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Community Calendar

Firewood, where to get it free

Local government ordinances have stopped the open burning of wood debris, and with no other means to get rid of the constant accummulation of logs and larger woody material, an enormous capacity has been stockpiled by the Department of Recreation and Parks, Foresty Division.

The location where the free firewood is stored is 1905 W. Coldspring Lane, just west of the Jones Falls Expressway, Coldspring Lane overpass. This fenced-in facility is open between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The citizens of Baltimore City are allowed to cut, split and haul away firewood at their own risk.

$1,000,000 given by NEA

By Dubois Quarles

Frank Hodsell, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, announced recently that the agency awarded more than a million dollars in grants and fellowships to talented recipients around the country.

Composers in 12 states will share $305,000; 16 instrumental recitalists will share an award of $125,000; and, 86 professional choreographers will benefit from $804,000.

SPORTSCENE

By Fred Lindsey

Sports Shorts

Project Survival's Teen Tournament

The Project Survival Winter Festival Teen Basketball Tournament, open to ages 10-12, 12-14 and 14-16, began its registration at Carver High School, 2201 Presstman St., December 14 and will continue until Tuesday, December 27.

Play will begin Thursday, December 29 for the single elimination tournament with games continuing nightly from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners. For more information, call 396-7066.

Holiday Indoor Soccer Tournament

The City of Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks has announced a Holiday Indoor Soccer Tournament, December 27-30, for the Under 10, Under 12 and the Under 14 age groups.

Each team entered is guaranteed three games with the top two teams in each pool advancing to the semi-finals on Friday, December 30. The Tournament will have games all day Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-6.

For more information contact Mike Woodward, Tournament Director, at 396-5782.

Classic Autos for U.S. Youth Games

Mayor Schmoke announced that the Department of Recreation and Parks will sponsor a judged Car Show for thoroughbred Sports and Racing Cars on Saturday, May 13, 1989 at Rash Field as part of the Preakness Week Celebration.

Using the theme "A Horse of a Different Color," the show will feature rare, classic and exotic automobiles. One hundred invited international sports and racing cars will be displayed and judged.

This charitable event will be used to benefit the United States Youth games that will be played in Baltimore, August 7-13, 1989.

City Hoopers

Senior Lawrence Banks (Baltimore-Poly) of Frostburg State University has gotten off on a great start this basketball season. Banks is averaging 17 points, 3 rebounds and 2 assists, while shooting 51 percent from the floor in his first five games.

The University of Maryland women's basketball team (5-1) is ranked 13th in the nation by the Associated Press, largely on the play of Olympian Vicky Bullett and Deanna Tate, but first year player Dwuanna Lee (Walbrook) has looked good in a limited role and the coaching staff is projecting her to be a future star.

Indoor Track

Some of Baltimore's outstanding high school track stars will compete this week-end, for the Ed Waters Track Club, at the Physician's Care Meet at the George Mason University, in Fairfax, Va.

Included are Shonnell White (Western); Joy Parker and Yolanda Little (Dunbar); little Jasmine Benjamin and Perry Sims (Edmondson).

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SPORTS

Sam Lacy

Custer

It is general knowledge by now that the Baltimore Orioles were sold last week to an all-white partnership headed by a New York investment broker and the president of the club, who had been a junior member of the law firm of the late owner, Edward Bennett Williams.

What is not general knowledge, however, is that the hurried sale steamrollered a valid, more lucrative offer from a group headed by one-time owner Jerold Hoffberger . . . And while the latter bid was prepared to produce a much better price than the $70 million closure, there was one apparent drawback: it included a sizeable chunk of black money.

The consortium of blacks put together by Hoffberger included a softdrink franchiser with input from Bill Cosby and Julius "Dr. J" Erving; a national food chain executive, a sausage maker, a travel-agency owner, a land developer, a real estate, a marina owner, a parking lot magnate, a wealthy mortician, etc., representing a combined networth in excess of $250 million.

In other words...

We heard all sorts of explanations as to why the deal went down as it did: family friendships, loyalty to long-term employees, previous commitments, the will of the late owner, etc.

But undressed, it all boiled down to nix, or the Germans' nein, the Greeks' nada, the Soviets' nyet, or the plain old American noway, Jose!

There was to be no black infiltration into the sacred precincts of professional sports ownership . . . No hoods and sheets, of course, but the practiced blank stare — which though non-violent, can be just as effective.

Legitimate fear

Now that it has been established that blacks have the wherewithal, the current bondholders are running scared . . . Moreover, last week's developments seemed to indicate to them that Hoffberger was deserting ranks.

For years, baseball in Baltimore under Hoffberger, Laurel racing under John Shapiro and Pimlico racing under the Cohen brothers were black-free in the Maryland workforce . . . And no matter how much we protested, the cobwebs of antebellum attitudes held fast.

That is why the AFRO made a thorough check as to the authenticity of the Hoffberger claim.

Trust 'em, but...

At one point, there was the report that the black and white coalition had the receptive ear of Baseball Commissioner Ueberroth, and that "several" current clubowners had offered "enthusiastic" support.

After 40 years on the baseball scene, the writer has become aware of how easy it is for club officials to talk from the side of the mouth nearest the listener . . . and what verbal endorsements can mean.

Sure, as President Reagan would say, "trust them but cut the cards."

Wrong chant

In summation, one might suspect that the Williams heirs have fallen into the role of tail-gunners fighting a rear-guard action against an enemy force closing in on the retreating stronghold.

Just the same, it is rather clear that the citadel is under siege, and that the hard-core defenders who may be pleading "remember the Alamo," would fare much better remembering Custer.

Notable quotable

Former Tampa Bay coach John McKay when asked by newsmen after a loss to an NFL opponent, what he thought of his team's execution:

"Not a bad idea."

UNLV, Texas A&M hit

Black schools gain respect for conduct

Within a space of one week, black-college athletic programs have been given an opportunity to exploit their "goodness."

That may be an awkward way of saying that, apparently, schools of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the SWAC and SIAC, are conducting their sport in keeping with amateur guidelines.

Major colleges which constantly barter for the cream of the high school talent, also constantly face charges of acquiring that talent with various types of incentives: cash, under-the-table favors, classroom protection, etc.

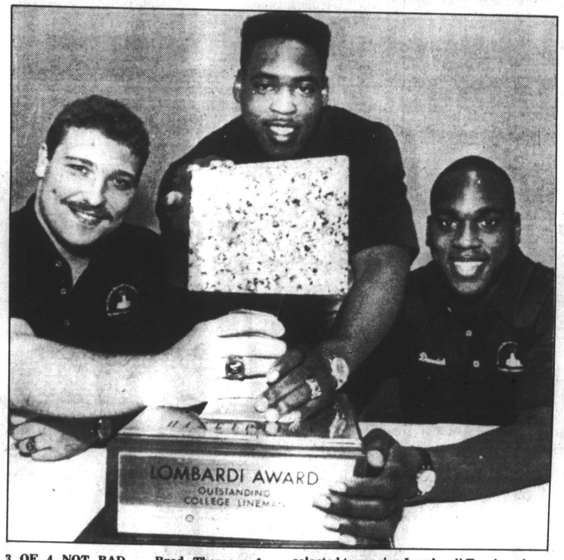
The most recent charges — both substantial — involve UNLV's Jerry Tarkanian's basketball behavior and Texas A&M's Jackie Sherrill's football shenanigans.

Tarkanian who has made a career of cuddling rejects from other schools, was himself rejected by the Supreme Court after an 11-year fight to escape an NCAA suspension.

Sherrill resigned from his A&M post after being confronted with evidence of countless payoffs to athletes.

The AFRO point is that, despite the widespread practice of illegal recruiting, there have been fewer than a half-dozen investigations of recruiting methods among black schools and coaches.

Very logically, this may be one explanation of why so few of the top-grade scholastics matriculate at black schools . . .LACY.



3 OF 4 NOT BAD — Brod Thomas of Nebraska, (c), Derrick Thomas (r) of Alabama, and Outland trophy winner Tracy Rocker of Auburn (not shown) are three of four finalists vying for honor of being selected to receive Lombardi Trophy, given annually to the outstanding college line-man of the year. Mark Messner (l) of Michigan is other finalist.

Basketball

COLLEGE SCHEDULE

Tuesday
Maryland at Howard (women)
S.C. State at Clemson

Wednesday
S.C. State at Univ. of S.C. (women)

Thursday
Clinton (SC) at Droughan's J.C.

Friday
Nicholls State at Xavier (women)

Saturday
Howard vs. Harvard in Maine (women)
Queens College at UDC (women)
Augusta at S.C. State
Clinton (SC) at Pitt C.C.

COLLEGE RESULTS

Women's Games
St. Peter's 90, Howard 60
Bowie State 75, Fayetteville 45
Appalachian 74, A and T 71
Bloomsburg 67, Hampton 61
Central St. 93, Rio Grande 41
Rice 85, Texas Southern 68
Va. Commonwealth 100, Alcorn 73
Miss. Valley 53, S.E. Louisiana 39
Arkansas 107, Miss. Valley 83

Men's Games
Va. State 65, J.C. Smith 64
St. Paul's 83, Delaware State 70
N.C. Central 89, Livingstone 45
Delaware State 95, Lincoln 63
Lemoyne 100, Ft. Valley 93
Savannah State 79, Fla. Atlantic 62
Fla. A&M 94, Edw. Waters 82
Fayetteville 89, Howard 87
Lincoln 62, Widener 56
Grambling 92, Fullerton St. 87

Dodgers add Eddie, Willie

Eddie Murray has been joined by Willie Randolph in the fold of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Aside from the fact that the world champions have strengthened — apparently at least — their lineup, the addition of these two athletes means L.A. is acquiring two happy players.

Both Murray, anxious to get away from the hostile Baltimore atmosphere, and Randolph, eager to escape controversial owner George Steinbrenner of the Yankees, can look forward to better days in California.

Example of the benefits of change can be found by them in the person of John Shelby who stepped from mediocrity with the Orioles to centerfield with the Dodgers . . . LACY.

One-on-One

Wichita, Kansas city officials Monday named Jan. 6 Barry Sanders Day to honor the 1988 Heisman Trophy winner from Oklahoma State.

"People in Wichita are all excited because this is the first Heisman Trophy winner ever from Kansas," said Amy Sage, public information officer for the city.

Kenyan kids nurture a dream

From squalor to success via boxing

By Phil Williams

NAIROBI (UPI) — Every night in the velvet dusk of East Africa, 40 kids get together in the stinking, sprawling Mathare slum and try to punch each other's brains out.

They're following the American dream, a dream of disadvantaged youths boxing their way out of the slums and into a better life.

Kenya is Africa's premier boxing nation. And one of these days, one of the grubby scarecrows with empty pockets training without gloves in a tiny room might be a world champion, says Richard Mwangi.

Mwangi, a former Kenyan national light-welterweight, is patron of a cinder-block club on a pot-holed Nairobi street where gangs of ragged youths plan crime, blow dope and drink home-made gin. Teenage girls in lean-to homes roofed with supermarket bags paint their faces for a night in the sleezy bars looking for a paying proposition.

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Yet in this atmosphere, a stone's throw from one of Africa's most hopeless concentrations of poverty, desperation and gang violence, the Mathare club has succeeded in placing dozens of slum kids with top Kenyan amateur boxing clubs.

These clubs are mostly run by semi-state companies, so that means recruits get a steady job, training for skilled work and pocket money in the form of fighting allowances.

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Two brothers who came up through the system made the Kenyan Olympic boxing squad this year. One, Chris Sande, collected the middleweight bronze at Seoul.

Dutch Roman Catholic priest Father Arnold Grol, whose sparkling eyes and gritty drive belie his 63 years, started the Mathare club next to his St. Theresa's church 10 years ago.

He said it was originally conceived as part of a big project to keep Mathare "parking boys" and girls — street urchins who make a few cents protecting parked cars — away from crime. Now it offers fight trailing to all-comers.

"I saw that the girls were getting mixed up in prostitution and the boys with stealing, smoking bhang (pot) and drinking," Grol said in an interview. "We had to offer them something else.

"Boxing is the way to a job, a way out of poverty and Mathare."

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The club is part of Grol's Undugu ("brother" in Swahili) Project, a $1 million-a-year network of linked sports clubs, self-help projects, workshops, farms and shops. It is part funded by the Ford Foundation.

Boxing is run on a shoestring. The only equipment is three skipping ropes, a battered punchbag and two pairs of gloves, one split.

There is no changing room, no shower, no furniture, no weights or bars, not even a ring. The boxers, aged from 9 to the early 20s, work out on a floor so sweat-soaked that rubber soles stick to the concrete.

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Club coach Nebart Keya gives his time free six sessions a week. He is a slum kid who made it, fighting his way out of Mathare and into the Kenya post office boxing club and briefly into the Kenyan national squad.

He lost his left eye in the ring but retains for life his job as a post office engineer — and his gratitude to the club.

"I carry on coaching because boxing is in my blood and I can give something to others that this club gave me," he said. "Kids from Mathare can get involved in some bad, bad things."

Keya said there was no need to give the kids heavy sermons about the good life.

"I tell them they simply cannot train and be any good if they drink or smoke or take drugs or get arrested. It is usually enough. They get the message. They can see it makes sense and they want to get on."

Kenya has little or no professional boxing. But with so many kids coming through to world class at amateur level, professionals cannot be far off.