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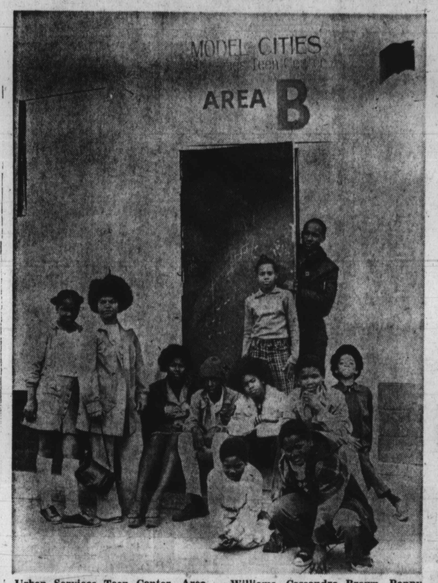

Urban Services Teen Center, Area B, 1608 E. Lafayette, Ms. Rose Thomas, director is headquarters for the AFRO Clean Block in their area. Workers are Robin Trusty, Andre Williams, Cassandra Brown, Peppy Carr, Morris Barnes, Kenneth Johnson, Dion Carr, Thion Carr and Rose Brown.

Barbara Mealy show

A part of Coppin State College's 75th Anniversary, The Barbara Mealy Show, a potpourri of words, music and love was presented last Friday.

Staged by Sam Wilson, the show was part of the Humanities Festival and sponsored by The Consortium For Curricular Change, Mrs. Flossie Dedmond, dean of Arts and Sciences and Dr. C. Edouard Ward, chairman.

Barbara Mealey, a member of the Arena Players has been seen nationwide on TV's "Our Street" and in the film "The Last Detail" with Jack Nicholson.

Guest artists on the show were Matt Howell, singer; The Infinite Experience — Lionel Jiggetts, pianist; Charles Stallings, guitarists; Richard McCardell, basaist and Jerome McCardell, percussionist.

Also on the program were Earl Burton, Melvin Smothers Jr. and the Model Cities Dancers. Introduced were a newly organized segment of the Arena Players, Profiles Inc. They are composed of young men seeking careers in theatre, commerical photography and the fashion world. Most of them are affiliated with Coppin in some way, they range in height from 6'2" to 6'5" and hail from Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond.

Profiles Inc. include LaFayette Merchant, Garry Washington, Rudy Minor, Ed Stanton, Luther James, Curtis Ringgold, Howard Reeder, Dominic Hartz and Roscoe Fleet.

The group modeled suits in lime, red and burnt Orange to music "Thank Heaven For You" and Nikki Giovanni's "Beautiful Black Men."

Barbara Mealy and the Profiles, Inc. (see story)

Preakness Week festival

The divine Sarah Vaughan in 1947 AFRO photo backstage at Royal Theatre.

MAY 11

Sailboat Regatta — Inner Harbor, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Preakness 100 Scrabble, Crossword Game Tournament — War Memorial Plaza, 11 a.m.

Federal Hill Celebration — Federal Hill, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Special 100th Preakness Exhibition — Baltimore Museum of Art — 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Festival Parade — Downtown, 2 p.m.

Chet Atkins — Morris Mechanic Theatre, 8 p.m.

MAY 12

Senior Citizens Week Programs — Hutzler's Downtown, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Recreation Week Kick-Off Program — Center Plaza, noon.

Preakness Dance Review, Barbara Clark — War Memorial Plaza, noon.

Glenn Miller Orchestra with Bob Eberle — Morris Mechanic Theatre, 8 p.m.

MAY 13

Senior Citizens Week Programs — Hutzler's Downtown, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Thanks To You It's Working" Fair — Hopkins Plaza, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Preakness Cake Decorating by Judy — Ward Memorial Plaza, noon.

Duke Ellington Orchestra directed by Mercer Ellington.

The Monte Alexander trio — Morris Mechanic Theatre, 8 p.m.

MAY 14

Senior Citizens Week Programs — Hutzler's Downtown, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Recreation Week Program — Hopkins Plaza, noon.

Mayor Schaefer's Preakness Week Frog Hop, War Memorial Plaza, noon.

The Great Sarah Vaughan and Trio — Morris Mechanic Theatre, 8 p.m.

MAY 16

A tribute to Baltimore's Own Eubie Blake featuring Eubie Blake, Teddy Wilson and Hank Jones — Morris Mechanic Theatre, 8 p.m.

TV Notes

By Vashti McKenzie

The last of three concerts taped on campus at the University of Chicago will be on "The Midnight Special" following the Friday, May 9 presentation of "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson."

Guests are the Ohio Players, Roxy Music, Graham Central Station, Strawbs and Larry Gatlin. The show's announcer is Wolfman Jack.

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"American Bandstand's 23rd Birthday Special" with host Dick Clark, will be seen as a "Wide World: Special" Friday, May 9.

Entertainers who appear on the popular dance program during its early Days will be in attendance. Among theme are Fats Domino, Fabian, Chubby Checker, Jackie Wilson, Connie Francis, Dion and Jimmy Clanton.

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The Sammy Davis, Jr. Show —Guests are The Chilites, Sammy Cahn, Lola Falana and Tetis Fields, seen Sunday, May 11 at 11:30 p.m.

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Guest stars Danny Thomas and Ruth Buzzi become bagg-pants comedians, as do Tony Orlando and Dawn, in a musical-comedy salute to slapstick, on "Tony Orlando and Dawn" Friday, May 9. Thelma Hopkind and Joyce Vincent Wilson star as Dawn.

Popular actor-singer John Davidson stars as a convicted con man who risks another prison term when he sets out in Robin Hood style to fleece the crooked head of a big charity fund, in "Shell Game," a world premiere drama to be seen as the first part of a double-feature presentation on "The CBS Friday Night Movies" on Friday May 9.

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The Emmy award-winning series "Upstairs, Downstairs" returns for a repeat of this season's thirteen episodes Sunday, May 11 at 8:30 p.m. on stations of the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting.

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A young unwed mother names her newborn son after Terry Webster, causing the infant's father, a cop-hating criminal, to go berderk and threaten the lives of both Webster and Jill Danko, in "Prelude to Vengeance" on "The Rookies," Monday, May 12.

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George Stanford Browns stars as Terry Webster. Ronne Troup plays Laurie and Andy Robinson portays the cop-hating father.

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What is Noise? What Is Magic?" is both the substance and the title of the next presentation in the award-winning series of New York Philharmonic Young People's Concerts, to be presented Saturday, May 10. Michael Tilson Thomas, director of the Young People's Concerts, conducts and narrates.

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"Caribe", Monday, May 12:

In "Assault on the Calavera," the Caribe Force is given a message by Jack Monkato, ruthless leader of the band: he will blow up the hostages along with the hotel unless he receives $3 million Gabriel Hopkins, owner of the hotel. Rejecting the terms, Ben and Mark work out a strategy to circumvent plans set up by Monkato with military precision. Carl Franklin co-stars.

Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q — I received an honorable discharge after two years of service in Vietnam. Am I eligible for burial in a Veterans Administration cemetery?

A — Yes. All of the original VA cemeteries as well as most of the cemeteries formerly under other government agencies are now incorporated into a national cemetery system within VA. You would be eligible for burial in any national cemetery having space, except Arlington where the few remaining spaces are reserved for those who die in active duty or retired status and high government officials.

Q — My 20-year-old daughter, whose father was killed three years ago while on active duty, plans to be married. Will she still be eligible for war orphans' educational assistance?

A — Yes. Marriage of children eligible for this benefit is not a bar to entitlement.

Eubie Blake coming

MAY 9

Official Opening — Inner Harbor, Noon.

Clown Day At The Plaza — War Memorial Plaza, noon.

Pogo Stick Jumping Contest — War Memorial Plaza, noon.

Key West of Cross Keys Fashion Show — Inner Harbor, 1 p.m.

May 10

Balloon Race — Druid Hill Park, 9:30 a.m.

Fire Engine Equipment Show and Muster — Inner Harbor, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Market Day — Cylburn Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Family Day — Druid Hill Park, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bolton Hill Arts Festival — 1200 block Bolton Street, noon to 5 p.m.

Bird House Making Contest — War Memorial Plaza, 11 a.m.

Fells Point Outdoor Preakness Festival — Foot of Broadway, 3 p.m.

Susquehanna Players — War Memorial Plaza, 3 p.m.

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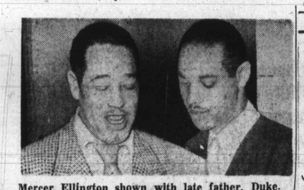

Mercer Ellington shown with late father, Duke. 1950 photo shows him backstage at the old Royal Theatre.

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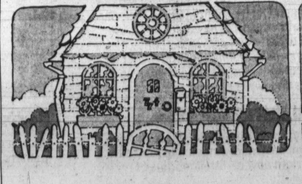

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AFRO Sports

Allen's return to Phils is surprise to no one

The announcement Wednesday that the Philadelphia Phillies have reacquired slugger Dick Allen surprised few, if any, close followers of the AFRO sports pages.

The groundwork had been in process for the past three weeks with both Allen and the Phillies management giving subtle hints of what was in prospect.

First, Dick made an unexpected trip to Baltimore in mid-April to consult a successful trainer about taking over the player's small racing stable.

King T. Leatherbury, the trainer, received the shipment of thoroughbreds from Allen's Pennsylvania breeding farm and stabled them at Pimlico Race Course.

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Until his meeting with Leatherbury, Allen had done all his own horse work, so the move was an obvious determination by Dick to put his stock in capable hands thus paving the way for his return from baseball exile.

Ten days later, the Phillies traded popular Willie Montanez to San Francisco for outfielder Gary Maddox.

It wasn't hard to reach the conclusion that Montanez was being dealt to make room for Allen, who, like Willie, is a first baseman.

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In reacquiring Allen, from the Atlanta Braves, who played for the Phillies from 1963 to 1969, Philadelphia gave up minor league catcher Jim Essian and outfielder Barry Bonnell, plus the cash and minor leaguer to be named later.

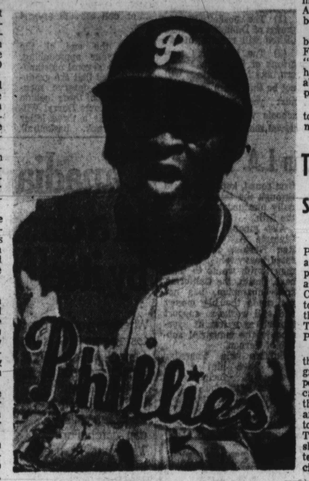
The deal climaxes several months of negotiations between Phillies vice president and director for player personnel Paul Owens and Atlanta general manager Eddie Robinson.

Allen 33, was signed to his first pro contract by John Ogden of the Phillies in 1960. He played from 1963 thru 1969 before his trade to the St. Louis Cardinals in October, 1969

Allen played for the Cardinals in 1970, the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1971 and the Chicago White Sox from 1972-1974. He was the American League's most valuable player in 1972 and last year won the American League home run crown, despite missing most of September after a voluntary "retiremen."

Allen was embroiled in several disputes with Phillies' managers during his career here before he was traded to the Cardinals. But club president Ruly Carpenter said he talked with Allen over the weekend and was convinced the slugging first baseman wanted to play with the Phillies.

Thus it comes about that Dick Allen makes his way back to the city he once called "the armpit of America."



Dick Allen
back in familiar togs

Speed to burn in Knoxville 100

KNOXVILLE (UPI) — The Tom Black Track and Field Classic Friday and Saturday will feature two of the nation's fastest men in 100-yard dash, Ivory Crockett and Steve Williams.

But University of Tennessee coach Stan Huntsman says he expects his own Reggie Jones to challenge Crockett, who set a world record here last year, and Williams, champion Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) sprinter.

"I think Reggie is ready to run a great race," Huntsman said. "He hasn't been sharp yet. He hasn't been faster than 9.3 (seconds). But he's got it. It's just a matter of timing in and turning it on."

Jones has some laurels of his own. He is reigning NCAA champ in the 100-yard dash, having captured the title in 1974 when the Vols won the national track championship.

Williams is from San Diego State. Crockett, who set a 9.0 record on Tartan last year, runs with the Philadelphia Pioneers.

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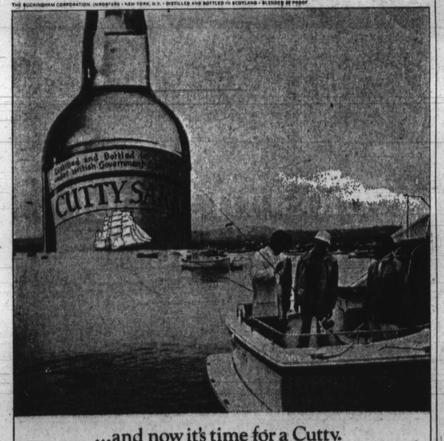

...and now it's time for a Cutty.

Frazier draws bead on Ali

HARTFORD, Conn. (UPI) — Former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier says that if he regains the crown in a September bout against Mohammad Ali, he will retire.

Frazier said he wants to retire a champion.

He'll fight Ali the same way he fought him in their past two encounters, "but more so," he said.

His style of always moving toward his opponent earned Frazier a victory in his first encounter against Ali but he lost the second bout.

Frazier said Ali is a beter fighter than George Foreman, whom he labeled "a good guy but he still has a lot of amateur ways about him. He is not totally professional."

He said he doesn't plan to fight any bouts before he meets Ali.

Tennis tourney set June 1-15

RICHMOND: The Richmond Tennis Patrons Association has announced that entry applications are now available for the Thalhimer City Tennis Championships to take place June 1-15 on the Sam Woods Memorial Tennis Courts in Byrd Park.

Entries are limited to those who reside in the greater Richmond metropolitan area. Entry applications and instructions on the rules of the tournament are available at the Customer Service Desks of all Thalhimer department shops, area recreation centers, city high schools and city junior high schools.

In addition to the men's and women's competitions, there will be boys' and girls' divisions in the tournament. Entries in the men's and women's events are due May 28. Entries for the junior divisions are due June 4.

Money golfers

Lee Elder and Jim Dent are the only blacks among the top money winners on the 1975 pro golf circuit. Lee is in 60th position with $14,560, and Dent is 62nd with $13,624.

PLAYING FOR JACKPOT — The eight finalists, representing the highest point totals and most money won on the World Championship Tennis tour, are assembled in Dallas this weekend in a playoff for the $50,000 jackpot. The group includes the two top finishers in each of the three tours — the Red, the Green and the Blue — plus the leading two point-getters from the remaining players. Left to right, they are: Bjorn Borg, Sweden; Harold Solomon, USA; Rod Laver, Australia; Arthur Ashe, USA; John Alexander, Australia; Mark Cox., England; Roscoe Tanner, USA, and Raul Ramirez, Mexico.

Frank's first $100 fine hits black outfielder

Frank Robinson has hit outfielder Charlie Spikes with a $100 fine for "not thinking."

It was the first penality meted out by Robinson in his month-old role as manager of the Cleveland Indians.

Spikes was reportedly fined $100 after Sunday's game against Baltimore because he missed his cutoff man, an error Robinson said he had cautioned him about repeatedly.

Robinson, whose fines start at $100, said he warned Spikes about missing the cutoff man from his right field position during a game against Boston last week. So when Spikes did it again, he became the first Indian to be hit in the pocketbook this season.

Spikes has been benched since the start of the series here with the Red Sox, but Robinson points out it is not due to the fine. He said Spikes was out of the lineup reportedly because of a hitting slump which has afflicted the outfielder's overall play.

Robinson has been adamant when it comes to debriefing his players of mistakes they consistently make. He has made statements to the effect that practice would start three hours earlier if that's what it takes to clean up play.

"There is no excuse for not hustling or not executing."

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Jacket Night set for young Birds

The Baltimore Orioles, in cooperation with an area oil firm, will hold a "Jacket Night" next Saturday (17th) at which time rainproof warmup jackets with the Bird insignia will be a door prize.

Every youngster 14 or under, who comes to the game accompanied by a paying adult, will receive an Orioles warm-up jacket. free!

This "Jacket Night" first is one of the more extravagant Oriole give-away promotions planned for this season, and a banner turnout is expected.

"If we want the Orioles to remain in Baltimore," says Jack Loving, the firm's marketing vice president, "we should do something positive and tangible to show them how we feel. And that goes for local businesses as well as private individuals.

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"We see this 'Jacket Night' as an opportunity to do our part — to help sell tickets and generate added fan interest. Our hope is that the night will be such a successful event that it will encourage more Baltimore companies to follow with other promotions."

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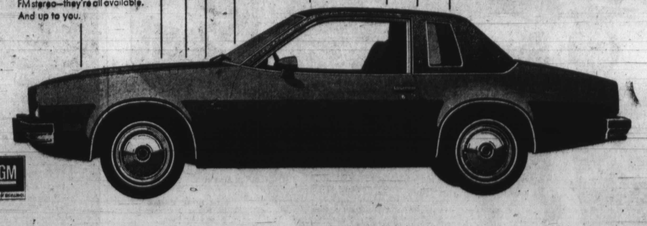

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