Jack Randolph for United Press

# Hey, how about a catch of catfish?

Pick a river. Pick any tidal river in Virginia and you can't go wrong. All of them hold catfish in their upstream brackish reaches and there are enough for most anyone.

Because these tidal rivers also hold bass, bream, crappie and striped bass, most anglers go for these glamour fish, almost completely forgetting the catfish. But the cats, particularly channel cats, won't be ignored.

Channel catfish, when they are in a certain frame of mind, will hit any lure designed for bass. They will clobber spinners, spinner baits, top water lures, deep-running lures, plastic worms and just about anything else an angler is apt to toss at a bass.

Channel catfish are dominant in most of our tidal streams, but a new catfish from out west is coming on strong. In the 1970s the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries stocked blue catfish from the Mississippi Valley into the James and Rappahannock Rivers.

The blues really took hold in the Rappahannock. The blues, capable of reaching weights approaching 90 pounds or more, are growing in the Rappahannock, and they are doing it quickly. Already blues topping 40 pounds have come out of this river.

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Some anglers report that they have hooked cats on heavy salt water tackle that they couldn't land. It's entirely possible that there is a 50-pounder waiting there to give some fisherman the thrill of his life.

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Fishermen have just begun to notice the blue catfish in the James. This spring numerous blues were caught that topped the 20-pound mark.

Blue catfish and channel catfish have the same general light gray color. Both also have forked tails.

The eyes of the blue cat are positioned lower in the head than those of the channel cat, but the best way to tell the difference is to look at the anal fin which is just forward of the tail on the underside of the fish. The anal fin of the blue cat has a straight edge and has 30 or more rays. On the channel cat the anal fin is curved and has from 24 to 29 rays.

Another look-alike, the white catfish, has a forked tail but only 10 to 23 rays in the anal fin. The white is a somewhat smaller catfish.

Many catfishermen are not interested in catching record breakers. They prefer gathering a mess of 1 to 2 pounders for the dinner table. Catfish of this size, particularly channel cats, are plentiful in the tidal rivers where they are readily caught on bait shrimp, nightcrawlers or minnows fished flat on the bottom.

Chicken livers are also popular baits for catfish. Small white perch are excellent baits for larger channel cats.

Catfish are summertime fish. They bite best during the warm months of the year. They also bite best after dark, but many are taken during the day. Anglers who have their own boats will have no trouble finding catfish in the tidal rivers above the point where the water tends to become too salty

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Anglers who do not own a boat will find boat rentals available on Chickahominy Lake and on the Chickahominy River below Walkers Dam. This river ranks right up there with the best for channel catfish. Cats can be caught fishing from the bank along most of these rivers and the tidal creeks that feed into them.

Catfish are capable of providing some of the fastest fishing action and best-tasting fish dinners anyone could want. All one has to do is have the get up and go to catch a mess.

## Entire USA claims pin kid champs

The champions came from four different regions in the 13th Annual Coca-Cola National Duckpin Youth Championships which took place June 25 at Town Hall Lanes in Johnston, Rhode Island.

Twenty-eight teams in 7 states/regions competed.

Mac's Bowlaway from Warwick, R.I. captured the Prep Division (ages 7-9) title with a 2144 total score. Teams (5 bowlers) roll three games and receive handicap pinfall. The Mac's Bowlaway squad had 1247 scratch and 897 handicap. Dan Lacroix led the way with a 141 game and 331 set.

Bantam (10-12) honors went to the Greenway East team of Baltimore. They shot 1565 scratch, had a 597 handicap, and a total score of 2162. Tommy Stephens paced the team with a 161 game and 355 set.

Fontana Bowlarama of Silver Spring, Md. won the Junior Division (13-15) title. They rolled 1673 scratch, had a 465 pin handicap, and a total score of 2138. Nick Miller's 155 game and 388 set led the team.

The Major Division (16-21) championsihp went to Cheshire Lanes (Ct.) with a 2182 total score. They bowled 1798 scratch and received 384 handicap pins. Scott Villa tossed a 158 game and 440 set to lead the way.

Six new tournament records were established during the event.

This was the 6th consecutive year Coca-Cola U.S.A. has sponsored the National Duckpin Youth Championships.

# second SPORTS

NEW BLOOD RISING — Oh sure, such names as Benita Fitzgerald-Brown, Candy Young, Stephanie Hightower, etc., remain in the wings. But the likes of national winner Kim McKenzie (R), Linda Tolbert and Pat Davis (C) are among a new breed of women hurdlers planning to be heard from at the Olympic trials later this month.

## Week in boxing

July 3 at Rome — Tyrell Biggs vs. Francesco Damiani, 10, heavyweights.

July 8 at San Remo, Italy — c-Gianfranco Rosi vs. Donald Curry, 12, WBC super welterweight title.

July 9 at Tokyo — c-Gilberto Roman vs. Yoshiyuki Uchid, 12, WBC, super flyweight title.

July 9 at Atlantic City, N.J. — c-Kelvin Seabrooks vs. Orlando Canizales, 15, bantamweight championship bout.

A strawberry dilemma

## Seeking odd name, they settle on Diamond

MANHASSET, NY (UPI) — Two-day-old Diamond Nicole Strawberry, daughter of New York Mets outfielder Darryl Strawberry and his wife, Lisa, made her public debut Thursday in a Long Island hospital.

The 7-pound, 15-ounce girl, wrapped in a white blanket and held by her mother, yawned for TV cameras while her 3-year-old brother, Darryl Jr., squinted into the lights.

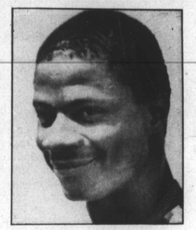
Strawberry's 25-year-old wife sat in a wheelchair and said she is feeling "pretty tired."

"We wanted an unusual name for our daughter," she said.

The slender, petite Mrs. Strawberry said she and her husband "knew from a sonogram that it was going to be a girl."

"Buddy (Darryl Jr.) is going to teach his sister how to play baseball," Strawberry said.

Strawberry played in Monday night's Mets game in Pittsburgh and then hopped a plane and was in the delivery room with his wife when Diamond Nicole was born on Tuesday morning.

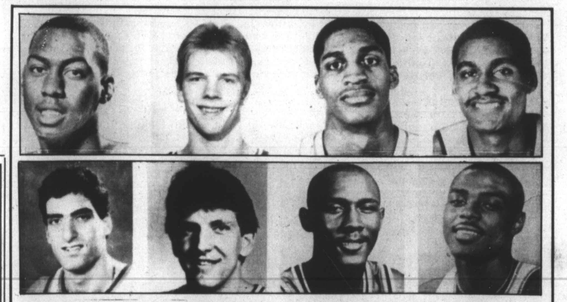


Darryl Strawberry has two 'diamonds' new

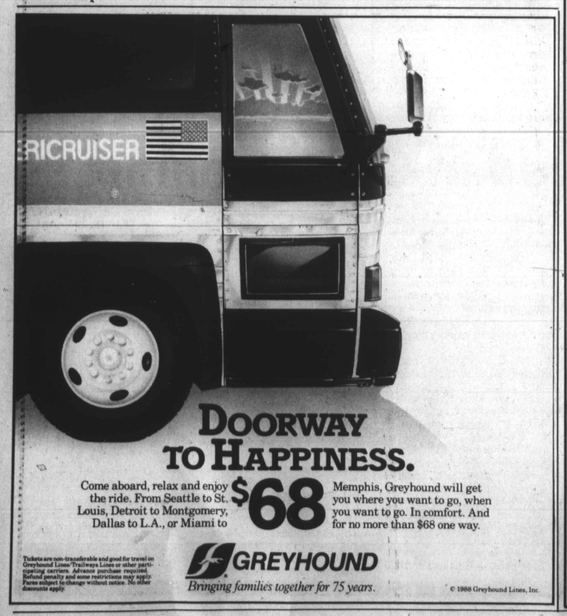
"It was hard to concentrate on the game Monday night when I knew that the baby was coming," Strawberry said. "That's probably why we lost." The Mets were defeated 2-1.

"But getting back to my family was the important thing," he said.

After Strawberry was assured his wife and baby were in good condition, he left the hospital and returned to Pittsburgh, where on Tuesday night, he hit a two-run homer in New York's 5-2 victory.



EYES ON NBA DOLLARS — Sixteen of the early picks in last week's NBA draft of college basketers are shown here: TOP ROW (left to right) — Danny Manning (Kansas) by the L.A. Clippers, Rik Smits (Marist) by Indiana Pacers, Charles Smith (Pittsburgh) by Philadelphia, Chris Morris (Auburn) by New Jersey Nets, Rony Seikaly (Syracuse) by Miami Heat, Will Perdue (Vanderbilt) by Chicago, Willie Anderson (Georgia) by San Antonio, Harvey Grant (Oklahoma) by Washington; BOTTOM ROW (L-R) — Mitch Richmond (Kansas State) by Golden State, Hersey Hawkins (Bradley) by L.A. Clippers, Tim Perry (Temple) by Phoenix, Rex Chapman (Kentucky) by Charlotte, Jeff Grayer (Iowa State) by Milwaukee, Dan Majerle (Central Michigan) by Phoenix, Gary Grant (Michigan) by Seattle, and Derrick Chievous (Missouri) by Houston.






# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Savimbi and Reagan meet, agree to support Angolan peace plan

WASHINGTON — President Reagan met briefly with Angolan Guerilla Leader Jonas Savimbi, recently and agreed to support an unspecified four-point plan to achieve peace in Angola, the opposition leader said.

Savimbi, leader of the national Union for the total independence of Angola, Unita, now battling the Launda Government, refused to disclose the plan in advance of a speech later to the National Press Club.

After his meeting with Reagan at the White House, however, Savimbi said the President had supported his plan but the two did not discuss further aid requests for the U.S. - back guerillas.

Calling his plan "support for the negotiations that are going on," Savimbi said it will lead to "peace and reconciliation in my county."

"The plan has four points that the President has agreed to," the Angolan said. "He agrees with that plan."

The White House later issued a statement saying Savimbi "seeks the withdrawal of all foreign forces and a process of internal political reconciliation in Angola."

"The United States believes that true peace in Angola can only result from national reconciliation, and that Unita has the right to participate in such a progress," the statement said. "The President supports Unita's struggle against the presence of Soviet and Cuban forces in Angola. Savimbi supports the ongoing U.S. - brokered negotiations with South Africa, Angola and Cuba."

Savimbi's trip comes amid the heaviest fighting with South African troops in Angola in nearly a year and at the conclusion of a third round of U.S.-sponsored talks aimed at ending Angola's 13-year-old civil war.

The peace talks, involving U.S., Cuban, South African and Angolan negotiators, are due to resume July 11 in the United States.

Vice President George Bush, who also met with Savimbi, praised the Angolan as a "true patriot" and claimed that an elimination of U.S. support would be a "foreign policy disaster."

"I was pleased to once again reaffirm my strong support for his struggle and the struggle of Unita to rid Angola of communism," Bush said in a statement.

He also called for the pullout of Cuban troops, the pulling back of South African forces, and the granting of independence in Namibia.

"You don't change a winning strategy-a cutoff of support of Savimbi, as suggested by the Democrats, would be an immoral sellout of a loyal friend, and a foreign policy disaster," he said.

Meanwhile, about two dozen protesters demonstrated against Savimbi outside the National Press Building, two blocks from the White House. The protesters carried placards that read, "Wanted for Murder — Jonas Savimbi," and "Savimbi is South Africa's No. 1 Contractor."

Damu Smith of the Washington Office on Africa said it is time for the Reagan Administration to stop supporting the South African Government, which is funding Savimbi.

"He works with racist apartheid South Africa," Smith said. "Communism is not the issue in Southern Africa." (UPI)

IN WASHINGTON — President Reagan poses with Unita President Jonas Savimbi (to Reagan's right) and other members of President Savimbi's delegation in the Oval Office of the White House. Others in the picture are not identified.

## Haiti releases four political prisoners

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's new military rulers freed four members of the deposed civilian government — including a former Bowie State University official — who have American or Canadian citizenship Tuesday and indicated they were expected to leave the country.

The four former officials, held along with about a dozen other supporters of ex-president Leslie Manigat after his ouster in a bloodless coup June 20, were handed over to representatives of their respective embassies," a government communique said.

Freed were former social affairs minister Harry Carrenard, who took Canadian citizenship during the 29-year Duvalier family dictatorship, and three U.S. citizens of Haitian origin, Robert Benodin, Frant Jean-Louis and Jean Borgart.

Information Minister Col. Acedius St-Louis said on state television the four were released at the request of their respective countries who had expressed the desire to repatriate them."

U.S. Embassy spokesman Jeffrey Lite confirmed that the embassy had pressed for their release but denied that it would repatriate them. This is not something we would do," he said.

Lite added that he was unable to say if they were supposed to leave Haiti, but a Canadian consular official present when the four were freed, told journalists, "I have the impression they cannot stay."

The detainees also include former information Minister Roger Savain, 65, and his son, Roger, Jr. Savain acquired U.S. citizenship when he lived in Washington, but it is unclear whether the military authorities consider him still an American.

The Elder Savain was the Director of Public Information at Bowie State from 1972 to 1976 and returned to Haiti in 1981. His son attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and area universities.

They are home (in Haiti) and I am pleased," Yves Savain, the elder Savain's oldest son said in Wednesday's Washington Post.

Benodin ws Manigat's chief economic adviser. Jean-Louis, A former Miami College Counselor, held a post in the information ministry. Borgart had been assigned a job in the state-owned telecommunications company.

Benodin's wife, Mireille, who acted as private secretary to the former president's wife, was also among those detained when soldiers stormed Manigat's official residence in the early hours of June 20.

She was released last week along with Pierre Rigaud, a senior official in Manigat's centrist party, the progressive nationalist Democratic Rally, or RDNP. Rigaud appears to have been freed early because he has a serious heart ailment. (UPI)

A SHAKE OF PEACE — South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha (L) and his Angolan counterpart, Afonso Van-Dunem, shake hands at a meeting of delegation leaders beside the pool at Cairo's Al-Salam hotel recently at the end of a two-day conference on Peace in Southern Africa. Journalists were kept inside the hotel during the meeting.

## Mandela's jail rules eased for 70th birthday

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA — Jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela has been granted an unprecedented six-hour meeting with relatives on his 70th birthday next month, his lawyer stated.

In an unexpected easing of visiting rules, authorities also allowed Mandela for the first time since he was imprisoned to meet with more than two people on his birthday July 18, Lawyer Ismail Ayob said.

Mandela, the leader of the outlawed African National Congress Rebel movement and probably South Africa's best known prisoner, was jailed for life on sabotage charges in 1964. He is being held in the suburban cape town's pollsmoor maximum security prison.

After a meeting with Mandela's activist wife, Winnie, in the Soweto black township near Johannesburg, Ayob said the relaxing of prison restrictions was not requested and is "quite unprecedented."

Amid strong western pressure to release Mandela for humanitarian reasons, President Pieter W. Botha has offered his release on condition the black rebel leader renounces violence.

Mandela has declined to accept the offer.

Ayob said about 15 family members may gather for a jail-cell celebration of Mandela's 70th birthday under the concession.

"The prison authorities called Mrs. Mandela yesterday morning and told her, so it was not precipitated by any members of the family," Ayob said. "This has come like a bolt from the blue."

"It's the first time since he was jailed that he will be able to see more than two people and for more than 40 minutes at a time," he said. "Until now it has been only two people at a time, and limited to 40 minutes a visit, although they allowed two visits a day and up to five a month."

Ayob said he has received "a large number" of birthday cards for Mandela "and I assume there must be some sent to him directly at the prison."

Despite his age, Mandela is fit and healthy, the lawyer said.

"He has an exercise bicycle. We had to get a new one for him quite recently because the earlier one was worn and discarded in a corner from use. He probably holds a world record on that old one," he said.

The South African government has no official recognition of Mandela's birthday planned.

"The fact that he reaches 70 is of merely symbolic importance," information Minister Stoffel Van Der Merwe told reporters in Cape Town recently. (UPI)

IN FOCUS

## D.C. youth head optimistic

Jesse Williams, head of the District Youth Services Administration, doesn't believe that "drug involvement necessarily means a lost individual."

"I think that many of them can be saved, or turned around or prevented from being involved in that kind of activity," he said.

Williams was alluding to the increase in juvenile drug activity in the Washington-Metropolitan area over the past several years, linked to the influx of alleged Jamaican posses (gangs).

Police statistics show drug related juvenile lock-ups have increased from 63 in 1984 to 1,894 in 1987.

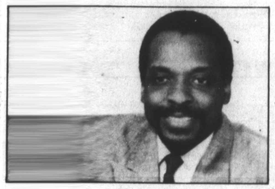
As the pilot of YSA, Williams oversees the operation of 412 authorized employees who are responsible for running three juvenile institutions: Oak Hill in Laurel, Md.; Oak Hill Annex (Cedar Knoll), Laurel, Md.; and the Receiving Home for Children, a detention center in northwest Washington.

YSA operates on a $26.8 million budget according to Williams.

"The main body of young people in our institutions now are there for possession, sale, or distribution of drugs, most often cocaine or PCP on the streets," said Williams.

"It appears that there will be no decrease in the number of arrests, consequently, I don't think we can anticipate any decrease in the volume of young people who will be referred to us."

"Our capacity to respond in a counseling and treatment way to the need is limited and has grown as quickly as the problem has grown," he said.



Jesse Williams

"Most often a concentration of drug activity in a community doesn't happen by chance. It is a conscious decision on the part of whoever those folks are."

Williams added, "All too often, drugs find their way in disproportionate amounts into the minority community."

According to him, YSA provides alternative detention services as well as out-of-state placements for youth with severe emotional problems which cannot be cared for properly in the district.

"What we try to do, in conjunction with our sister agencies is to just step up the kinds of drug treatment programs available to our clients," Williams said.

He pointed out that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Service Administration (ADASA) currently provides such a service at the Cedar Knoll facility, where ADASA provides 10 beds to drug abusers. ADASA is looking to increase this bed count by 150 percent.

Williams also noted a special drug treatment program that is in the works which would provide 75 beds to recovering abusers.

On another note, he stressed the need for developing drug preventive efforts. Williams suggested funding more community-based efforts, such as on-the-street counseling services, thus giving the youths "more of an opportunity for constructive dialogue, hopefully directed at building their self-esteem."

"Drug involvement often stems from the lack of availability of those kinds of services."

Williams acknowledged however, "Once they're into it, and are used to having that kind of ready cash, they become certainly more difficult to deal with."

Based on his experience, he said that generally, the kids do not go out into the world looking to be dope dealers, but that they go out into the world they live in — where the prevalence of drugs is an everyday thing — and "it's a matter of time before they get into it."

Admitting that greater community efforts, mentorship programs, and more drug treatment programs are not a panacea, Williams said optimistically, "I think there is a bright future for many of the district's youth. We are at a significant crossroads for our youth."

"There's a light at the end of the tunnel."