On Our Cover:

The DeBarges

Luther Vandross' Busy Body tour is coming to the Capital Centre Saturday, March 17, at 8 p.m. to wow, dazzle and lay you in the aisle.

Opening for Vandross is the sister and four-brother-teen hit sensation, DeBarge, who'll be singing their hits from the album "All This Love" and more.

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Jena Horne will be recreating memorable moments for some and sensational new ones for others as she opens the Morris Mechanic Theatre Tuesday, March 20.

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Luther Vandross' Busy Body tour could easily be the most successful winter concert series by a young black artist this year. He sold out night after night in New York, Chicago and Detroit leaving thousands of fans in each city unable to purchase tickets.

The reasons for all this success is easy to see. His album "Busy Body" went gold in less than 8 weeks and his other two solo albums were platinum.

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Best Bets

Ethel Ennis sings

Jazz singer Ethel Ennis returns to the Maryland Inn's King of France Tavern Wednesday through Sunday, March 14-18.

Billie Holiday grew up in Baltimore. We treasure her music; we miss her presence. Ethel Ennis grew up in Baltimore too. We treasure her music — alive and vibrant — and her sparkling presence. Her voice is an instrument of great beauty, possessing considerable range, purity of pitch and broad tonal quality. She has developed her natural ability in a very sophisticated way and performs with a style, charisma and audience communication that is truly exciting.

Primarily a club and concert singer, Miss Ennis began her career playing piano in Baltimore nightspots. Her steady professional rise has been highlighted by a European tour with the Benny Goodman band in 1958, performances on numerous television shows such as Johnny Carson, Mike Douglas and David Frost, and highly acclaimed appearances at major jazz festivals. And she will always be remembered for the famous lullabye version of the National Anthem which she performed at the 1973 Presidental Inauguration.

Ethel Ennis

In the artistic tradition of 'Lady Day', Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, Ethel is one of the great jazz and blues vocalists of our time. She travels the world of music from old blues to Broadway hits and current pop with great ease. With each song she creates a new mood, and her great voice, charm and sense of humor have combined to pack the house night after night. She creates a rapport with her audience greatly desired but not often achieved by club musicians, and her easy, natural style seems right at home in the intimate atmosphere of the King of France Tavern.

Reservations and information may be obtained by calling the Maryland Inn (Annapolis) 263-2641; (Baltimore) 269-0990; (Washington) 261-2206.

Children's Fair

The fourth annual Children's Fair on March 18, 1984, at the Timonium Fairgrounds will provide a day of creative activities for youngsters from 4 to 14 years old. There will be plays for children, puppets, music, magic, clowns, face painting, dancing, story telling, art projects and much, much more. Admission is just $2.00, and once inside, most all activities are free (except food, face painting and instant photos). Fair hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Children's Theater Association, proceeds help to provide performances of classic children's plays in schools throughout the area and classes in creative drama.

An encouragement of creative activities is the theme of the Fair. Four performing areas—main stage, dance stage, puppet and magic stage and story telling room will be provided as well as twenty booths with participatory activities. In addition, strolling entertainers such as clowns, jugglers, acrobats and Captain Chesapeake will be present. For information call 225-0052.

MAIN STAGE

11:15 AM — "The Three Bears" by CTA students
12 noon — "The Emperor's Nightingale" by CTA adult actors
1:15 PM — Children's Fashion Show by The Peanut Gallery
2:00 PM — Maria Broom Dancers
2:30 PM — "The Magic Butterfly" by CTA students
3:00 PM — Columbian Israeli Folk Dancers
3:30 PM — Scottish Bagpiper and Highland Dancing
4:00 PM — Project Uplift

DANCE STAGE:

11:15 AM — The Dance Connection
12 noon — Roller Skating Exhibition
1:00 PM — The Nanon Ballet Dancers
2:00 PM — Sylvia Square Dancers
3:00 PM — Krakowiaki Polish Dancer
4:00 PM — The Belle Dance Studio

PUPPET & MAGIC STAGE:

11:15 AM — "The Emperor's New Clothes" & puppet-making demonstration
11:45 AM — "Chicken Witch & the Easter Egg" by Hilda Coyne puppets
12 noon — Mr. Emerald - Magic
1:00 PM — Dan the Magician
2:00 PM — Mr. Emerald - Magic
3:00 PM — Magic by John Elkin
4:00 PM — Mr. Emerald - Magic

STORY TELLING ROOM:

11:30 AM — Picture Books and Puppets
12 noon — Join-In Stories
12:30 PM — Silly Stories just for fun
1:00 PM — Ghost Stories in the dark
2:00 PM — Tales of Magic and Wonder
3:00 PM — Join-In Stories
3:30 PM — Ghost Stories in the dark
4:00 PM — Silly Stories just for fun

Al Jarreau

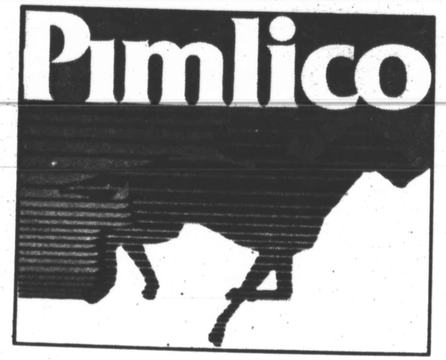
Al Jarreau on "Saturday Night Live"

Multi-Grammy Award-winning vocalist Al Jarreau will appear as the musical guest on the March 17 edition of NBC-TV's "Saturday Night Live". Actor-comedian Billy Crystal will be the host, as previously announced.

Appearing along with Crystal and Jarreau will be SNL repertory players Jim Belushi, Robin Duke, Mary Gross, Brad Hall, Tim Kazurinsky, Gary Kroeger, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Eddie Murphy and Joe Piscopo.

Jarreau, who began his heralded singing career in jazz, and then crossed over into pop music, will perform "Mornin' " and "Trouble In Paradise" from his top-selling album "Jarreau", which went gold only seven weeks after being released, in March, 1983.

Hi-Ho Pimlico



Press party at Pimlico last week for heads of organizations and clubs saw folks sampling all kinds of goodies including Maryland's famous crab cakes, rare roast beef and other samples of food to be served in the new Triple Crown Room. Above from (L) Bill Lewis of The Dozens Club; Tom Saunders, Community Relations Commission; and Ms. Alma T. Bell, Mayor's Community Relations, Chief, Public Information Office.

Don Brooks, WEBB and Billy Taylor, WWIN chat with Mrs. W. Milton Volk, Sr. a representative of the Auxiliary of Lutheran Hospital.

Northwest Baltimore Corporation guests with their souvenir 1984 Preakness glasses were Ray Little, Howard Schreiber, Louis Schreiber, Brent Flickinger, and Ross Jenkins.

Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels, Prince Hall Masons with James F. Powell, 83, a Pimlico employee for 51 years. Powell is in charge of rest rooms and supervises 17 people.

Bill Rosenberg, University of Maryland Alumni Association, planning a party for May 12 talks with Ms. Andrea Bowser, Racing Party Bartender for the Harry M. Stevens Co.

By Ida Peters

It was Hi Ho Pimlico this week as Pimlico Race Course began 76 days of racing with more than one million purses.

Opened October 25, 1870, Pimlico is second only to Saratoga as the oldest race course in the United States. Owned and operated by the Maryland Jockey Club, founded in 1743, Pimlico is the home of the Preakness Stakes, Middle Jewel of the Triple Crown.

Pimlico also is the home of the Dixie Handicap, the eighth oldest stakes in the nation and the famed Black-Eyed Susan Stakes, the filly counterpart of the Preakness.

Last week, Pimlico held open house for members of the press and members of clubs and organizations to show off their new Triple Crown Dining Room and the completion of more than $15 million in capital improvements.

When you visit Pimlico this year you'll note the Old Grandstand has been completely renovated with new seating; the New Grandstand is completely climate conditioned and there is new landscaping at the entrance of the track.

Post time is 1 p.m. rain or shine and admission to the Grandstand is $3 and $5 for the Clubhouse.

How to Bet

Dyed-in-the wool horse fans use any number of methods to pick winning horses. They study blood lines; study the racing form. Other bet on hunches, colors of the horses, their age and house numbers, or sometimes, just long shots.

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Decide the amount you wish to wager and choose a horse or horses. Go to any window and place your bet, referring to your horse (s) by number and giving the amount of the bet (s). You may bet and cash at any window. **EXAMPLE:** Two dollars to win (place or show) on number seven. **WIN**: Win tickets are redeemable if your horse finishes first. **PLACE**: Place tickets are redeemable if your horse finishes first or second. **SHOW**: Show tickets are redeemable if your horse finishes first, second, or third. **EXACTA**: To win an Exacta bet you must pick the horses finishing first and second in exact order. **DAILY DOUBLE**: Your daily double ticket is redeemable if your selections in races One and Two both finish first. Wagers must be placed before post time of the first race. **TRIPLE**: (Last race only) To win a Triple bet you must pick the horses finishing first, second and third in exact order. Ask the teller abut "Triple Boxes'.

More than basketball at Bullet's games

Would you like a chance to win a million dollars or get an autograph from a member of the Redskins? These are just two of the opportunities available at Bullets games during the month of March.

BULLETS VERSUS PHOENIX SUNS FRIDAY, MARCH 16 AT 7:35 P.M. "NTW MILLION DOLLAR SHOT NIGHT"

One lucky fan will be given the opportunity to take a shot from three-quarters court. If the shot goes in, that person will receive "One Million Dollars." If it misses, the person still receives a free trip for two to Hawaii courtesy of American Airlines and the Sheraton Surf - Rider. Nine other persons at the event, will be given a chance to make a foul shot and win $95.

BULLETS VERSUS NEW JERSEY TUESDAY, MARCH 20 AT 7:35 P.M.

The Broadwalk Bunnies from the new Playboy Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City will be in attendance. Fans can have their picture taken with the Bunnies courtesy of Ritz Camera and Poloroid from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The Bunnies will also play a volleyball match versus disc jockeys from WKYS Radio at halftime of the Bullets-Nets contest. Two dollar discount coupons good for $11 and $7 tickets are available at participating area movie theatres. Proceeds from the discounts will benefit various charities.

BULLETS VERSUS PHILADELPHIA THURSDAY, MARCH 22 AT 7:35 P.M. "GULF OIL WRISTWATCH NIGHT"

The first 8,000 fans in attendance will receive a free digital wristwatch courtesy of Gulf Oil when the Bullets battle the defending World Champion Sixers.