street, the mayor told an audience of reporters and city officials that he had watched the street "go from a very strong street to a weakened condition to an area that needs help."

Concerned, he consulted Marion Pines and her Neighborhood Progress Administration and officials of other city departments: planning, public works, and, recreation and parks. Their task was to develop a plan to "bring North Avenue back."

At the time of his tour, North Avenue had more than its share of vacant buildings, 138 of them in fact, numerous housing code violations, blighted structures, rundown commercial districts, poor traffic flow, streets in need of repair and inadequate landscaping.

Some observers wonder if the "spiffing up" of the street isn't the mayor's "Last Hurrah" before he seeks greener political pasture—as it's been rumored.

Others wonder if the improvement of the corridor, with Marion Pines's help is a signal that the waters are once again smooth between the Mayor's Office and the troubled NPA.

It was a radiant Pines who accompanied the mayor and praised the virtures of North Avenue.

Said Pines, "North Avenue is a wonderful street. It's very historic and it cuts through 20 neighborhoods. If we can improve it, we can have a ripple effect on those 20 neighborhoods."

With proposed "housing centers" at, North and Pennsylvania Avenues, North and Mount Royal Avenues and North Avenue and Broadway, the city plans to court home owners.

Several schools along the corridor will be converted to other uses. The Samuel Gompers School at Broadway and East North Avenue will become a new apartment building for middle and low-income tennants.

The Calvert Adult Education Building at North Avenue and Calvert Street, will become the new home of the administrative offices of the Department of Education. The move is expected to bring an additional 750 workers to the area.

The Joseph A. Bank Clothiers currently occupies a building at North Avenue and Howard Street.

The Sears Building at North Avenue and Harford Road was purchased six months ago by Victor B. Mandel, Inc., a company which imports and distributes children's clothing.

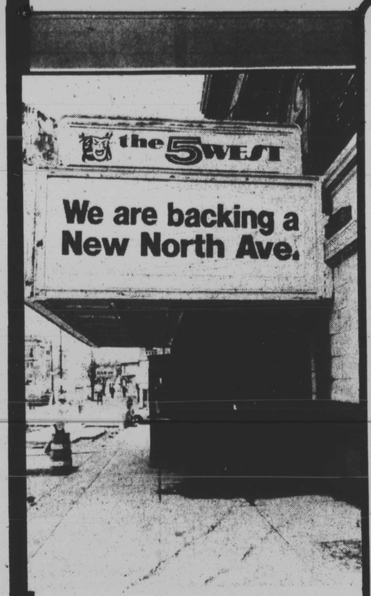
Owners of some of the vacant buildings along the corridor will be taken to court. Five hundred twenty-six exterior maintainance notices have been issued, with action from 518 having been taken.

Even Coppin State College is getting into the act. The college will alter its landscape as a part of North Avenue's new look.

Councilwoman Agnes Welch and Councilmen Kwiesi Mfume and Michael Mitchell of the Fourth District share North Avenue with Second District Council persons Anthony Ambridge, Nathaniel McFadden and Jacqueline McLean.

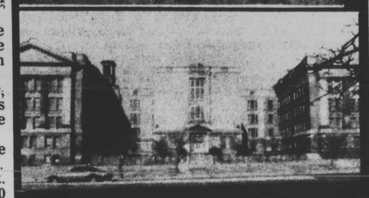
Ms. Welch is excited about the changes. A long-time champion of housing improvement, she said, "It means economic development for the area. Visually and asthetically, the area will look better. It will provide new opportunities in housing for renters and homeowners, and it will result in an increase in the tax base."

Said Councilman McFadden, Welch's North Avenue Councilmanic neighbor, "North Avenue is a classic example of neighborhood, residential and commercial use in one area." McFadden added that he was encouraged by the organized approach that the city was taking in revitalizing the corridor.



The marquee of the 5 West Theatre (formerly the Parkway Theatre) tells the story of the city's intentions.

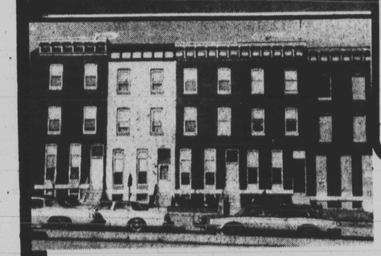
A broad view of a street in the midst of transition.



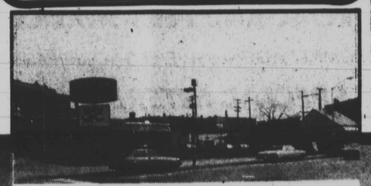
The future home of the administrative offices of the Department of Education.

Construction regularly snarls the rush hour traffic on North Avenue.

These vacant homes will soon get some new tenants.



Housing renovations herald a new era for North Avenue.



An old neighborhood friend gets a new neighborhood look.