AFRO's Mrs. Santa wants you to share and care

Letitia Charity and Savings Club presented $75. to Mrs. Santa. Above Leon Bailey, treasurer and James Keene, business manager. (Photo by Vanessa Johnson)

Alpha, Alpha Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority presented $50. to Mrs. Santa. Left, Mrs. Sara Rose and Mrs. Hortense Franklin. (Photo by Vanessa Johnson)

Clifton Harris, president of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, Local 202 presented Mrs. Santa's Helper Ms. Fern Shelton with a $50.00 check to help the program. (Photo by Vanessa Johnson)

Mrs. Santa needs you

Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities is a non - profit organization of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers which collects funds to aid the less fortunate at Christmas.

Goal this year is $20,000 to be used to purchase food baskets which will include all the ingredients for a meal and staples to last at least two weeks. Names are supplied by our readers, city agencies and AFRO block leaders throughout the city.

Pix with Mrs. Santa

If you decide to contribute $50 or more please call Mrs. Santa at 728-8205 and we'll arran ge a picture with Mrs. Santa. When it is published in the AFRO, it will encourage others to give.

Special note

If you know of a needy family or a burned out family, write and give us the full facts. Give the names, ages, sizes of children and why you think they need help. We will investigate and try to help. All families are listed in our files and in the paper by case numbers.

Share and care

We suggest that clubs and organizations send cash donations to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. We are able to purchase food in bulk and the basket will be delivered by the Maryland National Guard.

Send your check or money order to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Clothes-toys

If you have good used clothes and usable toys, bring them tMrs. Santa's Store at 622 N. Eutaw St. We will write or call our needy families. If you can 't bring things in, call us and we'll arrange for" tran sportation.

Mrs. Santa's cases

Case 66: I am writing this letter in hopes that you will be able to help my family. I am a mother with four children, ages are 8, 11, 14 and 16. My husband and I are separated. I work but, I don't make enough money to give them a good Christmas this year. I would be thankful if you can give us a basket.

'Nine Children'

Case 67: I am writing for a friend. She has nine children. She receives welfare, but by the time her bills are paid there isn't enough money. There isn't enough food to go around until the end of the month. Please send them a basket so that can have a nice Christmas.

Case 68: I have three children. My husband doesn't make much, he only works three or four days a week. I just came out of the hospital. I had a tumor taken out of my spine and I am not able to get around much. My husband has to take off from work to help me with the children. Since my husband is not able to work since I came out of the hospital, we don't have much money.

Case 69: Please see that we get a basket or something for Christmas. I have five children. One got killed last year. Another has a broken foot. My husband and I are not together now. I am not working because I am sick. Please help us this Christmas.

Case 70: I am writing you this year for my five children and myself. They are 4, 5, 8, 10 and 12. I will not be able to give them anything this Christmas. I suffer with Asthma too bad to hold a job and I have hospital treatments two and three times a month. They will be without a cookie or anything this year.

'Mother works hard'

Case 71: Please help this family. The father left them. The mother works very hard each and everyd day. She struggles hard to keep her family together. She has five children and one grandson at home. She has been trying to raise them right. Please help them anyway that you can.

Case 72: I have seven children and receive $270.00 a month from welfare. My children no longer get gift certificates at Christmas time. I pay $70.00 a month for rent. My food stamps don't last from one month to another. Teenage children cost more to clothe and feed. I am sick and can't work. My husband left us years ago. We don't hear from him now, not even at Christmas. Please send us a basket.

Case 73: Please send my family a basket so we can have a nice Christmas. My mother has six children and one grandchild. She gets a check from social services which is only enough to pya bills. It's not enough to buy any food. Please help her for Christmas.

'Sweet old lady'

Case 74: Please send a Christmas basket of food to an old lady. She is sweet, kind, good and deserving. She would really appreciate it very much.

Case 75: It is just about that time again. I was hoping things would be better for us, but once again I need your help. I get help from DSS, but it doesn't make ends meet. I have five children. Many nights we ran out of oil and had to sleep with our clothes on. Oil is so high that we just can't afford it. I pay $125.00 a month for rent. I am sick and unable to work. I am also under a docotr's care. Please help us in anyway you can.

Case 76: Help my neighbor if you can. She is a fine person. Her husband died last year. He used to take bags of food into the home when he was alive. Now that he is gone she doesn't have too much food. She is 64 years old. A nice basket for Christmas would help her so much and she would be very grateful.

Case 77: I am writing this letter of my sick brother and his wife. He has been in and out of the hospital with high blood pressure, a heart condition, infected legs and is unable to walk. His wife has been operated on for cancer and she can't talk. They would like to have a food basket for Christmas.

'Husband shot daughter'

Case 78: My daughter and I were Labor Day this year and spent 43 days in the hospital. We are still under the doctor's care. My son got it by a cab Thanksgiving day. My husband is in jail for shooting my daughter. I am not working. I can use any kind of help I can get.

Case 79: Last year I wrote you in reference to some aid for my three children and myself for Christmas. I receive a letter, the letter was opened and nothing was in it. I was very thankful for your immediate concern, but very disgusted with what happened to the letter and it's contents. I felt that it was too late to contact you after that. It seems that every year this time, I find myself in a complete bind, as I am now. Would you please consider my request for aid this year.

'Need Shoes'

Case 80: I have two children and both are in school. I have no help, their father can't be reach at this point. He was jailed the 1st of November, and we had nothing for Thanksgiving. My girl is eight and my son is six. I always run out of food before the month is out before I get a check. I need shoes for them. I can use all the help I can get so please see that I will get a box for them.

Case 81: I am writing to you for help. I am struggling alone. I have five sons 3, 9, 10, 11 and 12. The Christmas holidays approaches, and I am unable to give them much. I am not asking for anything for myself, just that my children get something.

Case 82: My family and I need your help. I have three children. I am their only supporter. I'm on welfare and that is not enough. My family and I will enjoy Christmas a lot better if you could help us.

Case 83: I am a senior citizen writing to you for a Christmas basket. I get a small social security check. I have to pay rent, water bill, gas and electric, buy food and oil. I have to buy my medicine for my bad heart and sugar. I will appreciate if someone can help me.

Case 84: I would like very much to receive one of your food basket for Christmas. My two children and I are separated from their father. I am not working at this time. The small amount of income we get isn't enough to make Christmas.

'Help my mother'

Case 85: I am writing in hope that somebow you can help me to help my mother. She has seven children and I'm 17, in school. I can't help in money, but I hope you will be able to help. She has done all that she can do for us. We may not have new clothes but we are kept clean. I would like some food and toys for my three sister's and brother's.

Case 86: I have four children, 3, 8, 13 and 15. We had a flood in our home and most of our things got destroyed. A water pipe broke. If you can help me just a little, I would be very thankful.

Case 88: I am the grandmother of 12 children, and I would like to give all of them something for Christmas. If you could please send me a basket, then I could give them a nice dinner. I am 55 years old and I have high blood pressure. Five of my grandchildren live with me three boys, 2, 7, 8 and two girls, 5 and 7.

Case 87: I am a mother of four children three boys, 4, 11, 12 and one daughter six. I am on welfare and things are hard for me this year. I don't have the money to make their Christmas happy. I would be very thankful if you could help me with a basket and some toys.

Case 89: I have six foster children and their mother mother is dead. I have taken them in my home and I need a basket this Christmas. Anything you can give will help me with them.

Case 90: Will you help my sister please? She has four children and she just came out of the hospital. She would like anything you can give her.

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The Modernistic Pals helped the AFRO's Mrs. Santa, Ida Peters with $50. They have been formed over 20 years and besides Mrs. Santa helped the United Negro College Fund. From (L), Mrs. Emma Jones, vice-president; Mrs. Juliaetta T. Harris, Mrs. Santa, Mrs. Gabrella McNair, president and Mrs. Buena Vista Prettyman. (Photo by Mark Gail)

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BY THE WAY...

By Joe Black

The past two decades have added to the vocabularies of people and dictionaries. We've had expressions such as: "right on"; "cool"; "dig"; "what's happening"; "get down"; "back lash"; and "brother." But in Black America, I believe the strongest articulations were: "freedom"; "Black Power"; "I'm Black and I'm Proud"; and "I have a dream." When we utter these words, do we take the time to wonder what we are saying, or do we merely use an expression so that others will think that we are "hip"?

I know that many of us have used the greeting: "hello brothers and sisters", but do we really treat one another as a brother or sister? While you are pondering that question, let me suggest a way that we can help one another. In April, 1980, the U.S. Census will again count the number of people living in this country. Every Black person must be counted and should encourage their friends and neighbors to give honest answers to the Census takers. Sure, I know that some of the questions make you think that the government is being super "nosey", but we must remember that the government is made up of several agencies that provide money for many of the programs that were created to help the minority group communities and less fortunate citizens. Remember! If you aren't counted, you may be the reason why your state does not have enough money for job training projects, adequate low cost housing, health care services, day care centers, emergency food and medical aid, or welfare assistance. Let's all promise to be our "brother's brother."

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Clips hit road for the weekend

The Baltimore Clippers' foad show continues this weekend with two straight games on foreign ice. The Clippers will play in Richmond on Saturday night and Johnstown on Sunday night.

Tomorrow (Saturday) night, the Clippers will be in Richmond trying to stop the Rifle's 15 - game unbeaten streak. The streak includes 13 wins and twoties. The last time the Rifles lost was on Nov. 6 with the Clippers doing the damage 5 - 4 in Richmond.

Sunday night, Baltimore will travel to Johnstown to face the last place Red Wings. The Clippers and Red Wings have split their only previous two contests with each other, with each team winning on home ice.

The last Clippers - Red Wings' match - up resulted in an 8-0 Baltimore shutout win at the Civic Center on November 23.

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Bits o' briefs

Looking for more

LOS ANGELES — John Jackson, the man most intrumental in bringing Charles White to Southern Cal, didn't attend the news conference Monday when White was named the 1979 Heisman Trophy winner. The backfield coach was on the road recruiting.

"He's out trying to find another one," quipped Southern Cal coach John Robinson.

Shame on you!

JOHANNESBURG (UPI) — The South African Amateur Boxing Association - Wednesday suspended a white bantamweight boxer for six months because he refused to shake hands with his black opponent.

Jan Koen, who lost the amatuer title to Cecil Plaaitjes, was barred for six months because of "bad sportsmanship."

Moses' month

Houston Rockets center Moses Malone, the National Basketball Association's most valuable player last year, has been named the NBA player of the month for November.

The 25 - year - old pivotman currently leads the league in rebounds and is the NBA's fourth best scorer this season. He fashioned a 26.3 scoring average and 15.5 rebounds ng November.

Quality mat teams in Morgan tourney

The Hill Field House at Morgan State University will be the scene tomorrow (Saturday) of the school's first invitational wrestling tournament.

Action will begin at 10 a.m. and will reach conclusion in finals at 7:30 p.m.

An impressive list of quality teams will be competing.

Among these will be the University of Kentucky, Hofstra, University of Massachusetts, Salisbury State College, George Mason University, East Carolina and Trenton State College.

Bears coach James Phillips is highly optimistic. Reminding that his youngsters were but four points out of second place in a Naval Academy tournament which featured Navy, N.C. State, Maryland and George Washington, among others, Phillips said Thursday:

"I think we have a very good chance of winning our tournament and going on to capture the NCAA Division II championship."

Much of his confidence is due to the return of two champions of last year's squad, Phil Brown, 150 pounds, and James Holliman, 177 pounds.

Additionally, the Bears have been bolstered by the return of Curt Ellis and Amos Goodlow, who were runners-up in the 118 - pound and 134 - pound divisions, respectively.

Unsung Hero fete tonite

Selected youngsters from some 60 Baltimore - area high schools will be dined at the annual "Unsung Hero Awards Banquet" tonight (Friday) at the Hunt Valley Inn.

It will be the 40th year that the McCormick Co., has set aside this special night to pay tribute to scholastic athletes who have made significant contributions to their schools and the area's sports programs

Metro gals at Center

Stung by the lack of support given them in Washington, the Metros will play their first Baltimore game at Civic Center tomorrow (Saturday) night.

Visiting Milwaukee will furnish the competition in this Women's Professional Basketball Association debut here.

It will be the first of a proposed 9 - game schedule at the center.

The Metros, coached by former Morgan State University mentor Nat Frazier, drew fewer than 500 per game for their two early appearances at the D.C. Armory - Starplex.

Frazier and his quint lost their fifth game in seven starts Wednesday night at Capital Centre, bowing, 87 - 84, to the New Jersey Gems.

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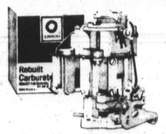

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2nd of series by Sam Davis

CCB Red Devils draw sights on 12th straight banner year

If one had to look at a Baltimore area college team on paper, and judge its potential, maybe the one with the most on the ball would be Community College of Baltimore.

The Red Devil teams have been referred to as the UCLA of junior college basketball, winning 11 Maryland JUCO titles, while compiling an overall mark of 277 - 66 under 11 - year coach Jerry Phipps.

Last season the team won 30 games and the JUDCO titles, but that was nothing new. What was new was that it, suffered but three defeats, which were the least in CCB history. Along with that, the club allowed just 61.4 points a game which ranked third among two-year schools in the nation.

"Defense has been, and will be, a trademark of our teams," Phipps explained.

From last season's squad, seven players returned. Six of these played the complete season.

Hollis Lann who at 6 - 10 is the tallest player in CCB history, played only the first half.

Wayne Flemming heads the list of returnees, since he started all 33 games and ties for the lead in scoring among the veterans with a nine - point average. At 6-6, his 203 rebounds ranked second on the team to little All - American Joe Miller.

Nathaniel Eades, who ranked third in rebounds is also a top letterman. Although he did not win a starting spot until late in the season, Eades came on strong, finishing with an average of nine points also. His performance earned him the teams,' Most Improved Player Award.

Kenneth Lewis is Phipps' top candidate at point guard, seeing action in assists. The 5 - 11 sophomore is a crafty customer, who played in the shadows of Donald Leslie, while he was at Douglass.

The three other men familiar with the CCB system are 6 - 6 reserve forward Gerald Bussie; 6 - 3 forward Kevin McDaniels, and 6 - 1 guard - forward Jerome Payton.

Recruiting wise, Phipps filled all the necessary spots, getting Woodlawn stars Roderick Broadway and Kim English. Both averaged better than 20 points a game, and their 6 - 2 height allow them to alternate at the big guard and small forward spots.

The coach also managed to persuade Southwestern standout David Dunston to attend CCB. The 5 - 7 point guard averaged 15 points a game, while leading the Sabres to the final round of the Public Schools Tournament, where they lost to Dunbar.

Despite the loss, Dunston was voted the tournament's MVP. His brother Joe is also playing at CCB. He also played at Southwestern, where he averaged 13 points and six rebounds.

Two walk - ons, Anthony Williams and John Wilder, have very good shots at starting.

Wilder's 6 - 5, 210 - pound build allows him to run the center position well. A native of South Carolina, he got most of his experience in the Army, where he played ball for four years.

Williams, a 6 - 1 guard performed with members of the team over the summer in BNBL play.

Kevin Williams and Timothy Lyles complete the roster. Lyles is the younger brother of last season's CCB star Michael Lyles. Williams played his high school ball at Walbrook.

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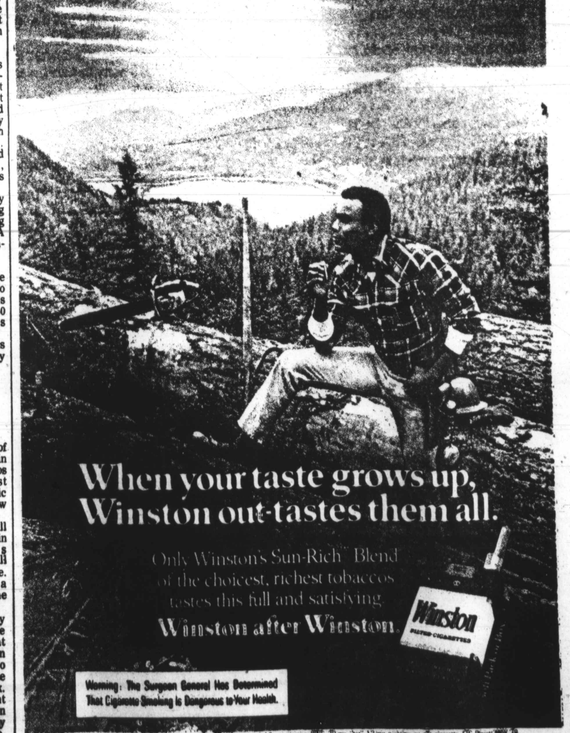

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