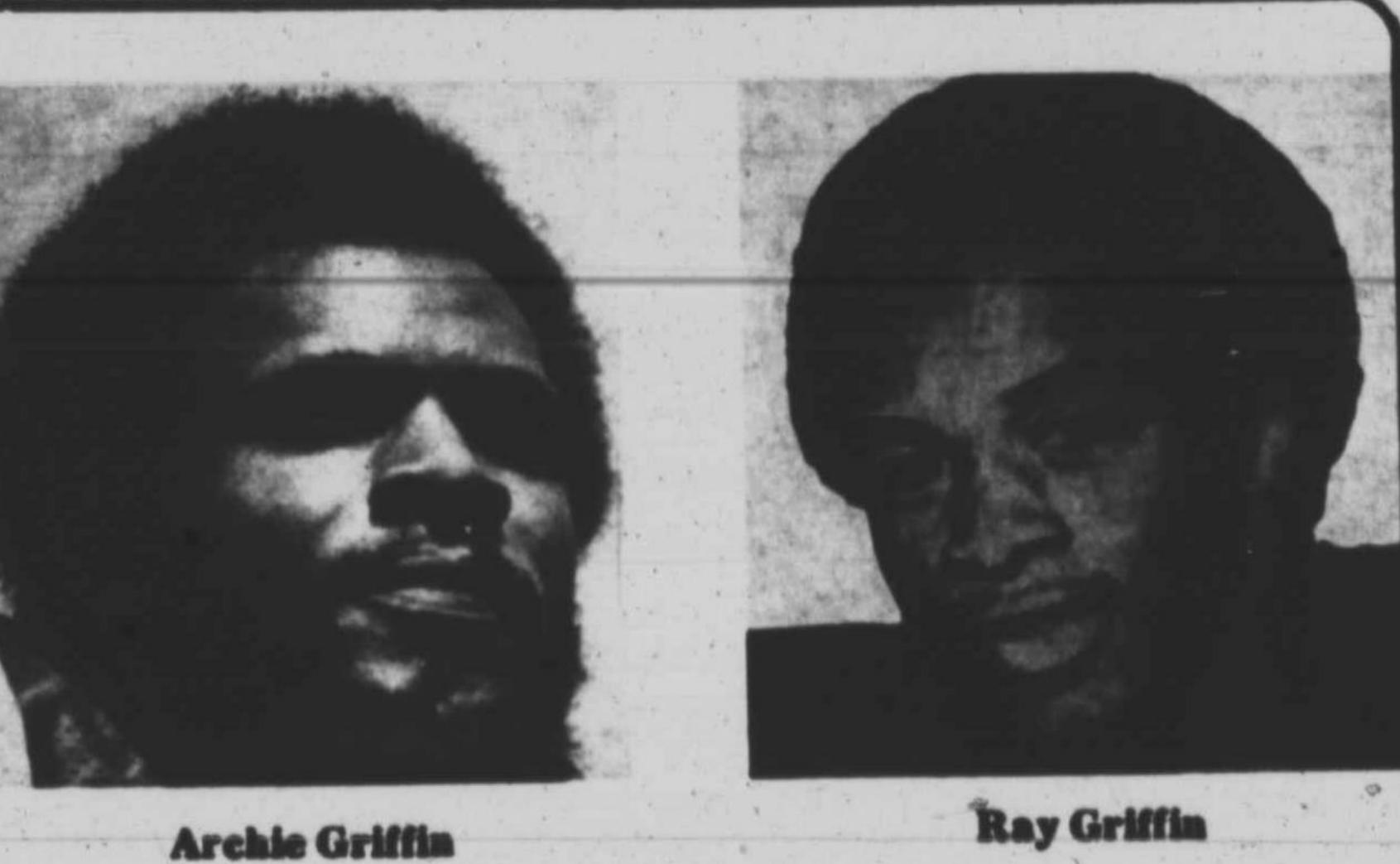
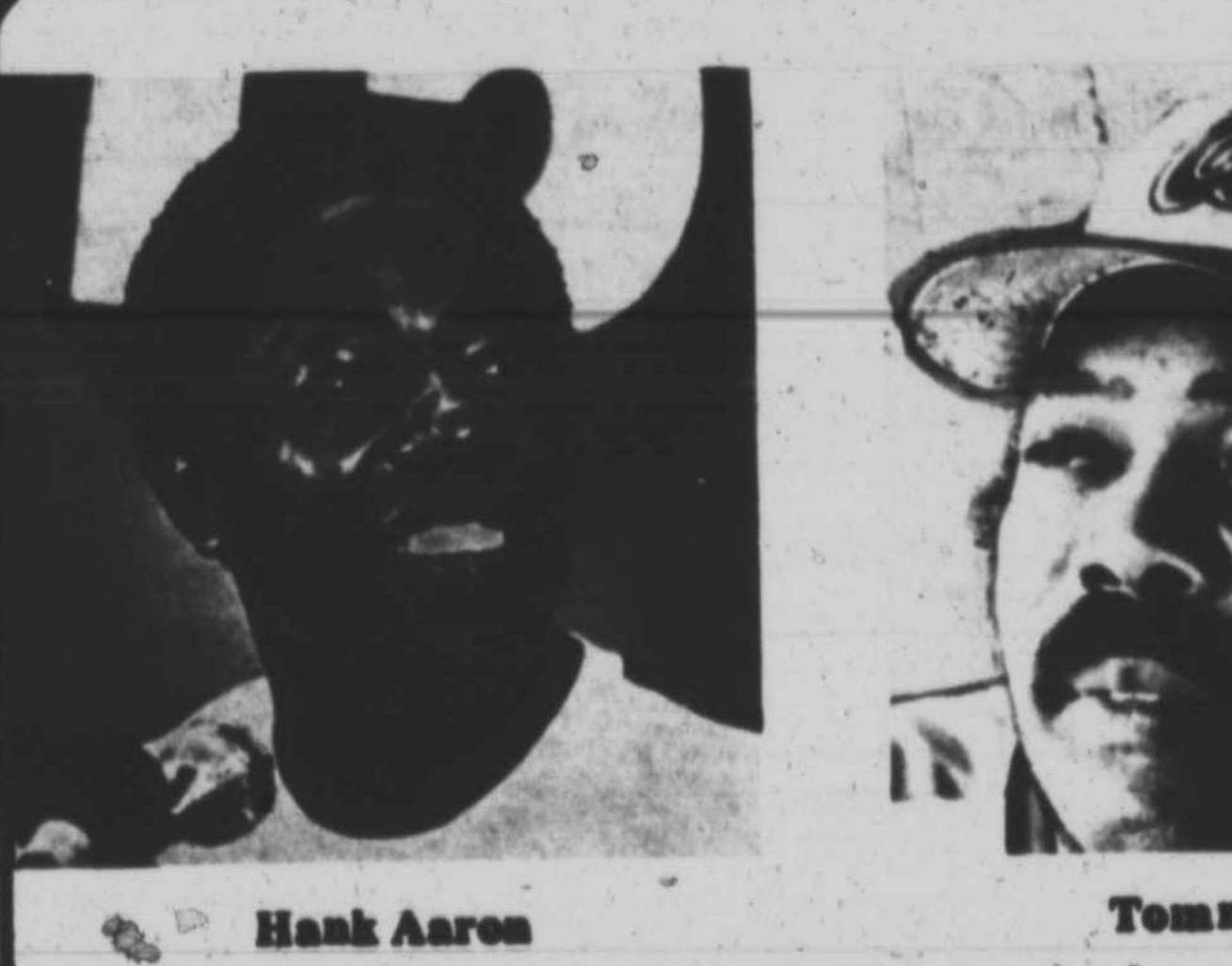
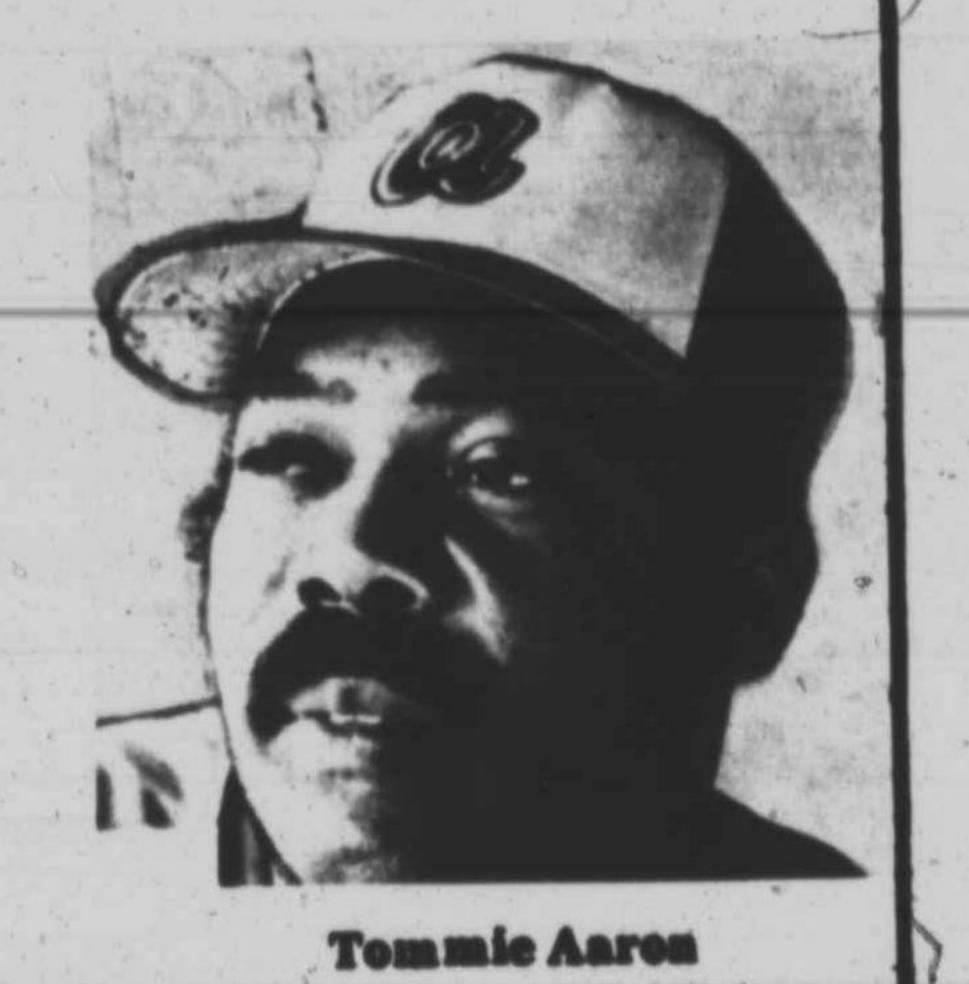


Sports is a Family Affair







It may well be that others are not, but I am, and always have been, intrigued by the stories of family members who have had successful careers in sports.

At one time, the major presses rolled off feature articles on such famous white brother combinations as ''Dizzy'' and "Daffy" Dean, Wesley and Bob Ferrell, Lloyd and Paul Waner, "Harry the Hat" and "Dixie" Walker, and some others, all in

Little notice, however, has been given to the large number of black "family acts" which have run the gamut of sports over the

years.
It is extremely difficult to pick from the lot the most prolific family, but there may be some justification in opening this rundown with a look at the Lewis

Best known, without argument,

'It runs in the family,' has been used to describe accomplishments by more than one member of the same family, and in sports the list goes on and on. Here are some examples.

is Carl Lewis, the undisputed 100 - meter and longjump champion. His sister, Carol, is a world

The most unique, perhaps, is the Bonds family of California. Older brother Robert was an all prolineman with the Kansas City Chiefs, while brother Bobby is a class sprinter - longjumper and their mother, Carolyn who

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coached and developed them their Willingboro, NJ home, was women's track and field coach at the National Sports Festival i. Syracuse last summer.

hard - hitting outfielder in the major leagues and sister Rosie was a world class sprinter of the women's U.S. Olympic teams in Mexico City in 1968, and in

Munich in 1972.

But, also unique, were the Alou brothers. Felipe, Matty and young Jesus Alou comprised the entire outfield of the San Francisco Giants in the early

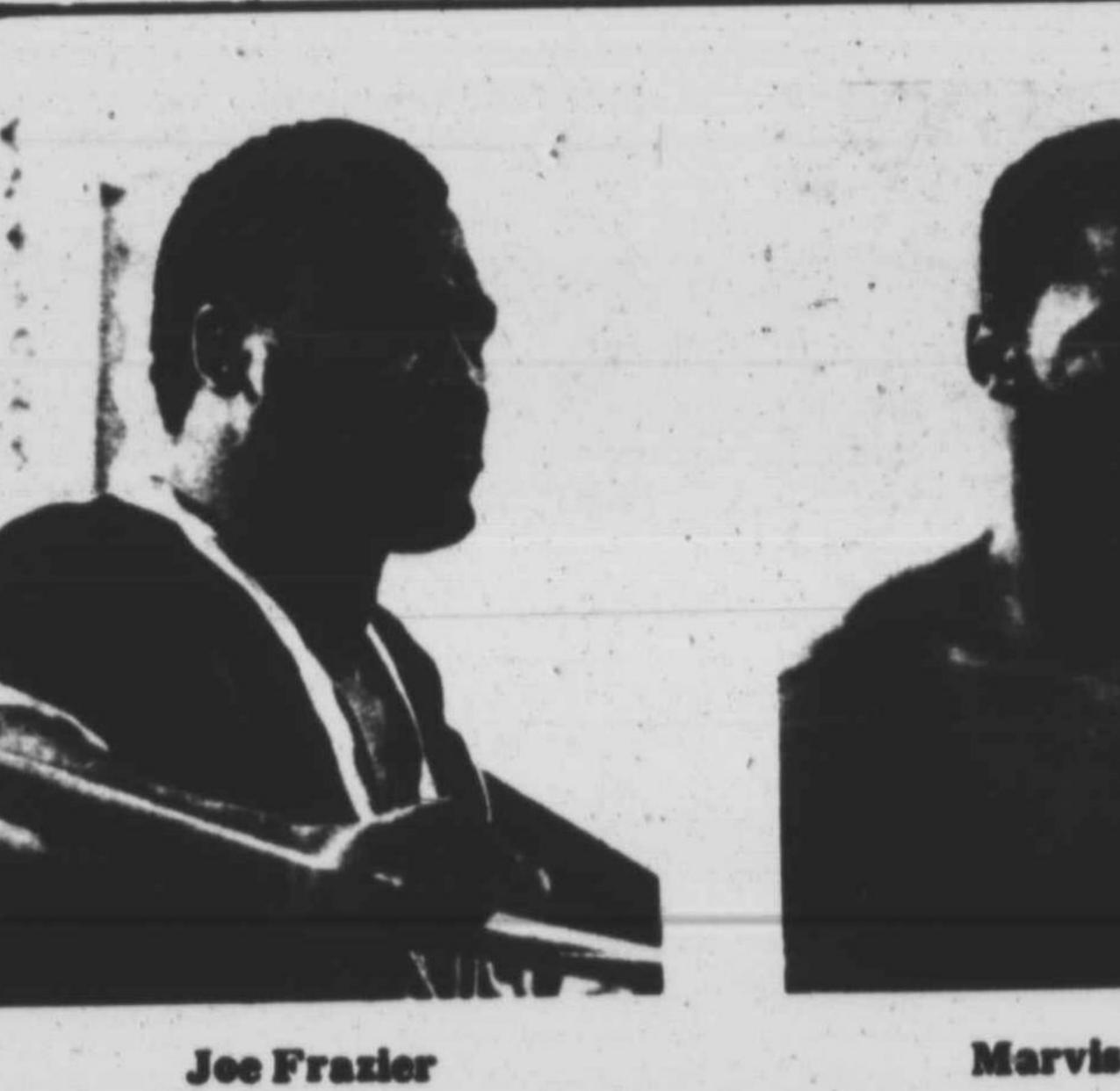
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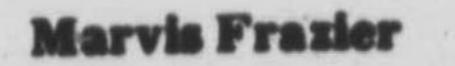
championship. They did that in 1966, when Matty won the title with a .342 mark, and his older kin finished two - hundredths of a point behind him at .340.

There are other multiple brother combinations:

The Orioles' Eddie Murray has four brothers - Richard, Leon, Charles and Venice - all of whom have played or are playing in major league organizations at various levels.

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