TV Watching

Count Basie on PBS

Count Basie and Tony Bennett team up in a 90-minute public television special Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m. on stations of the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting — TV 22, 28, 31, 36, 62 and 67. Airing as part of Festival nights, public television's membership and awareness drive, "Bennett and Basie Together!" repeats Sunday, March 21 at 5:30 a.m.

The legendary musicians Perform before live audiences in Boston for a three-part concert which features a solo set by Basie and his band, a vocal set by Bennett and a triumphant final session with Bennett, Basie and the renowned Count Basie Band.

Bobby Short and Melba Moore with Dinah Shore on "The Alltime American Songbook" premiering Saturday, March 20.

By Vanessa Johnson

Friday

Sha Na Na: Actor-singer Robert Guillaume is the guest. 7:00-7:30 p.m.-Ch. 45.

Benson: Pete wrecks Benson's new car thwarting a holdup and gets a medal, while Benson gets the shaft from his insurance company. Starring Robert Guillaume. 8:00-8:30 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Strike Force: Young muggers out on bail terrorize witnesses scheduled to testify against them. Starring Dorian Harewood. 10:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Fridays: Actress Marilu Henner is the guest. Starring Darrow Igus. 12:00-1:30 a.m.-Ch. 13.

Saturday

Black Horizons: Discussion on the Coleman Report "Private School vs Public School". Guests include Boyce Mosley. Hosted by Dwayne Wickham. 7:30-8:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

Bennett & Basie Together: Tony Bennett and Count Basie perform pop, swing, jazz and Broadway standards. 8:00-9:30 p.m.-Ch. 22 & 67.

Chicago Story: Gilland's niece runs away to Chicago and into the hands of a vicious pimp. Starring Richard Lawson. 8:30-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Love Boat: Isaac tries to avoid a physical exam given by an eager nurse. Starring Ted Lange and Shirley Hemphill. 9:00-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Movie: "The Organization" — police detective Virgil Tibbs investigates the heist of $4 million in heroin. Starring Sidney Poitier. 11:30-1:30 a.m.-Ch. 5.

Sunday

Kids Are People Too: Guests include dancer Gregory Hines. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Ch. 13.

Father Murphy: Moses and the children run up against horse thieves when they seek to retrieve a horse inadvertently sold for slaughter. Starring Moses Gunn. 7:00-8:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

National Crime & Violence Test: Art Linkletter and Jayne Kennedy are the hosts of a quiz designed to measure viewer awareness of and liability to robbery, burglary, mugging and car theft. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-Ch. 5.

Today's FBI: A religious leader takes hostages in a Federal building, demanding that five inmates convicted of murdering members of his family and church be turned over to him. Starring Harold Sylvester. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Movie: An all-star cast fuels "The Towering Inferno," disaster epic about a conflagration that engulfs the world's tallest building. Starring O. J. Simpson. 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. - Ch. 2.

'I Love Liberty: An all-star ensemble salutes America, warts and all, in music, comedy and dramatic vignettes that draw upon U.S. history. Celebrities include Arthur Burghardt, Madge Sinclair, LeVar Burton, Gregory Hines, and Dionne Warwick, and many others. 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

The Jeffersons: George hires a mean-looking body guard after he's roughed up by a gang of teenage girls and a messenger is mugged at his Brooklyn store. Part 1 of 2. Starring Sherman Hemsley. 9:30-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

Monday

Evening Magazine: Guests include actress Marla Gibbs of "The Jeffersons" fame. 7:30-8:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Peanuts: Inspired by a library book on magic, Snoopy takes the stage as "The Great Houndini", but gets mixed reviews when he makes Charlie Brown disappear. 8:00-8:30 p.m.-Ch. 11.

St ditch rescue effort as the fire rages out of control. Starring O.J. Simpson. 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Lionel Ritchie may have missed out on the Grammy Awards but his "Endless Love" was voted Best Original Movie Theme by the National Association of Theatre Owners. He's shown with Debbie Allen who danced her heart out at the awards ceremony on March 15.

Pratt calendar

Music

Musicians of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will present an informal chamber concert, cosponsored by the library and the Baltimore Symphony Associates, at 3 p.m. on Sunday (March 21) at the Central Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St. Admission is free.

Films

"Cosmos (Part III)," Dr. Carl Sagan's introduction to the workings of the human brain, will be screened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday (March 22) at the Pratt Library's Light St. Branch, 1251 Light St.

Free events for children

Monday, March 22

Canton Center: Film — "The Amazing Cosmic Awareness of Duffy Moon," 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23

Light Street Branch: Film — "Tap Dance Kid," 3:30 p.m.

Roland Park Branch: Story hour, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24

Edmondson Avenue Branch: Film — "Winter of the Witch," 1 p.m.

Dundalk Avenue Branch: Films — "Pushmi-Pullyu," "Kontiki Kids," "The Singing Bone," and "The Puffed-up Dragon," 3 p.m.

Herring Run Branch: Films — "The Five Chinese Brothers" and "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi," 3:30 p.m.

Northwood Branch: Films — "Me and You Kangaroo" and "Dr. Seuss on the Loose," 3:30 p.m.

Walbrook Branch: Films — "The Seven Wishes of a Rich Kid" and "Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo," 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25

Herring Run Branch: Films — "Where the Wild Things Are," "Madeline's Rescue," and "Madeline and the Gypsies," 1:30 p.m.

Gardenville Branch: Feature-length film based on a book by Astrid Lindgren, 3:30 p.m.

Northwood Branch: First Annual Northwood Stuffed Animal Pet Show for Preschoolers (three to five-year-olds). Bring your favorite stuffed animal to "hear" stories and be "judged," 7 p.m. For more information, please see Selma Levi, Children's Librarian.

Friday, March 26

Dundalk Avenue Branch: Films — "The Red Kite," "Hansel and Gretel: An Appalachian Version," and "Dragon Stew," 3 p.m.

Patterson Park Branch: Film — "Water Birds," 3:15 p.m.

Brooklyn Branch: Films — "Angel and Big Joe" and "The Fur Coat Club," 3:30 p.m.

Waverly Branch: Films — "The Astronoughts" and "Private Eye Pooch," 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

Central Library, Children's Department: Preschool story hour, 11 a.m.

Light Street Branch; Saturday Game Club for ages nine to twelve," 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 28

Central Library, Children's Department: Films — "Sunshine Girl" and "Rodeo Red and the Runaway," 2 p.m.

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Cleavon Little join 'Another World'

Cleavon Little, Broadway, film and television star, has been signed to appear on NBC-TV's continuing daytime drama "Another World", Mondays-Fridays, 2 to 3 p.m. He will play Captain Hancock, the strong yet compassionate police chief to whom Bob Horgan and Larry Ewing report.

Little, who gained national prominence via his portrayal of Black Bart in the Mel Brooks film "Blazing Saddles", is a partial to the theatre. He won a Tony Award as Best Actor in a Musical and a Drama Desk Award for his performance in the title role of "Purlie" on Broadway. He made his Broadway debut in "Jimmy Shine", with Dustin Hoffman, and appeared subsequently on the Great White Way in "Scuba Duba", "The Ofay Watchers" and "All Over Town". Other memorable New York performances include roles in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", "The Poison Tree" and "The Great McDaddy". He starred with Diahann Carroll in "Same Time Next Year" in Hollywood and with Jackie Gleason in the national tour of "Sly Fox". Recently, he appeared in "The Resurrection of Lady Lester" at the Manhattan Theatre Club.

Multi-talented...Alvin Fields

After providing a formidable list of artists and performers with hit records through your creative endeavors as a professional songwriter, it's pretty certain that there's only one thing left to do: start providing yourself with hit records!

On this debut album, Alvin Fields has done just that. Very clear about what music means in his life ("I find it almost easier to communicate through music than by speaking!"), Alvin's taken his time to offer the music world his first album; but as he points out, "I wanted to do it when I was ready, when I'd established my own musical identity, and when I knew I'd have the support of people who believed in me. I feel that I'm ready. I've found out who I am musically, and I've got some dynamite people around me".

Born in Montclair, N.J. in 1950, Alvin's early and formative years were spent in an orphanage after his parents separated when Alvin was seven. It was during those early years that Alvin became clear about music and the place it would have in his life. "I know tt hat I could have ended up totally different that I have, with a diffrent frame of mind just being in the orphanage. So many kids don't make it when they leave. But I knew that I had a particular talent and I was determined to express it, almost to the point where I'd want to die rather than not express my creativity".

Awarded a full scholarship to New York University's School of the Arts, Alvin majored in acting, something which was particularly useful a couple of years later when he starred in the film version of the musical "The Me Nobody Knows". Broadcasting his horizons with courses in juggling, dance and gymnastics, Alvin prepared himself well for a career in entertainment. That career really began when he met Jerry Love in 1973, who, at the time, was East Coast A&R Director for A&M and now is one half of the team of Love and Zager, who are responsible for bringing Alvin Fields to A&M, and to the world of music via his debut album.

In 1975, when Jerry Love formed Love-Zager Productions and Sumac Music, Alvin was his first acquisition. The very first song to be recorded was "It Never Really Ended", cut by Cissy Houston in 1977, and although it didn't break any chart records, it began an illustrious career for Alvin as a songwriter. The second song I had recorded was "Its All Up To You", which was done by Wild Cherry and the Garry Toms Empire. When the Manhattans cut "Am I Losing You?" I really began to feel good about my writing commercially". It was with the very next recording, "Let's All Chant", by the Michael Zager Band, that Alvin hit paydirt. Adding his vocal talents to the recording, "Let's All Chant" was one of 1979s biggest hits worldwide, and was featured in the movie, "The Eyes of Laura Mars".

Subsequently, Alvin has had material recorded by a whole gamut of artists, everyone from Dionne Warwick, Robert John, the Spinners, and Gladys Knight & the Pips; to Brass Construction, Esther Phillips, Cissy Houston, and of course, the Michael Zager Band.

Tuesday talks at Art Museum

A special program of talks about art for senior adults sponsored by the newly instituted Senior Adult Learning Center of The Baltimore Museum of Art will be held on Tuesdays in March and April at 2 p.m. These "Artalks" are informal small-group discussions led by members of the Museum staff and will focus on both the changing exhibitions and permanent collection of the BMA. On March 23 the subject will be "Painters of the Humble Truth: Masterpieces of American Still-Life Painting 1801-1939" currently on view at the Museum.

On April 13 and 27, the American Decorative Arts, especially those in the recently opened galleries devoted to Maryland furniture, silver, paintings and architectural elements, will be highlighted.

The Artalks, which are free, will begin at the Information Desk of the Museum on Art Museum Drive just above 29th Street at N. Charles, promptly at 2 p.m.

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Dwayne Simms

Morgan man with mission

Most athletic coaches at Morgan State are spending much of their time these days devising ways to rebuild their programs to the level once enjoyed by Golden Bear entries.

Dwayne Simms would wish for that luxury. He's the volleyball coach, and so such a young man with a mission.

Volleyball at Morgan, and in fact throughout the black community, is a sport that is not only overlooked, but disdained as well.

Simms, only one year out of his undergraduate days at Morgan, is bent on changing that image as much as possible. If he can develop a positive program on Hillen Road, says Simms, "black high school kids will become motivated."

Dwayne Simms manager to coach

Simms, 23, became interested in volleyball when former assistant athletic director Margaret Barton urged him to help with a Morgan team that was then in its infancy.

The discontinuance of baseball as a varsity sport left him with time on his hands and he gladly accepted the assignment as volleyball manager.

"It was a frustrating experience that stretched into his first year (1981) as coach," declares Simms. "We were so inept that players on opposing teams were derisive of our efforts. My dream is to get into Morgan young newcomers who are competitive and who show desire in a relatively new (to them) sport."

The Honey Bear volleyballers for the season beginning Sept. 23 against St. Mary's, will be built around a promising nucleus.

"A young Californian, Barbara Williams, will be in her first year. She'll join senior Lori Jordan and sophomore Joan Hill in what I hope will be the beginning of an uptrend here," Simms concludes.

Buffalo to stage Leonard-Stafford

BUFFALO, NY (UPI) — Buffalo has been selected to host Sugar Ray Leonard's upcoming welterweight championship fight against Roger Stafford.

Official announcement of the selection was made at a news conference Thursday being held by the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce, which has been working with Leonard's representatives to host the fight.

Among those at the news conference were Leonard, his attorney and manager Mike Trainer, Stafford and his manager.

The championship fight, the first in Buffalo since 1950 when heavyweight Ezzard Charles retained his title with a 14th round knockout of Freddie Beshore, will be staged in Memorial Auditorium. The facility has an estimated seating capacity of about 19,000 for boxing.

Another championship fight, possibly a bantan weight bout, will also be on the card. Leonard is expected to set up a training base three weeks before the fight at the Buffalo Convention Center.

The Chamber of Commerce, a non - profit organization, is acting as promoter for the fight, a factor which apparently helped the city's bid to host the fight.

Dallas, St. Louis and Baton Rouge, LA, were also contending for the bout.

Second Marathon slated for Sunday

On Sunday at 8 a.m., the second annual District of Columbia Marathon will be held.

"We're expecting a really good race and hoping for good weather," stated Jim Purce race director. "We'll have over nine hundred runners this year and we will need support from the community by having the people come out to see the race, welcome the runners and cheer them on."

Purce went on to explain, "That's the reason we run the event throughout the eight wards in the city in order to give the people the opportunity to see the event and to be in close contact with performers."

Purce continued, "We are building slowly and we want quality, not merely numbers."

There will be more than five hundred volunteers for the race throughout the city helping in many of the necessary chores to bring the race off. The race director concluded, "We want the people of Washington to know that they will have something to be proud of through the years."

BUCKNELL BEACON — Although his Bucknell University team suffered the agony of a 7 - 20 season, junior guard Wes McGregor was one bright defensive light. The youngster from Baltimore's Boy's Latin School finished third in rebounding for the Bison five.

Softball plans begin March 30

The organizational meeting for the Bureau of Recreation - Division of Amateur Athletics 1982 Youth Softball Leagues will be held at the Patterson Park Recreation Center, 3601 E. Baltimore St. (100 yards inside of park) on Tuesday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

The bureau will conduct leagues for boys and girls ranging in age from 8 years to 18 years. This will be the only meeting held prior to the start of competition, all teams wishing to participate within this program must have a representative present at this meeting.

AFRO Sports

Bits o' briefs

DC on ring team

Joe King, a 105-pounder from Washington is a member of the 12 - man American squad opposing Scandinavia in a dual boxing meet at Colorado Springs, CO., this weekend.

Cal and Jim

Calvin Peete and Jim Dent made dramatic moves in recent weeks on the list of pro golf's 100 top money winners.

Peete picked up $16,000 in the Inverrary Classic last weekend to jump from 43nd Place to No. 30. Dent's $9,500 at Doral lifted him from 74th place to No. 59.

For the year to date, Calvin has won $40,696; Jim has collected $18,918.

Suicide

PALERMO, Calif. The wife of former featherweight boxing champ on Bobby Chacon shot herself to death Monday following an argument on the telephone with her husband, Butte County sheriff's deputies reported.

Family members said alerie Chacon, 33, argued with her husband over his scheduled Tuesday night fight in Sacramento, Calif. She wanted him to pull out of the bout, they said.

They said Mrs. Chacon walked into a bedroom of her home following the telephone conversation and a gunshot was heard moments later.

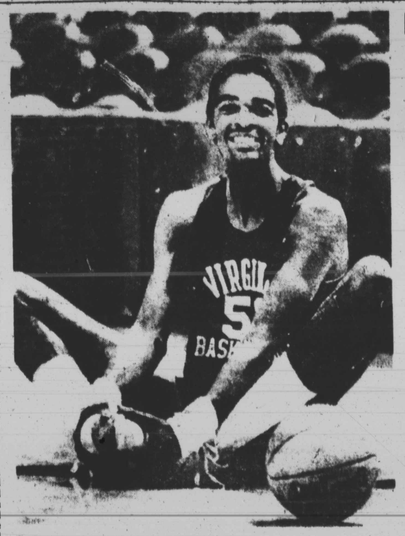
Variety aid

WJZ-TV's Instant Eyes basketball team has been successful for many years in raising thousands of dollars for organizations seeking fund - raising assistance. In 1981, the team raised over $40,000 for area non - profit organizations.

Continuing their tradition, the Instant Eyes will play WMAR-TV's Yellow Jackets on March 26, at Woodlawn Senior High School, in efforts to raise funds for the Variety Club.

Leslie loser

Leslie Allen, top black on the womens' pro tennis tour, bowed out in the first round of the Boston Avon event this week, losing Wednesday to Ann Kiyomura, 4 - 6, 6 - 2, 6 - 2.



Ralph Sampson
he's 7th pick in last 8 years

Virginia star repeats

Voters can't get over Sampson as top player

Voters charged with selecting the top college basketball player of the year for UPI apparently have as much trouble getting over Ralph Sampson as teams opposing the 7 - foot - 4 center of the University of Virginia.

The Cavalier star was named player of the year Thursday for the second straight season.

Additionally, Sampson's choice marked the seventh time in the last eight years that a black athlete has topped the nation's collegiate cagers.

Except for 1976 when Larry Bird, then of Indiana State was selected, the honor has been swept since 1975 by Sampson (1981 - 82), Mark Aguirre of DePaul (1980), Butch Lee of Marquette (1978), Marques Johnson, UCLA (1977); Scott May, Indiana (1976) and David Thompson, NC State (1975).

In earlier years, Kareem Abdul - Jabbar (Lew Alcindor) won it twice, Austin Carr, Elvin Hayes and Cazzie Russell once each.

In balloting by 160 sports writers and broadcasters, the Cavalier junior was a landslide winner with 121 votes. Terry Cumming of DePaul was second with 22 votes and Kevin Magee of Cal - Irvine was a distant third with 3.

"Winning this award is a great honor for me and for the University of Virginia," Sampson said. "It's a tribute to me, my teammates and the coaching staff. The only thing that would mean more would be winning the national championship."

Sampson, who has twice spurned the pros to remain at Virginia, kept Virginia near the top of the national rankings all season while being named to the All - American team for the second consecutive year. The Cavaliers, with a 30 - 3 record, a No. 3 ranking and a berth in the MCAA Tournament, relied on Sampson even more heavily this season than they had in the past.

Having been hurt by graduation, the Cavaliers had to look to their ballyhooed center from Harrisonburg, VA. and although Sampson did not score as much as he did last year, his game took on a fuller dimension.

While he could always score from in close, Sampson can now hit a turnaround jumper from the baseline, play more active and intelligent defense and provide the Cavaliers with a sense of leadership.

Often double - and triple - teamed, Sampson averaged more than 11 rebounds and nearly 16 points a game this season while shooting 56 percent from the floor.

Dribble-and-shoot finals at Capital Centre Sunday

Fifty - six youngsters are all that remain from a field of over 66,500 boys and girls competing in the 14th annual Dribble - and - Shoot Contest sponsored by the Mid - Atlantic Coca - Cola Bottling Company and seven area recreation departments: Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County, Alexandria, Norfolk and Richmond, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

These finalists ranging in ages from 8 to 16 in four age divisions, both boys and girls, will compete Sunday, at the Capital Centre to determine this year's winners.

It will be part of the program which features the NBA game between the Bullets and New York Knicks.

Representing the various areas are the following:

BALTIMORE CITY — Darnell Gaither, Denise Brown, ages 8 - 9; Arnold Jackson, Bessie Hallameyer, ages 10-11; Kevi Roy, Shanya Evans, 12-13, and evin Deans and Chanel Brown, ages 14-16.

WASHINGTON — Dwayne Sykes, Alfieter Gardner, 8-9; Aaron Rogers, Zannette Lessane, 10-11, Calvin Archie, Delra Rouse, 12-13, and Charles Jordan, and Mary Farquhar, 14-16.

BALTIMORE COUNTY — Scott Johnson, Susan Forrester, ages 8-9, Erik Keller, Lisa Levy, 10-11, Clarke Zeller, Michele Uhlfelder, 12-13, and Craig Watson and Ada Freyer, 14-16.

HARFORD COUNTY — Keith Gresham, Susan Roth, ages 8-9; Gary Dennis, Bethany Disner, 10-11; Pat Gaskill, Angela King, 12-13, and George Kupets Jr., and Tracy Payne, 14-16.

ALEXANDRIA, Va — Zach Struyk, Terri Hills, 8-9; John Carr Jr., Maria Kendrick, 10-11; Anthony Murphy, Ann Bayer, 12-13, and Michael Speights and Bernice Stewart, 14-16.

RICHMOND — Henry Berling, Barbara Weaver, 8-9, William Ellison, Frances Cook, 10-11, Rodney McKeithan, Felicia Ingram, 12-13, and Karl Dorman and Angela Gordon, 14-16.

NORFOLK, Va — Darryl Williams, Andrea Papas, 8-9, Daniel Makar, Rosie Pettie, 10-11, James Carroll, Wanda Sears, 12-13, and Jason Joyce and Lisa Williams, 14-16.

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Dailey hearing set March 23rd

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A closed preliminary hearing has been scheduled next Tuesday for University of San Francisco basketball star Quintin Dailey.

Dailey, 21, has pleaded innocent to charges of sexually assaulting a female student in her dormitory room over the Christmas holidays.

Municipal Court Judge Lucy Kelly McCabe Monday granted a motion by defense attorney George Walker for a closed preliminary hearing in the case.

Walker said he requested the closed hearing for the protection of his client as well as for the young woman who had filed the charges.

Judge McCabe several weeks ago issued a gag order asked by Walker that prohibits anyone connected with the case from making statements out of court.

NBA weekend

Thursday
Houston at Atlanta
Seattle at Detroit
Golden State at Portland

Friday
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Indiana at Philadelphia
San Diego at Washington
Cleveland at Milwaukee
Los Angeles at Dallas
Detroit at Houston
Seattle at Kansas City
Chicago at Denver
Portland at Utah

Saturday
Atlanta at New York
San Antonio at Cleveland
New Jersey a Indiana

Sunday
Boston at Philadelphia
New York at Washington
Detroit at Atlanta
Chicago at Cleveland
New Jersey at Milwaukee
San Diego at Kansas City
Seattle at Phoenix
Houston at Los Angeles
Utah at Golden State
Dallas at Portland

Walker ends speculation on future

Herschel Walker's decision Tuesday to stay at the University of Georgia for a third academic year ended months of speculation that he would challenge the NFL's rule against allowing college undergraduates to play.

The hard - running tailback, who has romped for 3,807 yards and 35 touchdowns, said he talked with his parents during last weekend and made up his mind to stay at Georgia one more year.

A number of sports publications speculated recently that Walker would file a suit against the National Football League, challenging the NFL eligibility rule that prohibits a player from turning pro until his class graduates.

Walker said he felt he could win in a court challenge of the rule, but a the present he did not feel that was the best thing for him to do. But Walker did not rule out the possibility he would test the rule next year

No more Blues for Pimlico

Blue's got the Blues and bandleader Doc Severinsen knows it's contagious.

Trainer Leon (Blue) Blusiewicz has shipped part of his stable to Pimlico for the 1982 spring meeting and the contingent is led by the promising 3 - year - old filly No More Blues, owned by trumpeter Doc Severinsen of The Tonight Show, starring Johnny Carson.

"She won her first and only start at Hialeah earlier this month and we're going to run her next in the Flirtation Stakes (March 27) at Pimlico," Blue said on his first day back in Maryland after wintering in Florida.

"Doc wasn't there in Florida, but as far as I know he'll be here for the Flirtation. He's an avid racing fan," Blusiewicz said.

No More Blues was previously named What's Up Baby, but the name was changed on the eve of her originally scheduled debut last September. The daughter of What Luck was scratched because she pulled some muscles in her back.

After being patiently brought along by Blue, No More Blues won at first asking under jockey Craig Perret, getting six furlongs in 1:11 4 - 5 to tally by a length and one - half.

ALL-STAR TUTOR — Bob Wade, Baltimore Dunbar High School coach, has been named coach of the U.S. All Stars for the 8th annual Capital Classic, March 25, at Capital Centre. The Poet mentor who guided his schoolboy quint to an undefeated 27-0 record will tutor a squad of selected high school All - Americans from all over the nation.

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