YEAR IN REVIEW

People in the news

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significant event of the year was the municipal election. The entire municipal election. The change of the administration with Kurt Schmoke, Mary Pat Clarke and 1/3 new City Council. And now we're moving into another era — a transition. I'm looking forward to the new administration in Baltimore City to move forward to improve the human service needs of Baltimore City, particularly education."

Agnes Welch

Sheila Dixon-Smith-D-4:
"The most significant event of 1987 for me personally was winning the election. I look forward to growing strong spiritually ... to really implement some of the ideas and concepts I discussed in my campaign. And doing something to discover something new about myself."

Agnes Welch-D-4:
"1987 was the year to have replacements for Michael (Sen. Mitchell) and Kweisi (Congressman Mfume) in the City Council. Dr. (Claude) Hill and Sterling Paige were selected to fill the two vacancies. I am looking forward to a new administration. I'm really excited to be the chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee."

Iris G. Reeves

Anthony J. Ambridge-D-2:
"I think that the most significant event of 1987 for me personally, was my wedding, but I also think internationally, the inroads made from the peace accord with the Soviet Union was significant. In Baltimore City, the most significant event was the City Council's move to be a more progressive body, for example, the divestiture bill. I'm looking forward to the Council, at least Baltimore City, to reform education and human rights and to make great strides in world peace."

Rochelle Bridges

John A. Schaefer-D-1:
"I think Reagan and Gorbachev getting together for that peace conference, to reduce nuclear weapons was the most significant event in 1987. I look forward to a reduced tax-rate and a reduction in assessments. It might not sound like a lot, but it could help a lot of people. It might slow down the exodus of Baltimore City."

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham-D-3:
"In general, locally the election of the new mayor and hand-in-hand with that the Council's reorganization of itself, which just took place. In 1988, I look forward to a strong independent City Council, which is going to work closely with our new mayor for the benefit of the city."

Lawrence Bell-D-4:
"Locally, the most significantly event was the election of a new guard, the changing of the guard, so ... to speak... Election of the first black-elected mayor and five new Council people elected. Also, the election of the first woman president of the City Council. I look forward to seom new initiatives in areas of education, housing and the first against drugs in Baltimore City."

Personality: Rochelle Bridges, general assignment reporter, Eyewitness News, WJZ-TV.
What was the biggest news story of 1987?
"I think that the biggest story of 1987 is the election of Mayor Kurt Schmoke. It is historically significant because he is the first elected black mayor. It's also significant, I think, because of the kind of background he has."
"I hope the same thing for myself that I hope for everybody else: to prosper, to be enlightened, for us all to see our way clearly as to what we're doing, and what we do affects the lives of others. Because I think that so many of us are wandering aimlessly. I hope that in 1988 the city does well economically and spiritually for individuals."

A year of surprises in sports

By Don Collins
AFRO Staff Writer

It was a year of slumps and surprises in the Maryland sports scene.

The Orioles floundered, three ex-Dunbar basketball players made NBA history and Sugar Ray Leonard defied the critics.

Bad News first. for the third year in a row, The Orioles struggled, finishing the 1987 season with a dismal 67-95 record and 81 games out of first place.

The pitching was awful and the hitting inconsistent.

Baltimore pitchers finished with an inflated 5.01 team earned-run average and allowed a major league record 226 homeruns.

Additionally, the O's found it very difficult to beat the teams in their division, winning only 19 of 81 games played against the Eastern Division of the American League.

But, there were some bright spots. Larry Sheets, for example, had a respectable season, cracking 31 homeruns, driving in 94 and hitting .316.

Bill Ripken was another pleasant surprise. The younger brother of Oriole shortstop Cal Ripken hit .308, drove in 20 runs and played wonderfully at second base, committing only three errors.

But, this year will probably be remembered most for the feuds superstar Eddie Murray had with the owner Edward Bennett Williams and the Baltimore fans.

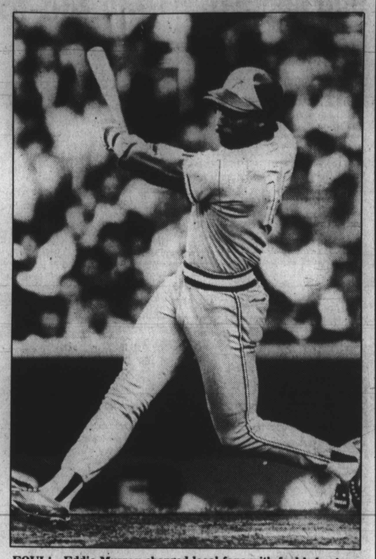
Now to the good news.

Three players from the 1983 Dunbar basketball team, Reggie Williams, Reggie Lewis and Tyronn Bogues, made National Basketball Association history when they were drafted in the first round on June 22, at the Felt forum in New York.

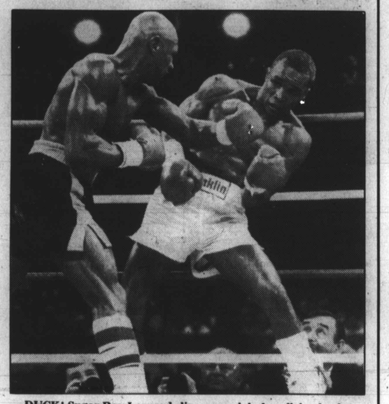
This marked the first time players from the same high school team were picked in the first round of the NBA draft.

Williams was selected fourth by the Los Angeles Clippers; Bogues was picked by the Washington Bullets as the 12th selection overall and Lewis was the Boston Celtics' first pick.

Sugar Ray Leonard shocked the boxing world not only by climbing back in to the ring after a two year lay off but also by defeating Marvin Hagler to capture the World Boxing Council Middleweight Crown at Ceasar's palace in Las Vegas on April 6. Hagler was a 4-1 favorite.



FOUL!—Eddie Murray charged local fans with foul behavior.



DUCK! Sugar Ray Leonard slips a punch before firing back at Marvin Hagler.

Black New Jerseyan named to National Police Officers Association

SHORT HILLS, NJ — On January 7, 1983, shortly after midnight, a massive explosion of the gasoline storage tanks at the Texaco Oil Company's storage facility in Port Newark, rocked the metropolitan area leaving death, destruction, and numerous injuries in its wake.

Among the seriously injured was 18-year veteran police officer Alan H. Peterson, a life-long resident of East Orange, who was on duty at an adjacent Conrail Police compound. Peterson had rescued a security officer and several Conrail employees, evacuating them from the danger zones. As a result of his injuries, Peterson was left permanently and totally disabled.

His extensive law enforcement career, which had commenced as a senior U.S. Army military police officer and criminal investigator and included duty as a Conrail Police investigator, had ended. The long task of slow recuperation had started. Plagued by financial hardships, caused when his police salary stopped on the day of the blast and his later release from the Conrail Police Department of Newark, Peterson was forced to use up his own savings and resources for his survival.

Finding himself virtually penniless after one year, he was forced to seek and live on municipal welfare grants until his benefits were effected late in 1985. During the years of his extensive medical treatment, when he was medically and physically able, Peterson took time to participate in a number of voluntary efforts, such as the Elizabethbased Make A Wish Foundation of New Jersey.

Starting as a volunteer, he was the first black to be elected to the board of directors. He rose to membership on the non-salaried executive board of directors and finally to the position of chairman of the board. Through the period, he created awareness, enlisted support, and raised funds to grant the wishes of terminally ill New Jersey children through his speaking engagements and presentations within the state.

Alan Peterson

Peterson, a Vietnam veteran, soon turned to the Veteran's Administration for medical treatment when his own funds ran out. As a result of contact with the Veteran's Administration Voluntary Service, and joining forces with John J. Hamilton of Montclair and Tyrone Steed of Newark, the unit's chief, Peterson donated numerous hours at the East Orange VA Medical Center.

For his service to veterans, he received both the Veteran's Administration's Voluntary Service Award, as well as the coveted Leadership Award in 1985, during official ceremonies. In other voluntary efforts, he served as a member of the board of directors for the Mid-Michigan Center for the Blind of Lansing, Michigan, and has been affiliated with the Nutley-based National Disabled Law Officers Association, the New York Transit Police Honor Legion, National Black Police Association, and other law enforcement-related organizations.

A member of the East Orange Welfare Department's Local Assistance Board, he has served as a commissioner since 1975. "During the years following the explosion, in addition to the constant medical treatments, I found myself getting involved in volunteer activities, but there was still something missing," he said. "Then I realized that I missed the direct contact and involvement with the law enforcement effort," Peterson said.

Getting involved is what he did. Joining the New Jersey Law Enforcement Lions Club of Hillside, chartered by Lions Clubs International and comprised of concerned New Jersey police officers networking to aid the blind, deaf and disabled, he held the position of secretary and was later elected to the post of Lions Club president until 1987.

"As police officers, we made a difference against incredible odds," he recalls. The unique Lions Club was able to sponsor wishes for terminally ill New Jersey youngsters and help many residents within the state. Utilizing his life experiences and his training as a law enforcement officer, Peterson, a 1966 graduate of East Orange High School, researched and developed both training and prevention programs addressing teen suicide and drug abuse.

"The topics had always fascinated me through the years, and I started studying, lecturing on the subjects and establishing successful prevention programs," said Peterson, a certified suicidologist, an ordained minister, and the recipient of an honorary doctorate.

Peterson had not heard from either of the two police organizations of which he had been a duespaying member. "There had been no contact neither by mail, telephone, nor other manner, and no offer of support or assistance since my 1983 injury. Aside from the disciplinary actions delivered to my residence by assigned officers, I had been forgotten," he sadly recalls.

Peterson then began to read and hear of other law enforcement officers across the nation who had been injured in the line of duty and merely forgotten or subjected to treatment that did not befit them. There were also those officers who were completing many heroic deeds and not receiving the deserved recognition.

Kentucky police officer John W. Lewis, who serves as national executive director of the National Police Officers' Association of America came to his aid. In February of 1986, with the oath of office administered, the New Jersey State Chapter was formed with Peterson installed as its president.

"The decision of the national executive board of directors had given me the unique and truly vital opportunity to salute the deeds of law enforcement officers by presenting a variety of awards, certificates, and other tributes, which is the main purpose of the non-profit, fraternal and patriotic organization," said Peterson, who has added a philanthropic feature.

Posthumous Medals of Valor have been presented to the families of Detective Robert Walls and Sergeant Nathaniel Taylor, killed during a 1985 holdup attempt in Newark. Public service awards have been given to news correspondents Charles Finley of the "Newark Star Ledger" and Glenn MacDonald of the "New York Post" for their unswerving support of law enforcement officers and agencies throughout the Garden State.

Citations for bravery, honorable service awards, certificates of appreciation, and letters of commendation have been presented to both members of the chapter and worthy Americans nationwide. "A little recognition goes a long way," said Peterson, a member of Gavaliers Toastmasters of Schering Plough in Kenilworth, a professional speaking club chartered by Toastmasters International.

He personally bestows each award to chapter recipients during both public and private ceremonies. In 1986, during a family holiday gathering, Peterson honored his mother, retired Sergeant Evelyn L. Peterson, with the Honorable Service Award, saluting her many years of exemplary service to the County of Essex and as a charter member of the NPOAA.

Other recipients of honorable service awards have been retired East Orange Police Officer Nathaniel Caines, and Port Authority Police executive Charles Daniels, of East Orange, who had been the first black commander of the police forces at Newark International Airport and the World Trade Center in New York.

Orange educator Theodore V. O'Kelly, a member of the National Police Reserve Officers' Association (NPROA), the associate program of the organization open to security and auxiliary officers and citizen supporters of law enforcement, was saluted with the NPROA Honorable Service Award for his 25 years of dedicated service, during a retirement celebration.

Award recipients are featured in the "Enforcement Journal," the official publication of the association, published quarterly, and "The New Jersey NPOAA/NPROA Focus," the official publication of the New Jersey state chapter.

Peterson, accompanied by his wife, Michelle, who also serves in a voluntary capacity as public relations director, recently attended the NPOAA national convention in Louisville, Ky. It was during official ceremonies that Peterson was installed to the NPOAA National Executive Board of Directors. He is the first black to hold a national executive board position in the association's 32-year history.

Association board members include Major Stephen Cropper, Operational Commander of Maryland's Ocean City Police Department who was recently elected as president of the NPOAA. Noted author and internationally-known artist R. Scott Westerfield, of Louisville, Ky., serves as veteran president of the NPROA. Westerfield's latest literary work is titled "The Devil Rock."

Peterson, with his New Jersey chapter the most active in the United States, hopes to expand the memberships of both the NPOAA and the NPROA, and continue to salute members of law enforcement and those who support the law enforcement effort in the nation. "We recently welcomed Officers Lester Jackson of the Irvington Police Department, Robert L. Payne of the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center Police, and Julius Cooper of the Essx County Police to membership," announced Peterson.

Membership insignia, an awards program, an insurance plan, a free subscription to the Enforcement Journal, and many other benefits await new members of both the NPOAA and NPROA. Membership inquiries from law enforcement and corrections officers, security, special and auxiliary police personnel, and citizen supporters are welome and may be sent to the National Police Officers Association of America, New Jersey State Chapter, Post Office Box 403, Short Hills, NJ 07078.

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