Night scene seen

By Bob Matthews

When we were a kid, they called these "dog days," which indicated that the weather was oppressively hot and people didn't go out much.

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This seems to fit the pattern of the 80s, for as dog days descends upon us, club owners are fearing out their hair over the lack of business.

Suffering especially is the "live music" scene, although local musicians are getting a greater chance to work.

For example, guitarist O'Donel Levy will be playing the Billie Holliday room at Gatsby's on Friday and Saturday nights, then does the stint at Sportsmen's Lounge Sunday night.

This Sunday, the 2nd benefit for the Baltimore Dance Theatre will be at Gatsby's beginning at 9 p.m., wich Travis Winkey and his models on hand.

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The Sportsmen's Lounge, has Booked organist Dennis Fisher, along with vocalist Jennifer Jones for the entire month of July.

They will be playing the Fri. and Sat. night gigs, as well as forming the nucleus for the Saturday afternoon jazz jams. Dropped in to hear them last week, and must say that they are sounding as good as ever.

Jennifer is still using the wireless mike, and forgive us for not remembering the name of the alto sax man, for we were rather impressed with his play. Only wish he wasn't using the echoplex electronic attachment, or whatever it is called. Can remember when Sonny Stitt tried it—and Arnold Sterling locally. Both dropped it.

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At the Ritz, it is Frank Hooker and Positive People performing in the penthouse July 3 & 4. You may remember the group better by realizing that a lot of the members were once a part of the Young Senators band out of D.C.

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The Closet is coming back with a roar on the live music scene. They have now started what is being called "The 99 cent Jazz Night," which simply means that the door charge is under a dollar.

Heading up the musical group is Gary Richardson and "Siedo," and the group really gets down.

On the weekend, Fri. and Sat., it's Mickey Fields trio, with the Sunday chores being handled by vocalist-pianist Sandy Crawford.

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At The Bandstand this weekend is Ellery Eskelin, saxophonist, with a rhythm section. Pianist will be Tim Murphy, and we didn't have the remainder of the lineup by press time.

Ellery is a relatively unknown entity to us, so rely on the word of Sheldon who assures us that he knows what he is doing, and has played the Bandstand in days past.

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This is the week that the Left Bank Jazz Society skips its Sunday concert to allow its membership to attend the Kool Jazz Festival in New York.

They seem to be hot over the appearance of Miles Davis at the fest, and we eagerly await word on how the event went. We have heard the new Davis album, which continues where Miles left off five years ago—with wah-wah pedal and electronic attachment.

There will be a LBJS concert on July 12, after which the society takes a hiatus for the rest of July and the month of August.

Booked for that date is a group called Kalema, which consists of 5 voices with sax, synthesizer and a rhythm section.

We'll be there.

Frank-ly speaking

Too much education can be a problem, as Daniel J. Travanti, star of "Hill Street Blues" can attect. Travanti, who received a master's degree in English three years ago, occasionally finds grammatical inconsistencies in the series' scripts.

"One of my teachers used to call me contentious," he said. "I guess I can't help myself. Sometimes I'll see something that has Frank Furillo (his character) saying something that isn't grammatically correct. But they tell me that's the way people speak, so I have to accept that and grit my teeth when I say it."

Frankie Smith is #1

(Photo by Vanessa Johnson)

Frankie Smith's "Double Dutch Bus" is the No. 1 Cashbox single record this week. The WMOT record has been on the charts for 19 weeks. Above, he's holding his daughter Vashon Smith of Baltimore, backstage at the Capital Centre in the June show with Atlantic Starr.

UNIQUE VOICE — Alvernette Jimenez, playing Fred Sanford's (Red Foxx) date on "Sanford," Friday, July 3 (8:30 - 9 p.m.), got her first acting job when Carol Burnette heard her voice over the telephone.

Weekend TV Watching

By Vanessa Johnson

Friday

Incredible Hulk: A veteran gumshoe can't explain the bullet-ridden body in his office, except to say that it involved an extortion plot and a big green man. Starring Cameron Mitchell. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Tap Dance Kid: Eight-year-old Willie wants to be a dancer like his uncle, but his father is against it until his sister pleads his case. Starring James Pelham, Danielle Spencer and Hazel Coles. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-Ch. 5.

Benson: Excited plans for Marcy's mansion wedding, with the staff playing major roles, are radically altered by her interfering mother. Starring Robert Guillaume. 8:00-8:30 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Sanford: Fred and Evelyn have a fight and decide to date other people. Starring Redd Foxx. 8:30-9:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

Movie: A widower's "Obession" with the memory of his murdered wife propels this suspense yarn patterned after Hitchcock's classic "Vertigo". 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Sneak Previews: Reviews of "Superman II", and "The Cannonball Run". 9:00-9:30 p.m.-Ch. 22 & 67.

Fridays: The guest is singer Al Jarreau, who sings "Spain" and "Distracted". 12:00-1:10 a.m.-Ch. 13.

Portrait of a Legend: This biographical series on musical artists uses interviews and taped performances to highlight their outstanding achievements. 1:10-1:40 a.m.-Ch. 13.

Saturday

Fat Albert: Pee Wee is cut from the gang's basketball team because of his height. Hosted by Bill Cosby. 12:00-12:30 p.m.-Ch.2.

Movie: "Louis Armstrong-Chicago Style", TV movie with Ben Vereen portraying Satchmo as a struggling young musician in 1931, shunned by white club-owners and pressured by gangsters. 2:00-3:30 p.m.-Ch. 9.

Southbound: A show on Southern jazz profiles New Orleans banjo player Manny Sayles, who performs "Give Me That Old New Orleans Jazz". 2:30-3:00 p.m.-Ch. 22 & 67.

People Are Talking Tonight: Tips on what to do before entering the job market. 7:00-7:30 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Nobody Does It Better Than You America: Ed Asner narrates this video essay on American teamwork. The program focuses on the surgical team that performed a quadruple coronary bypass on Arthur Ashe 7:30-8:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

Enos: Counterfeiters take Lieutenant Broggi hostage to regain the engraving plates discovered by Enos and Turk. Starring Samuel E. Wright. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Movie: "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings", bittersweet childhood memories by Maya Angelou inspired this movie. Starring Constance Good and Esther Rolle. 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Movie: "Woodstock...Relived", an edited version of director Michael Wadleigh's Oscar winning documentary about the legendary rock-music festival. Held in August 1969, the three day concert featured Jimi Helldrix, Sly and the Family Stone, Richie Haven and many others. 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

NAACP National Conference Highlights: Highlights of the annual NAACP national conference held June 29-July 3 in Denver. The agenda includes the social, economic and international policies of the Reagan Administration and their impact on black Americans. Carl Rowe is the anchorman. 11:00-12:00 a.m.-Ch. 22 & 67.

Sunday

Solid Gold: Co-host Billy Preston sings "Nothing from Nothing." Hosted by Dionne Warwick. 1:00-2:00 p.m.-Ch. 45.

Disney's Wonderful World: "Goofy Takes a Holiday", thanks to a finy, Goofy-like Peter Pan who whisks him away from household chores and into a variety of imaginary adventures. 7:00-8:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

Sunday

Roots: The Next Generation: Part 6. World War II finds teenage Alex Haley in the Coast Guard, where he discovers a talent as a writer, composing love letters for his shipmates' sweethearts. But Harley's fruitless attempts to make writing a postwar career put a strain on his marriage. Starring Damon Evans and Debbie Allen. 7:00-9:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

The Jeffersons: George is dying to appear on a local patriotic TV show, and to prove his patriotism, he decides to sponsor a Cuban refugee. Starring Sherman Hemsley and Isabel Sanford. 9:30-1:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Trapper John, M.D.: A con man figures he's being played for a sucker when told he has an aneurysm requiring immediate surgery and that his girl friend is pregnant. Starring Madeline Sinclair and Gregory Harrison. 10:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Eddie Hailey and Edye Byrde are costars of "Another Life" a soap opera on Ch. 45.

Top Hits

R & B Albums

1. Street Songs — Rick James
2. The Dude — Quincy Jones
3. A Woman Needs Love — Ray Parker & Raydio; Stephanie Mills
5. Knights of the Sound Table — Cameo

R & B Singles

1. Double Dutch Bus — Frankie Smith
2. Give It To Me Baby — Rick James
3. What Cha' Gonna Do For Me — Chaka Khan; Stephanie Mills
5. Pull Up to the Bumper — Grace Jones

Jazz Albums

1. The ClarkeDuke Project — Stanley Clarke & George Duke
2. Weelight — Grover Washington Jr.
3. "Rip" — Lee Ritenour
4. Voyeur — David Sanborn
5. Heah — John Klemmer

Newest Data Black poll says that black Americans are more likely to purchase products which are advertised by blacks than those advertised by whites. Ad agencies should take note that 49 per cent are likely to purchase a product featuring a black, 15 per cent less likely and 24 per cent are the mid-point of these extremes.

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Anacostia Museum slates film festival

A fum festival of full-length features on the black experience begins July 3 at the Anacostia Neighborhood Museum, Smithsonian Institution, 2405 Martin Luther King Ave. S.E.

The free films will be shown each Friday in July at 10 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. July 3 - "The Joe Louis Story;" July 10 - "The Learning Tree" July 17 - "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry;" July 24 - "Almos' a Man" and July 31 - "The Harlem Globertrotters."

The Anacostia Neighborhood Museum Black Heritage Puppet Theatre will perform on July 9 at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and on July 16 at 10 a.m. All performances tell the life story of Anna J. Cooper, a black educator, the subject of the Museum's current exhibition.

Aboriginal Artists of Australia, a group of dancers and musicians on their first tour of the United States, will appear at the Museum on July 18. The 28 participants will give workshops for children at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

On the same day, the group will give a performance of dance and music at the Anacostia Park (near the 11th Street S.E. bridge) from 2-5 p.m. The performers come from four communities in northern and central Australia.

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Title he won may elude Sugar Ray

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — World Boxing Council president Jose Sulaiman may force Sugar Ray Leonard to give up one of his world titles, a top WBC official says.

"You can be sure he is thinking right now about what to do," said the WBC's secretary Eduardo Lamazon, referring to the decision Mexico's Sulaiman is pondering. "We expect him to make a decision before mid - July."

Sulaiman is vacationing in Europe and there is "no way to get in touch with him" about reports that he would give Leonard one week to decide which championship he will keep, said Lamazon.

Sugar Ray Leonard the flip before the fall

Leonard became the first man since 1966 to win two world titles when he knocked out junior middleweight champion Ayub Kalule last Thursday in Houston's Astrodome. He was already the WBC welterweight champion.

After defeating Kalule, Sugar Ray took a "showboat" over - the - head flip and landed on his backside.

Some wondered whether the fall was an omen.

Leonard's next fight could be against Tommy "Hit Man" Hearns as a welterweight or against middleweight Marvin Hagler. Hagler is champion in the middleweight division. There is next to nothing in the way of competition among the junior middleweights.

If forced to resign one of his titles, Leonard presumably would keep the welterweight crown in anticipation of a multi - million dollar fight in September with World Boxing Association champion Hearns of Detroit.

Emile Griffith held the middleweight and welterweight titles in 1966 but that was before the formation of the World Boxing Council, Lamazon said. Henry Armstrong was the lightweight and featherweight champion in 1938.

Both Griffith and Armstrong abandoned one of their titles.

Reggie wants out!

NEW YORK — Reggie Jackson he's about had it with the New York Yankees and wants a change of scenery if he can't play regularly.

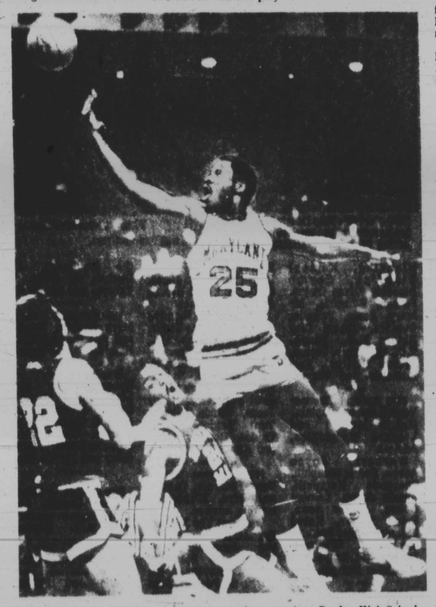
Jackson told the New York News Wednesday that he realizes "I can't play here any more under the present circumstances. If I'm gonna be a DH, it's just no good. I've gotta go in there and play."

The 35 - year - old Jackson, hitting .189 when the major league strike was called on June 12, argues that being a designated hitter is not the proper road to baseball's Hall of Fame and that he wants to play full time.

Reggie Jackson '... time to move out'

"I know I can play," he told the newspaper, "but there are people here who seem to be convinced that I can't. That's why I gotta go.

"What has happened is that they're (Yankees) suddenly not too high on me any more. I'm not going to let these people run me down. I feel I've done an awful lot for this club since 1977, but I'll quit before I become a part - time player. If I'm no longer appreciated here, then it's time to roll out."



SIGNED BY SIXERS — Former Maryland University star Ernest Graham has been signed by the Philadelphia 76ers. The 23 - year - old Baltimorean from Dunbar High School was a third - round pick in the NBA draft.

Bits o' briefs

Site change

Finals in the Baltimore - Washington Youth Bowling Invitational will be held Sunday at Fair Lanes Prince Georges Plaza, 3721 East - West Highway, commencing at noon.

They have been moved from Fair Lanes College Park, as originally announced.

Baltimoreans Denise Fulwood and Charles McLaughlin are among the competitors.

... while sun shines

Earl Weaver doesn't have to worry about eating no matter how long the baseball strike goes. He could feed himself and his family indefinitely from his own private vegetable garden in Baltimore County.

With so much time on his hands, the Orioles manager has it flourishing better than ever now, and he has never had better or healthier looking tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, peppers, radishes, zucchini and even egg plant.

It's a sorta take - off from the old axiom: "Make hay while the sun shines" during baseball rain.

Holding

Each dropped one peg on the pro golf ladder of money winners this week, but for the most part Calvin Peete and Lee Elder held their own.

Peete's $55,507 for the year has him in 44th place on the list of 100, down from last week's 43rd.

Elder is 58th instead of 57th where he was a week earlier. He has won $43,047 this summer.

WENZ golf tournament

RICHMOND

WENZ's First Annual Golf Tournament was held to promote golf among the black community of Richmond, Virginia. Many golfers came to the tournament from as far away as Las Vegas, Nev.; Oklahoma City, Ok; New Rochelle, N.Y.; Willow Grove, Pa; Philadelphia; Columbia, Md., Washington, D.C. as well as Richmond.

WENZ's activities for the golfer's started off with a "Welcome Party" Friday evening June 19, 1981 at the Holiday Inn "Home of Fanny's." After the party the hospitality suite was open until the wee hours in the morning. Golf was played Saturday and Sunday at the Colonial Golf Course.

CHANGES CHAMPS — Dave Jacobs who discovered and developed Sugar Ray Leonard then left his employ last year, is now the trainer of unbeaten junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor of Cincinnati. Pryor won his 27th straight and 26th knockout last week when he stopped James Blackmoore in two rounds.

Jan Matzeliger, a Black man from Dutch Guiana, invented a shoe-lasting ma-

WE'RE SOME BAD CATS! — Johnson Square Recreation Center "Badcats" wrestling team gives a look to AFRO photographer Mark Gail upon its return from matches in York, Pa. Shown holding up fingers denoting their first or second place finishes are, left to right: (front row) Edward Taylor, Alfonzo Hawkins, Charles Byrd, Antonio Watson, Jerome Johnson and Ronnie Crews. (Second row) Tony Watson, Troy Burris, David Brown, Michael Ragland, Darryl Cook, Kenneth Robinson and assistant coach Fawn Stokes. At top is head coach Tony Reese. Many of the group scored third and fourth in York after but three months' practice.

Orioles join Colts in leasing stadium

Even though the Orioles, like the rest of the major league teams, may not play another inning of baseball this season, the Birds have at least assured themselves of a home park for next year.

The team officially notified Parks and Recreation Department officials of plans to extend the team's lease to play in Memorial Stadium for at least one more year, the 1982 season.

The Colts signed a 2 - year lease three weeks ago.

In a letter to Douglas Tawney, director of the department, O's general manager Hank Peters asked for the opportunity to meet with the board to discuss certain unspecified aspects of the lease for 1982.

Under the terms of the present agreement, the Orioles are obligated to advise the city of their intention to renew their lease by June 30 each year. Under the original lease signed in 1977, a two - year extension is automatic if the city is not notified by the June 30 date.

In June 1979, Peters requested a one - year extension of the lease for 1980, "with a right to renew on a year - to - year basis," and that request was accepted.

Last June, the Orioles offered to renew the lease for 1981 under the same terms and conditions and the city again granted the request.

'Survival' stars signed

Al Leslie of Bucknell and a product of Baltimore's McDonogh School, and Larry Nance of Clemson have been signed to NBA contracts.

Leslie, a 3rd round draft pick was inked by the Indiana Pacers, and Nance, drafted first by the Phoenix Suns, was signed by that club.

Both emerged from the local Project Survival youth program before college.

AFRO Sports

Congressional action threatened in strike

WASHINGTON — Congressman James J. Florio, D - N.J., Tuesday said the stalemate in the 19 - day baseball strike may spark a congressional inquiry.

"If the present lack of movement continues, or if there is no appearance of movement," Florio said, "I intend for my subcommittee to consider initiating a formal inquiry in the very near future."

Congress may decide it has a responsibility to the millions of America's baseball fans to make an inquiry," said Florio, who is chairman of the House Commerce, Transportation, and Tourism Subcommittee and the New Jersey Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

The congressman also expressed empathy with deprived fans.

"What's the 4th of July without baseball?" he asked.

Florio's subcommittee oversees insurance matters, including the $50 million owners' strike policy with Lloyd's of London, antitrust laws as included in the Federal Trade Commission Act and professional sports.

"Congress would simply want to take a close look at certain underlying legal issues that could have contributed to the present, unfortunate situation," he said.

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