Safe boating cruise scheduled June 5th

New boatmen and seasoned sailors are invited aboard the MV Port Welcome, Constellation Pier, June 5, at 8 p.m., for the 14th annual safeboating cruise.

Sponsored by state and local organizations interested in promoting safe boating, the 3-hour cruise will include talks and demonstrations, a narrated tour of the harbor, and a free kit of boating information.

Guests will have an opportunity to question experts on boating safety, first aid, weather, boating insurance, and personal flotation devices.

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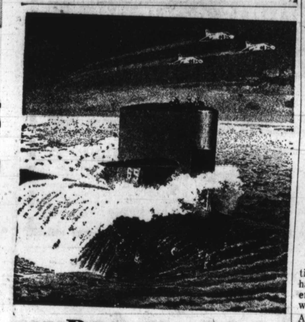

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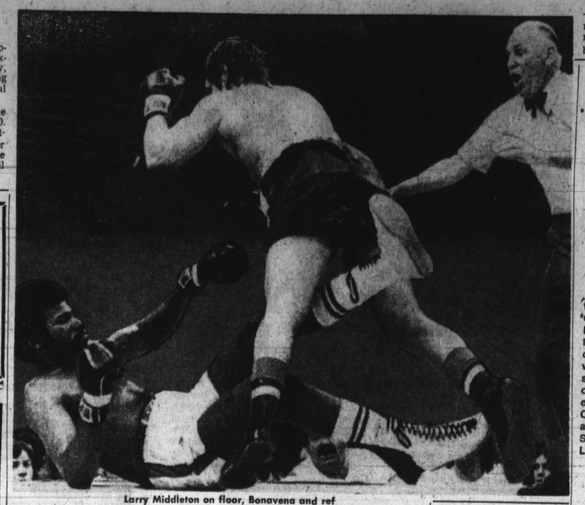

Larry Middleton on floor, Bonavena and ref
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Middleton couldn't get out of way of Bonavena train

LANDOVER, Md. — Baltimore's Larry Middleton had things slightly in reverse Wednesday morning when explaining his loss to Argentine heavyweight Oscar Bonavena at Capital Centre Tuesday night.

"I just couldn't get on track," declared Middleton. But to observerrs it appeared just the opposite. Larry couldn't get off the track and thus was run over by the onrushing human train from South America.

Bonavena pounded out a unanimous 12-round decision over the Baltimore heavyweight. Middleton managed to last the distance but took a tremendous beating from the bull-like Bonavena in the process.

As in his previous losses to Ron Lyle and Jimmy Ellis, Larry expressed the view that he could have won, if . . . .

"I feel he is definitely beatable," Middleton said of Bonavena. Then he added, "but not the way I fought tonight."

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The 205-pound Bonavena, favored at 7-5, mauled his opponent almost at will from the start. Scoring repeatedly with wild left hooks and forcing Middleton to backtrack throughout, Bonavena provided most of the offense.

So effective was the Argentine's left hook that after the fight he complained in broken English of a numbness in his massive hand.

Not surprisingly, Middleton, who weighed in at 203, confessed that his ribs felt "tender," and his face took on the appearance of a clenched fist.

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"I'm just sore all over," said the 31-year-old, eight-anked heavyweight.

"I feel like an old man ready to retire."

Middleton had ample reason to feel old.

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Hank Aaron hit by orange in SF

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Extra security guards were placed around the Atlanta Braves dugout at Candlestick Park Wednesday following an incident in which Hank Aaron, baseball all-time leading home run hitter, was struck on the side of the head by a thrown orange.

Aaron, who broke Babe Ruth's home run mark of 714 last month and has 721 career homers to date, was hit while sitting on the bench in the eighth inning of Tuesday night's second game between the braves and the San Francisco Giants.

"It was a stupid thing," said Braves coach Connie Ryan. "Aaron wasn't hurt but he well might have been. They should have a cop there to control people like that."

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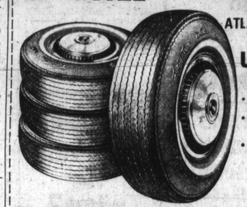

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Dunbar, Douglass hit by deseg plan

By Bill Rhoden

A provision of the recently unveiled school desegregation plan is that Patterson and Northern High Schools can receive no white students and Douglass and Dunbar can receive no black students next fall.

The plan also calls for development of seven senior high schools as magnet schools and merger of the city's two vocational technical high schools, Carver and Mergenthaler.

Prepared by Superintendent Roland N. Patterson and staff, the proposal relates to the federal government's mandate to provide 'substanial' desegregation in the schools by September, 1974.

After review by the city school board, the programs must be submitted to the Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Civil Rights office which must give its blessing before they become effective. Baltimore's plan was due to HEW on May 30.

If adopted, the broad-based plan would have 26 per cent of all city elementary students attending racially proportionate schools next September, (although it will leave 111 segregated elementary schools).

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This would be accomplished by creating 11 pairings affecting 27 elementary schools, or 18 per cent of the elementary population, (18,150).

This would make 45 of the city's 145 elementary schools racially proportionate in line with HEW's order.

The proposal eliminates busing at the elementary level by setting a one-mile radius guideline to insure that each elementary pupil will be able to walk to his newly assigned school.

Some form of pupil transportation may be required, however, in middle and secondary schools.

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The pairing plan is based on the concept of merging and reorganizing pupil populations of two or three schools by various grade level combinations in order to expedite desegregation.

Yet to be determined are

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The Board of School Commissioners will hold a special public hearing Tuesday, June 4, on proposed desegregation alternatives for city public schools.

The open discussions will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Coldstream Elementary School, Loch Raven Boulevard and Exeter Hall Ave.

All persons wishing to address the Board should contact Louis Beck, special assistant to the Board at HO. 7-4000 ext. 2603 or 2611.

Carver-Mervo merger scored

"Hell, no, we won't go!" This message was written on a placard carried by one of 100 disenchanted Mergenthaler High School students who came out en masse this week to protest a proposed merger between Carver and Mervo.

The planned merger will become effective next September if the school board approves the desegregation plan next Tuesday.

Presently, Carver has a 100 per cent black enrollment while Mervo has an almost perfect black-white ratio of 51 per cent white and 49 per cent black.

The combined Carver-Mervo Vocational Technical High School would receive 606 white students and 1,053 non white students in 1974-75 to achieve a racial balance of 33 per cent white and 67 per cent non white.

Many of the white students at Mergenthaler expressed fear over travelling to the predominantly black West Baltimore neighborhood, although the vast majority of students said they simply wanted to remain in familiar environments.

Surprisingly, most of the 100 or more Carver students present at the Tuesday meeting were only opposed to the changing of the long standing Carver tradition, not to white students attending the 49-year-old-school.

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"I want to make it clear that I don't object to white students coming to Carver," said school principal Henry C. Johnson. "We are willing to see to it that anyone who comes here is

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SCHOOL BOARD — This was the scene AFRO photographer Benjamin Phillips found Tuesday evening at the School Board meeting at Coldstream Elementary School. The overflow crowd was mainly made up of concerned students, faculty, and alumni from Carver and Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High Schools who had erroneously heard Carver and Mervo would be merged and the name of one or the other schools eliminated. In reality, the desegregation plans now under study by the board would combine the two schools into one with possible retention of both names. Signs held by those in audience include, 'Carver Forever,' 'Mervo West, Hell No!' 'Carver-Mervo OK, Mervo Only, No.' In right panel, Miss Delores Mitchell, vice president of Carver Student Council, has simple message, 'Save Carver.'

SAINT MARTIN'S CHURCH PASTOR DEMANDS NEW TRIAL

Father Franklin wants gun charge wiped out

Father Patrick Henry Franklin, pastor of St. Martin's Church of Christ, 405 N. Orchard St., has asked the court for a new trial.

Through Attorney Nelson R. Kandel, the minister maintains he should not be held guilty of the use of a deadly weapon in commission of a crime of violence.

He contends that since the jury found him not guilty of murdering 18-year-old James Lee Gregg, 4300 block Adelle Tr., last December, he could not therefore be guilty of the gun charge.

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Mr. Kandel states, "If he is not guilty of a crime of violence, then he can not be found guilty of the use of a handgun in a crime of violence. Father Franklin testified he shot a gun in self defense during attempted robbery.

The motion for a new trial followed on the heels of the May 28 jury decision that the 55-year-old preacher is neither guilty of second degree murder nor manslaughter.

If presiding Judge James A. Perrott refuses a new trial, Father Franklin faces a fine of $250 minimum or $2,500 maximum and/or a sentence of 30 days to three years in prison on the gun charge.

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The motion for the new trial is also based on Fr. Franklin's contention that he was unfairly subjected to questioning on church affairs including testimony from an Episcopal bishop that he sold blessed candles for $5 each.

Although Mr. Kandel refuted, "Catholics have sold candles for thousands of years," the motion declares such testimony had no bearing on the case.

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Bystander slain by stray bullets

A 31-year-old innocent by-stander was slain when an argument between two men erupted into gunfire on a parking lot of a Turner Station bar early Monday morning.

County police state Army Spec. 4 William Edward Coleman, on a visit to his mother from his Ft. Ritche post in Frederick County, was pronounced dead of chest gun wounds an hour later at City Hospitals.

Police state two men were arguing on the parking lot of Adams Cocktail Lounge at about 1:50 a.m. when the soldier emerged from the bar.

One man suddenly pulled out a small caliber revolver and fired three times at the other, missing him but hitting Specialist Coleman in the chest.

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Baltimore County Homicide Squad Capt. Louis Roemer told the AFRO 35-year-old Clifton Edward Major, 1100 block N. Patterson Park Ave. was arrested early Monday morning in his home and

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MRS. BERYL WILLIAMS

Council confirms Brown, Williams

By Dennis Schatzman

City Council unanimously confirmed the appointments of Judge Benjamin L. Brown as City Solicitor and Dr. Beryl Williams to the Board of School Commissioners Wednesday night.

In addition, Council passed resolutions commending George L. Russell Jr., and Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss for "dedicated service" while serving in those two positions. Both resolutions were introduced by Councilwoman Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams (D-4th).

Judge Brown, who replaces Russell, assumes the post on June 4. He is a graduate of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and the University of Maryland Law School. After first being a member of the old law firm of Brown, Allen and Watts and assistant to State's Attorney Milton B. Allen, he was appointed to the District Court bench in 1973.

Dr. Williams who replaces Mrs. Moss, is dean of Continuing Education at Morgan State College. She

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June Week begun at Annapolis

The U.S. Naval Academy's major annual event, June Week, is scheduled to get underway on Friday, May 31 and will end on Wednesday, June 5.

Approximately 50,000 visitors are expected to visit the Academy during the five days preceding graduation.

Nine black midshipmen are among the 920 to be commissioned at this year's graduation.

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