AFRO SPORTS

O's pitching has rebirth

Manager Joe Altobelli might be excused if at the moment he looks upon the West Coast as a sort of basketball Shangri-la.

The reason: it appears that his Baltimore Orioles pitching staff has been reborn.

Going into Thursday's afternoon game at Oakland, three hurlers of the four who have been bitter disappointments thus far, had shown signs of shaking slumps.

Dennis Martinez, Mike Boddiker and Scott McGregor are the three. And although Boddiker was a loser, his 10-inning stint against Oakland Tuesday night was a gutty performance in a 3-2 defeat.

On Wednesday night, McGregor who had managed only one victory in five decisions and had been nicked for 43 hits in a little over 30 innings, hurled a 3-hit, 3-0, shutout against the same Oakland A's.

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The Birds finish the long trip with a 4-game weekend set against the Angels.

Following that trek to Anaheim, the O's return home to Memorial Stadium where 15 of the next 18 contests will be played.

Thursday (29th) will be 3-Buck Night.

Stars reaching for air Sunday

The Baltimore Stars will be looking for breathing space over the .500 mark when they entertain San Antonio in a United States Football League game Sunday afternoon.

The Byrd Stadium kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 o'clock.

Virtually dead as far as the USFL playoffs are concerned, the depressed defending champions are at 6-6-1 in the standings, thus needing a victory to create a "winning season" thus far.

The solace for local fans and head coach Jim Mora is that the visitors are mired under a 3-10 record.

Ask Barry

Q. I am a big fan of Darryl Dawkins of the New Jersey Nets I'm curious: Has his hometown ever honored him? — Michael Smith, Miami, Fla.

A. Dawkins is from Orlando, Fla., but the town has never done anything special for him. However, its been a two-way street. A few years ago, there was some impetus for a "Darryl Dawkins Day." However, Dawkins, then with the Philadelphia 76ers, reportedly sent word that he would ot be interested in participating unless he was given a new car. More recently, Dawkins drew headlines in Orlando by bouncing a check at a local grocery store. The check was for $500. It's too bad Dawkins has gotten this kind of publicity. He really is a delightful guy.

Q. Do all players who are taken in the NBA draft get a signing bonus? — Name withheld by request, Burgaw, N.C.

A. No. The signing bonuses usually are disturbed to the players expected to make the team. That means first - or second-round draft choices. The other players are told that no contract talks will take place until after training camp is over.

Q. I am trying to settle a bet with a friend of mine. He says Willie Mays once hit four homeruns in the same game. Is this true? — Jack Evans, Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. It certainly is. On April 30, 1961, Mays hit four homers against the Milwaukee Braves.

LAST-WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: Since 1960, the Cleveland Indians have had three players on their roster who were traded and went on to become Rookies of the Year. Name them.

A. Tommy Agee (rookie of the year in 1966), Luis Pinella (1968) and Alfredo Griffin (1979).

THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: True or false: A one-armed man once played full-time in major league baseball.

(Got a sports question? Write "Ask Barry," Box 1161, Orlando, Fla. 32802)

Larry Holmes and title belt
Only judges felt he deserved to keep it.

Holmes victorious but Williams won

The judges and United Press International combined to vote Larry Holmes the winner by unanimous decision, over heavyweight Carl "The Truth" Williams Monday night at Reno.

But indications are that they constituted a distinct minority.

Judge Jerry Roth scored the fight 143-142, the closest score. Paul Gibbs and Al Rothenberg both had Holmes winning 146-139. UPI scored the fight 147-140 for Holmes.

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The AFRO Sports Desk tallied Williams the victor by 144-141; that close only because the challenger's inexperience permitted him to relax in the closing minutes.

This space does not subscribe to the false belief that a champion has to be knocked out if he is to lose his crown. It does, however, admit that a challenger cannot relax in the face of a defending titleholder.

Of course, this view must be tempered with the understanding that watching any sports contest on TV results in a distorted view.

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Williams, an unheralded fighter in only his 17th pro fight — and his first loss — was enthusiastic after the bout.

"I am the uncrowned king," Williams said. "It was close. I fought a hell of a fight. I wasn't really hurt. His right hand never got in. Earlier in the fight he had some right hands. Later on, I blocked everything that was thrown."

There were no knockdowns in the bout, but Holmes had the inexperienced challenger in trouble in each of the last two rounds. In the 14th, after Williams began the round with stinging left jabs and a left hook that brought blood from Holmes' mouth, the champion regained control and hammered Williams with powerful rights.

In the final 10 seconds, Holmes landed three whistling rights flush on the challenger's jaw, and Williams staggered into the ropes as the bell sounded.

"That's the most punishment Larry's taken since I've been with him," said trainer Eddie Futch, who joined the Holmes camp four years and 11 fights ago.

Holmes, accompanied by a doctor, left the Lawlor Events Center immediately after the fight and headed to his hotel for medical attention, especially on the badly swollen left eye.

Carl 'The Truth' Williams
winner but not champion

Full field girds for start of Grand Prix golf Saturday

A capacity entry list stands in wait for tomorrow (Saturday) morning's shotgun start of the 1985 Dudley Henry Memorial golf tournament.

Play will begin at 7:30 a.m., at Forest Park, with foursomes lined up for simultaneous tees off on each of the 18 holes.

On Sunday the scenario will be repeated at the Clifton Park course for the second round of the 36-hole competitions.

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The tournament represents the Baltimore stop on the annual Miller High Life Grand Prix of Golf.

Winners in each of the three flights, plus seniors and women, will earn trips to the Grand Prix finals, to be played Sept. 19-22 at Doral Country Club in Miami.

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The late Dudley Henry is memorialized locally because of his avid interest in golf for many years.

Prior to his death, he was idolized by the many youngsters he influenced during his tenure as a night school teacher at Dunbar.

Groundbreaking June 6 for new Coppin plant

Delegate Benjamin L. Cardin, speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, will give remarks during the groundbreaking ceremony for Coppin State College's new physical education facility.

The ceremony will be held June 6 at 9 a.m. on the campus. The public is invited to attend.

The physical education facility is a $6.1 million expansion and renovation project. The project, scheduled for completion by the fall of next year, will include renovating the present gymnasium and constructing several new auxiliary features.

Joining Del. Cardin as a participant in the ceremony will be Dr. Calvin W. Burnett, president of the college; the Rev. Marion Bascom, minister at Douglass memorial Church; James Archibald, chairman of the State Board of Trustees; Del. Howard P. Rawlings, Democrat representing the 40th District, and Ronald De Souza, vice president for administration at Coppin.

'Survival' dinner spotlights 3 college-bound youngsters

The 7th annual Project Survival Dinner drew a capacity crowd to Martin's West Wednesday night to salute Baltimore Police Commissioner Bishop Robinson and popular businessman Osborne Payne.

High spot of the evening for the AFRO, however, was the ceremony recognizing three outstanding young high school graduates who are off to college in the fall bearing scholarship awards.

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They are Yvette Ford of Western, the daughter of Mrs. Jean Keaton; Kim R. Ward, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ward, and Dawan Spencer, son of Mrs. Sheila Black.

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Yvette, already awarded a full scholarship by the school, was presented a trophy symbolic of the top scholar - athlete from the Project Survival Summer Basketball League. She will attend Northeastern University in Boston.

Kim, a vivacious young engineering prospect, will matriculate at Howard University with the aid of a $1,500 Sam Lacy scholarship.

And Dawan has been accepted at Hampton Institute, where he also will be helped by the Project Survival $1,500 scholarship given in the name of the AFRO sports editor.

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Project Survival is an arm of the mushrooming youth program conducted by the Urban Services Agency.

Directed by Vernon Wolst with the assistance of Mrs. Sharon Snyder Reichlyn and John Murdock, Project Survival provides an expanding calendar of summer recreation and tutorial service for inner - city youth.

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Each year leading area personalities are centerpieced at fund - raising dinners titled "An Evening With . . ."

Commissioner Robinson and Baltimore Mini - Market President Payne were preceded in this role by, among others, Westley "Wes" Unseld, William "Sugar" Cain, Jim Parker, Brooks Robinson, Vince Bagli, Dr. Levi Watkins, Lou Grasmick, William C. March, Lloyd "Sodie" White and Allen "Dickie" Burke.

Olympic tandem scores easily

STATELINE, Nev. (UPI) - U.S. Olympic champions Mark Breland, Tyrell Biggs and Meldrick Taylor remain unbeaten as professionals.

Each knocked out a weak opponent in a hurry Friday night as Taylor ran his record to 5-0, Breland to 4-0 and Biggs to 3-0.

Breland, who won the welterweight gold medal in the Los Angeles Summer Games, floored Vince Dunfee of Butte, Mont., in both the first and second rounds and was declared the winner at 2:14 of the second when Dunfee's corner threw in the towel.

Biggs, who won the heavyweight gold medal at Los Angeles, was declared the winner over Grady Daniels of Chicago when a ring physician stopped the bout between the second and third rounds.

Taylor, the lightweight gold-medal winner, took a minute to get warmed up against Nery Reyes of San Jose, Calif. Then he landed a right hook that floored Reyes and referee Norm Budden declared Taylor the winner without a count.

Northern comeback tops MSA lacrosse

Northern High School turned from an 0-9 lacrosse season in 1984 to an undefeated 10-0 record and the Maryland Scholastic Association's "C" Conference title in 1985.

FINAL STANDINGS

Northern High	10-0	1.000
Forest Park	7-3	.700
Northwestern	7-3	.700
Edmondson	4-6	.400
Southwestern	1-9	.100
Walbrook	1-9	.100

PLAYING THE BUDDY—Second baseman Rich Dauer of the Orioles demonstrates the proper grip on a baseball as Southwest Police Youth Club member Chad Tippett observes. All of Dauer's Bird teammates are pushing for "Buddies Night" ticket sales for the O's-Seattle game Wednesday (29), net proceeds of which will help fund a summer camp for 1,500 city youngsters.

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Religion In Modern Life

Religious T.V. station starts in mid-July

On March 5 WKJL Board Chairman Richard Alms, Board Secretary, William Nikerson, and General Manager Kenneth Bushman met with Le Roy Merrit to sign the lease agreement for the beautiful new facility which houses the studio, offices, master control, production control room and warehouse of the new religious television station.

This 7,800 square foot building is located in the new Seton Industrial Park at the end of Northern Parkway near Liberty Road.

On May 1, staff member Linda Gordon and Don May Sr., the station's manager of operations, were assisted by volunteers; Gina Jehl, Ginny Annis, Jim Vest, Frank Ladanyi, Charles Brown, and Don May Jr. in packing and loading equipment, office furniture and supplies onto three trucks. By early that afternoon, they were officially moved into the new facility.

At nearly 1073 feet above average terraine, WKJL's completely reconditioned and fully warranteed RCA antenna is mounted to the side of previously built tower at 2038 Powers La. The tower, which WKJL rents, is owned by Channel 54 and has WNUV's antenna on its top.

"It was great for Channel 54 to allow us to rent this tower. Otherwise we would have had to spend thousands of additional dollars. Just the transmitter and basic studio equipment totaled $1,200,000," said May.

According to May, WKJL will be on the air, broadcasting from 7 a.m. till 12 midnight seven days a week.

"Eventually we would like to become a 24 - hour religious station. We're hoping to work our way up to it," added Mr. May.

The station plans to offer a wide variety of Christian family - oriented programming.

"There will be Christian entertainment, and educational programming for teenagers, youngsters and adults. We plan to have good, wholesome programming that the entire family can enjoy," May told the AFRO.

"Also we will have a good deal of live, local interest programs. We plan to be in close touch with the different churches in the community, and we're considering having a 'Church of the Week' where we will feature activities from a particular church throughout the week. This is one idea that we have as a way to really get the community involved with the station."

According to the managers of WKJL, this station will provide an alternative from the sex and violence that appears frequently in network programs.

"We want to be the kind of station that an eight - year - old can watch all day without seeing anything that might be considered harmful. American viewers deserve an alternative from the sometimes disturbing material that is shown on regular television. In fact, more and more people across the country are taking this position, and stations like this one are springing up everywhere," said Mr. May.

Although an actual program schedule has not yet been confirmed, May says that there will be a well - rounded schedule including regular news and sports broadcasts.

"We don't know exactly what type of sports we will be having yet, nor do we know what our news schedule will be, but both will be included. In fact, we're considering using satellite news."

Operational manager Don May Sr. comes to Channel 24 from National Capital Christian Broadcasting, Inc. in Manassas, VA, where he worked as business manager and manager of broadcast operations and engineering. Recently, he built and initiated operations for the station WTLL (Witnessing The Lord of Lords).

May has a broad background on management, as well as working with four Christian television stations including Channel 44 in Lima, OH, Channel 66 in Manassas, and Channel 63 in Richmond.

"The idea to have this station is about 12 years old. The people who live in Baltimore are the ones who wanted this kind of station. A group of individuals who were determined to have such a station struggled along with the idea. I thought it was a good idea. Since I fell in love with Baltimore when I ministered here in 1974, I figured that I could come back and work in a place that I'm used to," May said.

"Although we are a religious station, we'd like to think of ourselves as a community - oriented station . . . We will be here to serve the community, and hopefully we will receive a favorable response. But the public should know that the station, which is non - profit, will ask for community support and donations. The station will need the public's help to get on the air. We're asking for prayer, time, talent, or monetary gifts because it takes a lot to put a station on the air, and even more to keep it going."

Baltimore looks forward to WKJL's debut in mid - July.

Photo by Pat Ward Williams

Station operational manager Don May, Sr. and volunteer, Charles Brown stand in front of the new television station located in Seton Industrial Park.

United Methodists seek wide input in compiling new hymnal

NASHVILLE — The committee charged with developing a new United Methodist hymnal and worship books is "receiving information from all over," including a churchwide pastor survey, in order to present by 1988 a resource which unites many traditions.

In a May 13-14 meeting, its second since it was conceived in 1984, the 25-member Hymnal Revision committee heard a comprehensive report on results of a survey mailed to nearly 38,000 United Methodist pastors on usage of the current Book of Hymns. Among the major findings from the survey sampling were:

The Book of Hymns is used least frequently in the North Central Jurisdiction, in small churches, and in churches with a non-white, ethnic base;

Eight of 10 United Methodist Churches report The Book of Hymns is their primary hymnal;

Most churches — 92 percent—use at least one other hymnal or songbook:

Large churches, non-white-ethnic-based churches, and Western Jurisdiction churches have different hymn preferences than mainstream United Methodists;

Nearly 6,000 pastors of United Methodist Churches responded to the survey, and a sampling was extracted by jurisdiction, church size, ethnic base, pastor's age, weekly attendance, and membership.

Pastors responding to the survey said their top criteria for creating a new hymnal are that the committee: 1) use caution in changing language about God; 2) include "more singable" hymns in lower keys; 3) include more contemporary hymns and 4) bring back "old favorites."

Robin Rose, who worked with the United Methodist Publishing House in conducting the survey, explained that according to the instrument, the typical United Methodist Church has an average membership of 142, with average weekly attendance of 69. Ten percent of the churches are of the former Evangelical United Brethren tradition; 42 percent are rural churches and 96 percent are white. The average age of pastors is 46 years.

Although most United Methodist Churches use the standard denominational hymnal, 92 percent use additional songbooks, the most popular being the Cokesbury Hymnal of God, Hymns of Praise, and Songs of Zion.

Others were the Upper Room Book of Hymns, the supplement to the Book of Hymns, and Hymnal of the Evangelical United Brethren.

The Hymnal Revision Committee, chaired by Iowa Bishop Rueben P. Job, heard preliminary reports from its two subcommittee—hymns and worship resources. The hymns section, which is split into two subsections—tunes and text—had recommended a "keep" and "delete" list from The Book of Hymns.

In plenary session, the entire revision committee "approved in principle" 245 hymns. These hymns are subject to changes, revision or deletion in the final analysis. By the committee's fall meeting, review of the contents of The Book of Hymns "should be complete and we should have a list of the ones we're keeping," said the Rev. Carlton R. (Sam) Young, editor of the new hymnal.

While the text and tune of most hymns approved in this first round were kept as is, committee members recommended some changes for others, some of which bend to popular usage. One committee member argued that "Amazing Grace" is not complete without the verse "When we've been there ten thousand years ...," which was not included in the 1984 revision of the hymnal.

Committee members approved "Come Ye That Love the Lord (No. 4 in the current hymnal), but suggested that the primary tune be "Marching to Zion," used widely by United Methodist and included in Songs of Zion.

Since many congregations repeat the last line of "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" committee members suggested that the new hymnal include such a refrain.

The survey showed that United Methodist Churches listed 292 hymns as their favorites, but 50 hymns were listed by two or more percent of the respondents.

The 10 most-sung hymns are "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," "O For A Thousand Tongues," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Blessed Assurance," "Holy, Holy, Holy," "What a Friend," "All Hail the Power," "In the Garden," and "The Church's One Foundation."

Dr. Young, in reflecting on the top hymns recommended in the survey, suggested that a call for the more familiar—"How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace"—indicates that "a number of people want worship to remain familiar and therefore meaningful.

"Hymns like these represent the memory and community in a way that other styles don't," Dr. Young said. "It is not the doctrine of these hymns so much as it is the feeling behind them, and that is important. The committee is sensitive to that."

Subcommittees and their sections will meet throughout the summer. The next full committee meeting is set for Oct. 14-15.

Metro Church Briefs

MT. ZION APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

The Interdenominational Women's Ministerial Alliance invites you to the Second Annual Women's Ministerial Convention.

The theme will be "Women of God Moving Forward in the Ministery." The convention will be held from Tuesday, July 16 through Friday, July 19 at the Mt. Zion Apostolic Faith Church located at 3501 Liberty Heights Ave. (corner of Rogers Ave.)

Workshops will begin Wednesday, July 17, at 8:30 a.m. Evening workshop services will begin each night at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call 301-486-0689, 542-9207, or 566-6205.

EZRA BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a Great Revival Crusade at Ezra baptist Church from Monday, May 27 through Thursday, May 30 with programs beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night.

Guest speaker during the crusade will be the Rev. James Baldwin, pastor of Shiloh C.C. Church. His topics will be preaching, praying, singing, healing, and teaching. The church is located at 3990 Glenmore Ave. Come expecting a miracle.

FIRST APOSTOLIC FAITH INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH, INC.

First Apostolic Faith church, located at Caroline and Lombard Sts., will continue their annual Pentecost celebration entitled, "On The Road To Pentecost" until Sunday, May 26. Evangelistic Revival Services will be conducted nightly by the dynamic "Word Preacher," Dr. Jesse D. Ellis of Memphis.

This year's special highlight will be the Church Convocation and Prayer Day on Friday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m. All day there will be singing, praying and praise with preaching by: Bishop Winfield Showell, host pastor, Pastor Roy Brown, Brooklyn, Dr. Jesse Ellis, Memphis, and Evangelist Juanita Sapp from Dallas. All are welcome, be there.

ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Three of the charismatic ministers of the Baltimore Conference of the United Methodist Church will participate in a three-day revival at St. James United Methodist Church which is located on the corner of Monroe and Lexington Sts.

The festivities begin on Sunday, June 2, at 3:30 p.m. when the Rev. Dr. Charles Johnson II and his congregation from North-wood Appold United Methodist Church in Baltimore will render service.

The revival will end on Tuesday, June 4 with the service beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. St. George Crosse and his congregation from the St. Matthews U.M.C. in East baltimore will close out the revival.

You are invited.

CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The choir and congregation of Huber Memorial Church will worship at Centennial United Methodist Church, 1029 E. Monument St., on Sunday, June 9, at 3:30 p.m.

Rev. P. M. Smith, pastor of Huber Memorial, will deliver the message. Ms. Elinor Webb is sponsor. You are cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL CHURCH

Join the Christian Women's Fellowship in a retreat at Christian Memorial Church, 2001 West North Ave. on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

The speaker will be the dynamic Rev. Pat Pride. So prepare your heart for worship and delve into God's word.

Men and women are welcome. Registration is $2.

ISRAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Israel Baptist Church has an Outreach Center 1220 N. Chester St. for persons in need of food and clothing.

The Outreach Center is open on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In case of emergency, please call the church office anytime 732-1494.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

The healing ministry of Mt. Zion Baptist Church celebrates its first anniversary on Sunday, May 26, at 6 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Monroe Saunders, pastor of First United Church of Jesus Christ.

The church is located 2000 East Belvedere Ave. You are invited to attend.

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHRISTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Christian speech classes will begin on saturday, June 1, at 8 a.m. and lasting until 10 a.m. at St. Timothy's Christian Baptist Church, 4005 Groveland Ave.

These classes are designed to prepare people for Christian public speaking. Field experience is included, and three textbooks are required. At the completion of the course, a certificate is issued from the St. Timothy's School of Christian Education.

Mrs. Minnie R. Washington, author of "Words That Move Mountains," is the instructor. For more information, call 466-3565 or Mrs. Turner at 366-1326.

The course begins June 1, and ends June 29.

BROWN'S MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Brown's Memorial Baptisst Church 3213 W. Belvedere Ave. will have their Senior Usher's Anniversary on Sunday, May 26, at 4 p.m.

For any additional information, please contact Ms. Norma Pryer, chairperson, Public Relations Committee at 542-5700.

REHOBOTH CHURCH

There will be a fellowship service of former and present members and friends celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Rehoboth Church, founded by the late Bishop R. A. Carr, convening June 8th and 9th, at 2:00 p.m. at 219 N. Mount St. For further information, call 669-7306.

HISTORIC STRAWBRIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The men of Strawbridge United Methodist Church will hold its first Annual Prayer Breakfast on Sunday, June 2, at 8:30 a.m.

The speaker for this event leading to Men's Day will be Brother Lee Michaels.

The church is located at Park and Wilson Sts. in Baltimore. For more information please call Walter Gray at 669-5387 or Purnell Spruill at 335-3326.

MINIATURE MISS PAGEANT

There is still time for young ladies age six through 12 to enter the fifth annual Miniature Miss Pageant, to be held Sunday, June 2 at the Maryland Historical Society, 201 W. Monument St.

To be eligible, youngsters must either sing, dance, play an instrument, or give an oral presentation.

A trip to Disneyland and a Peabody Scholarship will be awarded to the winners. Applications can be obtained at the Maryland Historical society or by calling 947-1496.

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

William Allen of the Community Players of Baltimore will present a Church Drama and Concert at the Morning Star Baptist Church, 1013 W. Fayette St. on Friday, May 24th, at 8 a.m. in the Multi-Purpoe Hall. The concert is to benefit a number of local charities. Admission is free and the public is invited