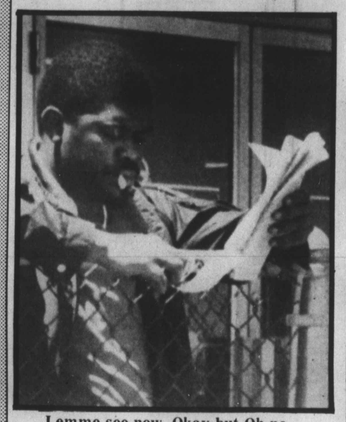
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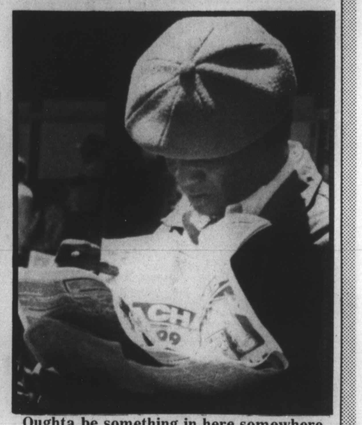
Pre-Preakness people at Pimlico getting ready?



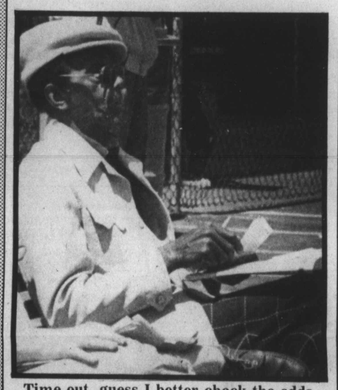
Lemme see now, Okay but Oh no



Mom and kids settle for fun in the sun



Oughta be something in here somewhere



Time out, guess I better check the odds

Nod to 'Colors' once more

By Sam Lacy and Paris Gray

The journalist manual warns that cliches "should be avoided like the plague."

So, we won't say anything like "we're staying with the one who brung us," or we "can't quit while we're ahead," or that we are "playing 'em one at a time."

So, without all the hum-de-roll, let's cross our fingers (aw, aw) and pick Winning Colors to win the Preakness Saturday at Pimlico.

The filly, owned by football owner Gene Kline and trained by D. Wayne Lukas, made us look like premier handicappers when she captured the Kentucky Derby two weeks ago.

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It is an awful lot to ask of a 3-year-old filly to outrun male horses three times in a 5-week period. But, if Winning Colors manages to get home first on Saturday, she will be well on her way to Triple Crown immortality.

There have been four previous filly winners of the Preakness, although none has had Triple Crown aspirations.

Flocarline was the 1903 winner, Whimsical won in 1906, Rhine Maiden captured the 1915 renewal, and Nellie Morse was a $26 winner over a 15-horse field in 1924.

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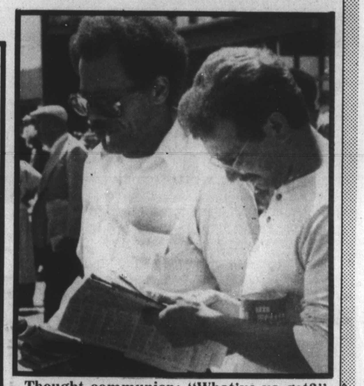
Genuine Risk which became only the second female to capture the Derby in Churchill Downs history, competed in all three Triple Crown races in the 1980 campaign.

She was our pick also. But, after embarrassing the boys at Louisville, she was fouled out of first in the Preakness, though once again (as in the recent Pimlico Special) the stewards played out the role of "3 Blind Mice" and disallowed the claim.

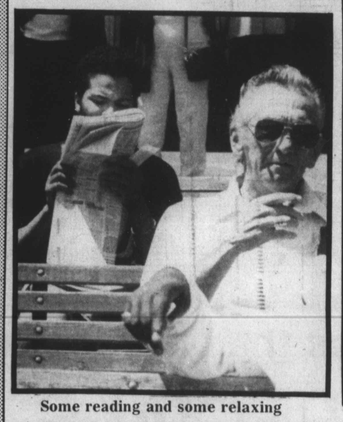
Later, in the Belmont "Risk" ran third; Codex, the horse that stopped her in the Preakness, finished seventh.

There was one year in which fillies were hopeful of sweeping the Triple Crown: Regret took the Derby in 1915 and Rhine Maiden won the Preakness two weeks later.

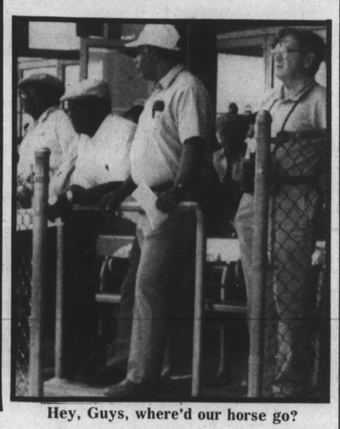
However, a colt named The Finn won the Belmont to break up what would have been an humiliating "filly sweep of the equine sorority honors."



Thought communion: "What've ya got?"



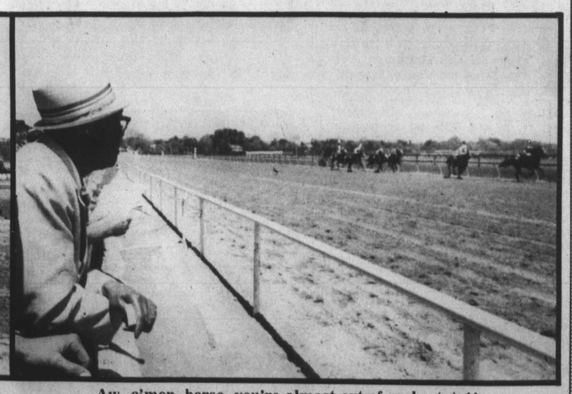
Some reading and some relaxing



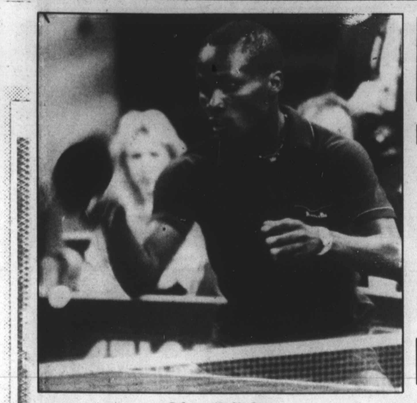
Hey, Guys, where'd our horse go?



And they're off! AFRO photographer has eyes on No. 10 (finished 2nd)



Aw, c'mon, horse, you're almost out of real estate!!



Johnny Onifade
Bowie, Md., hope is tops in USA

Table tennis stars here next weekend

Table tennis will make its Olympic debut as a full medal sport at the 1988 Olympic Games. Competition in Seoul will feature men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles and women's doubles.

Two of the Olympians who will be representing the U.S. at the 1988 Summer Games will be participating in the 1988 Bud Light Eastern Open Table Tennis Championships to be held May 27-29 at the Hilton Tennis Club. The tournament is co-sponsored by Archway Ford, Garon's Ethan Allen and Nittaku.

Insook Bhushan, Aurora, CO, seven-time National Champion and Diana Gee, San Carlos, CA, both who will represent the U.S. in the Summer Olympics, lead the elite list of over 275 players from all over the United States who will be competing for over $8,000 in cash plus prizes.

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Other top entrants include Johnny Onifade, Bowie, MD, top ranked U.S. player; Brian Masters of Columbia, MD, past Pan American champion; Chartchai (Hank) Teekaveerakit, McLean, VA, past national champion, and Danny Seemiller, five-time national champion.

Schedule of Play: Friday — 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday — 9 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday — 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The finals are scheduled for 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

NBA playoff schedule

ATLANTA vs. BOSTON
(Series tied 2-2)
May 11 — Boston 110, Atlanta 101
May 13 — Boston 108, Atlanta 97
May 15 — Atlanta 110, Boston 92
May 16 — Atlanta 118, Boston 109
May 18 — Atlanta at Boston
May 20 — Boston at Atlanta
x-May 22 — Atlanta at Boston

CHICAGO vs. DETROIT
(Detroit leads series 3-1)
May 10 — Detroit 93, Chicago 82
May 12 — Chicago 105, Detroit 95
May 14 — Detroit 101, Chicago 79
May 15 — Detroit 96, Chicago 77
May 18 — Chicago at Detroit
x-May 20 — Detroit at Chicago
x-May 22 — Chicago at Detroit

WESTERN CONFERENCE
UTAH vs. LA LAKERS
(Los Angeles leads series 3-2)
May 8 — LA Lakers 110, Utah 91
May 10 — Utah 101, LA Lakers 97
May 13 — Utah 96, Los Angeles 89
May 15 — LA Lakers 113, Utah 100
May 17 — LA Lakers 111, Utah 109
May 19 — LA Lakers at Utah
x-May 21 — Utah at LA Lakers

DALLAS vs. DENVER
(Dallas leads series 3-2)
May 10 — Denver 126, Dallas 115
May 12 — Dallas 112, Denver 108
May 14 — Denver 107, Dallas 105
May 15 — Dallas 124, Denver 103
May 17 — Dallas 110, Denver 106
May 19 — Denver at Dallas
x-May 21 — Dallas at Denver
x-if necessary

Redskin Green in NFL race

Cornerback Darrell Green is in Palm Desert, Calif. this weekend seeking to regain the NFL's Fastest Man title he won two years ago and forfeited in 1987.

Green of the Redskins will compete against the Bears' Willie Gault, the Cowboys' Herschel Walker, and the Steelers' Rod Woodson over a special 60-yard course.

The winning purse is $20,000.

Gault, like Green, is a former champion.

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Pirates in NCAA tennis semis

ROHNERT PARK, Calif. (UPI) — Hampton University of Virginia Monday led the top four seeded teams into the semifinals of the men's NCAA Division II tennis tournament Monday.

Top-ranked Hampton downed Southern Illinois, 5-3, in the closest match of the day.

Second-rated Rollins of Florida defeated California-Riverside, 5-1; third seed Chapman College beat Ferris State, 5-2, and fourth-ranked Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo blanked Southwest Baptist, 6-0.

The team champion will be determined Wednesday, after which 64 players and 32 teams will compete for the singles and doubles titles.

One-on-One

District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry and Washington Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke have agreed to extend to Aug. 30 the deadline for the city to produce a plan for a new football stadium for the Super Bowl champions.

Cooke and Barry met Tuesday at Cooke's home in Middleburg, Va., and the Redskins issued a statement afterward saying "a definitive plan concerning the future of the new stadium will be available at that time."

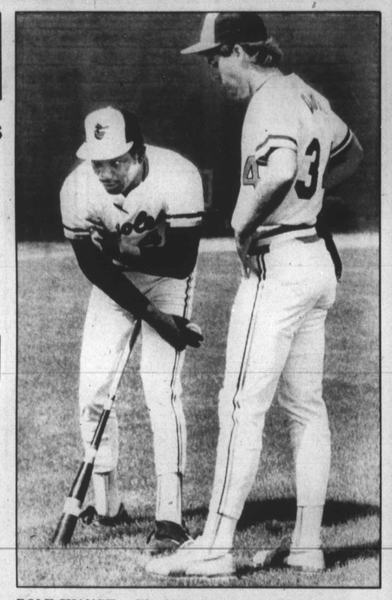
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The Washington Capitals and the Baltimore Skipjacks of the American Hockey League have come to terms on a two-year working agreement, Capitals' General Manager David Poile announced. Poile said Washington has severed its relationships with Binghamton of the AHL and Fort Wayne of the International Hockey League.

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Former University of Iowa star Kevin Harmon, drafted last month by the Seattle Seahawks, has been scheduled for arraignment May 26 on a misdemeanor assault charge in Johnson County District Court.

Harmon is charged with punching Todd Patrick Lynch in the mouth and knocking out one of Lynch's teeth during an April 30 altercation on an Iowa City street after Lynch allegedly hit the running back's car.



ROLE CHANGE — Elrod Hendricks, named Tuesday to step in as interim manager of the Orioles, will count on his experience as bullpen coach to guide him in his new role. Hendricks is a veteran 19 years in various capacities with the Birds. He will handle the club until Frank Robinson returns from a 4-day sojourn in the hospital to correct a back problem. Ellie is shown instructing ex-Oriole Storm Davis on follow-through.

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