...and all that Jazz

By Bob Matthews

Next attraction at the Left Bank Jazz Society's regular Sunday afternoon concert series is the Yusef Lateef Quartet.

No stranger to Baltimore, Yusef has played here many times, especially during his avant garde, Third Stream music days.

Can remember him playing the old North End Lounge during the days when it was a jazz mecca for the city. Club was owned by Floyd Bartz, whose son, Gary is still a motivating force in third Stream music.

Yusef Lateef

Lateef, adopted the shaven - head look early in the fifties, and developed the oboe into a jazz instrument. While he is best known for his work on flute and tenor, he has invented two instruments himself.

One is the bamboo flute in F, and the pnematic bamboo flute. He once taught flute at the Stanton Jazz Clinic in 1963, and wrote a book entitled: "The Flute Book of the Blues."

Should you want to stick a pin in your calendar, here is a rundown of some of the events upcoming at LBJS concerts:

June 18 — Yusef Lateef Quartet.

June 25 — Horace Silver Quintet.

July 9 — The L.A. 4, featuring Ray Brown, bass; Shelly Manne, drums; Bud Shank, horns, and Laurindo Almeida guitar.

July 16 — Dexter Gordon Quartet.

July 23 — Sun Ra and his Myth Science Cosmos Swing Arkestra.

Aug. 13 — Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers.

Aug. 20 — Ray Bryant and his trio.

Plan to continue the series investigating the local jazz scene. All suggestions are welcome, of course. You can contact me here at the AFRO, or, if you see me on the scene, say something.

Furry Lewis, Houston Stackhouse, Big Joe Williams, and B. B. King in "Good Mornin' Blues" on PBS, June 20.

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Friday

..Mike Douglas: Co - host Jerry Lewis is joined by Pele, Roy Scheider, Steve Landesberg and Bill Anderson. 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Channel 13.

..Merv Griffin: Guests tonight are Jack Carter, jazz pianist Oscar Peterson, musical group Village People, Char Fontaine and Paul Regina.

..Midnight Special: Host Mac Davis is joined by Rod Stewart, Todd Rundgren, Andrew Gold, Johnny Paycheck and George Benson. 1:00 2:30 a.m. - NBC.

Saturday

..Fat Albert: How to cure a habitual moocher in the problem facing the gang. 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - CBS.

..Soul Train: Guests today are Teddy Pendergrass, Rose Royce and the Soul Train Gan. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Channel 11.

..Love Boat: A thieving chimp almost wrecks Gopher's love life. Issac (Ted Land) is scandalized by his mother (Pearl Bailey), a widow taking a cruise with her live in boyfriend. 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. - ABC.

..Baby, I'm Back: Ray spends an evening alon with Olivia plying her with wine and memories to lower her resistance to his advance. 8:30 - 9:00 p.m. - CBS.

Sunday

..Lock Up and Live: A visit Xaiver University of Louisiana, a predominantly black Catholic Institution in New Orleans. 10:30 - 11:00 p.m. - Channel 2.

..Pro Bowling: Finalists vie for a $15,000 jackpot in the PBA National Championship at Las Vegas. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - CBS.

..World of Disney: Dr. Christopher Syn is a mild mannered vicar some of the time. He's also tjecScarecrow, a masked smuggler who is trying to help Dr. Syn's overtaxed parishioners. Part 1. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - NBC.

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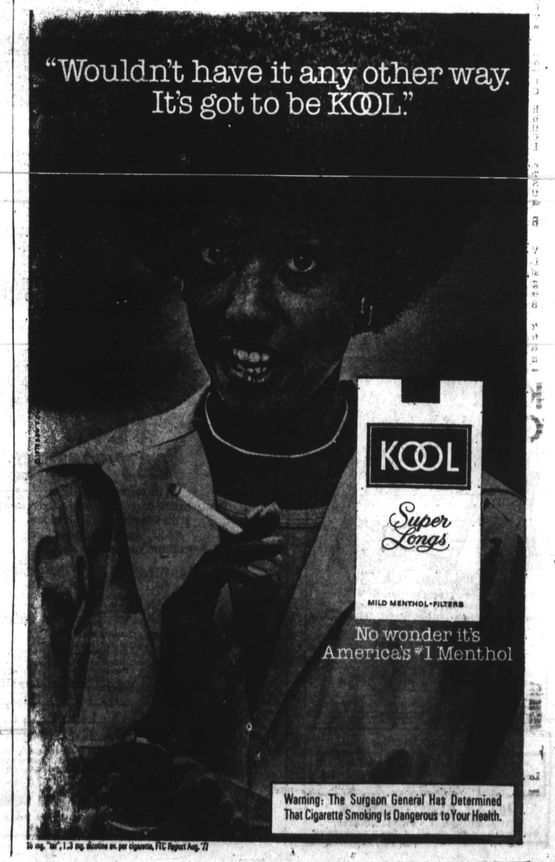

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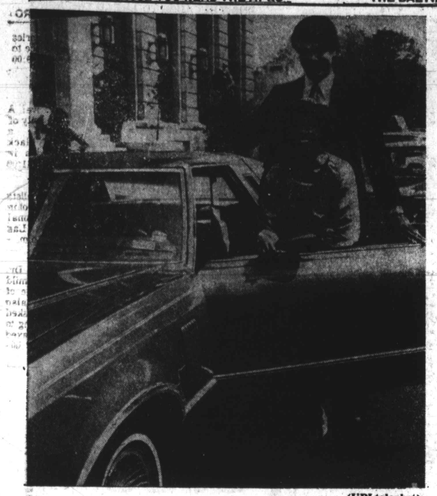

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Wes UNSELED AND WIFE Connie but the T - Bird awarded him is too small.

Unseld wants no agent and can't use MVP car

NEW YORK (UPI) — Wes Unseld isn't the most talkative athlete in the world, but the Washington Bullets star will speak for himself at contract negotiations.

Unseld, a free agent, says he will personally conduct contract talks with Washington owner Abe Pollin. And it's expected the Bullets star center will be tough in the bargaining sessions, especially after leading the club to its first National Basketball Association championship.

"I'm going to sit down with Pollin personally and not have any agent represent me. "We get along just fine," said Unseld.

The Bullets' captain was in New York Monday to receive a new car after being named most valuable player by Sport Magazine in the final playoff series against Seattle.

The car, however, presents a small problem.

It is a Thunderbird and Unseld had difficulty drawing his 6-foot-7, 245-pound frame into it.

But wife Connie said she'd be happy to cooperate by taking it for herself and doing the driving.

"Winning the MVP has to be the biggest thrill of my basketball life," s sd Unseld, who revealed that when he called home after Washington took the title, he learned that his father was ill and in a Louisville hospital.

"I called the hospital and found that my dad and a bunch of doctors and nurses had watched the game in his hospital room."

Asked if he would like to play for the New York Knicks, who desperately need a center of the Willis Reed calibre, Unseld said: "No, I would like very much to finish my career in Washington."

Wife Connie accompanied him to the award ceremony and emphasized that the granite-faced player never gets emotional, "even when our two children, who are two and five, get on his nerves."

Ford may balk

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — Phil Ford may not be the play - making guard the Kansas City Kings think he is after all.

At least not for the Kings.

"I have three choices," Ford said in a prepared statement released by the University of North Carolina following last week's NBA draft. "I can either play pro basketball in Italy, play in the NBA or be a graduate assistant here at Carolina.

"I'm going to take my time and decide what I want to do. I'm going to rely on coach (Dean) Smith and my agent, Donald Dell, for their advice but the final decision will have to be mine."

Ford, the Kings' first - round pick and the second overall selection, said, "I'm not disappointed that I was selected by Kansas City.

"However, I would have like to have been selected by one of the members of the family — either Billy Cunningham, Doug Moe or Larry Brown."

Cunningham is the coach of the Philadelphia 76ers, Moe the coach of San Antonio and Brown the coach at Denver. All are from North Carolina.

Baby for Brocks

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Virgie Brock, wife of St. Louis Cardinals' base - stealing star Lou Brock, gave birth to a 9-pound, 2 - ounce boy at Missouri Baptist Hospital Tuesday.

The baby, who has yet to be named, is the first for the couple. Brock has two children by a previous marriage.

Bears to name Thomas new football coach

The AFRO has learned that Clarence Thomas, young assistant coach at Williams College, has been selected to take over the football program at Morgan State.

Although Morgan athletic director Earl Banks has yet to announce the official firing of two - year coach Hank Lattimore, and repeatedly denies that a successor has been chosen, there is strong evidence that Thomas is the next Morgan mentor.

The former head coach at Bowie State College was in Baltimore early this week reportedly looking for a house for his family.

Thomas served as coach of the Bowie State eleven from Sept. 1, 1974 to June 30, 1976, and left to accept an assistant's job at Williams College.

Latimore coached the Bears two years, showing a 6 - 4 record in 1976, and a 4 - 6 mark in 1977. . . SAM LACY.

Mat title stake at Civic

There is no rest for Bobby Blacklund as he awaits his World Wide Wrestling Federation, title defense against George "The Animal" Steele, 260 - pound bald and bruising 260 - pound midwestern menance, in the one fall finish feature of the card set for the Baltimore Civic Center Saturday night.

The streamlined 235 - pound two - time former ncaa heavyweight champion and all - around athlete from North Dakota State College, is consistently outweighted by opponents he says "are getting bigger, and better, all the time."

Steele, one of the roughest ofthe bully boys in professional wrestling today, specialized in quick finishes and insists that the superior manpower and muscle will wear down the smoothly scientific Backlund.

A second WWWF title attraction matches the rugged Grahams, Superstar Billy and Luke, with the WWF tag team champions, Dino Bravo and Dominic DeNucci, in 2 of - 3 falls.

Strong Kobiashi tests 601 - pound Haystacks Calhound in one 30 - minute time limit bout, while Tank Patton battles Tony Garea in another.

Three additional matches restricted to 20 minute time limits list: Nicolai VOLKOFF VS. Larry Zbyszko, Butcher Vachon vs. S.D. Jones and Johnny Bodz vs. Steve King.

Ashe quick out in Britain

Arthur Ashe surprised by hanging until the quarter-finals of the French Open tennis tournament at Paris last week.

But he didn't stay around long for the John Player event in Birmingham, England early this week.

The slender Virginian went out in the second round Tuesday, bowing to Brian Fairlie of New Zealand, 6-1, 6-3.

"I have joined some good company on the sidelines," said Ashe referring to Stan Smith, Dick Stockton and Victor Amaya, who also were ousted.

"If you look at the results," he continued, "you find the moral is that if you do well in Paris, don't play Birmingham."

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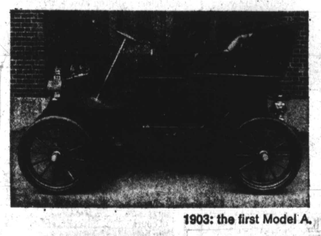

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