—AFRO's Mrs. Santa

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clearly and give complete information as to your children's sizes and ages.

Early Birds — The School of Practical Nursing Montebello State Hospital on Argonne Drive, Mrs. Lorraine Wallace, chairman adopted an AFRO family for Thanksgiving and donated canned goods to the Salvation Army.

The Las Amigas Club, Mrs. Lois Joynes, president adopted a family of 10 for Thanksgiving.

REMEMBER: If you do not have time to adopt a family, you can still help the AFRO's Mrs. Santa make others happy.

Send check or money order to: Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities, P.O. Box 1837, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

HELP: Wanted club group or social organization to pick up nearly new toys, clean them and wrap as gifts to be presented at Christmas time.

PICK FAMILIES FROM THIS LIST

Case 1 — Dear Mrs. Santa, I have 8 children, my husband is crippled and I am unable to work. I am a diabetic and just got out of the hospital for cancer of the breast. We don't have much income coming in, and we won't be able to have anything for Christmas. I would be very grateful if you please help me out with a basket for Christmas.

Case 2 — We are requesting funds for our annual Senior Citizens Christmas party.

We are expecting 200 guests and would like to present each with a gift.

Any help you can provide us, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and helping make this a success.

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Case 3 — I am the mother of six children and I would appreciate anything that you would be able to do for us for Christmas.

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Case 4 — Please help me and my children because they need something for Christmas. They need food and clothes. I have 3 girls and 3 boys. They need games.

My husband is sick and our income is low.

Case 5 — I have 4 children and my husband is out of work because he just got out of the hospital for diabetes. he had his toes taken off of both feet. He won't be able to go to work, until he gets well.

We have a very low income coming in. We won't be able to have anything for Christmas because we won't have the money. I would be very grateful if you please help me out with a basket for Christmas.

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Case 6 — I am writing this letter in hopes that you can help me with a Christmas basket. That is the only way I'll be able to enjoy Christmas.

I need clothes and bedding badly. I'm 31 years old and sick. I have no one to depend on. Won't you please help me.

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Case 7 — I have four children. I have a bad heart. You could make someone very happy for Christmas.

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Case 8—I am writing in regards of receiving a basket, toys, and clothing for Christmas for my grandchildren. Their names are Anthony Scott age 12, Cynthia Scott age 11, Frederick Scott age 7, Barn Barn age 10, Earl Moore age 7, Caymond Moore Jr., age 10, and Tonya Moore age 5. I'll be ever so grateful for anything you can help us with.

Man pleads guilty to second degree murder

Ricky Bridge, 21, 200 block N. Monroe St. pleaded guilty to second degree murder this week in Criminal Court.

Judge James Perrott presided at the trial. He told the defendant: "I have imposed what I thought to be a very fair sentence. The defendant was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

According to Mark Coleman the prosecutor, Bridge became involved in an argument on Jan. 7, 1973 with Carl Stubbs and Ronald Williams.

The defendant left the scene in the 2500 block Edmondson Ave. He later returned with a gun and shot Ronald Williams, 36, 2500 block Edgecombe Circle.

The prosecutor told the court, the defendant was later arrested from a home in the 1900 block Penrose Ave. Police recovered the gun from under a bed.

Matron with ring in nose gets 3 years

Mrs. Murtice Matthews, 22, also known as Ernestine Brown was sentenced to three years in prison. Judge Charles Harris imposed the sentence after finding the defendant guilty of robbery with a deadly weapon.

The 23-year-old matron is now serving on year in Jessup for soliciting. Doing her trial earlier this month, the defendant told the court she was a prostitute and a former drug addict.

According to court records, Mrs. Matthews entered Willie Reeves' car Nov. 14, 1972, when he stopped for a red light at Pennsylvania Ave. and Bloom St.

Mr. Reeves, 49, 3500 block Cottage Ave. testified he was not interested when Mrs. Matthews tried to make a proposition with him.

The matron held a knife against his neck and said "Give me all you got." When Mr. Reeves stopped the car, the defendant ran. She was later arrested by police.

'Urban Affairs should stay at Morgan'

Howard P. Rawlings, chairman of the Black Coalition of the University of Maryland Council for High-Maryland Council or Higher Education (MCHE) that, "Morgan State College should continue to exclusively offer degree programs for Urban Affairs."

The MCHE was scheduled to meet Nov. 15 to discuss establishing an Urban Studies Program at the University of Maryland, College Park, (UMCP). Such an action would be in direct opposition to the Governor's Desegregation Task Force plan to end duplication of course offerings in publicly supported colleges and universities.

The telegram continues, "Offering Urban Affairs, a specialty program, at both Morgan and UMCP would contribute to the maintenance of a racially dual system of higher education in Maryland."

Also, "The Baltimore area is one of the major urban areas in the nation and the most significant metropolitan areas in Maryland."

Mr. Rawlings' statement included recommendations that, "Steps be taken to strengthen and expand the Urban Affairs program at Morgan to meet increased demands to serve needs of a more diverse student body, and the authority to offer the doctorate degree beginning with the 1974-75 school year.

"An exchange program between Morgan and UMCP that would permit students from the College Park Campus to acquire a major in Urban Affairs."

Finally, "Morgan State College offers to all Maryland citizens an extensive and developing program at both the graduate and undergraduate levels in Urban Affairs."

AFRO Honor Roll

Published inside today (Friday) is the Annual AFRO Honor Roll which cites citizens for superior public service without thought of personal gain in 1972.

Honored are two organizations and 10 individuals. We think it significant that underlying all citations is the theme, volunteer service. All honorees were selected because they went beyond call of duty to serve fellowmen.

We salute AFRO Annual Honor Roll members cited this week for superior public service and look forward to presenting engraved plaques at a public ceremony to be announced later—THE EDITORS.

Gladys and Pips cancelled

Gladys Knight and the Pips has been cancelled. At the Civic Center instead on Sunday will be The Stylistics of the No. 2 hit "Rock and Roll Baby"; Ohio Players, Cool and the Gang, Ripple and Osibisa from Africa.

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50 mph speed, inventory 1st Mandel acts

By Claudette Newson

Gov. Marvin Mandel will seek a statewide oil inventory and seek to lower Maryland highway speeds to 50 mph as the first use of emergency powers granted him last week by the Special Session of the State Legislature, but he says he will not ask businessmen to close early.

The proclamations will be given to the Assembly's Committee on Administration, Executive and Legislative Review on Tuesday. The committee will review all measures the governor takes under the special powers provisions and will have five days to either accept or reject the laws.

Many local businesses have already announced late evening hours for holiday shoppers, which will mean the use of extra energy, while the shoppers they serve are being asked to cut back on energy use.

Gov. Mandel said he will take no action asking businesses to close early until the federal government has set national guidelines, because it would be "unfair" to ask Maryland businessmen to lose customers to District of Columbia stores, that might be open later.

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The crisis could last as long as three to five years, according to the governor.

So, when you're driving 50 mph to those "open late" stores, remember not only are they convenient, they're also using a lot of electrical and heating energy.

Closing of schools will be a last resort, the governor said. Adding however that if they are closed it will be for an extended period, not a four-day week schedule, with time made up during the spring.

The busing of school children is still "a bad idea," the governor said when asked how he felt on the busing issue with the fuel crisis at hand. However he said he hoped the public will be encouraged to use mass transportation.

-Scott trial

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According to police, at the time of Del. Scott's murder, he faced trial on federal charges of conspiracy to bring $10 million in heroin from New York to Baltimore.

Kenneth L. Johnson is defense attorney. The trial, expected to last several weeks, will probably be before a jury.

AFRO's Mrs. Santa Needs You...Right Now!

Happiness at Christmas depends on what you give. . . not what you receive!

You are cordially invited. . . again this year to help the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers Mrs. Santa's benefits program.

Mrs. Santa AFRO Charities is a non-profit organization of this newspaper which collects funds to aid the less fortunate at Christmas. Last year, AFRO readers contributed more than $11,000. to Mrs. Santa's fund.

We hope you will be as generous this year. All contributions are tax deductible.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you decide to contribute $50. or more, please call 728-8200 and we'll arrange for a picture with Mrs. Santa. When it is published in the AFRO, it will encourage others to give.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Santa Claus

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—Mandel asks MSC check

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Commerce Building which has a sixth floor with only an elevator for an exit, he said.

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Mr. Dowell said that although the State Board developed a master plan and in the final analysis approves the building the actual supervision of construction was under the State Department of general services.

Further discussion on this point brought the need for a definite structure under the state government to make sure all new construction in all types of projects are of first quality and that when it is not there is a definite agency responsible to make sure that it is.

Leonard Rosenburg, chairman of the Governor's Commission, stated that Mr. Dowell would be requested to return to the Commission along with members of the State Planning Commission in an effort to find out how construction on campuses is handled.

Previously, Mr. Dowell had told the Commissioners that the State had a "well executed building program" and that under the present master plan 17 new buildings had been constructed, 9 were under construction and 10 were on the drawing board. He called this program, "careful and deliberate planning."

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Here are statements from Dr. King Cheek, MSC president, on the Morgan buildings:

COMMERCE BUILDING

It was scheduled to be built in stages. The second floor is not complete. The building is in the No. 2 stage of construction.

When designed, it was scheduled for 3 stages rather than delay the whole facility. It was begun before I came. It will be completed within three years.

The building has six stories. It has one elevator which holds 10 persons. It has passed fire inspection.

There is one floor with no stairs. It is off limits and no one can get to it.

THE FIELD HOUSE

Labor problems have held up the Field House. Labor went on strike about six months ago. They are back now. The building is supposed to be ready in December.

NEW STUDENT UNION BUILDING

The Student Building will be ready in June, 1974.

JENKINS SCIENCE BUILDING

This building will be ready, June, 1974.

CARL MURPHY BUILDING

There is a flooding problem. We are still working on it.

This is a strang thing. The contractors blame the architects, the architects blame the contractors. They have been passing the buck for three years.

For three years they have been working on it. Someone committed a faux pas.

When you think it is corrected, it is not.

We are still in the process of getting it corrected.

TAKE A TRAIN RIDE WITH SANTA

Join Santa Claus and his special friends, the Snow Princess and her helper the Snow Bunny for an hour-long, fun filled ride on a real Chessie System train. There'll be accordian players to play your favorite Christmas Songs, and hostesses to lead the singing and play games. This year Santa will have two new friends on board; Peter Penguin from the North Pole and Sweetpea the lovable skunk. Santa will have lollipops and a treat for each child. Trains leave Camden Station, Saturday—

December 8th	December 15th and 22nd
9:30	9:00
11:30	10:45
1:30	12:30
3:30	2:15
	3:45

Tickets 2.50 each
Purchase tickets in advance—Downtown ticket desk; Pavbill desks all suburban stores except Plaza Shop.

HOCHSCHILD KOHN

Auditors say Provident's problems can be solved

"Although faced with many difficulties the problems of Provident Hospital are not insurmountable."

This is included in the summary report of the Division of Audits, Department of Fiscal Services, state of Maryland, which has been presented to the joint budget and audit committee of the General Assembly by Pierce J. Lamb din, CPA, Legislative Auditor.

The Lambdin Committee made a special examination of the financial and management operation of the Provident Hospital which is now in receivership.

They state in the report that "the implementation of the recommendation contained in this report will result in substantial improvement in the financial state of the hospital."

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George L. Russell, Jr., receiver for Provident, states, "Although some of the areas examined by the state auditor may result in criticism, we would like to state that their reproach is unbiased and impartial and we feel confident that their recommendations were formulated in the same manner.

"Finally when the other important reports are completed we will likewise make them available to public perusal because of the substantial interest in the future success of Provident as a major provider of high quality medical care in the Baltimore community."

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The purpose of the examination by the auditors was to assist the hospital in finding solutions to its problems which resulted in the hospital being placed in receivership on April 27, 1973.

On that day the hospital was indebted to the State of Maryland for $6,955,537.69.

This amount included $6,592,754.89 in loans for hospital construction and $362,778.20 in Maryland payroll withholding taxes.

In order to maintain Gov. Mandel on May 17, 1973 approved a department of health and mental hygiene budget amendment that made available $1,600,000 to Provident. Of that amount $1,404,317.70 has been disbursed to the hospital as of September 26, 1973.

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The summary statement by the auditor stated, "the relatively detached relation of the Board of Trustees of the day to day operation of the hospital has placed severe burdens on the administrator, particularly in the face of increasing financial difficulty.

"Further, the hospital's move to its new location (on Liberty Heights Ave.) compounded the Administrator's burden tripling the size of the work force, doubling patients service and requiring a crash indoctrination of a rapidly expanding work force into a new and very different operation.

"However, the Board of Trustees failed to provide the leadership necessary to overcome the aforementioned complexities.

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The auditors stated that the financial problems of the hospital have been aggravated by a lower then desired level of bed occupancy, a long standing policy to provide service to the indigent, difficulties in collecting revenue, a sharp increase in expenses, and inefficiency in the new hospital operation.

"Management has not reacted to correct these problems," the report states.

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The auditors pointed out that Provident has no endowment funds and that unless the hospital can be run successfully on the revenue from its patients, it will lose money and must look for outside assistance.

Other difficulties pointed out were the hospital's inability to collect from such third party payers as Medicare, Medicaid, and Blue Cross; the difficulty in renewing its contract with the hospital union which expired in June, 1973; the fact that the hospital does not have an employee's pay classification although the proposed new contract calls for the establishment of such classification; and the severe communication difficulties caused by the transition from the old Druid Hill Ave. Hospital to the large new hospital on Liberty Heights.

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Occupancy rate at the old and new hospital although within the same percentage range is still presenting difficulties. Of the 13 hospitals in the Baltimore area, Provident has the highest number of employees per bed, 4.3 and the highest number of employees per occupied bed — 5.5.

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Of Provident's 521 employees 91 are part-time and 710 are full-time and some 471 of these are union people.

Maryland General has 2.6 employees per bed and 3.4 employees per occupied bed.

"Provident Hospital as of September 1972 had 300 more employees than the national average and 200 more employees than the Baltimore area average.

As of June 1973 after a reduction in the work force Provident still has approximately 100 more employes than the Baltimore area average.

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The report states that viewing Provident Hospital today, "It is apparent that the management team at Provident was overwhelmed by the rapid transition the hospital went through. Although a stronger management team may have done better, it is not apparent that a profitable operation could have been obtained."

The report stated that strong management leadership is lacking in many areas and that it is apparent that "weaknesses in some management area shuts off communication to subordinates."

MICHAEL T. HENSON

Florida drops charges against young traveller

The state of Florida has dropped charges against Michael Thomas Henson, 18, who travelled around the world on a stolen credit card.

Henson, 2300 block Garrett Ave., cashed at least $200,000 in bad checks and bought two diamond rings worth $21,000 before he was arrested last month in Florida.

He remains in an Orlando, Fla. jail and is scheduled to arrive in Baltimore soon.

Florida State's Attorney Robert Eagan said Henson will be released to Federal marshals for prosecution in Baltimore.

At AFRO press time, the marshals here could not tell when the youth will come to Baltimore.

The teenager is under $50,000 bond on charges of mail fraud. A New York witness did not appear for the hearing Monday in Florida.

According to police, Henson started travelling last October when he borrowed a Master Charge card from a friend.

If the credit-card failed to get what he wanted, police report the youth would deposit phony checks written on an official-looking check writing machine to open bank accounts.

He would then use the bank accounts as reference to open new checking accounts to pay for the merchandise he bought.

FRIDAY'S HOURS: DOWNTOWN 9.30 TO 5.30 YORK ROAD, REISTERSTOWN ROAD, WESTVIEW, TIMONIUM MALL 10 TO 9.30