PEOPLE



COOL CABBIE—Thad Logan waits for a fare.

Cabbie can't stand a sunny day

By Cheryl Harrison
AFRO Correspondent

It was a beautiful sunny and bright Sunday afternoon, the type of day Thaddeus Logan dreads.

Cab drivers like Logan, a cabbie for eight years, don't make money on beautiful sunny afternoons.

"It's cheaper to catch the bus or walk," Logan said. The best days for cab drivers are Saturdays, Sundays and late evenings, said Logan.

On this particular day Logan drove downtown near the harbor where there were many people walking and enjoying the beautiful weather.

"A major frustration of cab driving is working when others are not," he said.

As he leaned against the cab door, Logan discussed how the money he earns is split between himself and the cab company.

"A cabbie has to work 10 to 12 hours a day on the owner-lease system in order to make it," he said.

With the owner-lease system, the cab driver works as an independent businessman but pays rent and gas on the equipment.

"It can take anywhere from four to six hours before a cabbie sees a dime profit," he continued.

As he drove in the Fells Point area, Logan seemed to relax in the drivers seat.

"Driving a cab is therapy for me," he said.

Logan stopped to pick up two young men dressed in jeans and tennis shoes.

"Most of the people who ride in cabs live in the inner city," said Logan.

After dropping the two young men off at Mosher Street, Logan discussed what he calls "screening mechanisms."

These mechanisms are questions he asked before picking up riders.

He asks, "Are they a threat to your life?" and "Are they able to pay the fare?"

The decision can be made based upon the hour of the day, section of town, dress, age, and race, he said.

"Discrimination is a means of survival for a cabbie."

As he arrived back at his starting point, Eutaw and Centre Streets, Logan talked about a book he wrote about his experiences as a cab driver called, "Hey Cabbie."

Logan, a former vice-policeman and college graduate, said he is determined to own his own business one day.

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Mfume to speak at Coppin

The Honorable Kweisi Mfume, representative of the 7th Congressional District in Baltimore where Coppin State College is located, will be the keynote speaker for the College's commencement exercises which will be held Sunday, May 29th at 3 p.m. at the Baltimore Arena. Baccalaureate and master's degrees will be conferred upon Coppin students.

The baccalaureate ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at 5 p.m. in Johnson Auditorium. The Rev. I. Logan Kearse, minister of Cornerstone Church of Christ, will deliver the inspirational message.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony. Dr. Calvin W. Burnett, president of the College, will preside at the baccalaureate ceremony and commencement exercises.

In the first month of his term, Congressman Mfume was elected treasurer of the Congressional Black Caucus and deputy whip of the Freshman Democratic Class.

He also serves on the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and the Small Business Committee. He has been appointed to three banking subcommittees: housing and community development, economic stabilization and international development.

CORRECTION

The AFRO incorrectly reported in its May 17th edition that the former Beverly Louis Taylor and Daniel Webster Taylor were divorced. The AFRO regrets the error.



PROUD WOMEN SMILE—Present and past Baltimore City Councilwomen pose for a group photo after receiving an award named after the city's first woman senator, Verda F. Welcome. Front row, left to right, Agnes Welch, Fourth District; Mary Pat Clarke, Council President; Verda Welcome, retired senator, Jacqueline F. McLean, Second District; and Victorine Q. Adams, retired councilwoman. Back row, left to right, Vera Hall, Fifth District; Sheila Dixon-Smith, Fourth District and Iris Reeves, Fifth District.

Female legislators honored

By Alisa Samuels
Ten Baltimore City Council women were awarded the Verda F. Welcome Legislative Award May 16 at City Hall for their political accomplishments.

Award recipient Sheila Dixon-Smith, Fourth District, said, "It's a great honor to receive this award. I've always admired Verda Welcome and looked at her as a mentor from afar."

Welcome, 80, is the first women senator to be elected from Baltimore. She was elected to the Maryland Senate in 1962 and served 20 years as a senator.

As a senator, Welcome introduced civil rights legislation, including minority voter registration bills and a bill permitting mixed marriages in Maryland.

Welcome, concerned about the election of another woman state senator, said, "I hope I live long enough to see a black woman in the Senate, again."

Council President Mary Pat Clarke, Jacqueline F. McLean, vice president from Second District, Agnes Welch, Fourth District, Vera P. Hall, Iris G. Reeves and Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, from the Fifth District, also were award winners.

Welch praised Welcome for leading the way for women to enter politics and called her a "trailblazer."

"I think Verda and women like her who broke the ground for us to move up in politics," Welch said.

Former councilwomen Mary B. Adams, Victorine Q. Adams and Barbara Mikulski received awards too.

Welcome told Reeves, "You don't know what you girls did to me . . . I'm shaking inside."

"I thank this is one of the nicest things that could have happened to me," the former senator and House of Delegates said. She served four years as a delegate.

Councilwoman Reeves told Welcome, "We hope we can accomplish just a small portion of what you have done for us."

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. sponsored the award ceremony.

In February, during Black History Month, the 75-year-old sorority awarded women in the Maryland General Assembly the same award.

Ella White Campbell, a sorority spokeswoman, said, the organization hopes to present the award to women politicians across the United States.

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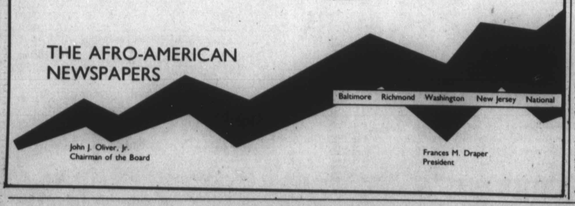
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On Friday, May 6, 1988 the third annual observance of Fallen Heroes Day took place at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. Participating in the memorial service to commemorate police officers and firefighters of Maryland who have lost their lives while serving the community this past year were (from front to back) Secretary, Department of Public Safety, Bishop L. Robinson, Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, Baltimore County Executive, Dennis F. Rasmussen and United States Representative, Benjamin L. Cardin.

Mitchell

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papers to claim the money.

Having previously pleaded not guilty in March, Mitchell changed his plea when his lawyers worked out a plea bargain with state prosecutors.

Mitchell's offenses carry a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a $2,000 fine, but because of the plea bargain, State prosecutors agreed not to recommend more than 6 years in jail.

It was also agreed that whatever sentence Mitchell got his current offenses will be served concurrently with the 2½ years he got February in U.S. District Court in Baltimore for his involvement in attempting to block Wedtech Corp. investigation.

Judge Frederick Thayer, Garrett County Circuit Judge, who was assigned to preside over the case, listened to passionate plea by Mitchell's attorney but he was not moved.

He gave Mitchell six years for one court of theft, six years for one count of using fake paper to claim the money, and another six years for the forged court paper used in the crime. All the sentences will run concurrently.

Judge Thayer told Mitchell that the forged court order was a "scheme for personal gain." He also ordered that Mitchell pay back the $77,417 he admitted to stealing.

The day after his sentencing, Mitchell was not sitting around feeling sorry for himself. He got into trouble because he used illegal documents to make his client, Sarah E. Catus, the guardian of the young boy's property. Mitchell said that Catus, the natural grandmother of the child is also the boy's legitimate guardian.

When Mitchell collected three separate amounts from insurance companies he put them in an escrow account controlled by his law firm, instead of paying them into a guardianship account.

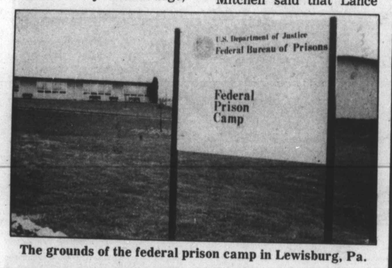
Mitchell said he did this in order to prevent Barry Bethea the natural father of the boy from claiming the money. He said Bethea had not shown any interest in the welfare of the boy.

Mitchell said that Lance was born when Bethea was still married to another woman.

In a cross petition filed in a Baltimore County Circuit Court, Catus claimed that Bethea only showed up at the child's first birthday party.

"Thereafter," she continued, "my grandson and I never saw or heard from him again, until the funeral wake of my daughter."

At that time, Bethea took the boy for visitation, and never returned him. Catus was arrested when she went to Bethea's house to see her grandson, according to the petition.



The grounds of the federal prison camp in Lewisburg, Pa.

Mitchell said that because of what he did, Catus now has a $61,000 house where she can raise Lance and her two other grandchildren whose mother was also murdered.

"When you add $61,000 to $18,000 expended on her, then you figure out where the $78,000 went," Mitchell said.

But prosecutors did not however accept all the expenditures incurred by Mitchell on behalf of his client as legitimate.

Reflecting on the trial itself, Mitchell thought that it was strange that given two courthouses, his prosecutors chose to try him in the courthouse bearing the name of his father.

He said if the idea behind that was to break him," they misfired because it has made me stronger."

He said before his sentencing that his father used to tell him that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Having owned up to what happened, Mitchell said he will now divert his attention to the real issue, which is the Wedtech case. Promising to write a book on the whole Wedtech issue, Mitchell said his family is being victimized by the Reagan administration for their outspokenness. He said such victimization has two immediate effects on black people.

"It has chilling effect on young blacks who want to stand up for what is right, because they will say, look at what happened to the Mitchells". He said, "it also makes blacks lose confidence in their elected officials." He hoped that what he did should be a good example to people that it is good to own up to one's responsibilities.

After the sentencing, the father of the 3-year-old boy looked pleased about the outcome. His attorney, Mary Peiteisen would not allow him to comment because of a pending guardianship proceeding in a Baltimore County Circuit Court.

The Maryland Court of Appeals Tuesday ordered disbarment for Mitchell, who had agreed in the plea bargain to be disbarred. He said he intended to spend the rest of his life helping people.

Clarence Mitchell, who was also convicted in the Wedtech case, began serving his 4½ years April 19.

Attorneys for the Mitchells spoke out recently against the refusal of bail by the federal courts while the Mitchell brothers appeals are pending.

Juanita Jackson Mitchell, an attorney, and also the mother of the Mitchells was quoted as saying, "There is no reason in the world except race and politics, why Reagan administration officials like Lyn Nofziger and Michael Deaver should be permitted bail even though they were convicted on white collar crimes of similar nature.

Jesse

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"The reverend has had a number of threats on his life, but they have not been in the southland," Evans said. "We find it absolutley horrendous."

The complaint against Williams and his wife said that on May 9, an informant told the Franklin County sheriff's office that the couple was conspiring to kill Jackson. The sheriff's office contacted the Secret Service, which began an investigation.

On May 10, the complaint said the informant, equipped with a hidden microphone that allowed federal authorities to record the conversation, met again with Londell Williams. The unemployed carpenter told the informant that he was a member of the Order and other white supremacist groups.

Members of the Order have been charged with the slaying of Denver talk show host Alan Berg and with conspiring to kill a number of federal judges. In Missouri, David Tate, a member of the Order, was convicted for the 1985 slaying in southwest Missouri of a highway patrol trooper who stopped his car.

Williams told the informant that on either June 21 or July 4, he and his wife would execute Jackson "because he was getting too close to being president of the United States," according to complaint.

The complaint said the informant's true identity was discovered by the couple, and that they left a note for him saying he would be killed.

BROWN

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asked 2nd Circuit Solicitor Robert J. Harte to drop the charges against her husband, but Harte has not decided whether to proceed with the case.

Brown has three run-ins with the law in 1987.

He was charged with resisting arrest and leaving the scene of an accident last November, at which time he accused officers of "very inhumane" treatment. Brown claimed he was tied up with wire, but police denied the accusation.

Last Sept. 12, Brown was arrested by Augusta police for speeding and allegedly trying to elude officers during a two-mile chase. And last July 8, he was fined $25 on charges of operating a vehicle without proof of insurance and backing his van into a car in Richmond County, S.C.

Adrienne Brown, 38, also has had recent contacts with the law enforcement community. In April, shortly after the shooting incident, she and another woman were arrested at Augusta's Bush Field on charges of possession of PCP.

Just last week, she was arrested and charged with torching a hotel room in Bedford, N.J., where her husband had a concert date.

Brown's attorney said last month that the singer was in the process of seeking a divorce from his wife of nine years.

The self-styled "Hardest Working Man in Show Business" is known for such hits as "Please, Please, Please," "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag" and his 1987 Grammy winner, "Living in America."

Singer James Brown was released from jail this morning after posting $24,000 bond.

Brown, the 54-year-old "Godfather of Soul," spent Wednesday night in the Aiken County jail and appeared before Magistrate Max Meek this morning. It was his fifth arrest in less than a year.

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Pre Paid Expenses	3,238
Accrued Interest Receivable	70,950
Accounts Receivable	2,766
Total Assets	$7,035,362

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