Bettye Moss

IF YOU ASK ME

Sen. Mitchell

Baltimore city's own state senator, Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd, is president of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, (NBCSL), which held its ninth annual session in Philadelphia last week, (Dec. 3-8).

Present were state lawmakers from all over the U.S. They were about the business of "insuring the caucus' visibility as a network of black state legislators."

NBCSL work sessions at the downtown Hershey Hotel focused on the conference theme, "The Politics of Black Economic Development."

And, delegates assessed the role they have played on state and national levels — ranging from divestiture in South Africa, to voting rights in Ala., affirmative action for federal contractors, and asides for minority defense suppliers.

Highlights

Highlights: special receptions honoring AFL - CIO president, Lane Kirkland; prayer breakfast saluting Rev. Jesse Jackson, awards closing banquet featuring Trans Africa's Randall Robinson, who has led the South Africa apartheid fight, and August Busch 3rd, board chair of Anheuser Busch, and Pa. U.S. Congressman Rev. William H. Gray 3rd.

Cuff note: The list of delegates to the National Black Caucus of State Legislators and program participants reads like a Who's Who. Everybody, yes everybody was there.

W. Wilson Goode, a Morgan U grad, is mayor of Philadelphia. Philly's Rep. David P. Richardson, Jr., chaired the conference committee. Baltimore Del. Elijah E. Cummings, chair of the Md. Legislative Black Caucus, led the economic empowerment workshop.

Baltimore city delegate Larry Young serves on the NBCSL executive committee.

Talk of the convention was the 104 - page souvenir book. The 8-color cover page and the 4-color lithos on inside pages are out of sight!

Baltimoreans can be proud. The job was done by their own native printer, Wells Printers of Fremont Ave. in West Baltimore.

More good news: His fellow delegates reelected Baltimore's Senator Mitchell NBCSL president for a fourth term. The 1986 convention meets in Washington, D.C., next December.

State Police

Many who have been disappointed and dismayed about the failure of Maryland State Police to upgrade and promote black officers are hoping the new state police superintendent, Col. George P. Brosan, will make a difference.

In the month since he took over, Col. Brosan has reassigned 21 top members in the department, has promised he will study the promotional system, has named a black trooper and a female to monitor the independent study of the promotional system.

And, insiders say, they are pleased he has been frank to say he will address minority issues.

Keep your eye on Col. Brosan, the new superintendent of state police. He comes to Maryland from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. He has pledged to put the Maryland State Police back on the road to recovery.

A lot of black state police employees, and black citizens who have known the state police department has been sick a long time, will be watching closely as Col. Brosan studies the medical charts and prescribes treatment.

Orchid Ball

Members of Zeta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity did it again. Their annual orchid ball a Wednesday ago, (Nov. 30), at Martin's West, was elegant as usual.

Guests were treated to a formal dinner, then enjoyed the parade by the handsome hosts, who sang the fraternity hymn, then embraced their wives with their orchid leis.

Dr. Guilbert A. Daley is president of the host chapter; Willie Nichols, treasurer, chaired the black tie affair.

Other committee members: Ed Wilkerson, Hubron Blackwell, John Carter, Larry West, Lewyn Weaver.

Other officers: Scherod Barnes, vice president; Elijah Williams and Adrian Hubbard, secretaries.

Special guest of honor was Mrs. Myrtle Tyler Faithful, a cofounder of Zeta Phi Beta, sister sorority to Phi Beta Sigma.

'Dr.' Now

Guests at the Sigma dance got this news hot off the press: — Their president's wife, Dr. Thelma Thomas Daley, is a doctor now. She earned her Ph.D in counseling, with a minor in gerontology, last month at George Washington University. She is a guidance supervisor in the Baltimore County schools, and former national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

When her hubby let the good news out of the bag, dance guests gave her enthusiastic applause.

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Also there, Greville French, Brooklyn, N.Y., a past regional secretary, and Baltimore's Dr. Parlett Moore and Mrs. Moore, (he's past national president).

Attractive young California couple in attendance, Emma and Bailey Pendergrass of Oakland, where she's a lawyer, he's a pilot with World Airways. They were guests of her cousin, Dr. and Mrs. Roland McConnel (Catherine).

Pleasant table companions were Olger and Wylene Burch of Columbia. She's the Prince George County teacher, he's the retired Army colonel, now with AAA.

Cuff note: — Among young brothers in the Sigma parade was Roland N. Patterson, Jr. He finishes a D.C. law school this spring. Time flies!

Les Onze

Members of Les Onze, that women's social club, hosted a lovely dinner to mark their 20th anniversary.

Their black tie affair a Saturday ago (Nov. 30), was at Blue Crest. Before dinner, the hostesses had a brief program to introduce members and welcome their guests. Serena Holmes, anniversary chair, presided. There were presentations to members by Barbara Dungee, president and grace by Dr. Bernard Christmas, hubby of member, Vashti. After dinner, there was a champagne toast led by Donald Millard, hubby of member, Thelma.

Guests were gifted with champagne glasses, engraved with the club's name and anniversary dates.

The invites to the affair in pink and red, as well as the evening's program, featured the champagne glass.

Other members: Faye Burnett, Anne Dickens, Mildred Harris, Edith Henry, Helena Hicks, Bernice McDaniels, Frances Mitchell, Juanita Morton, Doreva Stanley and Janice Tribble.

Cuff note: — Les Onze means the eleven. This club was organized by the late Helen Gattis, with members Christmas, Holmes, Stanley, Henry and McDaniels as charter members.

Through the years, membership has increased beyond the eleven, — but persons familiar with the club say these ladies are noted for their graciousness and kindness to others. Their anniversary affair lived up to their reputation.

About people

Members of the Big Sisters of Baltimore Inc. are inviting clubs and organizations to participate in their Cancer Awareness Seminar.

It is January 4, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Heritage United Church of Christ, 3106 Liberty Heights.

December 20 is deadline to register. Admission is free, but sponsors would prefer you meet the registration deadline.

Topics include: Breast cancer, nutritions and cancer. And there will be films and slides.

Mail registration to Elizabeth Cooper, 1628 Ralworth Rd., Baltimore, Md., 21218. For further information, call Phyllis Shamwell, 466-2195 or Lilyan Slater, 669-4917. Co - sponsoring the seminar are members of Chi Eta Phi, the nurses' sorority.

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And don't forget this newspaper's Mrs. Santa program. There is great need in all sections of our city.

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Mrs. King

Mrs. Vondola Henderson King, 85, the retired Annapolis teacher, was eulogized at Asbury United Methodist Church there on Saturday (Dec. 7). She was the widow of Douglas King, the longtime Bates High School principal.

Mrs. King died last Wednesday at Howard University Hospital. She was active in Annapolis civic and social circles, and was the founder and first president of the Annapolis Chapter of Links, Inc. And, she was founder and first president of Friends Inc.

She also organized the Douglas S. King Memorial Scholarship Fund in her husband's name in 1980.

Mrs. Eloise Richardson, an Annapolis resident, remembered Mrs. King as "a gracious person who was kind to so very many people."

Surviving, cousins John and Catherine Valentine of Landover, Md., with whom she lived in her last days; and nieces Joan Henderson Jackson, Dawn Henderson Delaney and Katie R. Henderson; and nephews, Fred Douglas Delaney and Eric Newton Jackson.

Mr. Ingram

Eugene Henry (Pete) Ingram, 43, was eulogized Friday, (Dec. 6), at Memorial Baptist Church.

He was the youth worker who was residential director of Youth and Families Unlimited Inc., the private, non - profit mental health treatment facility on Liberty Rd. which he co - founded.

Previously, he worked with the Rosewood State Hospital and the Maryland Children's Center, and with a N.Y. Child Guardians.

He was a product of the Baltimore City Public Schools, Catonsville Community College and the State University of N.Y.

Survivors: His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Ingram, Sr. (Dorothy); son, Tracy; brothers, Robert Jr., Keith, Erick Christopher and Burley, and sister - in - law, Renee Ingram, all of Baltimore.

Mr. Brown

Irving Lafayette Brown, Jr. ("Brownie"), 54, died on December 8. He was the retired Beth Steel worker and lifetime member of Union Temple Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held there on Thursday, (Dec. 12), with the pastor, Rev. Gabriel Churn, officiating.

Three other ministers assisted, Rev. William Reed, Upper Jerusalem Baptist; Rev. Howard Brown, St. Edmonds United Methodist, and Bishop Jacob Green, Bethel Way of the Cross Church in his native Calvert County, Md.

Mr. Brown was educated in the Calvert County public schools, did further study at Morgan State College. He was an Air Force vet, serving from 1951-55. He belonged to the American Legion Post No. 285 and the Steelworkers of America Local 2610.

Survivors: His wife of 26 years, Shirley Ann Snellings Brown; his mother and father, Sadie and Irving L. Brown, Sr., daughters, Yvette and Enese Brown; adopted daugher, Diane Byrd; son, Frank K. Brown; sisters, Georgia Brown, Madeline and Theresa Gross of Calvert County; and brother Alfred Brown, N.J. Seven grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Dixon

Mrs. Mary Parker Dixon, 63, died on Friday after a long illness. Funeral services were Thursday, (Dec. 12), at Berea Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church, where she had been a member 30 years.

Relatives recalled that she was a beloved wife, mother, and, "wonderful homemaker who made numerous friends."

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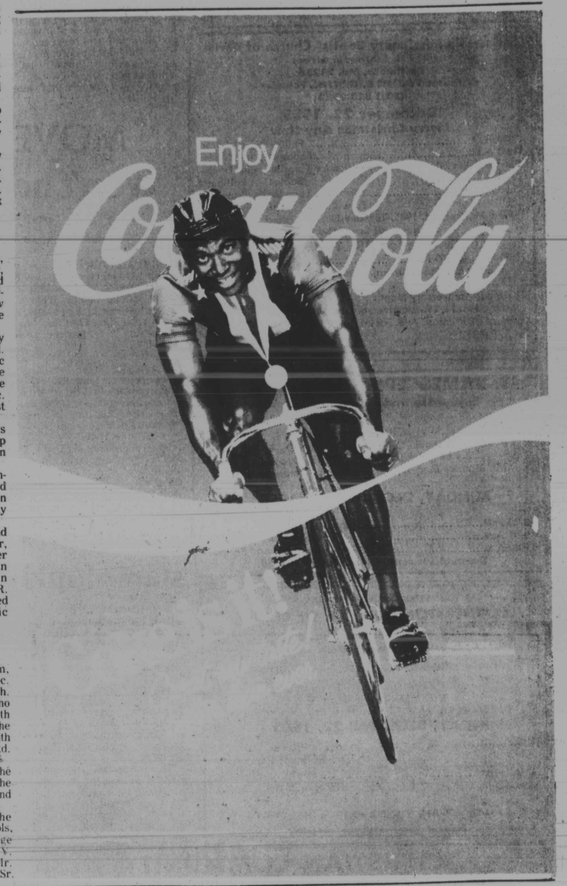
Survivors: Her husband of 43 years, Clarence Dixon; daughters Andrea Jackson and Gail Dawson; son, Clarence Dixon, Jr., Columbia; and adopted mother, Mrs. Lillian Hutchins. Seven grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren also survive.



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ALL ABOARD AMTRAK

New pro 5 wins No. 6

The Baltimore Lightning, local representative in the new Continental Basketball Association, has captured its sixth victory in seven starts.

As a result, things appear to be looking up for the young club and its young coach Henry Bibby, former NBA star.

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The Lightning won its Tuesday night game, 118-115, over the Albany Patroons at Towson Center. Don Collins and ex-Terp Adrian Branch combined for 64 points — 41 and 23, respectively.

Baltimore entertains Bay State Sunday at Towson, then resumes after Christmas with games at St. Petersburg, Fla., against Tampa Bay on the 26th, at Sarasota, Fla., against the Suncoast Stingers on the 27th.

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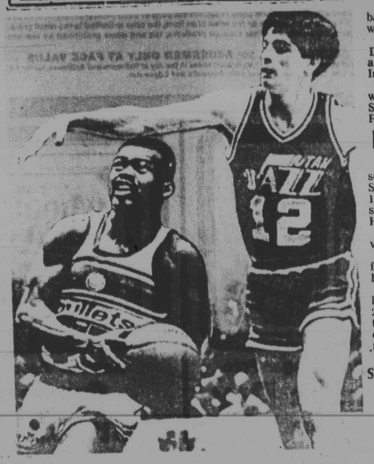


TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE — Washington Bullets' shifty Frank Johnson puts move on Utah's John Stockton for basket in Tuesday night pursuit of the visiting Jazz. But Utah held on for a 106-98 decision at Capital Centre.

Local college 5's away on weekend

Both local colleges have their basketball teams on the road this weekend.

Morgan State cagers arein San Diego, Cal., for games Thursday and Saturday against American International.

Coppin State is sending its women's quint to the Towson State pre-Christmas Tournament Friday and Saturday.

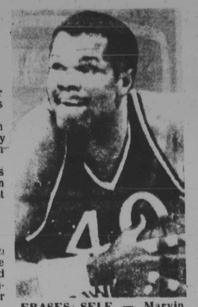
Local gal stars

HONOLULU — Tori Harrison scored 22 points and Paulette Stall and Nora Lewis each added 15 Thursday night to lead Louisiana Tech to a 92-49 victory over Hawaii in women's basketball.

Harrison is a 1983 Project Survival Scholarship winner.

Tondi Redden scored 16 points for the Rainbow Wahines and Da Houl had 15.

Louisiana Tech, 8-1, took a 10-3 lead and stayed ahead of Hawaii, 2-3, by about 15 points throughout the half. The Lady Techsters increased their lead in the waning minutes and led 46-19 at halftime.



ERASES SELF — Marvin Webster, nicknamed the "Human Eraser" in his starring days at Edmondson High and Morgan State, has "erased" himself from the NBA. The ex-Knick center retired Wednesday, saying the hepatitis he has suffered the past four years will not permit him to play to his standard.

Scholastic sports schedule

FRIDAY
Basketball
No. Harford at Mervo
N. Harford JV at Mervo JV
Varsity Wrestling
Tournament at McDonogh

SATURDAY
Varsity Basketball
C.A. Johnson at Lake Clifton
Varsity Wrestling
Tournament at McDonogh

Eagles bow, 74-58 to FDU late surge

Coppin State played host Fairleigh Dickson close in the first half on Wednesday night, trailing by only one point, 34-33, at intermission.

However, FDU went into a second half sprint that carried them to an easy 74-58 runout.

The game was played on the Rutherford, N.J., campus.

NFL this week

Friday
Denver at Seattle
Saturday
Washington at St. Louis
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants
Sunday
Atlanta at New Orleans
Buffalo at Miami
Chicago at Detroit
Cincinnati at New England
Cleveland at New York Jets
Dallas at San Francisco
Green Bay at Tampa Bay
Houston at Indianapolis
Philadelphia at Minnesota
San Diego at Kansas City
Monday Night
L.A. Raiders at L.A. Rams

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