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1,100 expected Sunday for Masons' Bicentennial fete

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SLAYER USES BOWLING TROPHIES AS DEATH WEAPONS

Gospel singer found murdered

Hundreds expected to crowd Gillis Church for funeral

"The last time we sang together as a group was Aug. 18, in New York at Madison Square Garden.

"Oscar had a lot of friends and was a congenial type of person.

"He would do anything for anyone."

Thomas R. Roberts, manager of the famed Gospel Leaders made the above statement about Oscar Minnitt, 40, who was found bludgeoned to death Sept. 8 in his apartment at 1400 Fillmore St.

Bowling Trophies

A spokesman for the Medical Examiner told the AFRO Mr. Minnitt died of blunt force wounds to the head and apparently had been hit several times with a bowling trophy.

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Police report several blood-stained trophies and a butcher knife were found on the living room floor next to the victim's body.

Police have not yet determined if the knife was used to kill the victim.

For 11 years, Mr. Minnitt has traveled and sung with the nationally known, illustrious group.

Since 1962, he had been employed as a senior computer programmer at the Municipal Building.

Funeral Today

The family hour will be held 7 p.m. today (Friday) at Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave., Funeral services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Minnitt's body will be shipped to Hanceville, Ala. for burial.

Police state his body was discovered 10:30 p.m. by Tony Hamilton, 20, who said he and Denise Rodgers stopped at the victim's house to check the premises.

Apartment Door Open

Mr. Hamilton told the police due to the hours the victim worked, he often stopped at his apartment. Mr. Hamilton is quoted as saying the apartment door was open about 18 inches when he arrived and the record player was on.

Police investigation revealed Mr. Minnitt had been lying on the floor for several hours or possibly days.

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The living room appeared to be the only room in which the incident occurred as no other room was disturbed by signs of any struggle.

Mr. Roberts told the AFRO the last time he talked to the victim was 10:30 a.m. Saturday, when he called and indicated he

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THE MURDERED SINGER, Oscar Minnitt, top row left, is shown with other members of the famed group, the Gospel Leaders, who have won national fame as Baltimore's Gentlemen of Song. They are top row, center, Benjamin Butler, Norman Dudley, right. Bottom row, from left are Charles Ellis, Thomas Roberts, manager, and Howard Smith.

Mrs. Chandler makes history

By Portia E. Badham

The unprecedented victory of Mrs. Claudette M. Chandler as Republican mayoral candidate brings a first to the history of Baltimore.

Significant in this International Women's Year, Mrs. Chandler is the first woman ever to receive a mayoral nomination.

Mrs. Chandler won with 3,334 votes in the Primary Election last Tuesday, 235 votes over her opponent, John S. Thomsen, a Johns Hopkins University professor. They were the only Republicans running.

Foreseeing her victory in the November General Election, Mrs. Chandler states, "I will provide a strong and positive leadership in the office of mayor, to bring people of all racial and ethnic groups together in their government, at work, in schools, and in the cultural city.

"I would like to initiate a program for the expansion of employment and housing opportunities in the city of Baltimore. These would be key and leading areas in our adminstration."

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The 41-year-old mother of three has a long record of civic work done in the city in the areas of education, employment, human and civil rights.

Mrs. Chandler who maintains that seeking the mayoral post is not a personal fight, states that her campaign included people from "all walks of life."

At a press conference this week, she said that her campaign was not supported by a large amount of funds and that she operated on "shoe string" expenses.

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Mrs. Chandler, the wife of Dr. Cleveland A. Chandler, Towson State College professor, is a 16-year resident of Baltimore.

A native of Richmond, Va., she holds a bachelor of science degree from Hampton Institute and has done graduate work at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Chandler taught elementary education in Richmond and has been actively involved in educational policies in Baltimore.

A registered Republican for 15 years, she is a member of the Parents United for Quality Education, Concerned Citizens, NAACP and the Urban Advisory Communications Council.

She has also served as a member of the Desegregation Task Force for the Baltimore city public schools.

MADAM MAYOR — This may be the title Mrs. Claudette Chandler will hold after the November General Elections.

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

The best of luck

Be sure to check page 10 of today's AFRO. You just might be a winner in the AFRO Lucky Buck Contest.

If you are 16-years or older, you have a chance of winning $5, $10 or $20.

Fake patients rob doctor's office

Dr. Moses L. Barksdale, 71, of 526 N. Carey St., was robbed and beaten by two men Monday. Police reveal the men came to the physician's office and stated they were patients about 11:45 a.m.

Police report the two men told the doctor they wanted treatment for a venereal disease.

Dr. Barksdale is quoted as saying he heard people enter the first floor waiting room and told them to come upstairs.

After examining the two men, the doctor stated when he started to write a prescription, one of the men started toward the medicine cabinet.

Police quote Dr. Barksdale as saying he asked the man what was he looking for and the suspect replied he had a gun and wanted money.

One of the men struck Dr. Barksdale in the mouth and took the gun that was on his desk.

The suspect also hit the doctor in the forehead with the gun while the other suspect held his hands.

Police report before the men left the office, they took $40, the doctor's gun and keys to his office.

Police report they are looking for two men be-

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VICTORY KISS goes from City Council 4th District Primary Election winner Michael Bowen Mitchell, an attorney, to his mother, noted lawyer Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell Tuesday night. Also in photo by AFRO staff photographer Benjamin M. Phillips IV are the candidate's brother (left), Senator Clarence M. Mitchell II and (right), Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

Masons expecf 1,100

An estimated 1,100 persons are expected here in Baltimore, Sunday, for what has been billed as a premiere bicentennial celebration.

Prince Hall Scottish Rites Masons who celebrated their 200th anniversary, March 6, 1975, will use the Sunday, September 14th, 6 p.m. event at the Hilton Hotel to honor others.

Invited to attend are numerous of Maryland's distinguished citizens and representatives of business and industry, as well as national and international leaders from across the nation.

The banquet, a black-tie affair, will have in attendance Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, a Baltimorean and a Thirty-third Degree Prince Hall Mason who will be cited for his achievements as a constitutional lawyer.

President Gerald Ford is scheduled to get the Captain Mark Starlin Award.

Henry E. Parker, another native Baltimorean, recently elected treasurer of the State of Connecticut will receive an award.

Also, Maryland's first black U.S. Cogressman, Parren J. Mitchell, Ambassador Clarence C. Ferguson, a Baltimorean, now U.S. representative at the United Nations — and former U.S. Ambassador to Uganda.

Black mayors from Washington, D.C., Walter Washington; Maynard Jackson, Atlanta; Tom Bradley, Los Angeles, all Thirty-third degree Masons, will be honored.

Leon D. Holsey, president of the Commanders of the Rite Thirty-third Degree in the State of Maryland, is general chairman of the fraternal order's bi-

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AFRO Lucky Bucks

Did you get your AFRO Lucky Buck today with your AFRO? The lucky bucks are free and the contest is open to anyone over the age of 16.

Each AFRO Lucky Buck certificates will indicate a number on the lower front portion. You will have a chance of winning $5, $10, or $20 in the contest.

The certificate number and cash value will be published Tuesday and Friday in the AFRO. If your number appear, you are a winner.

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Tuesday winners will have to collect their winnings not later than 4 p.m. on Thursday of the same week of publication. Winning numbers appearing in Friday's AFRO must be collected by 4 p.m. Monday.

Low voter turnout brings defeat

By Paul Evans
Special to the AFRO

The final scene of the play we have witnessed this week, titled "Election Day in the Black Community," could show the city's premier black politicians standing around pointing their fingers at each other. The question they are shying away from is one the entire community is asking: "Who forgot to tell black citizens Tuesday was Primary Election Day?"

This satirical approach hopefully places the spotlight on the electoral tragedy (that's what it was) blacks slept through just three days ago.

The name of the game in winning city-wide offices in this town is getting out the vote. This week black people never even got to the batter's box.

The whole scenario to this election is a continuation of the epic begun in 1971 when blacks stepped high, with hopes of electing the first black mayor in that year's Democratic primary.

THE GHOST

With two candidates, George L. Russell Jr., then City Solicitor, and State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III, both running for the same nomination against then president of the City Council William Donald Schaefer, the community saw its first clear example of the inability of the black political barons to solidify behind a single candidate.

The ghost of that inability re-appeared this week to haunt major segments of at least one decisive campaign.

The black community, however, nursed its political wound through the next four years and concentrated much of its attention on the school system. The tenure of newly-named (1971) superintendent, Dr. Roland N. Patterson, the first black to head public

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At last he sees his dream of a new school unfolding

Elder James (Moe) Mosley has fought since 1970 to have the present No. 138, Robert Fulton Elementary School, replaced by a new facility. At last his dream is becoming a reality.

Workers are now on the site at N. Monroe St. and Harlem Ave. constructing a new building adjacent to the old school.

Mr. Mosley told the AFRO he first realized the need for a new building when one of his daughters came home one day complaining of toilets with no doors.

I investigated, and found the conditions at the school very poor," Mr. Mosley said. Not only were there no doors on the toilet cubicles, but he found faucets that didn't work, cracked toilets that smelled with urine and

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