AFRO Camera Follows Busy Yule Shoppers

HEAVY LOAD—Mrs. Patricia Harris, one of the many holiday shoppers who crowded downtown, is shown as she rests a heavy package at the corner of Howard and Saratoga Sts.

JUST TOO MUCH — Mrs. Alice Ferguson, another downtown shopper, is shown trying to hold all of her Christmas packages which were almost too much to carry.

GOING HOME after a long day of Christmas shopping downtown are Mrs. Sarah Wicks and Mrs. Ana White.

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SANTA GETS HIS SHARE OF LOVE—No matter where Santa shows up this Christmas season children swarm to him, kissing him with joy. Renee Holland, 7, and Anthony Carter, 7, gave Santa this warm welcome (center) at Mondawmin. Marlin Greene, 2, (left) and Karen Smith, 4, however, seem to have mixed emotions.

BALMY WEATHER favored these Christmas Shoppers recently. Shown at the Mondawmin Shopping Center are Miss Bonnie Holland and Miss Carolyn Clark.

CHRISTMAS TIME — Christmas trees filled with mittens, canned goods and a baked goods sale for the PTA were just some of the highlights of the programs held at Lafayette Elementary School on Lafayette and Braddish Avenue. The primary grades held their program entitled, "The Year Santa Went Wrong" on Tuesday morning. Every child had a chance to participate, according to Mrs. Lillian Bell, principal. Shown from left to right are: Janice Johns as the lead toy doll, Kevin Peck as Santa Claus and Yolanda Hill led the parade as ballet dancers. The three students are all six-years old.

Holiday Gift Ideas

When gift shopping for Christmas this year, remember that one present with a bright future is a "little leather" gift. Smart-looking small leather goods — whether for home, travel, pocket or purse — always give long and faithful service, and make an impression far exceeding their size.

You can choose to be economical or extravagant by giving one item such as a wallet or french purse, or a matching set that might also include pocket secretary, credit-card case, eyeglass case, or cigarette-pack holder.

Leather gear to brighten bar, sideboard or cocktail cabinet also makes a soli holiday hit. Among the interesting items you'll find leather ice-buckets, leather coasters, and leather-encased glasses, tankards, pitchers and decanters.

The smoker will light up when he receives a rich-looking leather gift in the smoking line. Included are leather cigarette boxes humidors, pipe racks and rests, lighters, and leather-mounted ash trays.

In both bar and smoking accessories, the leather itself may be plain, tooled, antiqued or embossed, and might be trimmed with brass, silver or heavy leather lacing.

Also, ready to tuck inside a suitcase are packable soft leather slippers, leather toilet kit, leather jewel roll, leather tie-case, leather-boxed playing cards, and travel alarm clock in a leather case.

Lawmakers See Bright New Year

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SOCIAL SERVICES FEAR BIG CUTS (SEE BACK PAGE)

SUPPRESSED EVIDENCE REVEALED

Pardon Sought For Lifer

RILEY BROOKS

Governor to review Brooks' case

Justice works in strange ways.

In the case of Riley Brooks, 54, it has caused him to be sentenced to life imprisonment for the 1965 shooting death of a 65-year-old man. Brooks claims it was self-defense.

Then it kept him out of prison for an additional 19 months due to a clerical error after Brooks was freed on bail to appeal his case.

Brooks claims he is innocent; that he shot the victim in self-defense after a heated argumen.

Now, as Brooks is completing his second year behind Maryland State Penitentiary bars, justice is intervening on his behalf again.

The prisoner's attorney, Donald G. McIntosh, contends vital evidence for the defense of Brooks was suppressed during the 1965 trial. And the state's attorney currently responsible for the case agrees wih McIntosh.

The two men state's attorney, Raymond G. Thieme Jr., and McIntosh have jointly written a letter to Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel asking for an executive pardon of Brooks.

Additionally, State Senator Robert Dalton has prefiled a bill before the state senate asking the state to pay $16,500 to Mr. Brooks

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Roberta Flack hurt in mishap

ROBERTA FLACK *hurt in crash*

WASHINGTON — It is still not certain when internationally famous singer Roberta Flack will reappear on stage, following a serious automobile accident.

But her condition is improving, says Mrs. Dorothy M. Jones, office manager for Roberta Flack Enterprises here. She revealed Miss Flack still has to undergo some minor surgery.

The singer, was injured in New York City Dec. 11. She was leaving La Guardia airport for John F. Kennedy Airport enroute to Amsterdam, Holland, where she was slated to receive an award for her album, "Quiet Fire."

The accident occurred on the Triboro Bridge when the driver lost control of the late model French-built Citroen and ran into an embankment.

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Miss Flack had arrived earlier from Chicago after three days of concert engagements.

She is said to have suffered a serious case of whiplash and a badly bruised body which caused serious blood clots.

Reportedly, she took 10 stiches, the chin may have to undergo nerve surgery and is wearing a neck brace.

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Also two members of her were two members of her group who were in the car and were also seriously in-

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Lawmakers forecast bright 1973

By SCOTT PONEMONE

In the midst of their last minute preparation for the Jan. 10 opening of the 1973 session of the General Assembly, city legislators make a common New Year's prediction: the Black Caucus in Annapolis will be a more unified body than ever before.

The Maryland 18 member caucus is one of the largest block of black lawmakers in any state legislature.

Senator Verda Welcome (D, 4th) remarked, "I'm predicting we will do a better job. We are growing closer because we know the imoortance of working together."

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"I'm hoping," Senator Clarence Blount (D, 5th) told the AFRO, "the 13 member of the black General Assembly can work cooperatively together on the major bills."

He commented, "In order to do this, it's going to mean every member of the delegation will have to get past history and not allow devisive opinion to permanently divide us."

To this, the senator emphasized, "I will certainly exert every influence I personally can to bring about this kind of unity."

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Senator Robert Dalton (D, 2nd) also expects a stronger Black Caucus but cautioned. "The Black Caucus will only be effective if three or four people do not dictate to all the rest."

"On the major bills that are going to affect black folks," he declared, "once the Black Caucus meets and agrees, we should follow through on our stand."

WHAT DO THESE SEVEN YOUNG LADIES SHARE IN COMMON? To find out what (L-R) Michelle Hawkins, 15, and sisters Carmel, 10, Michele, 12, Joyce, 15, Delia, 8, Louisa, 17, and Bernadine Shropshire share turn to story on page C-18 (AFRO Staff Photo by Fletcher Roberts.)

Sen. Dalton added, "The whole answer in a nutshell to a strong caucus is there has to be trust between the members."

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Senator Clarence Mitchell (D,4th) admits, "The Black Caucus has been disorganized on basic philosophies and personality differences."

But the senator forecast, "I predict there will be a closer working together of the black legislature in this upcoming session."

"This is basically because," he explained, "of the leadership by higher elected officials, by Milton Allen, Parren Mitchell and Paul Chester in bringing people of different political factions together for common purposes."

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On the major issue of redistricting, the four senators predicted the changeover from six districts with twelve senators and 43 de-

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New Year's Greetings from Mayor Schaefer

Baltimore's Mayor William Donald Schaefer today sent the following exclusive New Year's greeting to AFRO readers:

"I am very pleased to extend New Year's greetings to the readers of the Baltimore AFRO - American Newspapers.

"1972 represented a turning point for the city of Baltimore. The downward trend has been halted and progress has been renewed.

"Our citizens are beginning to join me in expressing optimism for the future of our great city and have shown a willingness to work toward that goal.

"Therefore, 1973 will be a great challenge to all of us. This year we must excelerate those programs which will give our city a strong economic base and provide service to our community. To achieve this, we must continue to work together."

"I wish each and everyone of you best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 1973."

Truman buried with simple rites

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (UPI) — In a simple funeral fitting for the common man he was, America said goodbye Thursday to Harry S. Truman.

After the 20-minute last rites, the nation's 33rd President was buried in the ground he loved, near the

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Charges against James Brown dismissed by Knoxville mayor

Police charges against singer James Brown and two of his aides have been dropped, it was revealed to the AFRO Thursday.

The unexpected development came when the mayor of Knoxville, Tenn., Kyle Testerman, ordered the charges dismissed Wednesday.

Mr. Brown, also owner of Baltimore Radio Station WEBB, had been charged with disorderly conduct. His aides Oliver Dyer and Freddie Holmes faced charges of assaulting a police officer and disorderly conduct. Their arrests came in the aftermath of a police skirmish following their Dec. 19 concert in Knoxville.

But Mr. Brown, the singer who coined the phrase 'I'm black and proud,' say he and his two aides still plan to sue the city of Knoxville and two of the arresting officers for $2 million.

In an interview with the singer's attorney, Albert Ingram, the AFRO learned Mr. Brown was surprised by the mayor's action.

"Mr. Brown told me today he was surprised but glad the mayor finally realized the police were wrong," he said.

The Atlanta based lawyer, who is handling Brown's defense in this matter as well as the suit, claimed the Knoxville mayor made several insulting statements about Brown when announcing the dismissal of charges.

"He labelled Mr. Brown as ungentlemanly and as a publicity seeker trying to salvage a waning career," Ingram said.

The incident occurred according to Knoxville police, when performer James Brown and his associates failed to leave the concert auditorium in their allotted time.

Knoxville Police Chief Joe Fowler said officers were called to the local coliseum by security guards who said they had unsuccessfully tried to get Mr. Brown and his associates to leave.

Brown claims there was no disturbance in the auditorium until the police arrived. He states members of his group were loading some of the estimated $30,000 worth of sound equipment off the stage when the scuffle broke out. At the time of the incident he says he was talking to a group of 15-20 kids, who had attended the show, about staying in school, keeping off drugs and working with the system.

Ingram said he did not have any details on when and how Mr. Brown would begin his nationwide campaign against police brutality.

"James Brown is concerned about irresponsible police action and the failure of police to admit they are wrong.

"If it takes a $2 million suit to force the Knoxville mayor and police department to admit they were

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Babysitter hearing scheduled

Tucker R. Dearing, defense attorney for the 24-year-old Upper Marlboro, Md., babysitter charged with murder and manslaughter in the deaths of two infant girls and assault on a third, reported today that a bond hearing has been scheduled for January 12th in the Prince George's County District Court.

Since her arrest at her home in suburban Hillside, Md. last week, Mrs. Judith Gray has been held without bail in the county jail.

Despite previous efforts to arrange for her release in time for the Christmas holiday, Mr. Dearing said the forthcoming bond hearing comes as a result of the writ of habeas corpus he filed earlier this week.

William Waller Sr. named AFRO advertising manager

William L. Waller Sr., has been named Advertising Manager of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, Mrs. Frances Murphy, Chairman of the Board of Direcors announced today.

He succeeds George L. Jude who is retiring.

Mr. Waller, an employee at the AFRO for over 22 years first came to this newspaper as Advertising Salesman. He was later promoted to assistant advertising manager and has filled this position since 1965. He begins his new job Jan. 1.

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At the announcement of his promotion Mr. Waller said, "I consider it a challenge. It's an opportunity that I think will mean growth for myself and the paper."

Mr. Waller attended Baltimore City Public Schools and attended Morgan for study in business administration.

He and his wife, Mrs. Venzella Waller, have been married for 38 years and reside on North Caroline St. They are the parents of Mrs. Yvonne Banks, Clifton, Brian and William L. Waller Jr.

The son, Briam, is also an AFRO ad salesman.

Mr. Waller and his family attend Faith Baptist Church where he serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

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Mr. Jude has been employed at the AFRO for 15 years. He first came to the newspaper as National Ad-

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OLD AND NEW—George L. Jude, retiring advertising manager of the Baltimore AFRO-American, congratulates his successor, William L. Waller, who takes over Jan. 1, 1973. (AFRO Staff photo by I. Henry Phillips Sr.)

NOTICE

The Advertising Department of the AFRO - AMERICAN WILL BE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1st

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DEATH NOTICES

will be accepted up until 10 a.m. TUESDAY, January 2, 1973, for the Jan. 2 1973 edition.

AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS

Cloudy holiday forecast, agencies closed Monday

The weather forecast for this New Year's holiday weekend shows that we can look forward to mostly cloudy weather Sunday through Tuesday with some chance of rain.

Daytime highs during this period are expected to be in the mid-50's with nighttime lows in the 30's.

All city, state and federal agencies will be closed for the long weekend, reopening at the usual hour on Tuesday.

Persons in need of emergency services assistance may contact the Social Services Emergency Center at 234-2172.

Which baby will be first born in '73?

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper is sponsoring its annual First Baby of the Year Contest.

The first couple to call the AFRO to report their baby's birth, and who can recite one headline of the AFRO dated Jan. 2, 1973, will win $100.

To be eligible, couples must fill out a contest coupon and mail or deliver it to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21202. Entries must be postmarked before midnight Dec. 31.

See additional rules, page D 31.