## Ex-Colt superstar Lenny Moore shafted? See editorial page 4

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CRIME DISPATCH Suspect nabbed in brutal crime spree

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### The other side of Christmas

#### Holiday pressure pushes many over the edge

By Avon J. Bellamy

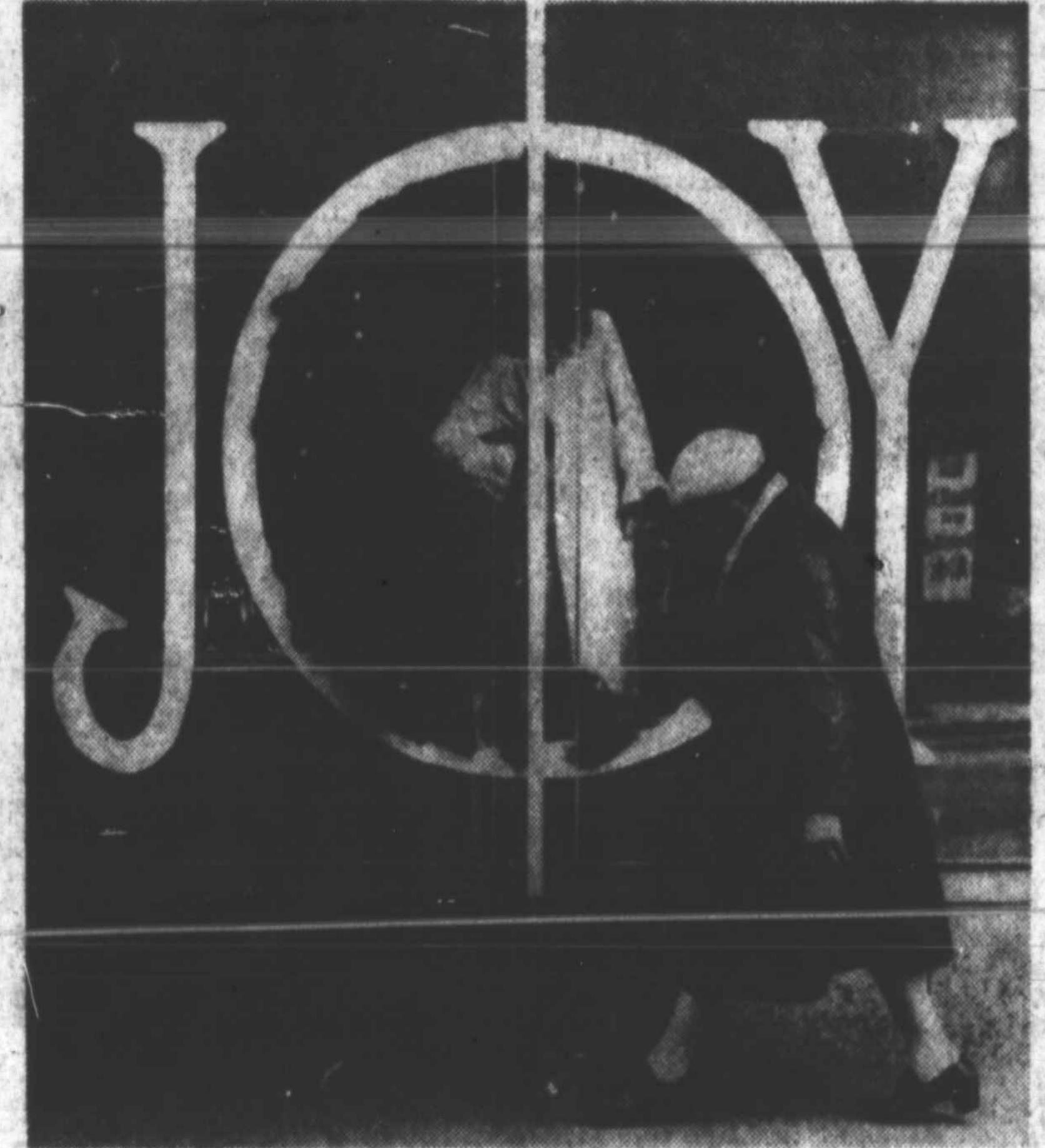
Sleigh bells jingling; jolly elves

for E.T. and Star Wars toys. You see all that is meant by hope, trust and belief in the eyes of these

This is part of the wonder of Christmas; the light side of its

nch is discovering the reality of

"Man, it is a --- out here. I got a wife and three crumb snatchers. And I can tell you now, unemployment checks ain't gonna make Christmas happen for us." He calls the President unprintable very cautious eyes. Shifting his names as he continues to vent his bulk into a more comfortable anger. "I mean, it is enough to position, he anticipates the next make a man turn bandit. You



es and understands in its own

familiar with it. "We know that after New Years, we are going to categories of crime."

Hill is a large blond man with

we are having a crime wave.

as 19 percent. more larcenies, thefts from cars,

"This is a predictable pattern we are prepared for. We increase our cruising patrol of areas. We get our blockwatchers to be more alert. We deploy more uniformed officers into heavy shopping areas to discourage thieves. We get our "lock you car" campaign rolling (this campaign is run by

Cops know when the Christmas (Continued on page 2)

# Ruth Massinga named sec. of human resources

currently executive and child welfare

for Social Work at Louisiana State

Department of Public Welfare in

Massinga graduated magna cum laude from Southern earned a masters of science in social services from Boston

University. Hettleman, who has served as secretary of the department for four years announced tast winter he planned to resign the end of this year to devote his time to teaching, research and advocacy to social welfare.

The social services branch directed by Massinga since 1979. employs 7,000 workers and maintains an annual budget of

Hughes, in making the appointment, said, "I am confident that she will continue the great progress we have made in this secretaryship of Buzzy Hettleman.

"We are most fortunate to have



as Ruth Massinga answers questions at a news conference shortly after being named

secretary of human resources on Thursday, Dec. 30. She succeeds retiring secretary Kalman "Buzzy" Hettleman. UPI Photo

someone of Ms. Massinga's exbackground knowledge of this agency among the candidates for this vital position."

"I am confident she will continue the great progress we have made in this department under the secretaryship of Buzzy Het-

## Political re-cap

By Patricia Tatum AFRO Staff Writer

The year 1982 for black voters and politicians saw marked gains in power along with some setbacks. New faces appeared on the

political horizon, some old faces

In the City Council, Clarence Du

Burns rose to the position of (Continued on page 2)

Meet Alice Pinderhughes

## 3rd annual King day 'economic withdrawal' planned

A group seeking the creation of national holiday commemorating the birth of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King is calling upon Baltimoreans to avoid all spending on Jan. 15, the date of the slain civil rights leader's birth

The group, the Citizens Coalition for Urban Survival, Inc. has organized "economic withdrawals" for the three years since the Coalition was formed.

Dr. King, whose eloquent speech, non-violent tactics, and stands gained said. respectability for the civil rights movement in the '50s and '60s was killed by sniper fire in 1968 while in Memphis, TN. in support of striking garbage workers.

Toni Presbury, a spokesperson for the Coalition termed last year's boycott "very successful."

Presbury said selected shopping centers were monitored last year, once before last year's boycott day and once again on the day of the boycott.

The number of shoppers arriving at the Old Town Mall, a site monitored by Presbury, dropped from 200 in a two-hour eriod "to about 25 in the same two hour period," she said.

The goal of the economic action is to demonstrate the importance

of the world's smaller countrie

producer Angela Gibson, and the Rev. Bernard Keels will participate in activities leading up to the Jan. 15 demonstration.

The activities, which include lectures, films, prayer meetings, and dance exhibitions are designed to help publicize the boycott and to help commemorate the life of Dr. King.

The boycott grew out of a sense of frustration after watching repeated attempts fail to create a national holiday in Dr. King's honor, another Coalition member

The demonstration will amount to taking a holiday even though one has not been proclaimed, Bernadette Peterson, one of the group's chairpersons said.

"We are not going to sit back and wait for Congress. The Jews take Yom Kippur so we are going to have to do something like that," Peterson said, referring to the Jewish day of atonemment.

"Black people can't always depend on someone else to do for them. We are going to have to learn to do for ourselves," she

### Schmoke, Banks swearing-in





War Memorial Building, Fayette and Gay Streets.

## Product of city schools is new superintendent

By Bettye Moss

Rebecca Gwathney Pinderhughes is no stranger to the Baltimore City public schools. In the last 55 years, she has been a student, a teacher, principal and administrator in the nation's 10th largest system, boasting a population in excess of

On Jan. 1, Mrs. Pinderhughes assumes the post of interim superintendent, succeeding Dr. John L. Crew, who retired Dec. 31. Mrs. Pinderhughes will be the chief executive officer of the system which has a staff of over 7,000, and a budget of \$238 million.

Her appointment sets a number of precedents: -She is the first woman, and the first black woman, to head the city schools.

to head the system.

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ALICE PINDERHUGHES