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An in-depth interview with Curtis Anderson

BY PINNIE L. ROSS



CURTIS ANDERSON

"It's important for us as Black people to do whatever we can for each other, we need this type of communication. I will never get too big to look down on my fellow man."

A dream came true for twenty six year old Curtis Anderson ten years ago when he took his first job at WEBB radio. He was one of Baltimore's youngest D.J.'s and since that time he has taken over prime time from 3 pm to 7 pm on station WWIN and created a style of his own, making him one of the cities leading D.J.'s.

Curtis, looking very casual in a strip silk shirt, tight jeans and sporty boots, was frequently pushing his glasses up as he answered my questions with confidence.

Curtis Anderson was born and reared in Baltimore, Md., the son of Mrs. Margaret Anderson, and the youngest member of a family of six. Margaret, Mary, Patricia and Lycille and one brother, Theodore.

Giving credit to his brother Theodore for inspiring him to go into the field of radio he says, "my brother bought his first stereo set and made believe he was talking through a microphone (using a bannana) and singing away. I watched him then I began to do the same.

The young D.J. has been a lover of music all of his life, revealing the days when he was a young teen. He worked in a grocery store, restocking the shelves with groceries with the music jumping high.

He said "I decided I wanted to go into radio during the late '60's and early '70's I went to the Webb radio station and just hung around but I was watching the D.J.'s every move they made. Finally I was hired by the station manager. It was really a dream come true."

He received his first assignment of reporting football, tennis, and baseball in conjunction with the soul reporters show hosted by Moon Man, while continuing his education at Edmondson.

Curtis, the man, has had a tremendous experience in radio during his 10 years on the air, his voice has been heard on WRDW, Augusta Georgia; WJB, Knotsville, Tenn; WNJR, Newark, NJ; and utilising a teachnique having always gone successfully created at WWIN Radio.

"There are many local and national D.J.'s," says Curtis," but the one's I admire and my favorites are Baltimore's own as Bernard Miller better known as Mr. "B", and Guy Broody." "We are all the same age and they have worked in every major market. Presently, Guy is in Indiana.

Radio D.J.'s must be happy at all times on the air according to Curtis. "You can't bring your personal problems on the air."

As for Curtis, he has conditioned himself to have a special feeling when he is at the mike.

However, there was one time during the ten years being on the air that he felt low in spirit, and that was when he lost his father in 1971 "There have been times I would come to work sick, but the public didn't know it."

When asked what kind of feeling you have when you are sitting behind the "mike," knowing that millions of people are listening to you, he answered.

"It's a great feeling, but when people come up and speak to me, people I don't know, that's when I feel the impact of it. Instead of thinking of millions of people listening, I only think of one person, not a particular one".

This popular D.J. is quite busy during career week at various schools, explaining to the students about the many area's of communication.

He says "The pay is excellent in radio and that there are many avenues where radio can take you." He stressed that communication must first start in the home.

One phase of the art is acting, and this energetic young man has been asked to be cast in several plays around the city. "My favorite group is the arena players. I think they have done a lot for Black people as far as the arts are concerned."

This versitile young man has many different talents. Great talent at the mike, acting, and the latest talent he has displayed has been singing.

Just recently about three weeks ago, according to some of the Marylanders, a 45 record was placed in the record shops around the state with the singer's name "Curtis." The title "How can I tell her" the flip side "I remember."

"The record tells a story," says Curtis, "So often lovers want to separate, but just don't know how to all each other; the flip side is in rememberance of the time you said "It's over" he added. It's not a disco, but just a good listening record."

The record is produced by local artists. In the group, The Sound Experience are Melvin Miles, James Lindsley and Sam Scott.

"There was an opportunity to help some local musicians who had the talent." He said. "The record represents a lot of good talent in Baltimore.

I feel that we have great talent here in Baltimore and lots of people don't realize it. Breaking up or loosing your loved one is a problem we all must face one day."

"Baltimore is first with me Mrs. Ross, Curtis added. "If I had another opportunity to leave I guess I would turn it down like I did before, but if I get real big, believe me, my office would be Baltimore based, and I would hire people and take care of Baltimore first.

A community minded young man Curtis is. He is part-owner of a band. He has worked closely with the NAACP and the United Negro College Fund.

"I am always at their beck and call."

He does numerous high school functions, but definitely mentions his school, Edmondson High.

His awards are too numerous to mention. He is a soul supporter to the Miss Talented Teen pageant, not only Curtis, but my dear friend Mary Clayburn, Community Relations Director at WWIN, Don Brooks, program Director and the whole WWIN family, along with other stations around the city.

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Md. State NAACP Conference convenes

by MARJORIE B. GREEN

The Thirty-ninth Annual convention of the Maryland State NAACP Conference of Branches attracted more than three hundred delegates to the Delmarva Convention Center, Delmar, Maryland this past week.

The successful conference hosted by Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester County branches was better attended than it was several years ago when it convened at the same location.

Delegates representing local youth councils, college chapters, individuals, and twenty-four Maryland branches assembled for plenary sessions and concurrent workshops to address current issues affecting the "Black Family Rebirth."

Area residents and members of the host branches were so inspired by the conference participation that they have intensified their efforts to tackle the problems confronting Blacks on the eastern shore.

According to state president Nathaniel K. Smith, the State Conference of NAACP Branches is looking forward to working with the Human Relations Commission in trying to resolve some of the problems in Cambridge, Maryland.

The Human Relations Commission is currently holding hearings on these problems.

Mr. Smith also disclosed that the State Conference plans to follow up on the case against Ocean City and its Mayor Harry Kelley who is said to have voiced this intentions to reject $160,000 in Federal revenue sharing funds rather than correct the Ocean City Police Department's hiring practices that have been labeled discriminatory by the U.S. Justice Department.

Dr. Emmett C. Burns, newly appointed regional director of Region VII, in his luncheon speech "Keep The Lamps of Freedom Burning," addressed some of the problems when he spoke of the long struggle and mentioned the brave heroes of yesteryears.

He challenged the delegates to "trust yourself when all men doubt you," and reminded all of those present to remember where they came from, because "we are where we are today because somebody in Mississippi and Alabama marched."

Mrs. Ruth Harrod, Maryland State Conference, Vice president, Operations, presented the Dr. Lillie M. Jackson Award to the Anne Arundel County Branch during the Saturday awards luncheon. Mrs. Jean Crook, branch president accepted the award.

Program participants during the two day session included Salisbury Mayor Elmer C. Ruark, Emerson C. Holloway, Wicomico County councilman; Reverend Dr. J. Chapelle Mills, Pastor, Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Salisbury; Rev. James Simon, Pocomoke City; Reverend John Miles, Brown's Memorial Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland; Dr. David Horubeck, Superintendent of Schools, Maryland State Department of Education; Mr. Aubrey Edwards, Howard County Foundation for Black Educational and Cultural Achievement, and Dr. Charles H. Smith, Dept. of Social Sciences, University of Md., Eastern Shore.

The Maryland NAACP leadership headed by Nathaniel K. Smith, Mrs. Roslia MacMillan and other branch presidents, closed the conference with the promise of great achievements to be made in the field of Education and the development of a strong legislative agenda that will enable the NAACP to continue in its efforts to influence legislation.

Mfume

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and he's willing.

"Our people have a stigma. We want things but we don't want to work for them, but I think he is willing to work."

Dr. Vernon Gray, chairman of Morgan State's political science department said he supports Mfume because he's "young, dynamic . . . and the kind of leadership we need."

Cookie Brett, who came as a cat burglar called Mfume "a people's candidate" and Marian Davage said he "really researches the issues and he's very active."

Mfume, who is well-known as program director for Morgan's radio station, WEAA-FM greeted the disco goers at the door and danced with the small number of guests who took advantage of Gatsby's strobe - lighted, glass like dance floor. Most seemed content to watch the dancers, enjoy the bar and munchies, and talk about their own personal and political agendas.

"It is important that Black people do what ever they can for each other Curtis said."

This young man has been blessed in many ways. At twenty six years of age he has purchased a house, not owing one months mortgage on it, and all of the other luxury items he asked me not to mention because they were not that important to him.

"I'll never get too big to look down on my fellow man. People have told me, 'Curtis, you don't know how big you are.' You can realize it, but you don't have to accept it," he added. Curtis, never forgets his mom. "I take real good care of her, she is, all I have."

Just before the interview ended, words of wisdom came from this young man. To the young people:" Stay in touch with life, and be abreast of what's going on around you and remember, that communication starts at home."

Thought for Today.

Communication starts at home.

MORE PARTYLINE

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They had a post-game disco party at the Electric Eye on Reisterstown Road from 4 until 10 p.m.

90 guests showed up to enjoy party trays brimming with goodies and cocktails and, to dance to the latest in disco music. No matter how the game turned out, everyone had a ball.

The officers of the A&T Baltimore Alumni Chapter Inc., which boasts ove 100 members, are: Marion Lloyde, president, Robert Sellars, vice president, Mrs. Alga Jackson, corresponding secretary.

Also Haywood Rodgers, recording secretaary, Clarence Jackson, business manager, Geroge Pettit, treasurer, William Stephens, financial secretary, Arthur McCowan, public relations officer, William Spencer, parliamentarian and Calvin Dixon, chaplain.

Girl Friends

The Baltimore Girl Friends sponsored by Philadelphia in 1890 was the third chapter to affiliate with the National Girl Friends, Inc. which presently has thirty-two chapters.

They celebrated the first phase of their fiftieth anniversay on Sun. Oct. 28 with a family worship at St. James Episcopal Church, and then a brunch at the Cross Keys Inn Restaurant in the Gourmet Room.

Charter members are Laura Newton, Agnes Patterson, Irma Roy, Frances Vessella and Anita Wheatley.

Other members are Carol Carter, Bernice Chatman, Geroge anna Chester, Anne Davis, Margaret Driver, Sara Gray, Catherine Law, Olga Parker, Mae Parrott, Helen Patterson, Mazie Rea, Eliza Robinson, Gwendolyn Roper, June Ross, Elizabeth Stewart, Carolyn Wainwright, Karen Watson and Doris Wheeler.

Also Milagros Williams, Vera Williams, Catherine Wilson, Theda Wilson, Gaynelle Woods, and and in California—Midwest Henderson and Ruth Jenkins.

The organization's program is civic-social. Through the years the Baltimore Chapter has supported many local charities, such as summer camperships to needy girls with the YWCA, scholarships to high school seniors, clothing to Crownsville State Hospital, recreational equipment to the YMCA, and the donations to CARE. They have contributed to the New Provident Hospital Building Fund, the Mental Health Association of Md., the United Negro College Fund, the Sicle Cell Anemia Clinic at Provident Hospital and this year to the Provident Hospital Development Fund.

Special Halloween

Each year around this time, many exceptional children are deprived of the games and activities associated with Halloween, traditionally a child's holiday.

Howevr, this year was different for two groups of very specialyoungsters at the Claremont and Armistead Gardens' Elementary Schools.

On October 31 the Coppin State College chapter of the Council of Exceptional Children treated the youngsters to Halloween parties replete with "friendly" ghosts and goblins and things that gi'ubump in the night.

The parties were held simultaneously at the two schools to accommodate the special needs of the children. All activities took place between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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MARGUERITE CAMPBELL
Former Community Affairs Specialist To Mayor William Donald Schaefer

"The people in the communities I have worked with for so long need to understand that Question K WILL NOT SOLVE their problems. It's a trap. Baltimore citizens should not be fooled by campaign rhetoric that suggests Question K will make rents go down and improve the quality of our housing. This law actually encourages rent hikes above what most Baltimoreans are currently experiencing. Instead of repairing neglected properties, owners—stripped of all incentives by Question K—will abandon their buildings and board them up, leaving people with no housing at all. Furthermore, thousands of our city's families in government-subsidized housing won't be covered by Question K at all. Question K is NOT the answer for the people in my community, or for any renter or homeowner in Baltimore. Vote NO on Question K."

MARGUERITE CAMPBELL

"Question K is just what this city doesn't need. It's a wrong-headed answer to one of the city's most difficult problems. It will curb development of new housing, making our current shortage worse, when what is needed most is more available, affordable housing. It will create a costly new bureaucracy which we all will have to subsidize, when what we need is to streamline and improve Baltimore's existing housing agencies. Question K will isolate and penalize one sector of our economy, when what is needed is more cooperation across the board to bring about realistic, workable solutions to our problems. For the sake of Baltimore, I urge every voter to go to the polls on November 6 and vote NO on Question K."

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Former Miss Black America of Md. marries

On October 20 Miss Roxanne MannDaughter of James C. Mann and Mrs. Gracie L. Reavis was married to Hank E. Thomas, son of Mrs. Vivian Thomas of New York City.

The bride is a graduate of Baltimore's Northwestern High and holds a B.A. from Connecticut College, with a major in The Dance.

She was Miss Black American of Md., 76-77, formerly a principal dancer with The Baaltimore Dance Theatre, and previously employed as a dance specialist with the Bureau of Recreation she was also a dance instructor with Urban Services Cultural Arts Program, taught in the Baltimore City Public Schools and is at present a student at Strasberg School of Dance in New York.

The groom attended Florence S. Cuming, Virgina State, Temple University and Columbia University and holds a PhD in physics.

He was a physicist at Bell Laboratories for three years and taught physicas for 3 years at Columbia University.

He took a break during undergraduate years to devote 18 years to become a musician, played trumpet and sax, lived in Paris five years as musician and band leader.

He has served as president of Tnt Associates, Thomas-Lathan Productions, Thomas-Van Peebles Productions and is currently with Thomas Squared Ltd.

He is also a film producer. The last feature film he produced was "Greased Lightning" starring Richard Pryor. He is now workingmmn two productions, one to be filmed in the Phillipines and the other in Nairobi, Kenya.

The lovely, double-ring ceremony uniting these talented young people took place at Southern Baptist Church, at 3 p.m. The Rev. Nathaniel Higgs officiated.

The church was beautifully decorated with "Flowers by Michael" - 7 large palms behind the altar; three maches of white mums surroundin the altar, two three-tiered candle stands at the front of the aisle and a series of white bows with baby's breath and greenery gracing the pews.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was beautiful in a full silk tissuf taffeta gown with matching wrap jacket, trimmed with crystal pleating around the neck and sleeves.

The underdress was a strapless beaded alencon lace dress, the botton half draped upward in the front to the knees. The skirt of the bride's gown was removed to reveal the underdress for the reception.

Her headdress was a low-round hat of alencon beaded lace with a three-petaled four-foot veil and train.

The bride's dress was designed and made by Lina G. Neurick.

Maid of honor was Miss Francine Jeffress of Baltimore, Md. Matron of honor was Andrea Streeter-Holmes, also of Baltimore. They wore white chiffon dresses draped from one shoulder with the skirts in two-tiered layers of chiffon with lettuce curled edges. Headdresses were golden yellow satin of a "tear-drop" shape with a satin flower toward the face. The matron-of-honor's headdress was deep royal blue.

They carried crescent-shaped bouquets of lilies, roses and baby carnations.



AFRO Photo by Mark Gail

NEWLYWEDS — Sharing a joyous moment after the fabulously beautiful ceremony that joined them in marriage at 5 o'clock at Southern Baptist Church on Oct. 20 are Mr. and Mrs. Hank Earle Thomas.

Bridesmaids were Loretta Miller, Patricia Bowler, Patrice Moore, Michelle Weaver, Andrea Biand, Mickie Wilkins and Carolyn Sessions of Baltimore and Sandi Bullucks of Indianapolis Ind.

They wore two-piece dresses of white chiffon, the blouson tops with double-tiered blettuce-curled edges and sleeves of the same. The double-tiered peplum and white spaghetti satin belting added to the outfits.

Hats were of grape satin in "tear-drop" shape with netting over the face.

Bouquets were crescent shapes of orchids, roses and baby carnations. Dresses were done by Ms. Ann James.

Flower girl, Nickia Lynn Miller of Baltimore wore a white chiffon dress with a laie bodice and the bottom of the dress in two-tiered layers of chiffon with lettuce curled edges, dotted with lace flowers. This was designed by Loretta Miller.

Best man was Melvin Van Peebles of New York.

Ushers were: Ken Giles of Philadelphia, PA., James Mann, Maurice Reavis, Harel Miller, Curtis Kane, Carlton Walker and James Ross III of Baltimore. Ring bearer was Marc Weaver.

James Peterson was at the organ. Soloist Ms. Glennis Brown sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Inseparable."

The reception following the wedding was held at Hunt Valley Inn in the Valley Room.

The Maitre'D announced each member of the wedding party as they seated themselves at the bridal table, which consisted of 22 seats on the dias.

The champagene toast to the new couple was made by the best man. The bridal dinner consisted of a fresh spinach and mushroom salad, chicken cordon blue, glazed carrots and buttered broccoli.

The bride and groom honeymooned in Mifed, Italy (for the Film Festival) and North Africa. For her traveling outfit the bride chose a deep grape silk pantsuit with belted jacket.

After the honeymoon and a business trip the new Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will be at home in New York City and in Plainfield, N.J.

Among the guests attending their fabulous wedding and reception were: Mr. and Mrs. Gregory McNeil of Washington, D.C.; Ernest ennet, Ms. Janet Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Richardson of New York City; John Miller and Mrs. Leonye Cunninghan of South Carolina; Ms. Joan Thomas of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffress; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Weaver, Mrs. Lois Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Glover.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Gethro Miller, Mrs. Floyd Davis, Mrs. Lenora Davis and family; Michael Barksdale, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weaver and family;

Also Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Marvin Miller, Horace Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George Baskerville and Mrs. Susie Dudley and many, many others.

APA Conference highlights HUD's "701" Work Study Program reunion

The American Planning Association Conference acted as the backdrop for the recent First Decade Reunion Dinner of the U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's "701" Work Study Program. The setting was the Constellation Room on the 21st floor of the World Trade Center.

The highlight of the evening was the keynote address given by the Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Reverend Bryant challenged the audience of 150 minority planners and public administrators to 'Slay the giant' for all we know who the giant is.

He stated that if we don't feel uncomfortable in our position, then we must not be doing our jobs. Rev. Bryant went on to pinch the toes of many persons in the room.

He stated that if we are truly committed to the concerns of minorities, then we must expect people in our offices to talk about us; we must expect them not to like us and we must be willing to sometimes stand alone in order toslay thegiant.

Rev. Bryant concluded by challenging each person in the room to pick up his cross and carry it.

The audience gave the keynote speaker a standing ovation.

While the reunion represented a time for individuals to get together with persons they had not seen for a long time, the challenge given will be carried by all attending as they go forth to do their daily - thus attempting to affect change within minority communities throughout the country.

Head table guests included M. Jay Brodie, director of Housing and Community Development for Baltimore City; Mrs. Georginnis Brodie, Ms. Bibian Benjamin, a 1975 graduate of the Baltimore Region "701" Work Study Programp who is currently employed with the Md. State Dept. of Economics and Community Dev. the Rev. Bryant, Walter J. Kowalcryk Jr., executive director of the Regional Planning Council.

Also Mrs. Hazel Glenn Woodson, coordinator of the Baltimore Region "701" Work Study Program and chiarman for all of the students activities at The American Planning Association Conference;

Also Howard Tutman, national coordinator of the "701" Work Study Program and the hostess for the evening, who was Ms. Claudette Glascoe, a 1979 graduate of the Baltimore Region "701" Work Study Program and who is now a private public relations consultant.

Guests in attendance at the affair from Baltimore included; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Bland, Mrs. Ida Pottet, Dr. Clara I. Adams and Michael B. Amos from Morgan University;

Also Mr. and Mrs. Milton Spencer, Ms. Vernia Taylor, Ms. Gloria Bass from the University of Md., Balto County; Mrs. Earlean Smith, Mrs. Alice Smith, Vincent Leggett, Thelmon Holland, Mrs. Doris Carter, Harold D. Young, Charles R. Faison, Charles Fleming, Ms. Brenda Brown and Ms. Julia Paschal.

Out of town guests attending the affair included: Joak Pedak, Harrisburg Pa.; Enrique "Ricky" Hernandez, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Cynthia Jemal, Lanham, Md.; Ms. Alycia Howard, NewaRK, N.J.; Fred L. Greene, Edgewood, Md.; Jimmy R. Hubbard, St. Louis, Mo.

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NAACP's Barbara Cooper to keynote sorority's Founder's Day

Baltimore City N.A.A.C.P. Program Director, Ms. Barbara Cooper, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Founder's Day Luncheon of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. sponsored by Alpha Alpha Sigma the alumni chapter.

The address, centering around The International Year of the Child "Sigma Women Focus on Today's Child", will be delivered at the S&R Banquet, 5662 The Alameda on Saturday, November 10, 1979.

Ms. Cooper, who is swiftly emerging as a motivating force in rejuvenating the local chapter of the age old civil rights organization, is an encouraging example of the recently reoccuring mandate in Baltimore for "New Leadership for the 80's" characterized by her ability to turn people on to the struggle by convincing them to get involved.

To her credit are various programs including youth workshops designed to acquaint young people with the N.A.A.C.P. and provide much needed voter registration education.

She has likewise been responsible for successful voter registration campaigns as well as the 25th anniversary commemoration of the N.A.A.C.P.'s successful litigation in the historic Brown vs Board of Education case.

The occasion of Founder's - Day for Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc, founded in November 1922, is an appropriate one for Ms. Cooper's message, as the organization is a proponent of community service, leadership training, and the education of youth.

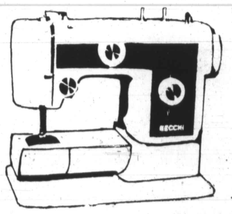


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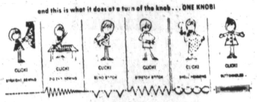
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