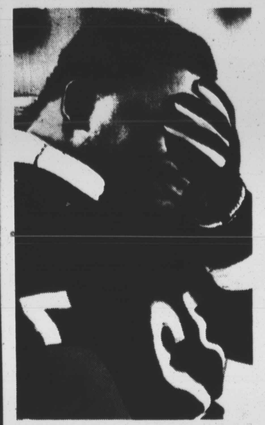
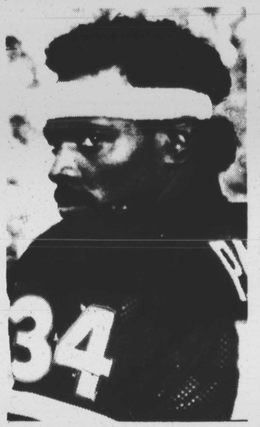


HANGOVER I—Doused by too much Redskins fire-water, William "The Refrigerator" Perry reacts to the lingering headache he suffered along with the Chicago Bears last Saturday when Washington left the defending NFL champs whoozy behind a 27-13 whipping.



HANGOVER II—From look on the face of Walter Payton, that could be more than a sweatband the Chicago running back is wearing. Anything to soothe the headache which victimized the haughty Bears when they were handed the 27-13 surprise at Soldier Field.

Giants bring Player-of-Year Taylor to Skins clash Sunday

The Washington Redskins will be waging a 3-tiered war when they visit the New York Giants in the semi-final game for the National Football Conference title Sunday.

The foredoom of having lost twice already to their opponents will provide obstacle No. 1. The task of stopping scatback Joe Morris, something no other team has done this year, including themselves, is the No. 2 priority. And the spectre of linebacker Walter Taylor looms ever present in the consciousness of the Redskin offense.

Taylor early this week was voted NFC defensive player of the year.

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The outside linebacker finished with 20½ sacks to miss the NFL record by 1½. He was the NFC's only unanimous Pro Bowl pick and a landslide winner for NFC Defensive Player of the Year honors in balloting announced Monday.

Taylor received 53 votes from 56 writers who cover the NFL. Washington defensive end Dexter Manley, Chicago middle linebacker Mike Singletary and San Francisco free safety Ronnie Lott each received one vote.

Taylor rebounded from his worst pro season and a problematic offseason to perhaps his best NFL year. He began the 1986 season under close watch from coaches, fans and the media after undergoing offseason rehabilitation from "substance abuse."

Taylor responded by again becoming the NFL's premier defensive player.

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"What he does is more significant now because of what he has to overcome to do it. He beats (Washington tackle) Joe Jacoby; it's not (former Philadelphia running back) Louie Giammona."

Linemen around the league on both sides of the ball hail Taylor as the best.

"LT is the best linebacker who ever played the game," St. Louis nose tackle Dave Galloway said. "He's just a dominating force."

"He's a great player," Washington Pro Bowl guard Russ Grimm said. "No one can keep LT out all day."

Taylor has one regret about his season - falling short of Mark Gastineau's sack record of 22.

"Yeah, it bothers me," he said. "But it will give me something to work hard for next year. If I got it, I probably would've slacked off next year."

Lawrence Taylor
uses other catalyst Joe Morris as leg prop

'Tops In Sports' salutes nostalgic Bums

Twelve members of the legendary Brooklyn Dodgers "Boys of Summer" will join honorees Jesse Barfield and Eddie Mathews on the dais of the annual "Tops In Sports" banquet Friday night at Towson (Md.) Center.

Barfield of the Toronto Blue Jays will be cited as the 1986 major league homerun champion, and Mathews will be presented the coveted "Sultan of Swat" crown.

Longtime Oriole superscout Jim Russo will receive the Edwin A. Rommel Award, presented by the Maryland Professional Baseball Players Association to the individual who has given long and distinguished service to baseball.

Baltimore native Frank Cashen, general manager of the world champion New York Mets, will receive the Baseball Executive of the Year Award and Oriole relief pitcher Don Aase will be honored as the "Most Valuable Oriole."

Among the other head table guests are Los Angeles Dodgers' manager Tom Lasorda, Orioles manager Cal Ripken, Sr. and General Manager Hank Peters, and Oriole shortstop Cal Ripken, Jr.

For many, it will be a nostalgic occasion, including the AFRO.

On hand for this 12th annual dinner will be Cal Abrams, Rex Barney, Joe Black, Carl Furillo, Buddy Hassett, Gene Hermanski, Clem Labine, Eddie Miksis, Babe Phelps and Johnny Podres.

With the exception of Hassett and Phelps, all were Dogers in the halcyon Dodgers era that featured the late Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and Don Newcombe.

Bullets trade Gus Williams

ATLANTA (UPI) — The Atlanta Hawks Tuesday announced the acquisition of veteran guard Gus Williams from the Washington Bullets in exchange for a second-round draft pick in 1990.

Hawks spokesman Scott Wiggins said the Bullets, as part of the trade, waived their right of first refusal and the 15-day waiting period that goes into effect upon the signing of an offer sheet by a free agent.

Williams, who was a free agent, had not played for the Bullets this season. The two-time NBA All-Star led the Seattle SuperSonics to the NBA championship in 1979. He was an all NBA selection in 1980 and 1982.

Basketball weekend

COLLEGE SCHEDULE

Friday
UDC at Davis-Elkins (women)

Saturday
Va. State at Bowie St. (women)
Virginia St. at Bowie State
Penn State (Capitol) at Lincoln
Morgan at S.C. State (women)
Morgan at S. Carolina State
Howard at N. Carolina A&T
Md. E. Shore at Bethune
Delaware St. at Florida Central
Howard at A and T (women)
Virginia at U. of Maryland
Marywood at Lincoln (women)
UDC at Davis Elkins (women)
Md., E. Shore at Bethune (women)
Hampton at Delaware St. (women)
Eastern-Mennonite at Frostburg (women)
Loyola at Long Island Univ.
St. Francis at Loyola (women)

Sunday
Cheyney State at Gannon

Monday
Bowie at Coppin St. (women)
Morgan at N. Carolina A&T
Howard at S. Carolina State
Md., E. Shore at Fla. Central
Delaware State at Bethune
Cheyney State at Mercyhurst
Fla. A&M at Cleveland State
Frostburg at Western Maryland
Fairmont St. at Frostburg (women)

COLLEGE RESULTS
A and T 71, Coppin St. 44 (women)
Bethune (lost) 59, Armstrong St. 61
Bowie St. (lost) 85, Millersville 112
Central State 80, Mercyhurst 59
Coppin State 67, A and T 63
Grambling (lost) 62, S.W. Texas 64
Lincoln (lost) 62, Widener 73
Md. E. Shore (lost) 61, Wake Forest 73 (women)
Md. E. Shore (lost) 60, Wake Forest 105
Prairie View 59, Fla. A and M 52
St. Paul's 75, Clinch Valley 61
Tenn. State (lost) 58, Morehead 71
Texas Southern 80, S.E. La. 73 (OT)
Va. union 112, J.C. Smith 79

Wheelchair 5's clash Saturday

The Baltimore Ravens wheelchair basketball team returns to action Saturday evening at the Mt. St. Joe High School gym.

This time the 7:30 tipoff will signal the beginning of a rivalry with the Baltimore Wheelchair A.C. Quint.

Coached and managed by Eddie Diggs, an alumnus of Towson State, the Ravens are now operating as an independent, having withdrawn from the Capital Wheelchair Conference.

An exciting brand of ball is offered by the chair-bound competitors.

The Ravens are comprised of Craig Cook, Hilman Murray, Jr., John James, Ralph Staten and Robert Tucker.

Staten, a second-year player, is the team's top rebounder. Tucker is a 1986 discovery with great promise.

Giants & Browns

RENO, Nev. (UPI) — The New York Giants and Cleveland Browns Monday were named the favorites to win their respective NFC and AFC championship games by oddsmakers at Harrah's Race and Sports Book.

The Giants were listed as 7 point favorites over the Washington Redskins in the NFC title game Sunday at Giants Stadium. New York crushed the San Francisco 49ers 49-3 to advance to the conference championship. Washington defeated the defending Super Bowl champion Chicago Bears 27-13 to advance.

The Browns were named 3-point favorites to defeat the Denver Broncos in the AFC Championship game Sunday at Cleveland. The Browns beat the New York Jets 23-20 in the second overtime to qualify for the conference championship, while Denver topped New England 22-17.

Bears bow in Chi

The traveling Bears of Morgan State University dropped their third straight game of a gruelling road trip Wednesday night.

Coach Nat Frazier and his youngsters were 72-60 victims to Chicago State at Chicago.

On Saturday night, the Bears move to Orangeburg to engage South Carolina State in their second MEAC game, then on to Greensboro, N.C., Monday for an engagement with the A&T Aggies.

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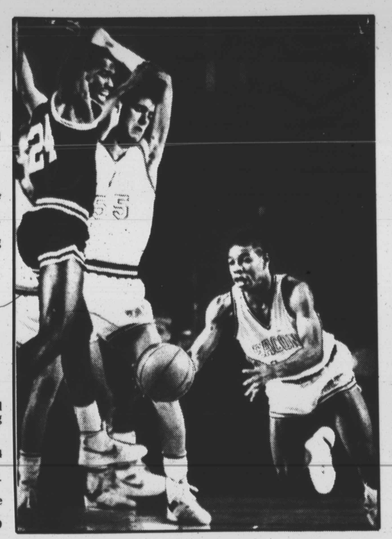

TYRONE TURNCOAT—At least Maryland, Eastern Shore basketers might have thought so Monday night as Tyrone Bogues (R) helped lead Wake Forest to a resounding 105-60 win over the Hawks at Winston-Salem. Bogues, another product of Baltimore Dunbar High School (and one who got away from area recruiters) tallied 13 points and had 14 assists in his usual role of sparkplug for the Deacons.

Coppin in surprise split with A&T in MEAC pair

A gathering of 600 faithful followers watched Monday night and waited for what was building into a double dose of defeat for their Coppin State basketball teams at the hands of visiting North Carolina A&T.

The Community College of Baltimore Field House was beset with gloom after the A&T women had routed the Lady Eagles, 71-44, and the Aggie men appeared headed for the sweep with five seconds left in the nightcap.

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But Coppin, with Steve Miller and Mark Carroll taking up the late surge, rallied to tie and move on to win, 67-63.

Until the dramatic finish, Oram Fields and Earl Lee had kept the Eagles in the game with 15 points apiece.

Consequently, new coach Ron Mitchell was on target when he described it as a "team win."

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Earlier, Pam Pratt and Bridgette Leonard tried valiantly to pace a Coppin comeback after the Lady Aggies had posted a 23-point halftime lead.

However, A&T was not to be denied, as its women outrebounded the home team, 49-28, and canned 21 of 27 free throws to annex its first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference win.

Blast introduces new young defense hope

His team's first place in the Major Indoor Soccer League being seriously threatened for the first time this season, Blast coach Kenny Cooper has inserted Mike Reynolds in the starting lineup.

The move was made as the Baltimore kickers left Tuesday for a swing through San Diego — where they won, 6-5 — Los Angeles and Tacoma, Wash.

In Tacoma, the 9-5 (at departure time) Blast will be trying to halt the surge of the Western Division leading Stars, the latter posting a 12-3 mark at the time and heading Kansas City by three games.

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Reynolds, a 23-year-old rookie, has been riding the bench since he was acquired last June.

A graduate of nearby George Mason University, Reynolds was the Blast's first pick in the second round of last June's MISL draft (Baltimore dealt its first round selection to Dallas in 1985 for Mark Kerlin).

Coached at GMU by Cooper's longtime friend Gordon Bradley, Mike was an NCAA All-American in his senior year as the Patriots advanced to the NCAA Final 16.

A four-year starter at the Fairfax, Virginia school, Mike registered 28 goals and 17 assists in his collegiate career. Those 17 assists tie him with Freddie Thompson (another Blast draft choice) as the school's all-time assist leader.

Besides his All-American selection last year, Mike was chosen to the Colonial Athletic Association's All CAA team.

He was recruited to George Mason by former Patriots' coach Dick Broad who watched Mike play in a tournament in Columbia, Maryland in 1981.

Mike Reynolds
refugee from hockey

The truth is that young Reynolds is a convert to soccer. He dabbled in ice hockey for seven years and was a devout fan of the National Hockey League before turning his attention to soccer.

In his spare time, the 5-11, 160-pounder plays tennis and is a reasonably capable pianist.

He says he likes all kinds of music but "can't get enough of Prince and Stevie Wonder."

NFL playoffs

SUNDAY, JAN. 11
Washington (14-4) at NY Giants (15-2), 4 p.m.
Super Bowl XXI
Sunday, Jan. 25
At Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif., 6 p.m.

Mrs. Charles (Ila) Butler indicted on heroin charges

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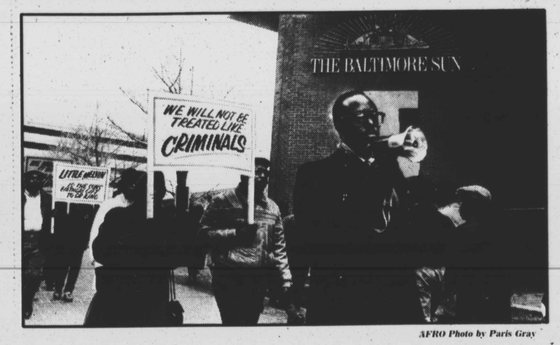

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Protesters led by Councilman Nathaniel McFadden condemn the Sunpapers from the sidewalk in front of the paper's headquarters Thursday.

AFRO photo by Paris Gray

PICKET AT LIBRARY — Concerned parents and community leaders walked the picket line in front of Enoch Pratt Library Branch No. 5 at Broadway and Orleans. The action was to focus attention on their efforts to keep the library open.

Protest rally at the Sun

By R.B. Jones

With chants of "The Sun is unfair" and "dope pushers are not our leaders," over 100 black protesters of varying ages and religious persuasions picketed the Baltimore Sunpapers headquarters on Calvert St. Thursday morning for about one hour.

The contingent, which in the words of one of the leaders, Councilman Nathaniel McFadden, "was gotten together overnight," was there to protest a lengthy five part Sunpapers series on the drug empire of imprisoned kingpin "Little" Melvin Williams.

The protesters, also lead by Rev. Walter Thomas, pastor of New Psalmist Baptist Church and Rev. Cecilia Bryant of Bethel AME Church, were angered additionally with the timing of the articles which ran during the week that Martin Luther King's Birthday is celebrated.

The picketers who ranged from little children to elderly chanted "Melvin Williams is not our hero, Dr. King is." Leaders of the protest requested a meeting with Sun publisher Reg Murphy but he was unavailable.

A mini-debate developed on the steps of the paper as Sun writers

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Protest library closings

By P. A. Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

Concerned parents and community leaders staged a protest rally Thursday morning at the Enoch Pratt Library No. 5 in East Baltimore in support of efforts to keep the branch from closing.

The rally was in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and occurred on his birthday, Jan. 15. One reason for the rally and protest was to "indicate the willingness of the people to continue to struggle to fulfill Dr. King's 'Dream.'"

In a letter to City Hall, Mrs. Clorine Wills said, "The citizens, taxpayers and voters of the 45th legislative district, 1st and 2nd councilmanic districts are outraged at the suggested closing of Enoch Pratt Library No. 5."

Mrs. Wills said the library historically has served students in the area who attend elementary, middle, and high schools plus students from Sojourner-Douglass College and the Johns Hopkins Medical School.

The library should remain open to help combat illiteracy, drug abuse, teenage pregnancy and to train welfare recipients for "gainful employment," she said.

"This contradiction can only be

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Zanani Mandela Dlamini

By Paula J. Wagner
AFRO Staff Writer

Zanani Mandela Dlamini, soft-spoken, moderately shy, is the eldest child of black South African freedom fighters, Nelson and Winnie Mandela.

She is visiting Baltimore for the first time, on behalf of her mother who was invited to be co-speaker at an annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but was denied a passport by the South African government.

Zanani, which means "where do you come from" is 27. She is in the United States representing her mother for the fourth time. Monday she was in New York, accepting the Ms. Magazine, International Women of the Year Award.

Zanani chuckled at the mention that Dolly Parton was also among the winners of such award.

At the AFRO interview in her hotel room, Zanani sipped a cup of tea; she was friendly, cooperative and frank.

"I'm apolitical, by nature," she said, but also because of her position as princess in the royal family of Swaziland, a small independent nation bordering South Africa and Mozambique, where she resides with her husband, Prince Thumbumzi Dlamini and their three children.

"I play no role in the struggle," she said, "I cannot be political," Still she feels she has made some contributions and "wishes she could do more," she said.

"I speak to my mother almost every day," Zanani said. And once a month she and her family take the four-hour drive from their home in Swaziland, where she has lived since age nine, to visit her mother in the black township of Soweto, where Zanani and her sister, Zindzi, 25, spent their early years.

Her mother's days are much more organized, she said. Winnie Mandela spends her days

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Zenani Dlamini, Dr. Levi Watkins, and Thumbumuzi Dlamini, husband of Zenani enter Turner Auditorium Thursday.

Ila Butler indicted

The 36-year-old wife of Charles Butler and a Reisterstown, MD man were indicted Wednesday, Jan 14, 1987 by the U.S. Grand Jury on narcotics charges.

Ila Butler, of the 3600 block of Forest Hill Road in northwest Baltimore, was charged with conspiracy to distribute heroin and one count of harboring a fugitive.

She was arrested Dec. 31, 1986 on the harboring charge, and was released on bond.

Mrs. Butler's attorney, Edward Smith, told the AFRO his client "is shocked that she'd be indicted. She maintains that she had nothing to do with narcotics."

Smith said in 1985, Mrs. Butler faced similar charges but they were later dropped. She was then brought up on Maryland charges but was acquitted of possession of cocaine and possession of a handgun in Baltimore County before Baltimore County Circuit Court Judge James Sfekas, Smith said.

"We had a three or four-day trial. Agents on the federal side appeared to testify against her," Smith said. "Judge Sfekas acquitted her."

Baltimore County courts were closed at AFRO presstime because of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday holiday.

According to a statement released by U.S. Attorney Breckinridge L. Wilcox, a special grand jury returned a superseding indictment against Mrs. Butler, her husband Charles Butler and Andre Hart, who also

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POLITICS '87

By P. A. Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

At a Friday morning press conference in council chambers at City Hall, 4th District Councilwoman Agnes Welch announced the establishment of a nine-member advisory committee to interview candidates to fill the two vacancies in the district.

Mrs. Welch said the committee members would come from a cross-section of the community but failed to provide any names.

"Only after the committee is in place, will the names of its members be released," she said. "I am taking this measure of temporary anonymity to assure the committee begins this process as unbiased and unpressured as possible."

The anonymity of the committee also is to insure they work free of traditional political restraints, Mrs. Welch said. She also requested "no committee person have any contact with candidates other than in the interview environment."

The two vacancies are the seats formerly occupied by Kweisi Mfume, now the 7th District Congressional Representative for Maryland and Michael B. Mitchell, now a state senator for the 39th legislative district.

Several names have been bandied about to replace the two men.

When asked about his choice, Mfume said several good people had expressed interest. He said an exceptional person would be educator, community activist Sheila Dixon-Smith, 32.

Mitchell mentioned the name of John D. Jefferies, 57, when

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New members take oath at Assembly

By Roz Hamlett
AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — A picture perfect day . . outside, under clear skies and balmy breezes, family and friends, as well as, veteran politicos ascended the marble steps of the Statehouse to witness the swearing-in ceremony of a new generation of leaders.

As a necessary preamble to the next 90 days, 41 freshman delegates along with eight senators, raised their right hands to take the oath of office.

Among them — Baltimore city's delegation which included Michael Mitchell (D-39), Tony Fulton (D-40), Frank Boston (D-41) and Kenneth Montague (D-44).

Other newly - elected black lawmakers hailed from Prince George's County District 25. Sen. Albert Wynn, a newcomer to the Senate but not the legislature, was elected delegate four years ago.

Del. Juanita Miller, one of two women, was sworn into office. Miller, who recently received her doctorate, was accompanied to Annapolis by a spirited entourage of her sorors from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, who hosted a reception in her honor afterwards.

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Rev. John Wright

NAACP head asks credit card boycott

By Clarence Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

Rev. John Wright, the newly elected head of the state's NAACP, wants the civil rights organization to take a more active role in solving the problems of blacks in Maryland.

Rev. Wright, 50, believes blacks should stop using credit cards and not make any major purchases from white businesses in February, as a show of economic strength.

As a show of dedication to the cause, Rev. Wright, who has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Guilford in Howard County for 15 years, cut up one of his major department store charge plates during a religious sermon. Over 50 of his parishoners did the same.

"It's a start," Rev. Wright said. "Once you cut up credit cards you are saving money by

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Dels. Tony Fulton, Margaret Murphy and Nathaniel Oaks listen at the opening of the General Assembly.

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