Electrician on 'The Diner'

By Ida Peters

The MGM, Barry Levinson comedy, "The Diner", being filmed in 37 different locations around town, gave us a chance to meet Augustus Maurice Horton, Sr. of Houston, Texas an Electrician and Lighting Technician.

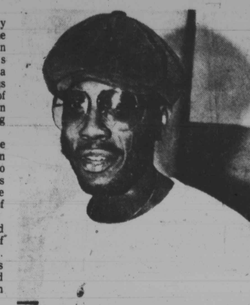
He answers to the nickname of "Mo" and in coming to Baltimore to work on "The Diner" his luggage was lost and he is out $1,000 worth of clothing.

He was born and bred in Houston, the son of Harvey and Willie Lee. He attend Jack Yates High School and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1960.

He served in Okinawah, Japan and Viet Nam as a communications expert. When he came back to the states he was sent oto MGM Studios and was among the first six blacks hired on the West Coast as technicians in 1965.

Without bitterness he recounts some of the hardships faced like not being spoken to for a year. He worked on the "Combat" TV series and through subsequent promotions worked on "Police Story" for two and a half years. He later worked for "Fantasy Island" and then "Vegas" for two seasons.

Asked Horton his impressions of Baltimore. "Baltimore is rather dismal" he said flatly". There are so many empty faces. The brothers and sisters in a city of this size don't seem to have any economic clout".



Augustus Maurice Horton Jr. is Electrician-Lighting Technician on "The Diner," MGM movie shooting on 37 locations in Baltimore.

How do you get a job as an electrician or lighting technician? According to Horton, you have to know somebody in the business or the skills are passed down from father to son.

His baby brothers, Thomas and Willie Lee are MGM grips and his son, Dwayne E. Horton is an MGM Electrician.

Horton is married and with wife, Sharon E. Horton are proud parents of six children ranging in age from 15 months to 21. He also has three grandchildren. His ambition is to retire at 40 so he will have time for his smaller children.

The actor he admires most is Jim Brown for his "finesse, intelligence and compassion".

While in Baltimore working on "The Diner" Horton works six days a week and on his off days catches up on his sleep. When he can, he visits parks and loves to fly kites.

TV Watching

By Vanessa Johnson

Friday

PM Magazine: Segments on the circus act the King Charles Troupe. 7:30-8:00 p.m.-Ch. 9.

Maryland Newsrap: A review of the '81 session of the Maryland General Assembly. 10:00-10:30 p.m.-Ch. 22 & 67.

Saturday

Fat Albert: A tale about a girl who learns she was adopted. Hosted by Bill Cosby. 12:00-12:30 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Tony Brown's Journal: Guests not known at press-time. 1:00-1:30 p.m.-Ch. 11.

Baseball: The Baltimore Orioles take on the Royals at Kansas City, Mo. 2:15-4:45 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Wide World of Sports: A repeat showing of the Harlem Globetrotters in Hollywood follows the court jesters of basketball through a tour of Universal Studios. 5:00-6:30 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Top Rank Fights of the '70s: In only his eighth pro fight, Olympic gold medalist Leon Spinks shocked the boxing world with a 15-round split decision over heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali. 5:00-6:00 p.m.-Ch. 45.

Roots: Part 5-Chicken George's freedom hinges on the outcome of a cockfight. Starring Sal Versen and Leslie Uggams. 9:00-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 9.

Flip Wilson: Guests are Stiller and Meara, Kenny Rankin and Bill Russell. 11:30-12:30 a.m.-Ch. 2.0.

Movie: "Jesus Christ Superstar", the hit stage and recording rock opera about the last days of Christ, filmed in Israel by Norman Jewison. 11:45-1:45 a.m.-Ch. 7.

Sunday

Kids Are People Too: Guests include actor Billy Dee Williams. 10:30-11:30 a.m.-Ch. 13.

Movie: "Camelot", film version of the Broadway hit about King Arthur, Queen Guinevere and Sir Lancelot in long-ago Britain. 10:30-2:30 p.m.-Ch. 11.

Baseball: The Baltimore Orioles take on the Royals at Kansas City, Mo. 2:30-5:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Soul Train: Performances by Deniece Williams and the Gap Band. 2:30-3:30 p.m.-Ch. 11.

Movie: "The Ten Commandments", epic account of the life of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt. 8:00-12:30 a.m.-Ch. 13.

Movie: Elliott Gould is a reporter who ferrets out startling news about "Capricorn One", NASA's first manned mission to Mars. Starring O.J. Simpson. 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

Lloyd Haynes is judge in "Dynasty" Monday, April 20.

The Jeffersons: Seeking escape from the daily grind, George treats Louise to a trip to Hawaii. But his vacation grinds to a halt when he learns the Willises have preceded them. First of four parts. Starring Sherman Hemsley. 9:30-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Trapper John, M.D.: Riverside apparently administers a near fatal tranquilizer to a woman who says she's his father's fiancee. Starring Gregory Harrison and Madge Sinclair. 10:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Monday

Private Benjamin: Captain Lewis halts the barracks party plans, forcing Benjamin to set up a covert operation. Starring Nell Williams. 8:00-8:30 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Kids On the Block: Handicapped and minority-children puppets answer questions and explain the mysteries and miseries of their various impairments to a live studio audience. 8:00-8:30 p.m.-Ch. 20.

Baseball: The Baltimore Orioles vs the White Sox at Chicago. 8:30 -11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Dynasty: Blake's murder trial reaches a climax when both the defense and the prosecution call surprise witnesses. Starring Lloyd Haynes as the judge. 9:00-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Arena Players

The Arena Players present "Wine In the Wilderness" and "Happy Ending" in a special Easter Monday Show under the direction of Sam Wilson for the benefit of the Possible Dream.

Bill Lane in Hollywood

When Stevie Wonder left on his current tour of Down Under countries and Europe he almost broke everybody's track record. From 10:30 a.m. revelers and fans, at the airport to see Wonder off, had awaited his arrival, partying up to give him a bangup sendoff... when his plane left at one p.m. Mr. Wonder and his aides, however, came dashing through the airport at three minutes after one, while the plane waited for him.

He whizzed aboard and was off, before most of his sendoff fans knew what had happened, or even saw him. But photog Willie Dolley was at the terminal entry when Wonder arrived and picture-snapped him doing his mad dash through the airport. Life in the big city.

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Up in Boston Maria Cole, mother of singer Natalie, had to get back to the lifeblood of being, showbiz. She's now doing hosting on a daily radio show on WEEI-FM in Boston. The show called "Art Beat" is sponsored by the state's arts and humanities council.

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Don Wright has now joined Motown as national promotions director ... Actor-playscript Stanley Clay opening his contemporary two act play, "Ritual", here at the Cellar Theatre on Vermont, with Fay Hausery in the leading role and the play produced by James O. Perry for CP Productions. It's a takeoff on a chancy theme of incest, as having occurred in a middle class black family. Huh?!

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Actor Roger Mosley back from Honolulu and filming his regular helicopter pilot role in that highly popular detective series on television.

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Richard Pryor tiptoeing lightly with his Oriental lady into the elevator at LaErmitage in West Hollywood one night last week... Kellee Patterson back in town, looking foxy like she looks on the Schlitz calendar for the summer months. She'd been up to Colorado college appearing as a guest lecturer on a college seminar conducted by Bill Duke of "Palmerstown".

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Singer Jeffrey Osbourne, the lead vocalist with LTD, is being fished for by many recording companies around these parts. The young man, as this column predicted two years ago, is super solo star material, as witnessed by anyone who ever listened to him sing "I Concentrate You".

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Aretha Franklin booked to do a concert in Memphis, for the first time. The famed singer had refused to sing in the city where she used to live and where her dad, the Rev. C.L. Franklin got his ministerial start, because of what happened to Dr. MLK there.

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Chuck O'Badness, the Memphis Tri-State Defender editor, told us his city's reporters had tried in vain to find the wife of singer Al Green the other day when the lady swore out a warrant for her spouse's arrest, allegedly charging assault and battery. The lady had instantly put distance between her and the city, fleeing to Chicago, while Green was booked into Disneyland here for a gospel songfest.

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George Tobin producing the music for Natalie Cole's up-coming new album on Capitol, we learn. Natalie is in the studio here now, working on her new offering for music lovers and her legions of fans.

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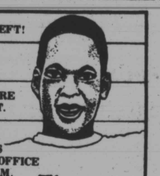

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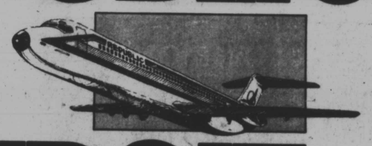

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Capital City golf May 2 to aid sickle cell study

The Capital City Open golf tournament will mark its 21st year of operation, May 2-3, at the Langston Golf Course in D.C.

The Oxon Blades Golf Club which sponsors this annual benefit event, has earmarked the Howard University Sickle Cell Anemia Research Center for a major share of the proceeds.

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The club is expecting a large field of amateur and professional golfers, competing for purses and prizes totaling $8,500. Professionals from the Middle Atlantic PGA and former PGA tour players will be teeing off in a shot-gun start on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Nate Starks of St. Petersburg, Fla. former tour player and winner of the professional division in 1980, and Galen Leek of Washington, D.C. will be back to defend their titles in the professional and amateur divisions, respectively.

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Scheduled is a Celebrity Flight on Sunday May 3, with noted figures from the world of sports, politics, television and journalism.

Lee Elder, PGA tour pro, and concessionaire at Langston will be host for the 71st Annual Capital City Open Golf Tournament, co-sponsored by Anheuser - Busch, Inc., Capital City Volkswagon - Subaru, and the Coca - Cola Bottling Co.

Colt complex open to fans

The Baltimore Colts will sponsor an "open house" at the team's office - training facility in Owings Mills on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The event is designed to give Colts' fans an opportunity to see the team's new complex which became the Colts' home in January 1980.

The Colts are planning several activities throughout the day. In addition to providing a complete tour of the two - story facility, fans will be given the opportunity to win door prizes including Colt -T - shirts, autographed footballs, and "Colts Crazy" towels.

The Colts 1981 Prospectus, the 1980 Yearbook, team pictures, and decals will also be available to all participants in the tour. The Colts - WCBM van will be stationed in the parking lot to provide musical entertainment and live remote coverage of the day's events. Several Colts' players and cheerleaders will also be on hand for autographs and pictures.

Kids' mat meet slated April 24

Six weight classes will offer competition in the 3rd annual Badcats wrestling tournament, April 24, at the Johnston Square Rec. Center.

The Badcats A.C. is made up of young mat aspirants between ages five and 15 years.

Weight division are "Toddlers," 65 pounds and under; "Feathers," 66 - 73 pounds; "Flies," 76 - 85 pounds; "Lights," 86 - 95 pounds; "Middles," 96 - 105 pounds, and "Heavies," 106 and over.

Peete, Elder slated again for Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Calvin Peete, who has established himself as the leading black player on the professional golf tour, qualified last Sunday for an automatic invitation to return here for the 1981 Masters.

Peete finished the lusty 72 - hold event over Augusta National two strokes over par for a 290 score. It gave him a tie for 21st place in the classic field, led at the end by Tom Watson's card of 280.

The leading 24 scorers at the masters automatic bids to the following years's tournament. Calvin tied for 18th in 1980 to gain the invitation here last week. He picked up $3,600 of the prize money.

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Lee Elder, the former top man and the all - time leading money winning black at career earnings over $600,000 failed to make the cut here last week carding 77 - 73 for a 36 - hole score of 150, two stokes over the cut-off limit.

However, Elder also can return to Augusta if he so desires. His presence on the 1980 U.S. Ryder Cup team enables him to hold qualification until the Ryder Cup competition between the United States and Europe is held Sept. 18 at Walton - Heath near London.

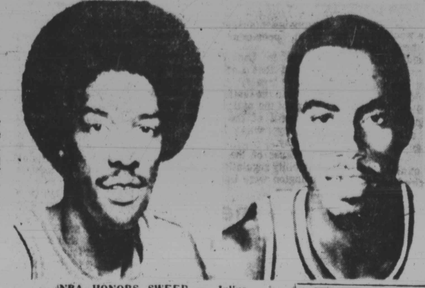
Sister doubts Herschel going to Canada

ATHENS, Ga. (UPI) — Although his older sister says she doesn't think he plans to go to the Canadian Football League next season, Georgia's All-America tailback Herschel Walker may meet this week with officials of the Montreal Alouettes.

"I personally don't think he's looking at Canada," said Veronica Walker. "If he goes now, I think he would be stringing himself out. Money isn't everything.

The Atlanta Constitution said Monday that Rozanda Skalbania, daughter of Alouettes' owner Nelson Skalbania, was in Athens, but denied any intention of meeting with Walker.

Walker, who finished second in the 100 - meter dash and ran in the winning Georgia 400 - meter relay team as the Bulldogs won a tri - meet with Florida State and Florida Saturday, said that he would meet with Alouette officials "maybe" this week but refused to disclose any details.



NBA HONORS SWEEP — Julius "Doctor J" Erving (L) and Darrell Griffith took down major individual honors in a poll conducted by the Sporting News to pick the top players in pro basketball this winter. Philadelphia's Erving was named Player of the Year, and Utah's Griffith was chosen best rookie.

Tate booked

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Former WBA heavyweight boxing champion John Tate will continue his comeback effort April 30 in Tampa, Fla., against Jody Ballard if a chronic back problem heals routinely, the fighter's manager said Monday.

The 6-4, 240 - pound Tate returned to the victory corner against Harvey Steichen last February.

Tate won his first pro bouts, then lost the association title to Mike Weaver in March 1980 in a final round knockout. He returned to the ring in June against Canadian champion Trevor Berbick and lost again.

Ballard is a 6-0, 210 - pounder with a 25-12 record

Bears humbled

Morgan State lacrosse hopes suffered the sixth setback in nine outings Wednesday, bowing 26 - 5 to Salisbury State at Salisbury.

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