Warren

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Several council members challenged the rejection, saying it was wrong, since the realtor had already served on the board.

"Wouldn't it be better to take no action, rather than to just say no)" Councilwoman Vera Hall, Fifth District, said.

No action would have been "a terrible precedent to set," Ambridge countered.

Rochelle Spector, Fifth District, challenged the procedure, noting that all of the councilmembers were not present. Agnes Welch and Martin Curran, for example were absent.

But council members voted anyway.

"If it's a reappointment why not take no action. If we reject, then we would be sending a wrong signal," Spector said.

"He's wrong. He's wrong," she turned around and said about Ambridge.

The committee should confirm people who are able to make meetings and "not people too busy to make meetings," Joseph T. Landers, Third District, said. ". . . These bodies aren't going to re-schedule meetings, so appointees can come."

Ambridge, supported by Wilbur E. Cunningham and Landers, Third District, known in the past for challenging the powers of the mayor and the Council president, said Warren's name could be re-submitted for confirmation as soon as the mayor re-submits it.

Before Schmoke took office, the Third District delegation and Ambridge, led the Council in a fight to set its own budget, under the charter amendment Question K, which was defeated. But Schmoke opposed that idea because he believed the Council was attempting to reduce his mayoral powers. Schmoke blitzed the media with ads encouraging voters to defeat the amendment.

The Third District and Ambridge also helped to strip Mary Pat Clarke's ability to make committee chairmanships.

And this year the same district opposed Mayor Schmoke's nomination of Barbara A. Green to the zoning board, because they felt she was not qualified. There were no set requirements.

After the council meeting, Councilwoman Hall said, "Warren is a known entity. For him to miss two meetings within 21 days, for a busy man like him, was not unusual."

"If he was a new nominee, I could understand, but he has a good record. I don't agree with the rejection," she said.

On Wednesday, Ambridge said he met with those who opposed the rejection and even Warren and they understood the rejection was a total misunderstanding.

Ambridge said Warren said, "I hope you're not upset with me." Mr. Warren could not be reached for comment at AFRO presstime.

"It's just a misunderstanding. No big deal," Ambridge said. ". . . people are making a big mountain out of a mole hill."

"I'm guilty of not informing the Council members of my plans," Ambridge said. Warren's name could be rescheduled as early as March 14, Ambridge said.

Rapist

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baseball bat, a hammer, a B.B. gun, and various other household utensils.

The man resisted, but the family continued beating him. They forced him from the bedroom, through a doorway and into the kitchen, where they continued to hammer at him.

The man was beaten to the floor by the family members, who then held him until police arrived to cart him away to a local hospital.

Bailey, of the 800 block North Monroe St., remains hospitalized with large cuts to the head. His condition at Sinai Hospital is listed as fair.

Upon his release, the hapless suspect is expected to be charge with rape and burglary, Agent Jenkins said.

The family's name and address were not released because of the age of the assault victim.

Beamon

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ing, Beamon, on leave from his principal employment as an administrator in the Dade County Parks and Recreation Department, has dedicated a part of his life to battle the illness just as he battled life to become a champion in track and field.

Beamon's life has been filled with great contradictions. Once termed as incorrigible as a young man, he was often angry at the world.

During his years there have been many people willing to help Beamon maintain a better life. He feels that he must do this for others.

"If I can advise people just to stop eating fried foods, I think that would help," he said. "We should live and eat naturally. We can add years to our lives, if we eat fresh fruits, drink alcohol in moderation, stop smoking and commit ourselves to daily exercise.

Married with two small children, Beamon has only been the spokesperson for Glaxo, Inc., a major pharmaceutical manufacturer based in Research Triangle Park, N.C. for a couple of years, but he feels comfortable with his present sense of self-determination, self-awareness and his ability to share his life's experiences.

"The main thing that I want to leave with people," Beamon said "is that there is a way to combat high blood pressure. To be safe, one must go to a doctor for a check-up. If hypertension is in evidence, follow your doctor's advice," he said. "You will have to comply. You can live a long, healthy life with hypertension. It's just a matter of altering your life style and your eating habits."

Rosa Parks

Parks

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According to its executive director, Elaine Steele, the Institute was established by Mrs. Parks in February, 1987.

"It's purpose is to motivate youth between 11 and 17 to achieve their highest potential," she said.

Plans for the Baltimore celebration will be discussed March 17 at the NAACP headquarters.

Helping to coordinate the event is Frances Hooks, wife of national NAACP president Benjamin Hooks, Juanita Mitchell, Dr. Levi Watkins, Mayor Kurt Schmoke and his wife, Patricia, Mrs. Enolia McMillan, president of the local NAACP and George Buntin, executive director of the NAACP.

Steele said the tentative time frame for the Baltimore celebration is in June.

"We hope the whole community will be supportive," she said.

Steele said the purpose of the celebration is two-fold.

In addition to celebrating her 75 birthday at a significant era in history, the celebration will also help launch the Institute.

"This is her dream . . . to leave a legacy to youth," Steele said.

Steele cited the significance of recognizing Parks in 1988.

"This is the 125th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 25th anniversary of the March on Washington," she said.

According to Steele, Mayor Johnny Ford, and Attorney Fred Gray co-chaired the event held in Tuskegee.

"The highlight was when a street intersecting Martin Luther King Blvd. near the City Council Building was named Rosa Parks Plaza in her honor.

Other cities to host celebrations of Park's birthday include Newark, NJ; Atlanta, GA; New York, NY; Chicago, IL; Detroit, MI; Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA; Houston, TX; and Cincinatti and St. Louis, OH.

Steele said there will be a Rosa Parks Memorabilia in each state respectively. Portrait reprints done of Mrs. Parks by Carl Owens, an artist from Detroit will be on sale.

The original portrait, which was unveiled January 31 will remain on display at the Museum of African American History in Detroit.

Rosa Louise Parks is nationally recognized as the "Mother of the Modern Day Civil Rights Movement in America." Her refusal to surrender her seat to a white male passenger on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, Dec. 1, 1955, "triggered a wave of protest Dec. 5, 1955, that reverberated throughout the United States."

"We can't think of a better role model who exhibits power, courage and commitment in a very gentle manner," said Steele.

"It is very important that we point out the significance of women role models in the Civil Rights struggle," said Dr. Levi Watkins, a noted surgeon at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Douglass '48 grads set reunion

The Douglass High School Class of February 1948 will hold its reunion activities the weekend of April 29th. Letters have been sent to most of the class members.

If you have not been contacted it is because we do not have your current address. Please contact any classmate or Loretta McAdory Richardson (DAY) 333-5546 or President Stewart Smith (NIGHT) 655-4976.

Social Worker Of The Year

The Baltimore Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers is hosting it's 2nd annual Social Worker of the Year banquet/gala on March 11, 1988 at the Forum, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. For ticket information call: 532-8969 or 728-6109.

Mazique

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Afro American history and African culture and history, and his sister Maude will receive $10,000 in cash.

While Mrs. Mazique will receive the family's Chestnut Street residence — appraised at $246,475 according to the city's Office of Finance and Revenue along with the late physician' home furnishings, automobiles, china, silverware, works of art and 64 acres of land in Prince George' County worth nearly $178,000 — Carter was bequeathed an 18 acre beachfront estate purchased by Mazique in 1984 for $565,000, a clerk at the Anne Arundel County Zoning and Planning Commission said.

"I give to my friend, Alma Carter, as a token of appreciation for her many years of faithful service," wrote Mazique, "my estate located at 201 Lake Avenue Highland Beach, Md."

Although the will identifies the location of the estate as being on Lake Avenue, county officials list the actual address was 3208 Arundel On The Bay Road.

Additionally, Carter would instantly be named the personal representative for the entire estate "should Marguerite Mazique fail to qualify or ceases to act as the personal representative for any reason, the will stated.

Mazique's sons — both physicians — will inherit the medical furnishings and office equipment from his office and will jointly share his clothing, jewelry and photographic supplies. Mazique's medical office building, which contains commercial rental units valued at about $150,000 according to District tax records, will also be deeded to his sons at the direction of Mrs. Mazique.

"Although the title to my office building located at 908 Kennedy Street N.W. in the District of Columbia is vested as a tenancy by the entireties, it is my earnest hope and desire that my wife Marguerite shall deed this property to my two sons Edward and Jeffrey as joint tenants as soon after my death as practicable," Mazique's will stated.

Mrs. Mazique, in addition to receiving her husband's real estate and business, was named the beneficiary on all of his insurance holdings. The value on the policies was not disclosed. She will also retain sole interest in Mazique's United Community Parking business on Georgia Avenue.

Mazique's attorney Alice Gresham Bullock — now on the faculty at Howard University Law School — did not return phone calls about the will.

A prominent and nationally acclaimed physician, Mazique, a native of Nanchez, Miss. was graduated from the Howard University School of Medicine where he specialized in internal medicine after completing both an internship and residency at the now defunct Freedmans Hospital.

His marriage to the former Jewell Crawford — which produced two sons — ended in a bitter divorce.

Mazique waged a continuing battle against segregated medical facilities in the District during his long career and was on the executive committee of the NAACP. His many membership included the American Medical Association, the Public Health Association, the Medical Society of D.C., the American Geriatric Society and the Royal Society of Health in London, England.

Mazique also served on the Committee for the Establishment of Ojeke Hospital in Nigeria.

Cabbie

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to lecture her about working somewhere else, instead of for a cab company, because she had a MBA Pinderhughes said. "She didn't like that."

"Karen would go for anything she wanted to do," she said.

The dangers associated with cab driving did not shatter her dream.

Pinderhughes said she talked with Smith about the dangers involved in driving a cab. "But she was careful . . . She only took calls and vouchers. She never picked people up off the streets," she said.

"Karen wasn't afraid to drive a cab . . . she never would accept someone else's fears," said Helen Ellis, a friend.

After Karen's parents died in the early 1980's, Ellis said Karen would visit regularly and come around in the mornings.

"She liked to eat Cream of Wheat. She would make a party out of that."

Karen had one sister and one brother. Both are still recovering from the shock.

"Everytime I ride around and see a Yellow cab, it brings back memories," Allen Meacham, her high school and college friend said. He went to City College and Hampton University in Virginia and she went to Northwestern High School and Morgan.

Karen drove her cab at her chosen hours.

She lived alone and was satisfied with being single, friends said.

She liked crabs, shrimp, cheesebrugers, jazz and philosophical books, Ellis said.

She also enjoyed hiking and tennis.

Ellis, who met the slain girl in Ohio when Karen worked as an accountant rep for Exxon said one day the two of them and Ellis's husband went to an Ohio State park to fish, although they had no fishing poles.

The three made rods from tree branches, strings and paper clips. A state trooper asked them where was their fishing licenses and Karen pulled out her driving license and the trooper left them alone. Ellis said that was one of her fondest memories of Karen.

Since her death, Yellow Checker Cab drivers have worked with police to foster safety measures, said David Greene, a spokesman for the cab company.

The cab company have developed an eight-point checking system for drivers to use, which are:

- calling the dispatcher regularly
- avoiding crime-infested areas
- seating passengers in the rear
- checking for identification
- writing passenters' names down
- seating all male passengers in the rear
- using the buddy system
- locking doors after passengers exit.

According to Greene, most cab drivers are not afraid, they are just more cautious, including the 10 women drivers with the firm.

He said drivers have not elected to carry guns because of Smith's death. Only the drivers with gun permits will, he said.

Metro Crime Stoppers and Mark Joseph, president of Yellow Checker Cab Co., are offering a combined $2,000 reward for any information that leads to an arrest and indictment in the case. Each are offering $1,000. If you have any information call Metro Crime Stoppers at 276-8888.

SERVICE NEWS

Air Force Airman 1st Class Wendy A. Ballman, daughter of Christian C. and Catherine R. Bellman of 3205 Foster Ave., Baltimore, has arrived for duty with the 2151st Communications Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

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NATIONAL NEWS

New York political leader keeps rolling on

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

Age has not dimmed the fire and the fervor in 90-year-old Brooklyn black kingmaker Wesley McD Holder, He still fights on.

In the 1930's the Guyana (South America) native literally opened the Brooklyn political doors to blacks.

Holder acted as campaign manager for black candidates in Brooklyn, New York. And in 1948, Burtrum L. Baker, under Holder's direction became the first black official elected to New York's State Assembly.

Five years later, the city had another first, its first black judge — Lois S. Flagg.

"It was the first time in Brooklyn, that a black judge was elected to the bench," Holder said with pride.

He said the white judge that represented black neighborhoods had died and a White political organization had named a White successor.

"But I challenged the selection," Holder said.

He felt it was time for a black judge to represent black people and he campaigned for and supported Flagg.

Many of the black politicians in Brooklyn that hold office today owe thanks to Holder for his leadership. But he is a modest man, who hates praise and attention.

"I just like to be quiet . . . and left alone . . . My style has always been to work quietly behind the scenes," he said.

Today he is still involved with campaigning and plans to head a voter registration committee for the November presidential elections.

He said he never dreamed of becoming involved with politics when he lived in Guyana. He wanted to become a mathematician or teacher.

West Indian Marcus Garvey, who established the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) to uplift and empower blacks across the world, motivated the then 23-year-old Holder to come to America in 1920.

"I attended the famous Madison Garden Convention and became impressed with what I heard Garvey say that night."

He made New York is home, afterwards.

That night, Garvey and his UNIA members proclaimed a formal "Declaration of Rights" for all the world's black people.

"His program was to establish a home in Africa . . . just as the Englishman has a home in the British government, as the Italian has a home in Italy and as the Pole has has a home in Poland. He wanted black people to have a home in Africa," Holder said.

Garvey was a "Magnetic and dynamic speaker," who instilled in blacks "their capacity to achieve and accomplish deeds like any other race," Holder said.

Holder joined UNIA and became a UNIA organizer for Cleveland, OH.

During his five years with the Garvey organization, Holder worked as a secretary for the UNIA vice president, William Sherrill, who was responsible for travelling across the United States organizing UNIA chapters.

He recalled a frightening moment in Miami, Fla. in 1923, when he and Sherrill visited Miami to speak at a church and they were arrested and jailed.

"We heard you fellas were here last night speaking against the Ku Klux Klan," Holder said, ". . . I'm going to get you fellows out, but I suggest you fellas leave town tonight."

Holder and Sherrill left that night.

In contrast to Garvey and his contemporaries, modern politicians do not exude the same activism and dedication that the former leaders projected, Holder said.

There was a time when the politicians, particularly blacks, had a close rapport with their constituents, but nowadays the relationship has been distanced, Holder said.

"In the past, a congressman would know every black in his district, because he walked his district. Today, they drive in their districts and fly over their districts," said Holder. "We have a different breed of elected official, You don't see them."

"Black leaders are not doing enough . . . most are on ego trips," Holder said.

He has been married to Thelma Holder for 46 years. The couple has one daughter, Veronica Frederick, who is a nurse.

PIONEER — Longtime political activist Wesley McD Holder (center) being escorted at a recent affair held in his honor.

ANNAPOLIS ROUND-UP

Jeffries, Young start new era

By Alicia Benjamin
AFRO Staff Writer

The 39th legislative district suffered a major shake-up with the conviction of Sen. Michael B. Mitchell in early February.

Mitchell was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for accepting $50,000 to obstruct a congressional investigation of the New York-based Wedtech Corp.

For the first time in 25 years, a Mitchell is not in the General Assembly. And for the first time since the formation of the district, no Mitchell is at the legislative helm. Now, the leaders of the 39th district must pick up the pieces and continue to represent their constituents.

Last month the Democratic State Central Committee for the 39th district voted unanimously to elect Larry Young as the replacement for Mitchell. Young's slot as delegate for the position was then open.

Young's colleague in the district's State Central Committee, John Jeffries was elected as Young's replacement and sworn into office last Monday by House Speaker Clayton Mitchell.

Now the group hopes to unite and work together as a team.

Del. Elijah Cummings D-39 said the Mitchell dilemma resulted in the passing of a baton. Mitchell served the district well and now he has passed the baton to the other district leaders who will carry on.

"The district has gone through turmoil with the conviction of Senator Mitchell," Cummings said.

"Sometimes you have to feel pain before you can truly know what pleasure is," Cummings stated. "In the past few months we have felt pain and now we're moving to a level of comfort, knowing the 39th district will be represented in full strength."

As Jeffries was sworn in earlier this week, his colleagues, Del. Ruth Kirk (D-39), Cummings and Young looked proudly on as he took his position in the General Assembly.

"I've been in the bull pen waiting for this for 14 years and that day has finally arrived," Jeffries said. "I'm a hard worker and I love public service," he continued. "I welcome the opportunity to serve the 39th district."

When asked how she felt about Jeffries taking his position in the 39th district legislative slate, Kirk said it was great.

"He's experienced and he really cares about the people," she commented.

"Everybody respects John and I think he'll do great things for us," she continued.

Helping Jeffries make the transition from the State Central Committee to the House of Delegates will be easy because he already has 14 years of experience working with the district, Young comment.

"He's aware of the problems and he knows some of the players," Young added.

School for the Blind offers summer session

Blind and visually impaired adolescents are being offered an opportunity to attend a free special summer school program offered by The Maryland School for the Blind at its 95 acre campus in northeast Baltimore.

Called "Skills for Independence," the four week program will focus on Orientation and Mobility, Vocational Education, braille reading and writing, personal typing, skills of daily living, computer technology for the visually impaired, and many other subjects. Students will live at the School Monday through Friday and have opportunities to learn and practice skills in independent living and leisure awareness.

The students will have a chance to interact with each other and identify the many common interests and needs they have. If your child has a vision problem and attends grades 6 through 12, you should call The Maryland School for the Blind at 444-5000, extension 270, and obtain further information from Ms. Loretta McGraw, Outreach Services Coordinator. Enrollment is limited and the deadline for registration is April 5, 1988.

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