

Sports Deal



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ARE YOU REALLY READY FOR THIS?...
Married men are the guys who have been penalized for holding.

There's my recommendation for Red Auerbach for the "Cry Baby of the Year" award. Instead of congratulating Ralph Sampson for his decision to continue his college education, Red took a rather childish approach while leveling some cheap shots at the University of Virginia sophomore.

Obviously, Auerbach has some sort of ax to grind against blacks who choose to get an education that will last a lifetime, instead of going for the huge bundles of money the NBA is offering.

There may be another Muhammad Ali in us. The lad is named George Rhymes, a 19-year-old runningback in Miami, Fla. He has chosen Oklahoma for his college football career. George advertises himself as "Buster, the man with the luster!" Rhymes may have gathered too much money in that he's driving an \$18,000 Cadillac around Miami and may have gotten himself in trouble with the NCAA investigators. The 205-pound speedster says the caddy is a man from a friend of his father.

Don't buy that old saying about "Nothing succeeds like success." San Diego baseball player Ozzie Smith, who should be succeeding on an \$80,000 annual salary, is in the job market looking for a second job. One of the game's better shortstops, Smith says he finds it difficult to "get by on his baseball check." His first offer for a part-time job pays only \$4.50 per hour.

This reporter is among those who believe the Lakers will take the Lakers in six games. This prediction is based on the belief that Julius (Dr. J) Irving will contribute more than Abdul Jabbar.

Major league baseball players are getting richer each day. When asked "How did you do?" Montefusco look to you today?" Cincinnati Reds slugger George Foster replied, softly, "I'd say he looked as if he was 6-1 or 6-2 in height!"

Look for Johnson C. Smith University to move forward with a big announcement in May. Seems as if the school's athletic department is in the final stages of closing a deal to have the Winston-Salem State basketball game moved to the Charlotteiseum.

Coach Bob Moore and SID Phil Busher are readying the announcement for future release.

This may come as a great big surprise, but Charlotte Coliseum officials are ready to make a formal pitch for the famed CIAA Basketball Tournament. It appears that all decision makers have finally gotten the message that the CIAA Basketball Tournament is the biggest and best thing to happen to black people since the emancipation.

The tournament's socially-oriented supporters reportedly pour between \$3 and \$5 million in the city coffers wherever it's staged.

A well-known ticket agency in the area reports that sales of tickets to sports and entertainment events are down 23 percent from a year ago. Doesn't it bother you that depression is finally being felt by some people when most of us have been feeling it along?

The high price of fame? More than 1,500 lovely ladies have applied for a tryout with the Dallas Cowgirls, including the wife of a minister and a middle aged mother of six children.

Look for ABC to produce a special on the life of the greatest of the greats Satchel Paige. The San Diego Clippers will probably be linked in the annals of basketball as being the victim to the greatest flim flam in the history of professional sports. They're stuck with a \$7 million contract with Bill Walton, who played in only 14 games this past season because of an injured left foot...and it's unlikely that Walton will play more regularly next season.

Virginia Union has extended Dave Robbins' contract. The only white coach in the CIAA, Robbins has won the coveted CIAA Basketball Tournament the past two seasons...Wonder if Robert Moore over at Johnson C. Smith has an extension to his contract. He's deserving of such an act.

Johnny Jones, the head basketball coach at South Carolina State is a former aide at Florida State.

Did you know that the Big Ten has placed our teams in the semi-finals of both the CIAA and the NIT in the last two years? And, one wonders why Morgan State is keeping so quiet about its fine relay team winning the 1,600 meter relay in the Penn Relays recently.



Barry Jones is shown with his prized 15-pound-Gar fish, which measures 29 inches long. (photo by James Peeler)

Jones Lands Huge Gar Fish With Unusual Method

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Barry Jones probably thought it was going to be just another fishing excursion. Until suddenly, a nice sized Gar fish was hit by a boat. With his tail broken the fish became helpless, and before Jones knew it he had his Mitchell 300 A hook lodged in the fish's back.

"I hooked him in the back," 29-year-old Jones stated, "and the hook broke off. About the 3rd or 4th try I hooked him in the back of the head and brought him in."

It's not everyday one catches a fish, especially from the side of the bank, with such an explosive jaw design. Therefore, the handicap of the Gar fish played an important role in his capture.

"He needs his tail to maneuver," Jones commented, "he didn't have much resistance. They generally don't bite bait from a line."

The fish was a wondrous 15 pounds and 24 inches long. Once a resident of McDowell Park, the Gar fish will probably be mounted in Jones' den. The

largest fish Jones caught was a 21 pound Bass - he didn't mount him, he ate him.

Since the age of 13 Jones has cast his reel. "I fish just about every chance I get," he noted. "The sport is relaxing and it's also invigorating as far as your catch is concerned. It teaches you a lot of patience and you learn to deal with time."

He said one of the best places he has ever fished was in a Derita private lake. His favorite fish are

Callahan Named Player Of Week

PEMBROKE - Benny Callahan, Catawba's 6-foot-7 senior righthander, closed out his collegiate pitching career in grand style by pitching a no-hitter and striking out nine as the Indians defeated St. Augustine's 5-1 and has been chosen NAIA District 26 "Baseball Player of the Week."

Callahan, from Dobson, pulled an iran-man stunt in achieving this feat in the second game of two seven-inning contests after going all the way on the mound in the opener in losing 2-1. He

also fanned nine in that first game.

In his no-hitter effort Callahan walked two. The run off him was unearned. In the opener only one of the two runs off Callahan was earned, and he walked only one batter. He wound up his season with a 6-4 pitching record and 74 strikeouts in 77 and two-thirds innings to rank as the district strike-out king.

He is the son of Mrs. Johnnie Jones and the late Charles Jones, Sr. and attends Simpson Gillespie Memorial Methodist Church.

He works at WBTU as an audio engineer. He graduated from West Charlotte Senior High and attended United Electronic Institute in Louisville, Kentucky.

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BATCH All Stars Fall To Durham Guard Netters

The Batch Traveling All Stars fell to the bottom of the Southeastern Racquet Association Saturday with a 19-12 loss to the Durham Guard Squad.

The Batch juniors suffered their first loss in two years as they fell to the Ivan Harrell-led team, 7-2.

Winners for Batch included Frento Burton, Rudy Abrams and Xavier Artis in men's singles; Cina Mack, Dot Clark and Colleta Bryce in women's singles.

In doubles, winners were the team of Rudy Abrams and Robert Hicks and the team of James Cuthbertson and Marconi Burchanan.

The All Stars' next match is May 17 at Winston-Salem.

New Taxi Cab Rate

A new taxicab rate increase, effective March 15, 1980, was approved by the Charlotte City Council March 10. The Council approved a rate increase from 85 cents the first one-sixth mile and 10 cents each additional one-sixth mile, to one dollar the first

one-eighth mile and 10 cents each additional one-eighth mile. For full mile charges, that means an increase from \$1.35 for the first mile and 60 cents for each additional mile, to \$1.70 for the first mile and 80 cents each additional mile.

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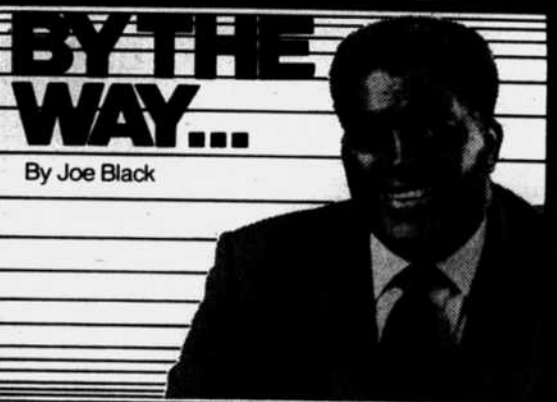
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BY THE WAY...
By Joe Black

How many times have you grumbled when you read or heard how more than forty percent of our Black youths are unemployed? What thoughts came to your mind? Racism? Unqualified? Well, some thoughts come to my mind, but they are not racism nor unqualified.

All negatives in the Black community are not the result of racism, and I am proud of the thousands of youthful Blacks who have acquired college educations. Unqualified is an excuse the private sector will have to eliminate. But, my young friends, I want you to remember that acquiring an education should have done more than prepare you for a job, it should have also taught you how to think.

So, you haven't been able to find a position in the field in which you studied, but is that reason enough to sacrifice your pride and dignity. That's right! When you are not working, you are not only an unemployed statistic, but you are also without pride and dignity. You can't force business and industry to create new jobs, but you can retain independence and pride by working. Where? The same jobs that helped your parents and grandparents survive years ago... that's right, waiters, bellhops, and waitresses. As the old adage goes: "A bird in the hand beats two in the bush," and always remember that you can still look for your ideal position while working on the less desirable job.

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