Mrs. Santa Needs You:

HELP! The AFRO's Mrs. Santa needs you again this year to make sure needy families have a Christmas dinner. You won't believe there are so many families in this community who are not able to make their food stamps last through the month.

The AFRO Mrs. Santa Fund, AFRO Charities, is a non-profit organization sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers to raise funds to make sure that no family goes hungry. Names are supplied by our readers, AFRO Clean Block Captains, City Agencies, Urban Services and the Police Department.

In 1983, Mrs. Santa's baskets went by the hundreds to housing projects and upper Park Heights. We were able to give a Christmas party for children of inmates in City Jail. In addition we were able to run a store at the AFRO stocked with warm clothes and nearly new toys where families in need could come and select items for their families without charge.

Here's how you can help. Please make a generous cash donation so that food baskets may be purchased wholesale. Every little bit helps to make our goal of $25,000. We will be glad to arrange a picture with Mrs. Santa for all contributions over $100. When it is published in the AFRO it will encourage others to give and we desperately need all the help we can get.

Will you start a drive for good, clean used clothes and toys at your business, club, organization, fraternity, sorority? It is better to bring the clothes and toys to our store. We will contact the families and they will be able to fit the clothes and toys to their needs.

Please make checks or money orders payable to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities, 628 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201. All contributions are tax deductible.

Ida Murphy Peters
AFRO Mrs. Santa Director

If you know of a needy family

The AFRO Charities, Mrs. Santa Program provided as a service by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers is designed to help needy families have a Christmas dinner. If you know of a needy family WRITE AFRO Mrs. Santa, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. Give name, address, telephone number, zip code, number and ages of children and why the family needs help.

Mrs. Santa fund $4,073.85 (Goal $25,000)

Softball Marathon	$2,027.85
Singer Travel	300.00
Myra Grand Chapter, O.E.S.	300.00
Continental Societies, Inc.	200.00
Avalon Social Club	200.00
S.A.T. Foods	150.00
John & Beatrice Myers	100.00
Ernest Nash	100.00
Ingleside Arco	100.00
Samuel Survey & Co., Inc.	100.00
Mrs. Bernice Hawkins Shorter	100.00
Mrs. Inez Cox	75.00
In Memory of Rev. N.B. Carrington	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Myers	50.00
Harold & Magdalene Fennell	50.00
Dr. Linda S. Miles	50.00
Bland Gatewood	50.00
James Burley	50.00
Mrs. Lillian McLee	50.00
Anthony Gatewood	50.00
Harry & Galatha Marshall	25.00
In Memory of Jesse Bennett	25.00
Mrs. Vivian S. Bennett	25.00
Ronald D. Henson	25.00
Ms. Vivian W. Young	25.00
Ms. Llewellyn H. Walker	25.00
Billy Taylor	25.00
Wesley & Valerie Harvey	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Francis E. Medley	20.00
Mrs. Louise K. Hines	20.00
Mrs. Emma L. Davis	20.00
Mrs. Margaret E. Holland	10.00
Ms. Carol Harper	1.00

Photo by Vanessa Johnson

The Umpires who officiated the two-day marathon, Christmas in August, at Druid Hill Park not only donated their time but also played a game. Shown are Herb Hare, softball great Clarence "Pappy" Brooks, John "Sugar Hill" Bates and Danny McGuire.

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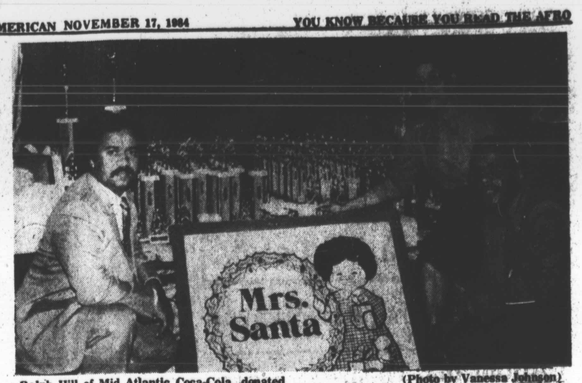
Operation Needy helps

Operation Needy, Mrs. Carolyn Moore, president, have adopted 30 of the AFRO's Mrs. Santa families for Thanksgiving and 35 families for Christmas.

The group has been giving affairs throughout the year for the past five years to help needy families.

Members are: Mrs. Carolyn Moore, Mrs. Lillie Mae Harvey, Mrs. Dorothy Stewart, Mrs. Jessie Rubbin, Mrs. Gloria Murray, Mrs. Virginia Moore and Mrs. Mary May.



Ralph Hill of Mid Atlantic Coca-Cola, donated trophies for 36 teams and soda to the Mrs. Santa Softball Marathon Banquet. Also shown are Mrs. Ida Peters, AFRO Mrs. Santa and Rayner Banks, coordinator of the Marathon.

(Photo by Vanessa Johnson)

Photo by Bill Taylor

Winners of the Granddaddy Trophy, the team turning in the most money for the last two years are the Emanon Ladies, who contributed $475.00. Shown are: Michael Norman, Stella Norman, Ken Richardson, Naomi "Betty" Myers, manager; and Helen Richardson.

Mrs. Santa's cases

Case 25 — I hope that you can help us to get some food and clothing for Xmas. Is there any way that you can help me and my children? I do hope that you can.

Case 26 — I am writing to ask if you can please send me a little something for Thanksgiving or Xmas. I have one son, 16 in school. I have heart trouble and receive a small income. My electric bill is high in the winter as well as the summer, but I have to pay it and I don't have much left. You see everything in my house is electric. I would really appreciate anything you can do for us.

CAse 27 — I have a granddaughter 5. She goes to school and is in the kindergarten. We received Xmas last year from you. Please send us something this Xmas. Thank you very much.

Case 28 — My husband is sick with heart trouble and other sickness and cannot work. I don't work, either. Would you please try and send us something for Xmas?

Case 29 — I have a young daughter, a grandbaby 9 months old and a 16-year-old son. Both of my daughters and son go to school. I am the only one working. Please send me and my family something for Xmas.

Case 30 — I am not working. I am not receiving any benefits at the present time. I am in need of something for Xmas. Could you please send something?

Case 31 — I am 79-years-old. I received Xmas from you last year. Would you please send me something? Thank you very much.

Case 32 — I am in need of a food basket for my family of five, ages 10, 7, 6, 4, and 8 months. I have been unemployed for two months so far and have been trying very hard to see that ends meet. I would appreciate very much any help you can give me.

Case 33 — I am the mother of four children, 13, 11, 10, and 7. I am writing for help for Xmas. Food, toys, or clothing, anything would help us out. The girls want dolls, the boys have asked for bikes. I keep telling them that the main-thing is to have something to eat. So if there is any way that you can help us we would be more than glad.

Case 34 — I need clothes and toys for my three children for Xmas. My daughter is 10 years old and my two sons are two and four years old. Please help me if you can?

Case 35 — I have four children living with me. I am in need of something for Xmas. Could you please send me and my children something?

Case 36 — I am writing in hopes that you can find time this year to help me. I have just gotten out of the hospital and the holidays are here again. I hope you can add my name to your list because I sure could use some help. Please help me with anything so that I can have a nice Xmas.

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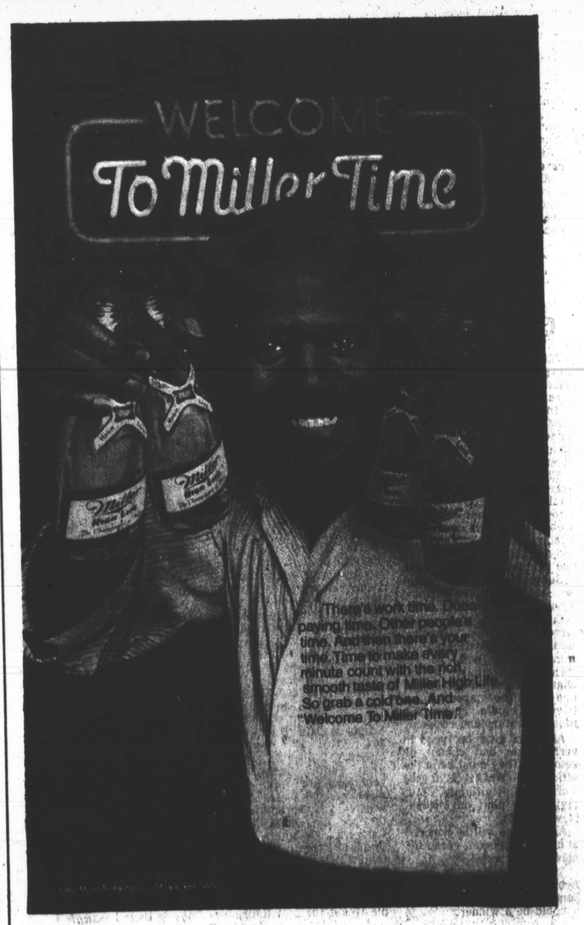
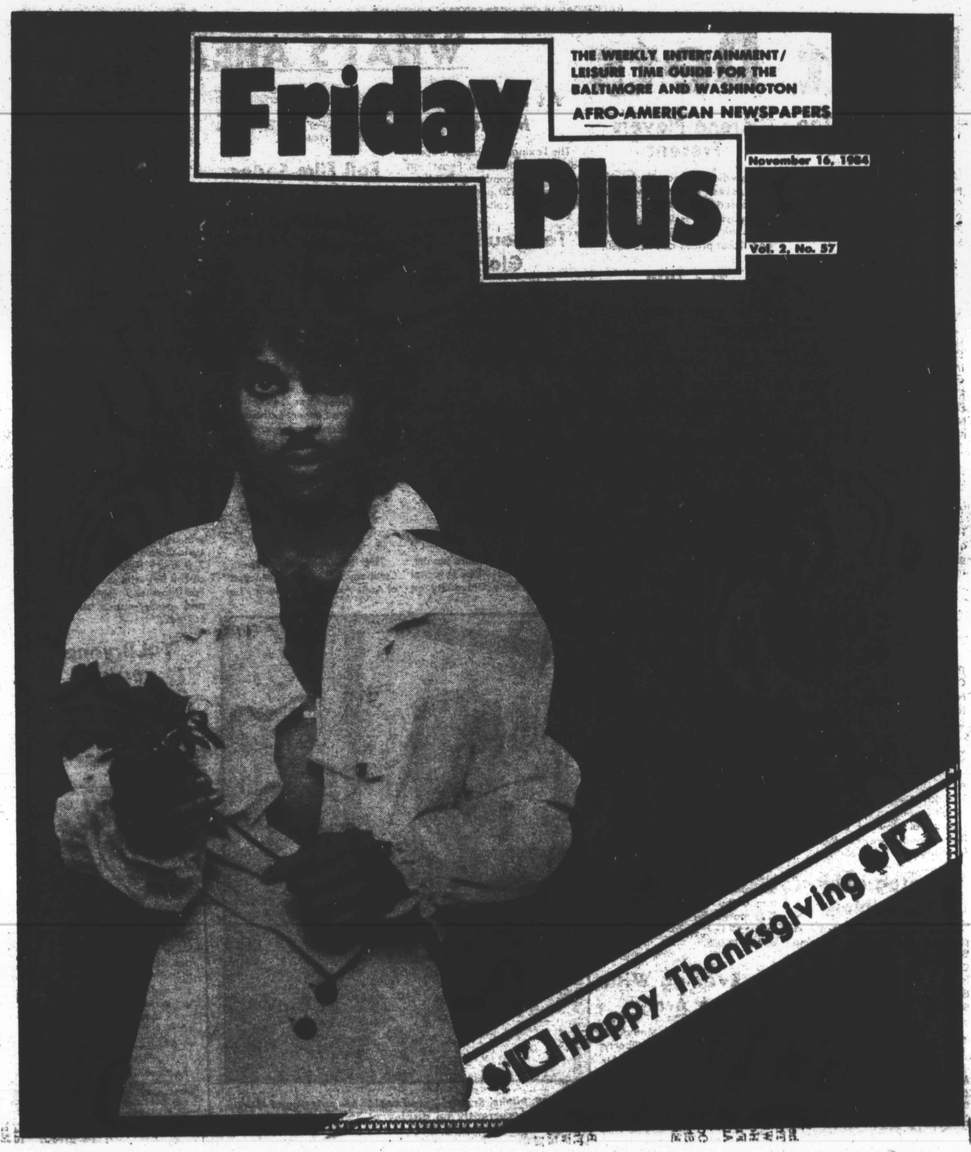
Calendar

Dec. 16- The AA County and Baltimore City Flag Football League Marathon to Benefit AFRO's Mrs. Santa will be held Dec. 16, 12 Noon at Walbrook Senior High School.

Dec. 30- Annual Charity Ball, the Continental Society, Martin's West, 6 to 11 p.m., admission $27.50 per person.

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