Good neighbors help Mrs. Santa

Walter Amphrey presented Mrs. Santa, Mrs. Ida Peters, a check for $100 from the Pi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Company C, 58th SPT Battalion, Melvin Cade Armory, Maryland National Guard, took 375 baskets to the needy families from Mrs. Santa. Shown here are: kneeling: Sgt. Timothy Riley, Sgt. Leonard Mackay, Sgt. 1c Thomas Holsey and Harold Taylor. Standing: SFC Eldridge Jones, Mag. Sgt. Lloyd Thomas, Tyrone Jones, Staff Sgt. David Minor, Sp. Gregory Mills, Donald Brooks, Samuel Moses, Sgt. Wayne Taylor, Pvt. Tony Riley, Pvt. Thomas Riley.

George Brown, manager Mondawmin C and P Telephone Company, presented Mrs. Santa's helper, Miss Sharon Jordan $200 from the company.

Mrs. Santa's baskets include two chickens, five pounds flour, two cans corn, cranberry sauce, two cans sauerkraut, two cans green beans, one can sweet potatoes, five pounds sugar, one jar syrup, 10 pounds white potatoes, box cake mix, box of cookies.

The Motions, a social club who is very involved in charitable work, made a contribution of $200, to the Mrs. Santa fund. Shown here making the presentation to Mrs. Santa's helper, Mrs. Vanessa Johnson, are: Robert Shelton, business manager; Paul Bennett, president; John McCargo, treasurer.

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M. E. Holland	5.00
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Mrs. Santa's helpers

Mt. Ararat Baptist Church contributed $151 to Mrs. Santa. This money was collected from members of the church. The Christian Education Committee sponsored this project with the aid of the Senior Missionary Society and Ladies Aide.

Mrs. Clarissa Evans is chairperson of the Christian Education Committee; Mrs. Marion Hart, co-chairperson. Mrs. Ida Redd is president of the Missionary Society. Mrs. Theresa Cooper is president of Ladies Aide.

Faithful Workers Charity Club donated $50 to Mrs. Santa. During the two years this club has been in existence it has contributed to many families who were burned out or had other types of problems.

Patrick Carrington is president; Mrs. Pansy Plunkett, vice-president; Olive Cox, treasurer; Arthur Smith, financial secretary.

Other members are: Mesdames Lucy Williams, Mattie Sellers, Flossie Hilliard, Jannie Sellers, Margaret Carter, Irine Tyler, Jean McCaskill, Mary Grate, Sarah Bryant. Messrs. Alex Taylor, Okley Everett, Pernell Sellers, George Epps, Preston Stewart, Roland Davis, Charles Harris.

The Peers Club is a social club, active in both social and civic affairs. It has been together for over 28 years. Wendew White is president; Rassie McCoy, vice-president; MacAlister Thompson, secretary; Leonard Crosby, treasurer; Leonard Thompson, business manager; William Lyles, recording secretary; Calvin Styles, sergeant at arms.

Other members are: Frank Russell, Thomas Edwards, Grayson Williams, Charlie MacLawhorn and Ernest Maker.

Ten Friends club presented Mrs. Santa $25. for her fund. This social club donates to charities, nursing homes as well as Mrs. Santa.

Mrs. Alice Williams is president; Helen Tilghman, secretary. Members are: Mesdames Rosetta Williams, Velma Rogers, Constance Neal, Mary Mitchell, Delores Young, Hazel Gause, Vivian Smith, and Clarice Tilghman.

Twelve Personality Girls gave $100 to Mrs. Santa. This is a charity and social group which contributes to various organizations during the year. They have dinner dances and crab feasts to raise money for charitable projects. They contributed to the Northwestern Investigation Service, Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind and Mrs. Santa. This club has been together for 43 years.

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City's cold weather $ spent before 2nd killer winter arrives

$25 per family is all officials can promise

A killer winter, possibly as devastating as the 1977 cold spell that took its toll on the nation's poor and elderly, is here and Baltimore officials report most of the city's cold weather aid funds have already been spent.

Further, as of AFRO presstime, no community organization has reported any assistance plans if Winter '78 is a repeat of 1977.

City officials say this winter could be even harder than last year's on needy Baltimore residents.

Thomas Weimer, coordinator of the city's Federal Assistance Fund, said Baltimore can afford to pay only $25 per family to help defray fuel utility costs.

The $25 figure is $10 to $15 less than the city offered last winter.

Weimer said the city distributed the last of its $1 million in assistance funds in September.

City officials said the demand for assistance has tapered off because of generally higher temperatures. However, Weimer contended that "there are probably 8,000 more people out there who could use the help.

"We've just scratched the surface," he added.

The city has budgeted $281,000 for its emergency assistance programs to help residents through the winter. An Urban Service official said the weather will determine how long the funds last.

If the funds are used up, the city will have to ask the state for more financial aid, the official said.

In addition to the $25 allocation, the city will provide families with up to 100 gallons of fuel oil. The Urban Service agency will offer up to $50 to help pay for gas, oil or coal.

The city's emergency services center has provided the $25 in fuel assistance to about 150 applicants a month.

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Tower of fear, death

Man murdered in Murphy Homes is 5th victim in '77

Peace on earth, goodwill toward men is no phrase to apply to the George B. Murphy Homes.

On the day after Christmas, someone stood in the lobby of this public housing high - rise project in the 800 block George St. and pumped four bullets into James Thomas Bea, 31, of the 300 block Allendale St. allegedly with a silver plated automatic.

Bea was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to police some 30 persons were in the Murphy lobby at the time.

James Mark, 33, of the 1800 block Payson St. has been charged with homicide and handgun violation in connection with the death.

Funeral services for Bea will be held Dec. 30 at the Charles Glover Funeral Home, 4204 Ridgeway Ave. Burial will be Dec. 31 at King Memorial Cemetery.

Bea is the fifth murder victim slain in or around the Murphy Homes in 1977.

Thus, a public housing facility intended to help low - income families improve the quality of their lives has become a tower of terror for scores of law - abiding citizens living in fear of their lives and those of their loved ones.

Located as it is, near the center of "Dope Alley" as the intersection at Fremont and George Sts. is popularly described, the Murphy Homes are prey to a criminal element and narcotics trafficking is quite open and casual.

Where dope goes, death follows.

First Murphy Homes murder victim of 1977 was Arnold Holmes. Holmes' life ended Jan. 8 on the 12th floor of the housing project when three youths shot and killed him then carried his body out of the apartment.

William Smith, who was confined to a wheelchair and was loved by just about everyone in the housing project, was found shot in the head in a ninth floor apartment July 11.

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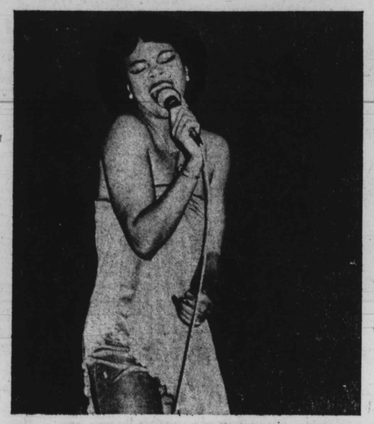
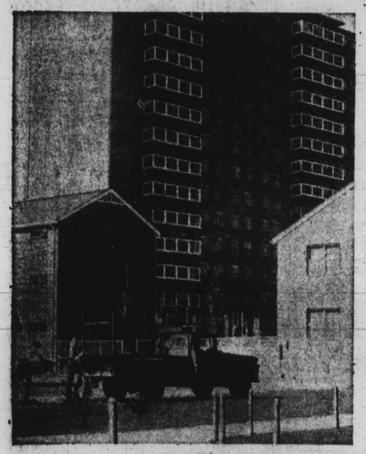


(AFRO photo by Robin McGinty)

NICE NIECY — Deniece Williams sang up a storm when she appeared on the bill with Baltimore-based group "Pockets" and "Earth, Wind and Fire" at the Civic Center Dec. 28.



MURPHY HOMES — This public housing high-rise, 851 George St., has been the scene of five violent deaths in the past year.

AFRO's first baby contest

The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN has $25 cash prizes for the parents of the first three babies born in the New Year.

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The contest is open to any reader of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN. AFRO-AMERICAN employees are not eligible.

Black business exec will run marina

Wilson's contract sails safely through Hyman's high winds

By Fred Hines
AFRO Staff Writer

City Council Vice - President Clarence "Du" Burns stepped out of the Board of Estimates private meeting room at 10:50 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, into the room where the public and members of the media awaited a decision on the Inner Harbor Marina. He was smiling.

No one knew what the facial expression meant, but all eyes followed him around from one part of the room to the other.

Although there were over 40 items on the agenda the key concern of those who waited was whether or not the Board would vote to allow a black man to run the Inner Harbor Marina.

Two hours later Burns' enigmatic smile took on clear meaning.

Kenneth O. Wilson, vice president for advertising, for the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, was granted authority to operate the marina after heated debate by a four - to - one vote with Hyman Pressman, city comptroller, the single "nay".

Wilson, emerging from the session, declined to answer a question put to him by this reporter because he said he was "in a hurry" but somehow he found time to do a 10-minute stint for television newspersons.

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Sarbanes keeps it in the family

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

Sen. Paul Sarbanes isn't very popular with some black people right now and with good reason.

Black people in Maryland are feeling betrayed, angry and frustrated after they heard the news Wednesday that Sarbanes nominated Russell T. Baker Jr. to become the new U.S. Attorney for Maryland.

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PROMOTION — Col. Bishop L. Robinson (L) was sworn-in as the city's first black deputy police commissioner. The official ceremony took place Dec. 29 at police department headquarters. Robinson, 51, was sworn-in by Police Commissioner Donald Pomerleau (C) and Mayor Schaefer (R) attended the ceremony.

(AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz)

As we said in August

Wealthy getting jobs meant for poor

Federally subsidized city jobs created primarily for the poor are going to middle class family members of judges, legislators and others with political connections.

Reports in the local press December 28, said that the son of a city legislator, the wife of a city Supreme Bench judge and the daughter of the city sheriff are, among those holding city jobs partly or wholly financed with funds from the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

In some cases, the employees are being paid more than the $10,000 maximum salary permitted under the federal program with the city government supplementing salaries with local tax revenues.

The documentation by daily media this week confirms AFRO news reports last August questioning the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources and its director, Marion W. Pines.

At that time the AFRO reported on Del. Troy Brailey's allegations that Manpower was doing little to help reduce the high rate of unemployment among black city residents.

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Isaiah White dies in car accident

Isaiah White, an educator for the Baltimore city schools for 30 years died early Thursday morning in a traffic accident.

White, who was formerly principal of the Calvert Adult Educational Center, was killed when his car was struck broadside by another car as he was attempting to make a turn from Kelox Road in Baltimore County onto Liberty Road about 12:30 a.m.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at Sinai Hospital at about 1:24 a.m.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at noon at Douglas Memorial Community Church, Lafayette and Madison Aves. Burial will be at Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery.

Viewing is at Douglas Memorial between 6 and 8 p.m. Friday. Family will receive friends between 7 and 9 p.m.

A notice to our readers

Effective with the issue of Jan. 3, 1978, the price of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN will be 30 cents per copy.

Continual increases in the cost of both labor and material make this price adjustment necessary.

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