ROBERT AND MRS. BRENDA BELL display the portraits of Harriet Tubman and Fulton Elementary School Principal Mrs. Margaret C. Spencer expected to hang in the new Harriet Tubman Elementary School sometime next month. An employe of the Chick Webb Recreation Center, Bell and his wife are parents of three children enrolled at Fulton.

(AFRO staff photo by Benny Phillips)

MRS. MARGARET SPENCER poses with Robert and Mrs. Brenda Bell after receiving a portrait of herself as a Christmas present at the prededication ceremony of the new Tubman Elementary School. (L to R) Mrs. Vondalee Clark, Region 7 superintendent; Mrs. Brenda Bell, Robert Bell, Mrs. Spencer and Melvin Stewart, community liasion worker.

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Tubman portrait unveiled at Fulton Elementary

A portrait of Harriet Tubman, often referred to as the "Moses of her people," was unveiled at a "Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon" at Robert Fulton Elementary School last Friday.

The luncheon was the prelude to a dedication ceremony scheduled for sometime next month to mark the opening of the new Harriet Tubman Elementary School built directly behind Fulton.

Painted by Robert Bell of the 700 block of N. Fulton Ave., the oil painting will hang in the new elementary school when it opens in January.

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Bell, an employe of the Chick Webb Recreation Center, is not a professional artist, yet spends many of his off hours painting.

He also takes part in many of Fulton's school activities. He has three daughters, Kimberly, Karen and Ka rit.nae n Karen and Katrina, enrolled in the school.

Bell also painted a portrait of Fulton's principal, Mrs. Margaret Spencer, which was a present to her as a Christmas gift from the parents in the community.

"Please excuse me. I'm speechless," she said after the portrait was unveiled. "It couldn't have come at a better time and it will have a place of honor in the new school."

The painting of Mrs. Spencer will hang along side the Tubman portrait.

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Mrs. Vondalee Clark, Region 7 superintendent, praised the Fulton parents for presenting the portrait and remarked that "all we have is one solitary life, but everyone has an opportunity to do something with that life."

Other persons present at the luncheon were the Harriet Tubman descendants, Mrs. Bertha Briscoe, Walter Jones. George Jones, Charles Keene and Mrs. Anita Stewart and Mrs. Harold Stewart.

Also present were Father Damien Malepa. of the St. Martin's Center; Mrs. Leah Hasty, coordinator of ESEA and Mrs. Sherry Jones, Fulton PTA president.

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The new Tubman Elementary School was constucted with state funds by Cam Construction Company at a cost of $1.8 million and is expected to hold close to 1,000 pupils.

According to Melvin Stewart, community liaison worker, all that remains is to move the furniture from Fulton to Tubman and tear the old school down.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LEADERS with Artist Bell and the portraits expected to hang in the new Tubman Elementary School. (L to R) Mrs. Shelia Lawson, Mrs. Wilean Wilson, Robert Bell, Mrs. Margaret Spencer, principal of Robert Fulton Elementary School and Mrs. Sherry Johnes, Fulton PTA president.

Baltimore banks expend $25 million in mortgages

Since June of 1974, Baltimore-domiciled banks have committed more than $25 million in Baltimore City for funds applicable to individual residential mortgages not exceeding $35,000, acording to J. Stevenson Peck, president of the Maryland Bankers Association.

Peck, who is also board chairman of the Union Trust Company of Maryland, reported to Mayor Schaefer that the city's commercial and savings banks have exceeded by some $10 million a commitment of $15 million in mortgage funds.

Mr. Peck said the banks have agreed to extend to Baltimtre City home purchasers an additional $15 million in mortgages under this program. This amount is in addition to normal mortgage funds available from city banks for higher priced homes.

And, Peck added, the banks are extending an additional $200,000 to the Neighborhood Housing Services, a southeast Baltimore cooperative venture between citizens, private financial institutions and city government. Local banks are already providing NHS with $192,000 in allocations. Other NHS funding is provided by local savings and loan organizations.

Mayor Schaefer said he is very pleased with the banks' commitment of additional funds for mortgages, and to the Neighborhood Housing Services.

Teens guilty of rape

Two teenagers who sexually attacked a 13-year-old girl were sentenced to six years in prison Dec. 20 by Judge Shirley B. Jones.

Kenneth G. Nelson Jr., 19 and Charles E. Cummings Jr., 18, of the 100 block N. Ellwood Ave., forced the teenage girl into their apartment last July 3 around 2 p.m.

Court records state Cummings grabbed the girl, forced her inside and removed her clothes before he made her lie on the bed.

Nelson held the victim's arms while Cummings sexually assaulted her. A neihbor heard screams as she passed the apartment and opened the door. The victim then ran out the back door.

Man killed in cafe

Raymond Adler, 38, was stabbed to death Dec. 21 following an arguement inside Eddie's Cafe at Baltimore St., and Carrollton Ave.

Homicides detectives report they were looking for three men who stabbed Adler, of the 1100 block Whatcoat St., who range in age 19 to 30-years old. Adler was pronounced dead on arrival at University Hospital.

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1½ pounds ground beef
4 small onions, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
½ cup oil
8-ounce can tomato sauce
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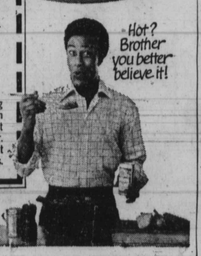
2 15-ounce cans kidney or pinto beans, drained
1 12-ounce can Budweiser® beer
4 teaspoons chili powder
4 teaspoons dried crushed red pepper
¼ teaspoon Tabasco® sauce
2 teaspoons salt
Chopped onion (Save for garnish when serving)

Brown the meat, onions and garlic, stirring often. Add the oil and remaining ingredients (except beans) and cook over low heat for 2 hours or more. Skim off surface fat and add more Budweiser as necessary. Add beans and heat through, stirring occasionally. If you want it even hotter, add more chili powder. Garnish with chopped raw onion and serve with grated parmesan cheese. Don't forget a big pitcher or two of cold Bud . . . and you'll satisfy 6-8 big eaters.



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SANTA was at the Third World Museum, 1767 Carswell St., last week. Edward Jackson III. is shown in AFRO photo by Norma Spencer telling Santa what he wants for Christmas. The museum is the only black arts museum in Baltimore and will celebrate Kwanza Dec. 26. Berkley Thompson is curator of the museum.

3 murder suspects hunted

Three suspects, one with the nickname "Hog" are geing sought by police in connection with a killing late Monday night that left Raymond P. Adler, 1100 block Whatcoat St., dead with a one-inch chest stab wound, police say.

Patroluing policemen responded to Baltimore St. and Carrollton Ave. about 10:21 and found an. Adler stretched and bleeding on the sidewalk, police report. They transported him to University Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 11:15. Officers say he made no respnse or statement in their presence.

An eyewitness told police he saw three men running north on Carrollton Ave. from, the immediate crime area.

The witness stopped police on the street and advised them that he saw the possible three men in the nearby Imperial Bar, 1000 block W. Baltimore St.

When police went to the bar and apprehended the suspects, an investigation revealed they were not in the area at the murder hour. They were released.

Police are still searching for the men whom they describe as 18 to 30 years old. They were wearing dark coats when last seen running when eyewitnesses spotted them.

Carter-Artis found guilty again

PATERSON, N.J. — Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, whose campaign for a new trial attracted such personalities as Bob Dylan and Muhammad Ali, Tuesday night was convicted a second time in the shotgun murder of three men 10 years ago.

The one-time contender for the middleweight title and his co-defendant John Artis sat stunned while family members and spectators broke into loud sobs as the jury foreman read the verdict: guilty of three counts of first-degree murder.

Judge Bruno Leopizzi of the Passaic County Court immediately revoked the defendants' bail and ordered him held at the county jail pending a bail report Friday. He set sentencing for Feb. 2.

Both men, who have already served nine years in jail, could be sentenced to life imprisonment.

"The jury couldn't see through the obvitus racism in this case," said Artis' lawyer, Lewis Steel. He said the defendants could not get a fair trial because the prosecution introduced evidence that the killings were racially motivated.

"He (Carter) reacted in pain," said Myron Beldock, Carter's lawyer. "He is in the same pain as we are."

Both lawyers said they would appeal the verdict.

During the trial, the prosecution said Carter and Artis, both black, killed three whites, a bartender and two patrons, at the Lafayette Bar and Grill in Paterson June 17, 1966.

Prosecutor Burrell Ives Humphreys said the slayings were to avenge the murder of a black bartender by a white man at another bar earlier that night. At the time, Paterson and the rest of the country were rife with racial turmoil.

Carter and Artis, who claimed they were not at the scene, said they were framed by law enforcement officials. Carter had been an outspoken advocate of black civil rights and a critic of the local police.

Both men were found guilty at their first trial in 1967 and sentenced to life in prison.

Last March, following a drive by friends, legal experts, and such personalities as Muhammad Ali and Bob Dylan — whose song "Hurricane" did much to publicize the case — the state supreme court granted a new trial to the two defendants.

The court had ruled that the prosecution in the original trial supressed evidence important to the defense.

After the jury left the courtroom Tuesday night, Artis and Carter slowly got up from their seats and handed their personal belongings to friends and relatives sitting in the gallery.

Carter then leaned across to his sister, Jean, and kissed her hands. A spectator handed Actis a large red-and-white Christmas stocking filled with small presents. (UPI)

City schools run highly successful tutor program

An unusual tutoring program that involves elementary, junior and senior high students is currently underway in four city schools thanks to the planning of social worker Ms. Robbin Gross and psychologist Ms. Louise Fink.

The program, according to Ms. Gross, gives the students on the secondary level something to do with their free afternoons by providing a "pair of extra hands in the classroom."

"They've been taken through an orientation program and are there to help elementary teachers."

Ms. Fink said on the junior high level, the project allows seventh grade students from Rock Glen a chance to tutor pupils from Mary Rodman Elementary School while the senior high students at Edmondson work with kindergarten through third grade pupils at Lyndhurst Elementary School.

The program at Edmondson, explained Ms. Fink, involves 14 seniors who receive two credits in Social Psychology for working with the students.

She stated the students prepare their own lesson plans, arrange bulletin boards and work closely with children individually or in small groups on skills such as math and reading.

Ms. Gross stated thus far the reaction to the program has been good and the pupils are especially enthusiastic.

Miss Theresa Brewer stated she works with a math group and has learned she can help kids above and beyond math.

Miss Priscilla Bolden's experience has gotten her interested in early child care teaching while Miss Doana McClurkin enjoys seeing each pupils' progress.

Miss Andretta Abrahams said she is unsure what she wants to do, but she knows it will be in some service work.

"I understand why kids do what they do and I can deal with it," she said.

Miss Paulette Carter has a different view stating, "I feel as if I do more than a teacher. I take psychology and one of the most important things I feel for the children is empathy."

She stated she puts herself in the child's place and because of this role would like to be a child psychologist.

Mathias prescribes pill for Republican 'illness'

By Elmer W. Lammi

(UPI) — Sen. Charles Mathias Jr. (R-Md.) offered his prescription Wednesday for a Republican resurgence: a middle-of-the-road approach to problems and new candidates to replace the "windblown nags" of yester year.

The GOP should "keep its feet in the middle of the road" and "avoid the side tracks that have bogged the party down for 40 years of declining membership and influence," Mathias told a news conference.

He also offered a package of bills that was so all-encompassing reporters speculated it might be a platform for launching his own presidential campaign in 1980.

"No," he replied when asked about that possibility. "I've got a four-year contract with the people of Maryland, and I want to keep that contract."

The Maryland Republican said he would introduce a dozen bills — of which he said six "won't cost anything" — as soon as Congress convenes.

The bills include one calling upon the President and the Federal reserve board to work with congress in drawing up a federal policy aimed at reducing he unemployment rate by 1.5 per cent a year.

Another bill would set up a youth employment program — including federal subsidies to private employers who hire young people.

Other bills in the package deal with crime and civil liberties, education, energy, welfare reform, home ownership and the elderly.

MTA announces contest winners

The Mass Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of transportation announced the November winners in the Driver of the Month campaign.

Based on points received for commendations, overall attitude, safety, attendance, general appearance and complaints, one driver was chosen from each of the five MTA bus divisions.

An engraved trophy and a $100 gift certificate were awarded to the winning drivers for November who are: Russell J. Ladd, Badge 1026, Bush Division; Estille Hon, Jr. Badge 983, Eastern Division; Jay N. Watty, Badge 1149, Harford Division; Robert Lee Shanks, Badge 1396, Kirk Division; James N. Bennett, Badge 408, Retreat Division.

Under the guidelines of the program, all monthly winners become eligible for selection as "MTA Driver of the Year."

Recognition also goes to Bertram Dailey, manager of Bush Division, and to all the MTA operators at Bush for winning the "Division of the Month." Bush Division has received a plaque for having the lowest frequency rate of accidents per 100,000 miles for the month of November.

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Red Cross urgently requests blood donors

A call for increased blood donation locally has been issued by the Red Cross's Baltimore chapter this week in the wake of an unexpected shortage in available blood supplies.

Red Cross officials attribute the looming crisis to the two three-day holiday weekends approaching. The long weekends will delete four normal collecting days from the donor schedule, officials say. Presently, the Baltimore chapter is having problems keeping up with the growing blood needs of area hospitals.

To meet the emergency, the principal Red Cross Donor Center at 2701 N. Charles St is more than doubling the normal number of collections hours this week — from 7½ to 18½. Next week, the center will be open for donations a total of 29 hours on four days.

Those who would like to donate blood should call 467-9905, the Baltimore Red Cross Blood Program Office.

Additionally, visits may be made to the following places to donate blood:

Thursday, Dec. 23, 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., the War Memorial Building, the Towson Armory and Martin's West. Also 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Red Cross Headquarters.

Mondays, Dec. 27, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Beth El Synagogue; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Red Cross Headquarters; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wilde Lake Community Center in Columbia.

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Red Cross Headquarters.

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., Towson Armory and Local 2609 in Dundalk.

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