Merry Christmas!

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Wonder Social Club, Inc. made a presentation of $125. to Mrs. Santa. Roosevelt Lewis, president and Joseph Scott, treasurer made the presentation to Mrs. Santa, Mrs. Ida Peters.

The Odd Thirteen Social Club donated $35. to Mrs. Santa. Shown from left are: Laura Washington, Mildred Ware, Lucille Falcon, Evelyn Thompson, president; Rosie Stokee, Doris Servance and Virgie Fullwood.

Mt. Lebanon Lodge "22 F and AM (PHA) contributed $250. to the Mrs. Santa Fund. This lodge is one of the oldest in the Prince Hall Family. Shown here with Mrs. Santa are: 1st row: Worshipful Master, Bernard Woolford; William Paylon Jr., treasurer; William Howend, past master, Winfred Shelton. 2nd row: Albert Taylor, financial secretary; Rev. Henry J. Turner, junior warden; Fred Lee Bennett, Wesley Shelton, Chaplain and Isiah Claiborne.

Cleveland Brister, executive director USA, St. James Teen Center, brought toys from "Toys For Tots" for Mrs. Santa's needy youngsters. Shown with him on left is Pete Marshall. On right is Dwight Horrey. Behind is the truck they used to bring the toys.

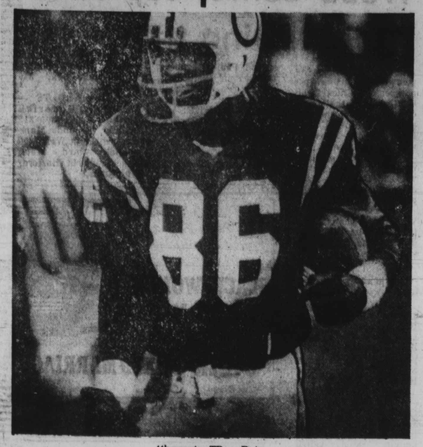
Stanton and Taylor choir contributed $100. to Mrs. Santa. Making the presentation are: Ms. Audrey Stanton and W. Taylor with Mrs. Santa's helper, Ms. Janet Stewart, AFRO Advertising salesperson.

H. B. Suggs Alumni Association, contributed $150 to Mrs. Santa. This group is made up of high school graduates from H. C. Suggs High School in Farmville, N.C. Shown above are: (seated left) Rena Hudson, James Joyner, Bernice Bates, rear: Johnny Vines, Tommy Dixon, Leanna Lawhorn, president.

The Cyclettes Motorcycle club donated $50. to Mrs. Santa. This group is made up of all female motorcycle riders from Baltimore City. Making the presentation are: front, Bootsie Jones, Chee-Chee McClary. Back: Rose Hewwood, Rose Scott, Arlene Fish Williams and Zell Greene.

FREE TOYS—Students at Joseph Lockeman Elementary School, 229 N. Mount St. crowd around toys that were given to the school from the Marines. The Marines gave the school 900 games and toys that will be distributed to each student at the school.

Colts expect 3rd time will catch brass ring



4th quarter TD vs. Pats character builder

By Sam Lacy

There's this haunting melody of not so long ago that tells of the "second time around" and the charms that usually accompany the new chance at accomplishing a goal — or the gal.

Baltimoreans are not chanting that this week, but most of them — and particularly members of the Colts — are chafing at the bit while awaiting Saturday's first round in the National Football League's jousting tournament.

All are convinced this "third time around" for the Colts will mean spearing the brass ring.

Twice before the club has captured the Eastern Division only to be ousted in the first round of the playoffs.

In 1975 the Colts were eliminated, 28-10, by the Steelers in Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Satdium, and last year the same Steelers manhandled them to the tune of 40-14 at Memorial Stadium.

So, that's enough of that.

Notwithstanding the fact that Baltimore must tangle with the awesome Oakland Raiders in this year's initial session, confidence is high in the Baltimore camp that the defending Super Bowl champions can, and will, be handled.

"This third time," says coach Ted Marchibroda, "we're better prepared mentally. The first year you're surprised and a little bit awed. The second time you're inclined to be self-satisfied.

"But this (1977) club has been through so many situations that I think they're ready for anything."

The coach goes on: "Last Sunday's game woke up our guts. That come-from-behind win over New England provided the kind of momentum needed going into the playoffs.

"It proved to us the importance of adjusting quickly under game conditions."

Quarterback Bert Jones just about echoes the Marchibroda view.

"Those three losses (to Denver, Miami and Detroit) prior to last Sunday's game certainly weighed heavy on our minds. We took a lot of flak, but our guys showed character when they were called upon to do so."

Looking at Saturday's upcoming game realistically, one must admit that whipping Oakland will be a tall order.

When they are healthy, the Raiders can be terrifying on the field. And the repopts are that they are in better physical shape than they've been in some time.

Quarterback Ken Stabler, cornerback Skip Thomas, wide receiver Mike Siani and linebacker Floyd Rice sat out Sunday's 21-20 victory over Kansas City, but they'll be ready against the Colts.

Linebacker Monte Johnson was helped off the field against the Chiefs, but the injury was a minor one and he'll also play.

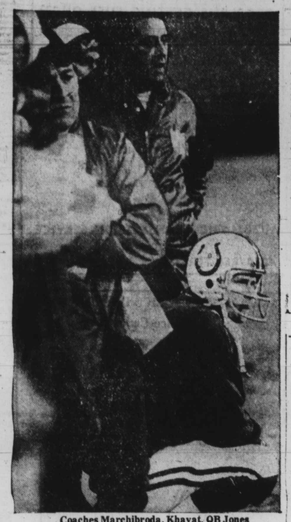
Aside from being healthy, the Raiders also are confident — as much so as the Colts.

Although they were shuffled into a wild card berth — one which necessitates playing all their games on the road — the Raiders are not perturbed.

"There may have been some stigma attached to the wild card entries before," says guard Gene Upshaw. "But now that we're in the playoffs we have to be considered the team to beat.

"Never mind the talk about whether we wanted to play Miami or Baltimore or New England. It never mattered. Cold weather, hot wather, that's all bunk.

"The difference between this wild card team and the ones who have gone before us is that we've been there," Upshaw continues. "We won the Super Bowl last season. This year we went through all sorts of adversity with numerous injuries, but we made the playoffs. And now we're ready for that second season."



Coaches Marchibroda, Khayat, QB Jones concern, gloom of 3rd period

Terps' King cited by ACC

GREENSBORO, N.C. (UPI) — Maryland forward Al King, the freshman who has played a key role in the Terrapins 6-1 season, was selected Tuesday as the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball rookie of the week.

King played 26 minutes in 18th - ranked Maryland's 94-64 win over Long Island last week, and scored 20 points.

He hit 10 of 15 from the field, hauled in eight rebounds and handed out one assist.

For the season, King has averaged 13.9 points per game, which ranks him 14th in the conference.

Cage Classic

The 4th annual Maryland Holiday Classic Basketball tournament gets under way Tuesday at 1 p.m., at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County field house.

The opener features Towson Catholic and Northern in a girls' game. This is followed Tuesday at 3 p.m. by Dulaney girls vs. Loyola Seton.

At 5 p.m., Tuesday the Parkville High varsity takes on Northern High, and at 7 o'clock Catonsville test Archbishop Curley.

The colleges swing into action on Wednesday with New York State contesting Bloomsburg State at 5 p.m., to be followed by an opening round game between Shippenburg State and UMBC.

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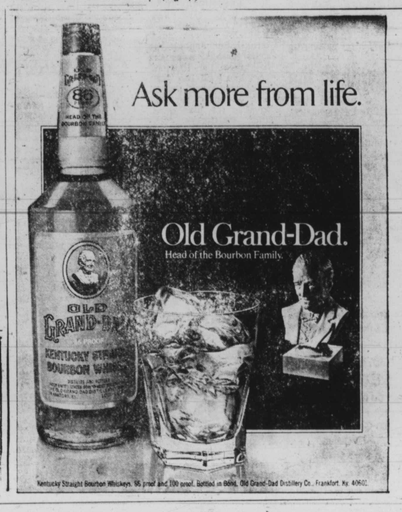

Crash victim's kin sue for $7 million

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — The family of a University of Evansville basketball player has filed a federal suit seeking $7 million and charging the plane that crashed last Tuesday night killing 29 persons was overloaded.

The suit was brought on behalf of Michael Joyner, 19, Terre Haute, one of the victims.

Numerous other lawsuits are expected to follow.

Mike Joyner died in plane wreck

Plaintiffs named were Joyner's father, Robert Joyner, as administrator of the student's estate; his mother, Martha, and his brothers and sisters, Robert Jr., Frederick, Keith, Rebecca, Patricia and Peggy.

Defendants named were National Jet Service, Inc., the aircraft's owner and the U.S. government.

Filed by Indianapolis lawyer Earl Townsend, the suit alleged the plane "was outrageously negligently maintained, serviced and operated and overloaded at takeoff in dense fog and rain."

The suit said the firm also was "intolerably negligent in failing to maintain radio departure contact" with federal air traffic controllers.

The government, the suit alleged, was negligent and careless in failure to supervise and inspect the plane's condition and careless in authorizing its takeoff from Dress Regional Airport at Evansville.

Parents rap school plan

PITTSBURGH — Parents in the predominantly black General Braddock school district plan to appeal a U.S. District Court ruling they claim unconstitutionally perpetuates racial segregation.

A motion to appeal the ruling was filed Friday by Neighborhood Legal Services of Braddock, representing 13 parents.

Oakland choice over Baltimore

RENO, Nev. (UPI) — Harrah's Reno Racebook has made Oakland a 3-point favorite over Baltimore and Denver a 2-point choice over Pittsburgh in Saturday's American Football Conference playoff games.

In National Football Conference playoffs Monday, Dallas is favored by 10 points over Chicago and Los Angeles is an 8-point favorite to beat Minnesota.

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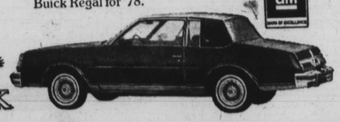
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