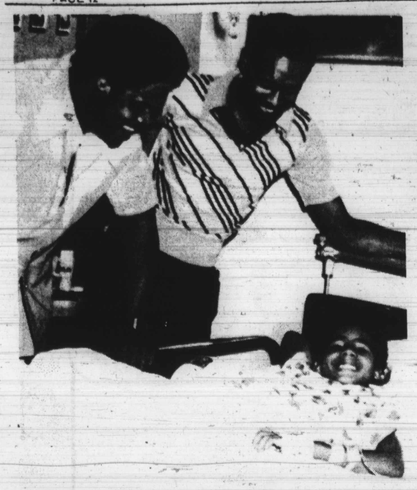

LEE MAY (L), Oriole first baseman, chatted with young patient Jonathon Cherry during a recent visit to Provident Hospital. Leon Cherry, Jonathon's father, looks on.

Running back wants $200,000

Jones says Mitchell is hurting himself by holding out on Colts

Baltimore Colt Quarterback Bert Jones said Wednesday that running back Lydell Mitchell, a contract holdout, is hurting more than helping himself in the pay squabble.

Mitchell, a seven - year veteran who is the Colts' all - time rushing leader Tuesday walked out of negotiations with Colts' executives. The talks were not resumed Wednesday.

According to published reports, the Colts offered the former Penn State University star $175,000 but Mitchell is asking for $200,000.

The Colts, who won the AFC Eastern Division title last year for the third year in a row, start their pre - season Saturday against the Pittsburgh Steelers at Memorial Stadium.

"It's so hard to get yourself in shape if you don't report to training camp," said Jones. "The track record for contract holdouts is a bad one. You just can't stay away and practice blocking and running and getting your timing down."

Jones pointed out that last year star receiver Roger Carr reported late for camp after a contract dispute and ended up injuring his knee so badly that he missed most of the season.

Jones — who often called on Mitchell last season for short swing passes, especially on third - down situations — said Mitchell was not necessary for the Colts' success.

"He'll hurt himself the most in the end," said Jones. "Mitchell has been everything we've ever asked and we would miss him but the point is the Baltimore Colts are still going to play whether he comes or not. And win."

Mitchell led the team and the NFL in receiving during 1977 with 71 receptions for 26 yards.

Mitchell became the Colts' all - time leading ground gainer during the 1977 season when he surpassed Lenny Moore's career rushing total 5,174. He ended the season with 5,487 career yards.

Mitchell rushed for more than 1,000 yards for the third consecutive year in 1977, posting 1,159 yards, the third best tally in the AFC.

Jones said Mitchell does not have the acceleration necessary for end sweeps and that's the reason the swing pass was so effective for him.

"He's a great runner tackle - to - tackle but around the end he doesn't have the speed necessary," he said.

Coach Ted Marchibroda said it was too early to assess what changes would be made in the offense if Mitchell didn't play.

"We definitely are in the market for another back," he said. "We would miss Mitchell."

Don McCauley is the heir apparent to Mitchell's position but Marchibroda said the situation could be an opportunity for Ron Lee, another Mitchell backup last year.

"Lee has looked impressive during training camp," he said. "This should be the year that Lee blossoms."

If Mitchell does not sign, the Colts are left with running backs Lee, McCauley and Roosevelt Leaks.

Ali predicts victory in the fourth

NEW ORLEANS — Reigning over his own Mardi Gras - style parade, former Heavyweight Champion, Muhammad Ali Monday predicted he would win back his crown with a fourth - round knockout over Leon Spinks.

"You can't stay home, you be in the dome, and see me send Spinks to Rome," Ali said.

Ali greeted throngs packed into the central business district dancing to Jazz music by the Olympia Brass Band as the Ali parade made its way along Canal Street.

Riding in a horse - drawn carriage, Ali made his fight prediction at a stop in front of a local fried chicken restaurant.

"I'm going to get him this time," the ex - champ said. "I'm going to show the world how bad I am."

Earlier, he teased longshoremen, telling them they resembled Spinks, as he boarded the fireboat deluge for a tour of the Port of New Orleans.

Ali was in town to promote the Sept. 15 fight in the Louisiana Superdome.

He stopped at the Offices of Louisiana Sports, Inc., sold fight tickets and signed autographs, then attended a party in his honor at a discoteque.

The ex-champ said the fight "would be bigger than the Indianapolis 500, bigger than the World Series and bigger than four Super Bowls" because he would become the first heavyweight to win the title three times.

All regained the crown after being stripped of the title for refusing induction in the army in 1967. He lost it in the ring to Joe Frazier in 1971 and regained it again by knocking out George Foreman in 1974. Spinks took the title from Ali in February in Las Vegas.

Ali blamed a strategy error for his loss to Spinks.

"I gave him six rounds, hoping he would get tired and run out of gas."

LA., Olympic committees discuss alternative proposal

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley says his city is ready to host the 1984 Olympics if the International Olympic Committee ratifies a proposal to protect the community from financial losses.

Bradley said Sunday the proposal before the IOC calls for the U.S. Olympic Committee and the Los Angeles Organizing Committee to share in any cost overruns incurred in staging the games.

Los Angeles, the only city to bid on the games, had balked because of the $1 billion debt incurred by Montreal in the last Olympics. Withdrawal of the bid left the international games virtually homeless.

"The USOC and the city of Los Angeles have been of the same accord that the city's taxpayers be protected from financial responsibility. We have not waivered from this," Bradley said after a meeting with USOC President Robert Kane.

Kane, who invited Bradley to discuss the proposal at the end of the national sports festival, said the IOC has set an Aug. 21 deadline on the Los Angeles site selection. He declined to disclose other details of the proposal.

"I am excited about the feasibility of the plan, but I can't predict that they (IOC) will accept this new proposal," Kane said. "But if this plan is not acceptable to the IOC, the whole thing is dead."

Bradley said the proposed agreement should be acceptable to all parties. He said the city of Los Angeles would be ready and willing to host the games if the IOC and the USOC executive board approved the contract revision.

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Amateur boxing Saturday

The Champs A.C. Boxing Club will sponsor an amateur boxing show at the Cherry Hill Parish Hall, Saturday August 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The proceeds from the fight will be used to send young amateur boxers to the Ohio State National Boxing Tournaments in August.

Highlighting the show will be Heavyweight Warren "Chico" Thompson, Heavy middleweight Dexter Harris, Super lightweight Antonio Alston.

Representing Cherry Hill will be lightweight "Cutty Roe" Davis Karate title holders T. C. Banks and "Speedo" Brown will also be featured.

Other participants are Chuck Shubert, Charles Royster, Mike Lucas, Rick Lucas, Derrick Lucas and James Byrd.

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Baltimore Warriors get new coach

The Baltimore Warriors of the Interstate Football League have announced that Bill Shaffer has stepped down from his head coaching position and will be replaced by Tony Baucia, the defensive coordinator. Shaffer had working problems, which hampered his coaching. He will move up to the Warrior front office.

The Warriors will continue practice on each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, at Parkville Junior High School, at 6 p.m.

Many new faces have been added to the Warrior offense. Lineman Barry Berman and Steve Dragano (of the Baltimore Eagles); Dave McCreary (of Morgan State and Baltimore Eagles); John Shavers (of Cornell), and Harry Hardo (of Towson State and Baltimore Eagles) are all newcomers.

The Warriors have cancelled their exhibition against the Clarksburg Red Raiders on Aug. 5. A game will be added at a later date.

The Warriors will open their regular season with a road game against the Harrisburg Cowboys on Aug. 26. The Warriors open up their home schedule on Sept. 2 against the Carroll County Chargers.

The Warriors are still holding tryouts. The team is looking for more depth in the defensive line. A kicking specialist is also needed. For details contact Bob Stine at 444 - 5686 or Cindy Perrella at (532 - 7873).

Volleyball marathon set for Aug. 27

The second Inner Harbor Volleyball Marathon, to benefit the Kidney Foundation of Maryland, will be held on Sunday, Aug. 27, on the Joseph H. Rash Memorial Field of the Inner Harbor of Baltimore, Eric Buckner and Henry Louis, marathon committee co - chairmen, announced.

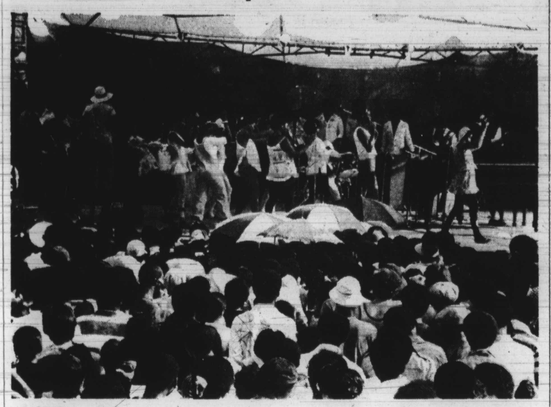
The marathon, which will run from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., will feature a series of volleyball games on several fields composed of players who have found sponsors among their friends and neighbors.

The player's sponsors have agreed to contribute a small sum, perhaps a penny, to the Kidney Foundation for every point the player's team scores.

All funds raised by the marathon will support the Kidney Foundation's programs of research, patient service, and public and professional education in the fight against kidney disease, a major health problem.

Information, posters, and pledge sheets are available from the Kidney Foundation of Maryland by calling 685 - 5040.

AFRAM Expo is here!



PARTYING — The crowd at AFRAM '77 watches live entertainment on stage at Hopkins Plaza. This year's festival will be held at the Inner Harbor.

AFRAM Expo '78 starts off with a bang in a new location and with a new theme. It will all take place Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5 and 6 from noon until 8 p.m.

The new location is at Rash Field in the Inner Harbor. It was moved there because of the tremendous growth from year to year.

In 1976 when the theme was: "Baltimore's Bicentennial Salute to Black America", the crowds topped 75,000 people, and it rained both days.

In 1977 when AFRAM's theme was: "Black Genius in America", the crowds surged to over 200,000 people and clearly outstripped the Charles Center's Hopkins Plaza's capability to handle them.

So, the decision was made to move to the Inner Harbor.

At Rash Field there will be two stages around which all the various booths will be placed.

The '78 theme is: "AFRAM Salutes Our Youth. The Best Is Yet To Be", and will emphasize the rich rewards to be reaped by the young people who commit themselves to the necessary time and training to qualify for a career in tomorrow's worlds of business, technology and the professions.

The idea for AFRAM came along at the same time that black pride started to bloom and it grew out of the mini - festivals which were being put on at Dunbar High School.

Edna Isaacs had written to Walter Orlinsky, Baltimore City Council president, asking him to support a "Soul Festival".

The two ideas were combined and "AFRAM EXPO" emerged.

AFRAM is a statement of the sharing that the two cultures have experienced and the indebtedness that America realizes the creativity which black Africa has brought to this country.

Creative accomplishments, not only in music and dance but in science, medicine, law, literature, the military, religion, fashion, statesmanship as well as all the other performing and creative arts.

Norman Ross, director of the Cultural Arts Project, brought his idea of AFRAM to his boss, Lenwood Ivey, executive director of the Urban Services Agency.

Ivey liked the idea and committed Urban Services to financially underwrite the cost of the festival and coordinate it with the "Bicentennial" efforts and events that Baltimore had scheduled to occur.

Already this year, there are double the community groups who have taken booths over last year.

New this year will be numerous tents set up by and manned by ambassadors and their staffs, representing various countries from the continent of Africa itself. These tents will be used to exhibit the various things indigenous to these countries and the ambassadors will be there to explain the panorama of their individual country.

There will be entertainment on the main stage at Rash Field, such as Jimmy Heath and the Jazz All Stars; The Sal - Soul Orchestra; Pockets; First Class and a few surprises. There will also be many local pop - music groups and traditional gospel groups.

Some of the food available include Ribs, crabs, and some secrets; Louisiana "Dirty Rice" and "Chicken George".

Olufunmilayo Jomo and her African Dancers will be the lead act on the stage in Rash Field. The Baltimore Dance Theater headed by choreographer Eva Anderson will present modern and interpretive dance.

There will be a Black Hall of Fame for Baltimore, a pavillion of flags representing all the nations of Africa and a parade of flags which will be intertwined with the traditional parade through the city on Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m. and will itself include 10 to 12 drum and bugle corps, politicians, two motorcycle clubs and a running display of antique automobiles. It will start at the Fifth Regiment Armory and wind up at the festival site.

Pastor John Bryant of Bethel AME Church will be the featured speaker and Urban Services Agency will underwrite the cost of this festival so that there will be no admission charge.

For more information, call 276 - 4646.

Oriole wives get set for auction

Baseball superstars Reggie Jackson, Rod Carew and Jim Palmer are among those persons sending their autographed gloves, bats and balls to the wives of the Baltimore Orioles to help the Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

The wives' collection of sports souvenirs, which include an autographed ball from Harmon Killebrew, a portrait of Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson's bat, Rod Carew's bat and ball, a T - shirt signed by all the Orioles, the tennis racket Pam Shriver used at Wimbledon, and dozens of other items and services — will be auctioned off before the double - header with Chicago on Sept. 2, to benefit the Hopkins Children's Center.

While bidding on the items, participants will also enjoy a picnic-in-the - bullpen with the Orioles players, their wives, and local celebrities.

"The Birds' Better Halves," the organization formed by the wives three years ago to help the young patients at the Children's Center, is selling tickets for the picnic, aucton, and game — or for the game alone — ot help purchese much - needed equipment for the 6,300 inpatients at the Children's Cener, is selling tickets for the picnic, auction, and game — or for the game alone — to help purchase much - needed equipment for the 6,300 inpatients and 120,000 outpatients and emergency patients seen each year at the Children's Center.

Prices for tickets for the game are $7.00 for lower box seats and $4.00 for upper reserved seats. For the pre - game picnic and tickets are $5.00 for adults and $2.50 for children.

To benefit the Children's Center, tickets must be purchased through the Orioles' wives' office at The Johns Hopkins Children's Center, Park Building B - 171, 601 North Broadway, Baltimore, Md. 21205, telephone, 955 - 8767.

Chairman of this year's "Hopkins Night at the Ballpark" is Dee (Mrs. Mark) Belanger. Dr. Arnold Sigler is chairman of the Hopkins Children's Center group working with the wives.

FCC looking at kiddie TV

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Communications Commission has voted to take a second look at children's television programs in response to claims that young viewers are still being exploited.

The inquiry will be in addition to an already announced investigation, being conducted by the Federal Trade Commission, into whether ads

The FCC said its inquiry is of "a fact gathering nature only" and will be aimed at determining how well the industry is complying with previous guidelines designed to prevent overcommercialization and other problems.

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