AFRO SPORTS

Big-features weekend scheduled by Orioles

If the weatherman cooperates, an unusually attractive weekend is upcoming at Memorial Stadium.

Not only are the homestanding Orioles in the midst of their hottest spin of the season; they are offering a series of bonus features that should appeal to local fans.

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As most Bird watchers are aware, the O's entered the Thursday night contest against Minnesota with five straight wins, their longest string of success this year.

And heightened encouragement stems from the fact that in doing so, they beat pitchers like John Butcher, Floyd Bannister and Mark Gubicza, each of whom has been tough on the Birds in the past.

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This longest stadium stay of the year continues tonight (Friday) with the Oakland A's coming in for three games that end Sunday afternoon.

Monday night marks the opening of a 3-game set with the Angels and Reggie Jackson.

As for the added stuff: it is seat-cushion night for fans 15 and older Friday night, cap day Sunday for all paying customers, and it'll be 3-buck night Monday ... SAM LACY.

COMING TO KEMPER — Jim Thorpe finally has put the Kemper Open golf tournament on his schedule. Thorpe will try his long-hitting game on the Congressional Country Club course for the May 26-June 1 event, it was announced Monday. Jim Dent who tied for 46th and collected $1,360 in last year's Kemper, has not yet committed.

SEEING EYE-TO-EYE — But are they? If Kentucky Derby winner Ferdinand (left) and failing favorite Snow Chief are trying to stare down one another in what they regard as a one-on-one battle in Saturday's Preakness at Pimlico, they're wasting time. The AFRO sports desk is predicting that both are in for a surprise.

While top choices look other way, we'll take Brush

By Sam Lacy

The talk around the stable area at Pimlico this week has been fed on conjecture as to which horse will win Saturday's 111th running of the Preakness.

To the surprise of no one, most eyes have been focussed on Badger Land, Snow Chief and Ferdinand.

The first two were co-favorites in the Kentucky Derby two weeks ago, and the last named of the three won it.

But this desk believes it has a few surprises of its own.

The first surprise is that the choice here is Broad Brush. Th e second is that the choice is a Marylander.

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It's difficult to explain the AFRO reluctance to pick a "homer," after having watched the likes of Bee Bee Bee, ('72), Aloma's Ruler ('82) and Deputed Testamony ('83), thrash the animals which had been selected by the resident genius.

But, when there's no explanation, you just fold your tent and disappear. Not so here, though.

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So, whether with a kiss of death or not, Broad Brush owned by Robert E. Meyerhoff and trained by Dick Small, is the AFRO choice to win at Old Hilltop Saturday.

And the feeling here is that the reasons are sound.

The Brush has the speed to be well placed and the stamina to hold off the late runners.

The Ack Ack colt has shown these qualities in each of his 1986 races.

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Broad Brush went with the acknowledged speed-burner, Groovy, in both the Wood Memorial and the Derby, and was right there at the finish although the other top contenders faded.

At Louisville the evidence was clear. Groovy set a blistering pace, covering the first quarter-mile in 22 1/5 seconds spinning the fastest half-mile in history in 45 1/5 seconds and three quarters in 1:10 1/5.

NBA playoffs

EASTERN CONFERENCE
(Boston versus Milwaukee)
MAY 13 — Boston 128, Milwaukee 96
MAY 15 — Milwaukee at Boston, 8 p.m.
MAY 17 — Boston at Milwaukee, 2 p.m.
MAY 18 — Boston at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.
x-MAY 21 — Milwaukee at Boston, TBA
x-MAY 23 — Boston at Milwaukee, TBA
x-MAY 25 — Milwaukee at Boston, 1 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
(Los Angeles versus Houston)
MAY 10 — LA Lakers 119, Houston 107
MAY 13 — Houston 112, LA Lakers 102
MAY 16 — LA Lakers at Houston, 9:30 p.m.
MAY 18 — LA Lakers at Houston, 3:30 p.m.
MAY 21 — Houston at LA Lakers, 11:30 p.m.

Preakness notes

By Sam Lacy

For the benefit of "hunch" bettors, it is on the record that the celebrated Pimlico race has been won 10 times each from the No. 2, 5 and 6 post positions.

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In case you didn't know, Chick Lang, Sr., the Pimlico general manager, was a jockey in his younger days (when he was 125 pounds lighter. He won the 1928 Kentucky Derby aboard Reigh Count. Earlier, he rode Golden Rule in 1923, Nauticle in 1924, Jock in 1927 (on which he finished third); also rode twice in the Preakness, ninth on Pelican Stable's Oil Man in 1922, and fifth on Walter M. Jefford's By Hisself in 1925.

Unlike this weekend when only seven horses are expected to go to the post, the 1918 Preakness had 26 entries and the field had to be split in two divisions.

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Easily, the most repugnant incident in recent Preakness history marred the running of the 1980 race. Beaten by Genuine Risk in the Derby two weeks earlier, jockey Angel Cordero on Codex deliberately angled wide in the Pimlico home stretch to force the filly to go with him so that she could not pass.

It was a dastardly act which was witnessed by virtually all in the crowd of over 80,000 (including at least one patrol judge) except three stewards — who refused to honor jockey Jacinto Vasquez's claim of foul.

Genuine Risk later defeated Codex in the Belmont.

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Sore losers often utter a wish that the horse they bet on be "sent to a glue factory." That hasn't happened yet, of course. But . . . .

Pillory which won the 1922 Preakness, proved unsuccessful at the thoroughbred farm, so he was sent to the U.S. Remount Station at Fort Robinson, Ky., to serve stud duty for cavalry horses.

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Pimlico is roughly 30 miles south of the Mason-Dixon Line; thus the track lies in what officially is Dixieland. The name Dixie was given to Pimlico's oldest stakes race, the Dixie Handicap, which started as the Dinner Party Stakes in 1870, renewed as the Reunion Stakes the following year and changed to the Dixie in 1872. Preakness in 1870 was its first winner.

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A guy named

R. Wyndham Walden saddled a record seven Preakness winners from 1875 to 1888 — Tom Ochiltree, Duke of Magenta, Harold, Grenada, Saunterer, Vanguard and Refund. In 100 years none has come close to matching this feat.

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Scholastic calendar

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Varsity Lacrosse
Southwestern at Edmondson
Curley at Poly
Patterson at Gibbons
Lake Clifton at Forest Park
Varsity Tennis
MSA finals at Gilman
Girls Track
Western at Lake Clifton
Poly at Northwestern
Walbrook at Southwestern
Mervo at Douglass
Dunbar at Carver
Forest Park at City
Girls MSA Track Trials
Carver, City, Douglass, Dunbar, Eastern, Edmondson, Forest Park, Lake Clifton, Mervo, Northwestern, Poly Southern, Southwestern, Walbrook and Western at Poly.

Boxing Week

May 15 at Merrillville, Ind. — Joey Ruiz vs. Brian Baronet, 10, junior welterweights; Jack Callahan vs. Danny Vandel, 10, middleweights.

May 18 at Providence, R.I. — Marlon Starling vs. Johnny Bumphus, 12, USBA welterweight title; Vinnie Pazienza vs. Harry Arroyo, 10, lightweights.

May 18 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Ken Baysmore vs. Anthony English, 12, vacant USBA light heavyweight title.

May 20 at New York — Mike Tyson vs. Mitchell Green, 10, heavyweights.

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—Annual city teacher

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Baltimore City Council of PTAs for rewarding these teachers in a tangible way."

Mrs. Bernice Webster, who was last year's winner and is an English teacher at Edmondson Senior High, remarked, "The Teacher of the Year award is a good incentive for teachers to be recognized as doing a fine job. All of the nominated candidates are worthy of recognition, and the award is a boost to teachers in Baltimore City."

Each school was asked to nominate a teacher by forming a nominating committee consisting of administrators, parents, teachers and students. In making the selection, each committee considered many factors, including the teacher's attendance record, the ability to stimulate his/her students to learn, and the teacher's participation in the school beyond regular classroom duties.

Five to seven finalists were chosen from those city schools which submitted nominees. All of the nominees will be recognized at the award ceremony on Friday. A winner will be chosen from the finalists.

HOW SWEET IT IS — A couple of Howard University graduates celebrate with a bottle of champagne after receiving their diplomas during ceremonies held last Saturday. The two beauties were two of 3,100 students who received degrees from both Howard and the Univesity of the District of Columbia. Story and pictures on page 14.

(Photo by Marvin T. Jones)

Civil rights panel to probe LaRaouche

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, not sure whether it should get involved in politics, said Friday it will monitor the activities of political radical Lyndon LaRouche to determine if any action is warranted.

The eight-member commission was briefed by well-known authors who have studied the radical politician, and was told his political movement is anti-Semitic and parallels the fascism movement in Germany and Italy before World War II.

Before the panel spoke, however, a number of commissioners questioned whether the rights agency — often embroiled in disputes between its liberal members who take a broad view of its jurisdiction and conservative members who more narrowly define the group's function — has any legal or jurisdictional authority to monitor LaRouche activities.

Commissioner John Bunzel questioned the "appropriateness of this matter coming before the commission," noting that LaRouche and his followers have a First Amendment right "to say and speak and write all the things they wish to say and speak and write."

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the 3rd Congressional District as well.

Fletcher is not a declared candidate yet, but he remarked that he has been urged to run by many and from the looks of things at the discussion he will be a candidate.

"If I decide to run, I will not be playing any dirty tricks. You will not hear me speaking one way in this type of setting and another way in a different setting. I will be Isaiah Fletcher wherever I am."

He added that the present leadership in the district is divine, pitting black against white and telling black people what they want to hear. He vowed to be honest and not a crowd pleaser.

"Enough dollars are passed around on silver and tin plates in the black community to help revitalize the 7th District. Instead, too many ministers are concerned with building million dollar buildings. They can build their buildings, but they can use some of the money collected in these churches to fix up some of the decaying buildings in the 7th District for housing purposes," said Fletcher.

St. George Crosse began his remarks with a discussion of how he was prepared to run for the 7th District congressional seat when black leadership in the community asked him to step aside so that Parren Mitchell could run.

In 1970 Crosse said he stepped aside again to let Parren Mitchell run. "This time I will not step aside. I don't care which Mitchell is the Democratic candidate," said Crosse.

Crosse touted his Republican credentials. "I did not switch to the Republican Party to run for Congress. My Republican roots go back to 1977," he said.

Crosse mentioned that he has been a special ambassador to the independence celebration of the island nation of St. Nevis-Kitts, a Republican candidate for city comptroller and a presidential appointee in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"It's time for us to stop talking bout the problems and do something," said Crosse. I am running to combat the economic and moral decay in the 7th District. I feel that the 7th District needs to have a Congressman who thinks the way that the people do."

Crosse mentioned a set of statistics that he claimed proved that the majority of the people in the district opposed abortion on demand, supported capital punishment and supported voluntary prayers in school. He agreed with those positions and claimed that the present congressman does not.

He also vowed that his forthcoming campaign would be geared to bringing enterprise zones to the dis t and helping to cut the federal regulations that he claim are choking business, especially minority businesses.

The audience seemd politely responsive but not overly enthusiastic. Then again one must rememeber that Roland Park is not a place for boisterous behavior.

VICTOR CLARK, MOVING UP SLOWLY, BUT STEADILY

Victor Clark is now one of the highest ranking blacks in the state Republican Party. At the annual party convention last weekend in Ocean City, Clark was elected 3rd Vice President of the Maryland Republican Party.

"When the three persons above me don't show up I preside at the meeting. I serve at the discretion of the party chairman Dr. Allen Levy because there's nothing specifically spelled out for me to do in the party constitution," Clark said.

When asked how the position will affect his personal and professional career he replied, "It could enhance my image as a candidate. It's given me an opportunity to express my views to the party's executive board."

By the way, Clark is eyeing the developments in the 39th Legislative District. "Whether he (Clarence M. Mitchell III) runs for state senate or decides to stay out of politics altogether, I'm still looking at the scenario to see how things are shaping up," said Clark.

Clark ran for city council in 1979 unsuccessfully. He also ran for Congress in the 7th District unsuccessfully in 1980.

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—Drug bust

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million on the street," Jenkins said.

Authorities believe that the four arrested were "drug wholesalers" who, after obtaining large quantities of drugs, distribute them to mid-level dealers.

Jenkins said that drug agents believe the cocaine was delivered by one source and that the four dealers were "close to the source."

Arrested were Louise Miller, 25, of the unit block of North Calvert Street, Richard Matos, 25, Gabriel Matos, 26, and Jacqueline Penta, 27, all of the unit block of South Paca Street, Jenkins reported. All are being held with bails of $5 million. Two children taken from the house, ages 1 and 3, were placed under the care of the Department of Social Services.

Supreme Court rules on adoption visits

ANNAPOLIS (UPI) — Blood relatives of children whose parents give them up for adoption should not be allowed to visit those children unless adoptive parents agree, the state Court of Special Appeals ruled.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs, the children and the defendant, Baltimore County's Department of Social Services, said the case is the first of its kind in Maryland.

In its ruling, the appellate court decided the lower court "is not empowered to grant visitation to natural relatives over the objection of the child's legal guardian and prospective adoptive parents."

The case involved 3-year-old twin boys given up for adoption by their parents when they were 7 months old.

Court documents show the children were taken from their parents' home because of alleged abuse and neglect.

In July, 1984, the natural parents asked the DSS to place the children for adoption, court documents indicate.

When the parents gave up their right to the children, the grandparents were refused visitation rights, documents stated.

But — the grandparents' lawyer, Gerard Uehlinger, said the pair was not notified in advance of the parents' decision.

Plaintiffs in the case are the paternal grandmother, who is identified only as E. M., and stepgrandfather, who is identified as L.F.M.

Uehlinger said his clients were "disappointed" by the decision and may appeal the court's ruling.

John Eidleman, a lawyer for the twins who are in the process of being adopted, said he thought the lower court should have listened to the grandparents' arguments rather than ruling the Circuit Court had no authority to do so.

"The court should have weighed whether the visitation would have been advantageous or not advantageous to the children," he said.

Cheek seeks to set record straight in law school crisis

Appoints Smith as new dean

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

Howard University President James Cheek said Wednesday he asked the law school dean John T. Baker to submit his resignation pointing out that the circumstances had to do with violation of university policy and not the controversy surrounding allowing 13 law school students to graduate.

Meanwhile in the same breath, Cheek appointed J. Clay Smith as the new dean which went into effect at noon on Wednesday.

In his attempt to set the record straight as to the circumstances surrounding the 13 law school students and Baker's resignation, Cheek said he had informed Baker as early as late April that he "had lost 50 percent of my confidence" in Baker's performance.

Cheek explained that in a meeting May 2 with Baker, "it had been clear that I had to ask for the dean's resignation," pointing a loss of all confidence in his performance.

"The matter of the law students is entirely unrelated to the dean's resignation," said Cheek adding that he had informed Baker his resignation letter should state he resigned for personal reasons.

The university's stance on Baker's resignation comes just five days after the news broke that Baker was resigning his post over disputes concerning the academic fitness of 13 law school students.

According to reports, the students had apparently failed to complete the necessary 88 credit hours needed for graduation and would not be allowed to graduate. Cheek overturned the decisions after an administrative review and nine of the 13 were allowed to graduate.

In his statement, Cheek said that what was at issue here "was the application of the rules and regulations of the university which Baker violated.

"It was Dean Baker's rejection of a faculty decision that ...sparked the controversy and caused the students to seek an audience with the president," he said adding later that he has had no student case involving the law school since 1974.

He said further he had made a mistake a year ago in appointing Baker as dean.

In announcing the appointment of Smith as the new dean, Cheek said the former acting head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has the "full confidence of the board of trustees and the law school faculty" adding that "whatever problems which exist" within the school can be resolved "in a timely manner."

Smith who was one of Howard's law professors, is a Howard law school graduate and received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the university in 1981.

High court upholds two death sentences

ANNAPOLIS (UPI) — Maryland's Court of Appeals upheld May 7 the death penalties imposed against a Baltimore man convicted in the brutal murder-robbery of an elderly couple, and of a Delaware man convicted of killing a Virginia nurse.

The state's highest court let stand the sentence handed down against John Marvin Booth, who was convicted in October, 1984 in the slayings of Irvin Bronstein, 78, and his wife, Rose, 75.

Booth, 32, and Willie Reid were charged with robbing the Bronsteins May 18, 1983 and fatally stabbing the couple.

Prosecutors said the two men had broken into the couple's home in the Pimlico section of the city to get money to buy heroin.

The Bronsteins' bodies were found two days later by their son, Barry, who went to his parents' home to take his father for a tuxedo fitting.

Barry Bronstein found his mother bound and gagged, lying on the livingroom floor. His father's body was found on a couch. Both had been stabbed repeatedly.

The seven appeals judges all agreed on Booth's guilt in the Bronstein slayings.

Booth's appeal maintained there was insufficient evidence to convict him of conspiracy to rob the Bronsteins.

Writing for the court, Judge Lawrence Rodowsky said although there was no testimony that Booth and Reid had plotted breaking into the couple's home, conspiracy was a "reasonable inference" to be drawn from testimony that indicated the two men returned to the house to loot it after the killings.

Three judges dissented from the majority ruling to uphold the death penalty for Booth. Judge John Eldridge argued Baltimore Circuit Judge Edward Angeletti erred by allowing the prosecutor to criticize Booth for not testifying in his trial.

In the other case, Marselle Bowers, 34, of Felton, DE, was convicted of kidnapping, raping and murdering Monica McNamara, 28, a nurse in the Washington area.

She disappeared in July, 1981 on her way to Ocean City to visit her boyfriend. McNamara's car was found abandoned along state Route 90 and her body was found later near Pocomoke City.

The majority of the judges rejected Bowers' contention that the sentencing jury was prejudiced by the court's requirement that he wear leg irons during the hearing.

The majority found the trial judge based his decision on Bowers' prior convictions and conduct while he was in jail

Bishop: 'Whites have no chance' against blacks in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Anglican bishop, citing black outrage over his nine-day detention under the security laws, says South Africa's white minority leaders "have got no chance" in their fight against blacks.

Meanwhile, the embattled nation's president, Pieter W. Botha, denounced the international sports community for "senseless" restrictions barring South Africa from participating in world-class events.

Anglican Bishop Sigisbert Ndwandwe, a leading black opponent of the white-dominated government, was released from his jail cell where he was detained on charges of inciting violence.

Desmond Tutu, the new leader of the South African Anglican church, was preparing to lead 1,000 followers in a prayer for his freedom when he was detained by Ndwandwe at church in Klerksdorp near Johannesburg.

Tutu quickly changed the service to one of thanksgiving. "Through your prayers, the prison doors have opened," he said. "Now God, will you please open all the other prison doors."

Ndwandwe, saying he was "overwhelmed" by the congregation's support, said, "When I was in prison and I heard the outrage outside, I said to myself: the whites have got no chance."

South Africa's Roman Catholic bishops announced support for unspecified economic pressure against apartheid race laws.

Bishop Desmond Tutu is shown with suffragan Bishop Sigisbert Ndwandwe, who was released from detention May 2 as Tutu prepared to lead a protest march on the jail where he was held.

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