Carver Relays open spring season!



THE THRILL OF VICTORY overcame Evans Robinson, a Carver senior, who beamed with enthusiasm after anchoring the Bears' victorious 1600 meter relay effort. This is the first year girls' teams have been invited to the Carver Relays, and Robinson said she is glad women were included.



FINAL PUSH — Runners at the Carver Relays enjoyed the enthusiastic support of over 1,000 spectators who braved chilly breezes to urge their favorite team to victory.



FIRST LEG — Reginald Brown of Southern, backed by Carlin Burden, focuses down the track in preparation for the opening leg in the 800 meter relay. Brown gave the Bulldogs a good start but Southern was edged by Lake Clifton.

Scholastic Sports Scene

AFRO Photo by Martin Evans

Women harriers in relay debut

"I'm glad women were included in the Carver Relays this year. It will let me know what kind of competition I'll be up against."

Mary Robinson, a long-legged runner with an engaging smile spoke between smiling gulps of air as she sought to catch her breath.

The Carver senior had just brought her team's baton around in first place while anchoring the 3200 meter relay, an effort which attracted the praise of teammates and spectators.

They greeted her with pats on the back and cries of "Way to go." Boys drifted by, floating on smiles.

The Carver Relays, a Westside tradition for almost three decades, has not included women's competition until this year.

"We have always had a women's track team, but traditionally the meet has been a male stronghold," Patricia Johnson, the Carver coach said.

But after the meet, Robinson and her teammates said they were glad they were allowed to participate.

Last year, members of the women's team expressed an interest in competing in the relays after attending and watching the boy's events.

"The excitement of watching the boys run made me want to run...too. We begged Mrs. McKenna to let us run in the relays," Tracy McQuay, a Carver junior said of efforts made last year by the girl's team.

"She said she would try and it finally came through, the junior runner said.

Joanne McKenna, Carver's athletic director said integrating girl's events into the relays is worth the extra effort and expense.

"I have had nothing but positive comments from the coaches and the students. It was very successful," McKenna said of the meet, adding it allows college recruiters an early season's look at running prospects.

The girl's program probably will be expanded in next year's event.

"We believe that is the direction we are going," McKenna said, noting the relays may be held on a Saturday to accommodate the larger program.

Host Bears take Carver meet

The spring track season officially opened for high school students as the annual Carver Relays got under way Tuesday, March 23, afternoon at Carver High.

The annual event attracted varsity and junior varsity entries from eight schools.

Runners from Carver, Douglass, Lake Clifton, Southern, Forest Park, Edmondson, Dunbar and Eastern came out in breezy, 50 degree weather to get a preview of the league's competition and an assessment of their own states of readiness.

Four Carver relay teams were pleasantly suprised by their efforts.

The Bear's varsity set meet records in both the sprint medley (3:40.1) and the 1800 meter relay (3:30.8). The junior varsity also set a meet record in the sprint medley.

The J.V. also broke the meet record in the 3200 meter relay, which was anchored by Alberta Sydnor, a hot sophomore prospect who may not spend much time on the junior varsity squad.

The Bears proved to be better runners than hosts. The home team's varsity finished on top with 51 points on a balanced effort that included entrys in all seven events.

The junior varsity also took top honors with a 46 point showing.

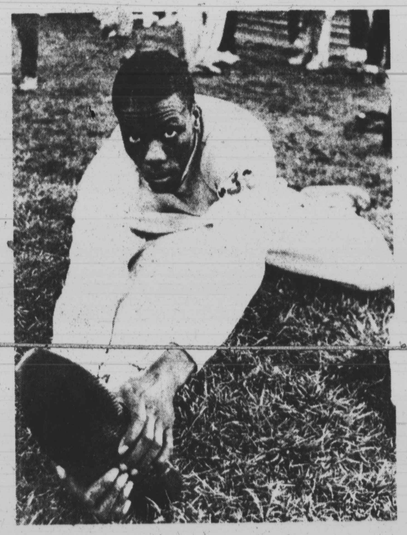
The yearly event was brightened by the inclusion of women's competition for the first time.

Two events were for girls, and five schools, including Forest Park, Lake Clifton, Eastern, Dunbar and Carver entered teams for at least one of the two women's events.

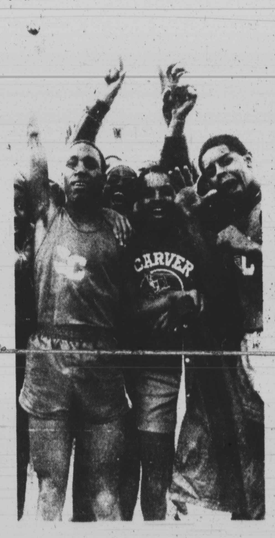
Dunbar was the only girls team to compete in both races. The Poets took first place in the 400 meter relay, with a 52.6. They were followed by Lake Clifton and Eastern, with 52.9 and 53.6 times, respectively.

In the other girl's event, the Carver four covered 1600 meters in 4:21.5, and were followed by Dunbar and Forest Park who posted 4:31 and 4:37 times, respectively.

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FLEXIBILITY AND STRENGTH — While running competitively legs must exert power through an enormously long range of motion. Kelvin Wilson, a Southwestern runner, warms and stretches before taking his mark.



HAIL, SYDNOR! — Friends and teammates rally around Albert Sydnor, who proudly waves the baton he held while anchoring the Bears winning junior - varsity 3200 meter relay team.



THE CHASE — Earl Stackhouse of Douglass, pursued by Carver's Alfonso Guster, pushes toward the finish line as he ran the 800 meter leg in the distance medley. Douglass won in 11:54.5.

YOU KNOW BECAUSE YOU READ THE AFRO

NEW AFRO CONTEST—WIN A CARIBBEAN TRIP!

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TV's Tobie charges Curt, Lyn with assault

They file counter-charges as tempers flare at TV 2

WMAR-TV anchorwoman Tobie Marsh has filed charges against two of her striking co-workers following a March 30 incident in which she said her car was damaged as she was driving through the station's parking lot.

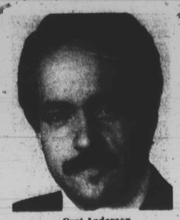
Ms. Marsh told the AFRO she has filed a destruction of property charge against reporter Curt Anderson and an assault charge against reporter Lynn Anderson.

Learning of the charges against

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Tobie Marsh



Curt Anderson



Lyn Alexander

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THE ORIOLES! Special salute to our Birds (inside)

Swisher's courts criticism called phony

Newark's Mayor Gibson indicted

NEWARK, NJ (UPI) — Mayor Kenneth Gibson and City Council President Earl Harris were indicted Wednesday on charges of misconduct and theft for allowing an 30 - year - old former city worker to collect $115,000 over seven years for a "no show" job.

The city worker, Michael Bontempo, who allegedly lived in Florida while he collected a $24,256 city salary, also was named in the 141 - count indictment.

Gibson, mayor of of New Jersey's largest city since 1970 and past president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and Harris are chief rivals in the city's upcoming mayoral race.

The indictment, detailing 67 separate criminal acts, charged Gibson, Harris and Bontempo with conspiracy and taking money by false pretense, taking city funds not lawfully due, misconduct in office, theft by deception and official misconduct.

In addition, Harris, the only one of the three to appear before the special grand jury during its investigation, was charged with perjury.

The investigation was launched after vandals caused $2 million in damage at Newark's Pequannock watershed last summer by tampering with a valve that released a torrent of water forcing city residents to find water service elsewhere.

During the ensuing investigation, it was learned Bantempo, although allegedly living in St. Lucie, FL, was on the payroll as the watershed's chief of security.

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Kenneth Gibson

Toya, 8, still missing

Police today continued their investigation into the disappearance of a 8-year-old East Baltimore girl who was last seen March 24.

Toya Kitrina Hill, of the 200 block of South Spring Court was reported missing around 7:30 p.m. March 24, when she did not return home after playing in her neighborhood.

Police officers have combed the East Baltimore neighborhood where the child was reported missing.

Mrs. Antoinette Hill Poindexter, mother of Toya said her daughter has never run away from home. The children who had been playing with Toya told police and her mother a man offered to buy her some candy and Toya was seen entering the neighborhood store at South Caroline and Gough Street with a man.

Police report the man who the children was talking about was a former friend of Mrs. Poindexter's and has been interviewed. However, police report he is not a suspect in the case.

Toya was wearing jeans, an orange and blue shirt, blue jacket. She is four feet tall and weighs 80 pounds. She has a medium brown complexion.

Hairston making tough bid for judgeship

"I'm not a politician, but I plan on winning a seat on the Supreme Bench in the fall elections," Alonzo P. Hairston readily admits.



Alonzo Hairston

At first glance, such a statement seems ridiculous. How can a non-politician expect to win any election, especially in a city with such a hardnosed political life as Baltimore?

"I think our community is tired of smooth promises and politicians who play on their basic needs and wants," Hairston said. "I aim to simply tell the people who I am and why I want to be a Supreme Bench judge, and leave it at that."

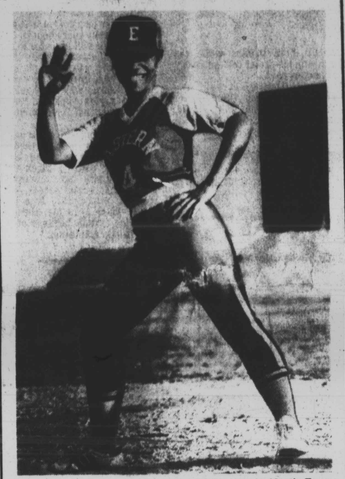
Hairston probably represents a new spirit in local politics. He is not to be seen at the "in" places politically.

But ask lawyers or judges about Hairston and they will tell you he is qualified.

"You know, a lot of people may not know this, but Hairston has

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One-base hit!



PLAY BALL! Diane Harting, a left - fielder for Eastern High School's softball team lifts the spirits of her teammates with a smile and a wave after swatting a single in a Tuesday game at Walbrook High. More on page 22.

AFRO Photo by Martin Evans

Black legislators push unemployment rate hike

A bill that would raise weekly unemployment insurance benefits for thousands of Marylanders by about $16 was passed earlier this week by the House of Delegates.

Bill okayed In Md. House

House Bill 275, sponsored by several black legislators, would raise maximum benefits to $156 a week from the present rate of $140.

To cover the $24 million the higher benefits would cost, the legislation also increases by about $23 million the contributions Maryland employers must make to the state's Unemployment Insurance Fund.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where legislators there already are attempting to reduce the $16 weekly boost the House okayed to about $10.

Del. Frank Conaway, D-40th, one of the bill's co-sponsors, told the AFRO working people receive increases to help them cope with high inflation and "it was in our best interests to help those people who are unemployed at no fault of their own."

Many of the bill's supporters apparently were not satisfied with the $16 increase, but that amount was a compromise, Conaway said. Labor wanted a maximum benefits increase of $160 per week, while the business industry favored $150 per week, he said.

Del. Isaiah "Ike" Dixon, D-38th, told the AFRO he does not think

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UM prof charges States Attorney is playing games

A University of Maryland School of law professor said, State's Attorney William A. Swisher gave a false impression to the public that 120 criminal cases were in danger of being dismissed on account of the 180 day rule.

Larry S. Gibson told the AFRO, "I do not know if this is dishonesty or gross incompetence but I do know that the information was readily available to him and I find it difficult to understand why a prosecutor would want to slow down the process of criminal cases.

Last week, Swisher said 120 cases could be dismissed because of the state's speedy trial rules. The cases include charges of murder, rape, burglary, robbery, sexual offense, storehouse breaking and robbery with a deadly weapon.

Gibson told the AFRO, "It is

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ABLE TO SIT UP AFTER SURGERY

Teddy served 2 traffic summonses

Philadelphia police served soul singer Teddy Pendergrass two summonses at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital March 31, one for driving with a suspended license and one for wreckless driving.

Police also have announced they have closed their investigation into the March 18 accident that left the singer partially paralyzed. Pendergrass faces a total fine of $245 if found guilty, police said.

Meanwhile, Don Fair, a Philadelphia Police spokesman, when asked about the reported disappearance of Pendergrass' companion in the auto crash, John also known as Tenika Watson, confirmed Watson still was in the city.

Police said no liquor or drugs were found in the singer's 1981 Rolls Royce and that officers at the scene had determined there was no cause to give the singer a blood test.

The investigation also has determined no cause exists to seek access to Pendergrass' hospital records.

Pendergrass' license was suspended May 11, 1981 in connection with him failing to pay parking fines and related court costs.

A spokesperson for Thomas Jefferson University Hospital said Pendergrass was able to sit up and use his arms. He is said to be eating normally and is in good spirits.

The doctors said the next step for the singer is that he learn how to get around in a wheelchair, a process that may take as long as several months.

Pendergrass recently underwent a three-hour operation to stabilize his condition, so rehabilitation could begin. He was fitted for a back brace after the surger was completed.

Doctors said they do not know if there will be any reversal of the

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THE EXCITING NEW AFRO VACATION CONTEST

You could be on this Caribbean Island!

The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN's exciting "vacation you'll never forget contest" is going hot and heavy as readers vie for free trips to the Caribean Disneyworld, Fla. and Niagra Falls, Canada.

Deadline for entries in this vacation game is May 15 so there is still time for you to enter.

All that is required is that you fill out the official entry blank published in both Tuesday and Friday editions of the Baltimore AFRO.

These three dream vacations cover most expenses for two which means that winneers will be able to take a special someone along with them.

Winners will be selected from a random drawing to be held at the end of May.

Complete contest details are in each AFRO edition. First prize is

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THIS COULD BE YOU and a companion frolicking along a sunny Caribbean beach. But to win this fabulous, expense - paid vacation, you will have to enter the AFRO's contest. For full details, see page 13.