Satchel

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Paige pitched 22 years in the Negro Leagues, and he was not only the best pitcher but the most colorful, too. He pitched for many clubs and for some he was practically the whole franchise. In his prime, his drawing power was the difference between the success and failure of many Negro clubs.

In 1933 — one year in which the Negro League kept an accurate chart of the sinewy right - hander's exploits — Paige posted a 31 - 4 record which included 16 shutouts. In addition, he averaged 15.4 strikeouts per game.

Those who followed the Negro Leagues in the 1930s estimate Paige pitched around 125 games a year, both summer and winter, for about 20 years. Sometimes he would pitch as many as seven games a week. One month, in 1935, he pitched 29 days in a row while freelancing for Bismarck, N.D., in a semipro league.

Advertised as "Satchel Paige, world's greatest pitcher, guaranteed to strike out the first nine batters he faces," Paige would play for any team that would dig up $500 to $2,000 for three innings of work. Once in a barnstorming game against major leaguers, Paige struck out the great Rogers Hornsby five times in a single game.

Not only was Paige an outstanding pitcher but he was a masterful showman as well. His windup was exaggerated and he could throw from every angle. He also had a variety of pitches, including the famous "hesitation" pitch, which was a bewildering delivery in which Paige stopped in mid - throw before following through.

No one is sure when Paige was born. Satchel preferred to keep his birth date a mystery. Although the baseball register lists his date of birth as July 7, 1906, many think he was born well before that. His birthplace was Mobile, Ala., where he learned the art of pitching as a youngster by throwing rocks at tin cans.

Just as his age is a secret so is the origin of his nickname "Satchel." Paige wore size 14 shoes but he denied the nickname was derived from "Satchelfoot." He says he got the name in his boyhood days when he carried luggage at a railroad station in Mobile.

"I rigged up ropes around my shoulders and my waist, and I carried a satchel in each hand and one under each arm," he explained. "Why, I carried so many stachels that all you could see was satchels. You couldn't see no Leroy Paige at all. So the kids started calling me 'Satchel' and it stuck."

—1,000 school workers

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ding "I think the asthetics are just as important as the basic educational courses."

Other teachers expressed the opinion that without developing students as well rounded individuals, public school graduates would be forced to face the world as cultural invalids, and would be of less value as the city's future resources.

Many members of the City Council, who met inside their chambers, as demonstrators shouted in the streets below, also expressed dissatisfaction with the budget submitted by the Board of Estimates.

The Council is powerless to restore funds to the budget directly, but some members suggested a process of horse trading could lead to the restoration of funds to education.

The city's legislative body has the power to cut items from the budget, and: in budgetary items desired by the Mayor could be held hostage until concessions were granted.

"I have a problem with painting a picture of hopelessness," Mfume said after Monday's Council meeting, countering assertions by the Mayor and city officials that opposition to the cuts had mobilized too late.

The proposed $1.3 billion municipal budget includes $322.8 million for education, down $5.3 million from last year's spending level.

School board president David Daneker said the cut was $3 million more than the board had anticipated when it sent out dismissal notices, and that every additional $1 million cut could result in 90 more layoffs.

Although Mayor Schaefer has often said police, fire and education are top priority departments in his administration, of the three only education suffered from the budgetary axe.

The police and fire departments enjoyed budgetary increases of $6.6 million and $4.5 million, respectively.

—Duncan bows out

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up political life or hopes of an elected office.

At the press conference, sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, she announced her intentions of running for the House of Delegates.

"After taking my decision to the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, seeking guidance and direction, it enthusiastically supported and encouraged this move," she said. "However, in recognizing my commitment and my desire to make a contribution to my community, the members asked me to run for the House of Delegates from the 39th district."

The 39th district presently is represented by Sen. Clarence Mitchell III, and Delegates Isaiah "Ike" Dixon, Larry Young and Lena K. Lee.

A native of New York, who has lived in Baltimore for more than three years, Duncan said she left her position at the Court of Common Pleas in December, 1980. She presently is working as a management consultant.

Among Duncan's present affiliations are vice president of the board of directors of Camp Fire Inc., Council of Chesapeake; a member of the board of directors, Midtown-Belvedere Planning Council; ex-officio member of the board of directors, Penn-North-Charles Planning Council; member of the American Businesswomen's Association, Inner Harbor Chapter; and a member of the National Association of Female Executives, network director.

—2 sisters

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Are the two a pair of humorless grinds pent up by some ambitious Mommy to squint over the pages of obscure texts from dusk to dawn?

Does their success spring from a compulsive drive to memorize everything from the absorbtion spectrae of the noble gasses to the eye color of King Tutankhamen's favorite cat?

"Oh, no," younger sister Ambimbola said, giggling at the thought whilesearching for an explanation of her success.

"I really don't like to study. I guess it is just that when I did something, I did it well," she said.

Adentayo, "Tayo" to her friends, who finished a few hundredths of a point ahead of her sister as City's number one ranking tudent, also was able to avoid putting her nose to the wheel for the most part, she said.

Both attributed their uncanny ability to rise to the occasion at test-taking-time to their powers of concentration, and to an exacting, self-imposed set of standards.

The sisters seem genuinely confident that if they are disciplined in setting and striving to fulfill their own ideals they need not be concerned about failing.

"It's not that I was striving to be valedictorian," Adentayo, the City College valedictorian said. "But what I did I wanted to do my best."

"I guess I would have to say my mother is my biggest inspiration,' Abimbola, "Bim" said.

Fronnie Sodipo, her mother whose own intellectual hunger led to a master's degree in biology and one in social work, integrated learning experiences into family life, and made curiosity a habit, the sisters said.

"She made learning a game," Tayo said of her mother.

If that is so, City just lost two of its best players.



By the way...

By Joe Black

Annually I explain that I am not a leader, but am attempting to make Black people realize that we won't achieve positive socio-economic growth until we learn the games of society. I wonder why that should be necessary when Dr. King has left us a legacy of pride and opportunity.

Observations make me realize that my people seek freedom, but are content to be controlled by a "take care of me" syndrome. Well, you can't be independent when your survival is dependent upon a welfare check.

A recent letter from Milwaukee stated: "The things that hurt most is when you say things about young Black mothers, and young Black men who do not want to work and are on welfare.

"It wasn't right to slave people. Blacks made this country rich and after 200 years can't feel completely free. This wealth belongs to Blacks.

"It's good and bad in every nationality. What makes the difference is when someone like you speaks of these things over the radio, Mr. Black, God is going to bring Black people out of this mess."

I talk to Black people about Black problems because I am Black and the "give me" theory is leading Blacks into an economic depression. Also, the *Book of Matthew* says: "There is nothing covered up that will not be uncovered; nothing hidden that will not be made known. What I say to you in the dark, you must repeat in broad daylight. What you hear whispered you must shout from the housetops." I feel that it is my obligation to challenge us into using the minds and bodies that God gave us for thinking and working. I realize that there are times when we all need a helping hand. That is the purpose of welfare: temporary assistance, not a lifetime of support for people who lack the work ethic.

Welfare and idleness are taking us backwards. Heretofore, Black family median income has always been second in these United States, but now it reads like this: Asians $22,075; White Americans $20,810; Hispanics $14,711, and Black Americans $12,618. More working and less welfare will improve our family incomes.

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City to sell smoke detectors

Local minister gives them away at his church

In the wake of the City's high toll of fire deaths, the Baltimore Fire Department has announced the sale of smoke detectors, and The Rev. St. George I. B. Cross, of St. Matthew United Methodist Church, told the AFRO the church will give away 10 smoke detectors to parishioners and community residents at the Sunday, June 11, 11 a.m. service

The Fire Department will sell, install and advise residents on smoke detectors all for $8.25. Families may purchase more than one detector, and order forms may be picked up at: fire stations, police stations, libraries, Mayor's stations and Urban Services stations. For more information, city residents may phone 396-5752.

Checks and money orders should be made out to the Baltimore City Foundation Smoke Detectors, Inc.

The City will purchase about 1,000 smoke detectors with donations from local fire fighters, the AFL-CIO, civic groups and businesses. The nominal fee charged for detectors will pay for future operating costs of the program.

Rev. Cross at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 416 E. 23rd St., told the AFRO there will be no strings attached, and "we will call, check and if necessary go into the home and install the smoke detector."

The church is giving away the smoke detectors to anyone of any faith living between North Avenue and 25th Street.

Rev. Cross would like "other churches, Masonic, fraternal and civic organizations to follow" the lead and give away smoke detectors "to the communities that they serve."

Both the city-wide smoke detector campaign and civic-community give away efforts are in response to the 50 fire deaths in Baltimore City so far this year.

"It's unfortunate people view fires as something that happens to someone else. We're (firemen) fighting a war," Jeffrey DeLisle, president of Baltimore Fire Fighters local 734 told the AFRO. DeLisle does not expect the number of fires in the city to decrease, but "it gives the occupants an early warning," he said.

According to Fire Department Executive Director James Fallon, "it's the smoke that kills. Of every 10 people dying in fires, nine are from smoke."

State legislators have responded to the high fire deaths with the "Smoke Detector Law," which requires at least one smoke detector in every residence in the State of Maryland (including Baltimore City) as of July 1. In one to three family dwellings, it is the responsibility of the occupant, not the landlord to buy and install a smoke detector under the new law.

Heat stress reminders

Maryland workers and employers are alerted and reminded of the dangers of heat stress during the summer months in hot work environments where there are hot processes, radiant heat exposure and unprotected exposure to the sun.

Commissioner of Labor and Industry, Harvey A. Epstein emphasizes "that death and serious illness can be prevented by recognition, prompt effective treatment, environmental control of heat stress, and by educating and training workers and employers on health problems."

Heat stress is an illness which results from excessive exposure to heat. If unrecognized and not treated promptly and correctly, heat stress can lead to heat stroke, a condition which is often fatal.

Commissioner Epstein points out workers can reduce the risk of developing heat stress by drinking water several times an hour and by taking frequent rest breaks in cool areas.

Posters for workplaces and fact sheets for workers and employers are available to interested persons. Training courses and seminars for groups are also offered on heat stress illness.

For more information, contact the Training Office, Maryland Occupational Safety and Health, 203 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, or phone 659-4164.

Vaccinate your pets against rabies

Cat and dog owners in Baltimore City are reminded to protect their pets with rabies vaccinations at a special low cost clinic sponsored by the Baltimore City Health Department, in conjunction with the State Health Department, Veterinary Medicine Division on Sunday, June 13, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at nine City locations.

The vaccination fee is only four dollars per pet.

All dogs and cats four months of age and older should be vaccinated. Dogs over one year of age, vaccinated at the Health Department anti-rabies clinics, will not need another rabies shot for three years. However, cats must be vaccinated every year for protection against rabies.

Pets may receive rabies vaccinations at the following locations on te second Sunday in June:

Armistead Homes Management Office, 5222 Erdman Avenue

Belford Shopping Center, Belair Road and Frankford Avenue

Broadway Shopping Center, Broadway and Orleans Street

Brooklyn Fire House, Maude Avenue and Fifth Street

Maryland National Drive-In Bank, 5455 The Alameda

Mondawmin Mall, 1200 Mondawmin (front of MVA)

Montgomery Wards, 1000 S Monroe Street.

Patterson Park High School, 100 S. Kane Street

Pimlico Jr. High School, 3500 W. Northern Parkway and Hamlin Ave.

"Dogs that are four months of age or older must have valid rabies vaccination certificates in order to be licensed in Baltimore City," according to Lloyd Ross, Director of Animal Control, Baltimore City Health Department. Dog licenses may be purchased at the anti-rabies clinic for $7.50.

Owners are requested to bring their dogs on a secure leash and cats in a box with air holes or a pet carrier. For more information on the anti-rabies clinics, call 396 - 0218.

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