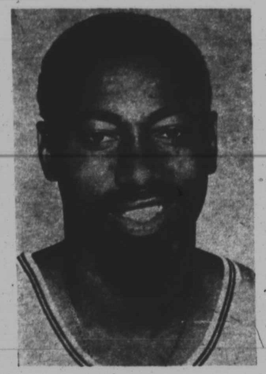
CELEBRITY LOOKOUT

By JASON:



Wilt Chamberlain

Q Have not heard anything on Sammy Davis Jr. lately. Has he gone into retirement?
ROY ADAMS
Memphis, TN

A — The 56-year-old showman has probably done more personal show appearances than any other performer alive today. He just recently returned from a month-long concert tour of Europe. His voice was being pampered and treated for strain and exhaustion. He headed at once for high country, off to Lake Tahoe to open a singing engagement at Harrah's Tahoe.

Q — Please settle an argument between a friend and myself. She says that Diahann Carroll was secretly married to David Frost, and I say that she wasn't. Who is right?
CAROLYN WISE
Baltimore, MD

A — Diahann Carroll, rich and famous superstar, married twice (not to David Frost), the mother of a teenage daughter, an international jetsetter has been linked with such men as Sidney Poitier and David Frost. Her late husband, Robert DeLeon, died 1979, in a car crash when his car went over a cliff.

Q — Who is Don Miller?
EDWARD HARPER
Elizabeth, NJ

A — Don Miller is a nationally renowned painter and photographer, specializing in the black American and African experience. His paintings have been exhibited at the American Museum of Natural History, and many other famous museums and universities. He has travelled to eleven African countries. He is best known as an illustrator of children's books, 35 to be exact.

Q — Who was the first black physician in America?
LLOYD MARSHALL
New York, NY

A — James Derham, born a slave in Philadelphia in 1762, is generally regarded as the first black physician in America. After learning medicine while serving as an assistant to his mater who was a physician, Derham purchased his freedom in 1783, and went on to establish a thriving practice in New Orleans with both black and white patients.

Q — Why didn't basketball great Wilt Chamberlain take the most lucrative contract to draw him out of retirement?
ART SMITH
Chester County, SC

A — Wilt-the-Stilt, the one-time star center for the Philadelphia 76ers, revealed that "I don't want to sound like I'm boasting, but I give away more money to charity than they could offer me."

Q — Now that entertainer George Kirby has been released from jail is he going back into show business or keep a low profile?
MICHELLE FLINT
Durham, NC

A — George Kirby, 57, former Las Vegas and television comedian, convicted on narcotics charges, was again arrested, this time on Hollywood Blvd. while allegedly picking up a package for an escaped federal prisoner. Deputy Federal Marshal Bob Whisnant said he arrested Kirby several blocks from a halfway house where he was serving a 1977 drug conviction. The comedian, who admitted before his trial that he used his show business career as a cover for his drug dealing was taken to the Terminal Island Federal prison where he was held pending a decision by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons on where he should finish out his term. Me thinks he will be keeping a low profile.

Q — Has any progress been made on the NAACP finding a new office, since the rent in New York was too high?
ARTHUR JACKSON
Blackstock, SC

A — Just when NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks thought that his New York City housing predicament was unsolvable because of a staggering half-million dollar yearly rent, Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC, offered to help the civil rights organization move its national headquarters to the nation's capital with a gift of a four-story building. Barry promised that the city's redevelopment agency would help rehabilitate the structure.



Sammy Davis Jr.



Diahann Carroll



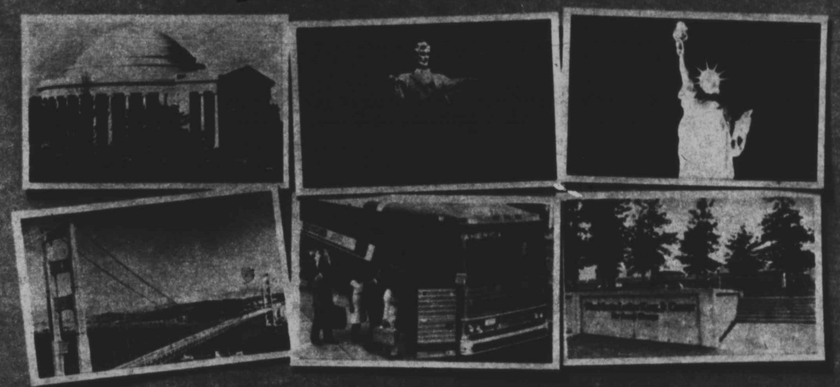
George Kirby



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