# —If you ask me

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key role as arbiter during the race riots in Cambridge, Md., and prison disturbances in Baltimore City . . . he was just as loyal to fellow members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Baltimore chapter of Guardsmen.

Survivors: In addition to his wife, Box is survived by two daughters, Donna and Barbara, whom he called "the crown jewels;" and a sister, Mrs. Nellie Bowie, the retired teacher, and wife of retired U.S. Army major, William R. ("Doggie") Bowie.

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Personal: This newspaper's reporters and editors can attest that Box Harris was for real. In the 1960's when racism threatened to separate us, Box Harris had courage to speak his mind . . . his office was always open — there were no special privileges for daily paper reporters.

His door was always open to his AFRO reporters and you didn't have to hold the line forever to get through to him!!

May he rest in peace.

## Help! help!

A Monday afternoon fire at 4013 Bateman Ave., destroyed the possessions of Joseph and Ann Richardson and their 15 children, ages 4 to 23.

The Red Cross has housed the family temporarily in the North Ave. Motel while they seek new quarters.

Mr. Richardson is a sixth grade teacher at the Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School. The family attends St. Cecelia's Catholic Church, Windsor and Hilton.

Donations of food,clothing and household items can be made by contacting the Richardsons through an aunt, Mrs. Lucille Crawford, 448-1374.

Needed: Clothing for boys and girls, sizes 6 to 16.

The children are: Carmelita, 4; Maria, 5; Raymond, 7; Benedict, 8; Mary, 10, all students at Windsor Hill Elementary; Frank, 12, Angela, 13; Kevin, 14, students at Garrison Junior High; and Joseph, 16, and Michelle, 17, students at Walbrook High.

Cecelia, 18, a student at Hampton Institute, was away from home at the time of the fire. Other children are, Anna, 20, who is married to Kevin McClain; Martina, 21, and Marcella, 22, students at Coppin State College; and Jude, 23, a county fire department employee.

## James Gustus

Over 900 persons filled the main sanctuary at Enon Baptist Church on Sunday to memorialize James Ira Gustus, founder and chief executive officer of G and M Oil Company.

Mr. Gustus, 75, was the wealthy businessman who befriended the needy and gave unselfishly of his time and money.

In his eulogy, the Rev. Alfred V. C. Vaughn, a cousin, said, "To James Gustus death was a blessed event because he had sense enough to know it was not an ownership of life, but a trusteeship, a gift from God. Therefore, his life became a great tributory whose veins trickled in so many directions.

"He extended himself to help the Dukeland Nursing Home, the poor and underprivileged, and in his concern for his employees he went far beyond the call of duty, showing an interest in their welfare and that of their families . . ."

## Beautiful

Beautiful was the musical tribute by Mrs. Mable Sandlain, "It Is Well With My Soul."

Enon pastor, Rev. Porter W. Phillips, presided. Other ministers participating were, Rev. Olin P. Moyd, Mt. Lebanon Baptist; Bishop David Spann, Greater Remnant Church of God in Christ; Bishop Monroe Saunders, First United Apostolic Church; and Rev. T. Wright Morris, pastor of Mr. Gustus' family church, Shiloh Baptist in Reedville, Va.

Elegant: Some 30 G and M Oil employees served as pallbearers. What a picture they were as they escorted the extra sized casket from the church, under the watchful eyes of the mortician, Herbert Nutter.

## $56 million

Among the pallbearers was Kenneth Wilson, a 19 - year employee of the company.

More tributes: Music by the male chorus of Psalmist Baptist Church, and a reading of the obituary by Mrs. Doris Williams president of the Shiloh Benefit Club.

$56 Million - 18pt

Mr. Gustus was a native of Northumberland County, Va. He settled in Baltimore as a youngster and earned his keep working as chauffeur, race track waiter and general handyman.

In 1963, he and his son, Rudolph Gustus, purchased a $400 truck and set up an oil delivery business at the family home on N. Fulton Ave. in West Baltimore. From the beginning, G and M delivered fuel oil to homes in the inner city which the larger oil companies refused to serve.

It was not unusual for G and M Oil trucks to be seen in the early hours on weekends and holidays filling the orders of residents in poor as well as more affluent neighborhoods.

In 1982, G and M Oil made the Black Enterprise list of profitable black businesses, ranking No. 7 of the top 100 with sales over $22 million.

In 1983, sales reached $24 million. For the year ending December 31, 1984, G and M sales passed the $56 million mark.

In November 1984, the company expanded its business locations from two in West Baltimore to a $5 million terminal facility in Fairfield which stores 21 million gallons of fuel oil. Rudolph Gustus, the son and co - founder, is chief executive officer.

## No 'I' am

The senior Mr. Gustus' contributions to the Baltimore community have not gone unnoticed. Mayor Schaefer presented him the Senior Citizens' Award in 1984.

Members of the James Mosher Little League, which he co - founded, the staff at Dukeland Nursing Home, and members of local churches, as well as his hometown church, Shiloh Baptist, have praised him for his unselfish gifts of food, clothing and money through the years.

The family funeral tribute noted that, "In spite of his many accomplishments, Mr. Gustus refused to talk about himself. He was neither an 'I' man nor a publicity seeker . . . It was apparent that he preferred his deeds to speak for themselves . . ."

## 2nd death

In addition to the son, Rudolph, Mr. Gustus is survived by his wife of 43 years, Mrs. Ida Louise Gustus; another son, Albert; sister, Mrs. Lucella Cuffee, Calloa, Va.

Also, daughter - in - law, Mrs. Deanie Gustus; sisters - in - law, Mrs. Louise Gustus, Reedville, Va. and Mrs. Rachel Smith, Frederick, Md., and nephews and nieces, William and Robert Gustus, and Mrs. Patricia Brooks and Mrs. Doris Williams, and four grandchildren.

The death of Mr. Gustus was the second in the family in a two - week period. First was that of his brother - in - law, James Cuffee, retired Bethlehem Steel worker.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Cuffee drove from his home in Reedville, Va., to visit Mr. Gustus who had been hospitalized with a gall bladder ailment.

Shortly after leaving Mr. Gustus' bedside, Mr. Cuffee became ill. He drove himself to Provident Hospital and died shortly afterwards.

His funeral was also held at Enon Baptist, with Rev. Vaughn, the cousin, officiating.

# —Al Greene concert

AFRO Photos by Bruce Smallwood

LITTLE CEDRICK AND THE HAILEY SINGERS brought concert attenders to their feet at the show Sunday.

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the area, bellowed some songs from his album warming the gym turned sanctuary with a spiritual breeze. That was the catalyst for an electrifying evening to follow.

Edna Isaac and the Green Sisters brought themselves back to city prominence at that show if they had not at any other. The wailing Mrs Isaac brought hand clapping parishioners to their feet and had them demanding more at the end.

An audience estimated close to 3,000 at Hill Field House at Morgan State University had in it many of the city's most recognized gospel figures. Seen were promoters Billy Taylor, James Stephany, and Lonnie Parker.

Record producers, company heads, congressmen, lawyers, teachers, doctors, subway workers, secretaries among hundreds of others were all present at what may have been the biggest concert so far of the year.

Soloist Ricky Fowler, Julius Brockington and group, Salt of the Earth and even the audience itself all made dazzling performances for the evening. A big unified effort from all made the affair a success.

The honoree for the evening, Lee Michaels, was found clapping at every end of the building as he moved among the audience, seemingly content with his first anniversary celebration.

First guest Shirley Caesar proved to be a real "first lady." Sweeping through some of her hits from "No Charge" to "Jesus I Love Calling Your Name" mixed with a little evangelistic offerings brought the congregation to its feet, charging and rushing the pint-sized song bird as she stationed herself to the floor in front of the stage.

Second guest Al Green, more than 15 minutes late after his introduction, finally arrived on stage to a crowd of screaming fans who charged the stage for colored roses he offerred.

Running up and down the scales as only Al Green can do brought tears to some eyes and, yes, even some laughter to others.

The six-hour show finally ended around midnight with Mr. Michaels found smiling somewhere in a corner.

# —Metro church briefs

### Sharp Street Memorial U.M.

Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, Dolphin and Eittings Sts., will feature "Shades of Black", a production dramatizing the life and times of Afro-Americans from slavery to the present day.

### Trinity Baptist

Trinity Baptist Church, 1601 Druid Hill Ave., is sponsoring a gospel game show, Gospel Possible, on Fri., Feb. 22.

Original Silver Leaf Gospel Singers are sponsoring their annual revival services on Mon., Feb. 18 through Fri., Feb. 22 at St. James Free Baptist Church, 1508 E. Lafayette Ave.

### Central Baptist

A prayer breakfast for the benefit of the scholarship fund of Central Baptist Church, 2035 W. Baltimore St., will be held on Sat., Feb. 23, 9 a.m., with Dr. John Bryant (Bethel A.M.E.) as guest speaker. $6. For further info. call 233-8559.


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The Clergy
The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, D.D., L.H.D., Rector
The Rev. Robert T. Ford, ED.D., Deacon
Mr. Maurice Murphy, Mus.D., Choirmaster-Organist
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. Family Service—Church School
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Sermon
The public is cordially invited to attend.

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7:30 p.m. ..... Evening Worship
10:05 p.m. - 11 p.m. - Broadcast Service over WITH, 123AM
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Preaching:
8:00 a.m. ..... Rev. Bascom
11:00 a.m. ..... Rev. Martin C. Bolton
People's Community Church
Detroit, Michigan

MUSIC
8:00 Anthems
Praise Ye the Name of the Lord —P. Ivanoff
Plenty Good Room —Arr. William HG. Smith
11:00 Anthems
Jesus, Like a Shepherd Lead Us —Robert Lau
Ain't Got Time to Die —Arr. Hall Johnson
I Love the Lord —Hank Beebe

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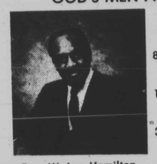


Rev. W. Leo Hamilton
PM ..... Friday Evening, February 15, 1985
Rev. Joseph Watson
Pastor, First Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
8:00 AM ..... Sunday Morning, February 17, 1985
Rev. Harlie W. Wilson II
Pastor, Israel Baptist Church
11:00 AM ..... Sunday Morning, Febvrruary 17, 1985
Rev. W. Leo Hamilton
Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church, New York City
3:30 PM ..... Sunday Evening, February 17, 1985
Rev. W. Leo Hamilton
Special Selections-The "SINGING DEACONS"
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Trustee Sherman Wilkins - Program Coordinator
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"The Witnessing Church"
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Sunday, February 17, 1985
8:00 a.m. Prayer and Spiritual Healing Service
9:00 a.m. Church School
9:50 a.m. Church/Community Hour
10:50 a.m. Morning Worship
MUSIC The Anthem — "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" — Brahms
The Spiritual — "Deep River" — Burleigh
Mr. James R. Peterson, Director
Preaching — "Comfort In Affliction" — Dr. Ray
3:30 p.m. Program In Celebration of Black History Month
Wednesday, February 20, 7 P.M. The Martha W. Preston Bible Class
8 P.M. — Mid-Week Service, Preaching, Rev. Eugene White
Dr. Samuel Ray, Pastor




# Basketball

COLLEGE SCHEDULE
MEN'S GAMES
Friday
UDC at New York Tech
A and T at Winston-Salem
Saturday
Univ. of DC at C.W. Post
Cabrini at Lincoln
Norfolk State at Va. Union
St. Paul's at Hampton
Elizabeth City at Va. State
Miles at Tenn. State
Shaw at Fayetteville
Livingstone at NC Central
Ala. State at Southern
Alcorn at Jackson State
Miss. Valley at Prairie View
Grambling at Tex Southern
Sunday
Winston-Salem at J.C. Smith
Monday
Cheyney State at UDC
Bowie State at Norfolk St.
Hampton at Va. State
Livingstone at UNC-Asheville
Lincoln at Baptist Bible
Ala. State at Alcorn
Jackson State at Southern
Miss. Valley at Tex Southern
Grambling at Prairie View
WOMEN'S GAMES
Friday
Univ. of DC at Quinnipiac
Saturday
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Norfolk State at Va. Union
Cabrini at Lincoln
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Southern at Ala. State
Alcorn at Jackson State
Grambling at Tex Southern
Prairie View at Miss. Valley
Sunday
UDC at Univ. of New Haven

NBA SCHEDULE
Friday
Detroit at New Jersey
Cleveland at Philadelphia
Indiana at Chicago
Phoenix at Dallas
San Antonio at Denver
L.A. Clippers at Utah
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers
Boston at Golden State
Washington at Portland
Saturday
New Jersey at New York
Houston at Cleveland
Philadelphia at Detroit
Kansas City at Seattle
Sunday
Phoenix at Indiana
Chicago at Milwaukee
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers
Boston at L.A. Lakers
Washington at Golden State
Kansas City at Portland
Monday
Philadelphia at Cleveland
Phoenix at Detroit
Boston at Utah
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers

James Bland )right) holds clinic for group of attentive young charges

# Black-owned facility proves tennis haven

Fourth ranked Mid-Atlantic Tennis Association pro James Bland is the new owner and manager of Randallstown Tennis Center and the non-profit Randallstown Tennis Academy.

Located at 9825 Liberty Road (rear, opposite Marriottsville Shopping Center), the center offers a new concept in tennis in this area. Under the tutelage of "Mr. Pro," who possesses 16 years of teaching nationally ranked and advanced players, he spends a great deal of time instructing intermediate players and advanced beginners, and gives special attention to 3-7 year olds at his year-round facility.

"RTC's aim," said Bland, is to expose youngsters to tennis at an early age. It builds both confidence and self-motivaton."

The year-round concept at RTC was born when he reigned as the tennis coach for the Sportsman Tennis Club in Boston, Mass., where he taught juniors and seniors for ten years, and at the same time completed his undergraduate course work in sociology at the University of Boston.

Bland's ability to teach doesn't stop at RTC. he is also director of the National Junior Tennis League of Baltimore and director of the Junior Tennis Program at McDonogh School under Teen Odyssey, Inc., as well as the tennis coach at Morgan State University.

Bland's facility in Randallstown is second to none in the Mid-Atlantic area. Aside from tennis volleyball and basketball, RTC provides an elegant family atmosphere.

At the end of March, outdoor facilities will be available to church and club groups and family reunions.

# Attractive holiday series for Laurel Race Course

LAUREL, Md. — A star - studded festival of stakes races beginning Saturday is on tap at Laurel Race Course for the George Washington holiday. The weekend will culminate Monday when Maryland's Kentucky Derby prospect I am the Game runs in the $75,000 - added General George Stakes, highlighting the General George Sweepstakes.

A promotion designed for the holiday with extravagant free gifts for the lucky winners will include $1,000 ladies wardrobe, $2,500 diamond ring, a projection screen TV, trip for two to London, plus other gifts including a special grand prize.

The parade kicks off on Saturday, with the $25,000 - added Dancealot Stakes for 3 - year - old fillies. Dr. Herman J. Kossow's Appealing Girl, winner of Laurel's Virginia Belle and the Bowie Kindergarten Stakes, is expected to be heavily favored in the one - mile feature.

On Sunday older fillies and mares will compete at a mile and one - eighth in the $30,000 - added Gala Lil Handicap. Stephen E. Quick's Kattegat's Pride, who was the 126 pound topweight in the Conniver Handicap (Feb. 9), is among the list of 23 eligibles along with Due Process Stable's Squan Song, the Maryland - bred 3 - year - old filly champion of 1984.

The weekend comes to a climax on Monday, when the long awaited confrontation between trainer King T. Leatherbury and Andrew Mandjuris' I am the Game and his undefeated rival, Barbara Holleran's Roo Art, comes to fruition in the Genral George. A large field of 3 - year - olds is anticipated for the one - mile attraction.

INTRODUCING two-year defensive end Michael McInnis, a 6-5, 245-pounder from Arkansas—Pine Bluff. Baltimore Stars fans will see him in action when the Stars open their USFL home season March 17 at College Park.

HIS TOUGHEST HURDLE — Although he has cleared obstacles to win all over the world, hurdler Edwin Moses (r) was called upon this week to face his greatest challenge. The all-time greatest fencer in track history is shown entering court in Los Angeles with Attorney Harold Lipton where he later denied woman officer Susan Gonzales' charge that he solicited her as a prostitute Jan. 13, on Sunset Boulevard. Defense counsel bitterly accused the woman cop of trying to entrap Moses, changing her story about the nature of the conversation between them and then going through with the arrest after discovering the athlete's identity.

## Gibbons' Brown opts for Tech

Roger Brown, talented two - way performer for the Cardinal Gibbons football team, Wednesday signed a letter - of - intent to accept a scholarship to Virginia Tech.

Young Brown reports to Blacksburg, Va., next fall with potential to play at wide receiver or cornerback.

## Hearns is voted 'fighter of year'

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — The WBC Monday named superwelterweight champion Tommy Hearns, the "Detroit Cobra," 1984's "Boxer of the Year."

The statement from World Boxing Council headquarters in Mexico City said Hearns, who won his title in December 1982, will be given the award during a ceremony with other boxing champs in Los Angeles Feb. 27.

The WBC also said American Pinklon Thomas, who won the heavyweight championship Aug. 31, will be honored at the gala with the title of "Most Exemplary Boxer" of 1984.

# Midweek results

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
S.C. State 64, Howard 53 (women)
S.C. State 54, Howard 53
George Mason 113, Morgan 72
Radford 90, Morgan 76 (women)
Hampton 80, Norfolk St. 66
St. Paul's 52, Bowie St. 31 (women)
St. Paul's 101, Bowie State 79
A and T 57, Md., E. Shore 53 (OT)
W. Salem 78, NC Central 59
Cheyney St. 93, Lincoln 62
Ala. A and M 78, Savannah St. 77
Tenn. State 65, Augusta 49
Samford 78, Fla. A and M 56
Clark 84, Tuskegee 60
Springhill 97, Miles 94 (OT)
Stetson 100, Bethune 83
Lane 80, Fisk 74
Alcorn 88, Grambling 67
Jackson St. 71, Prairie View 65
Miss. Valley 78, Southern 72


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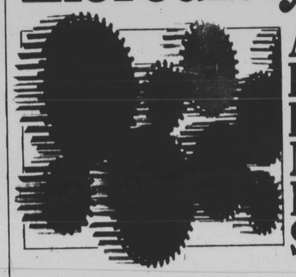


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