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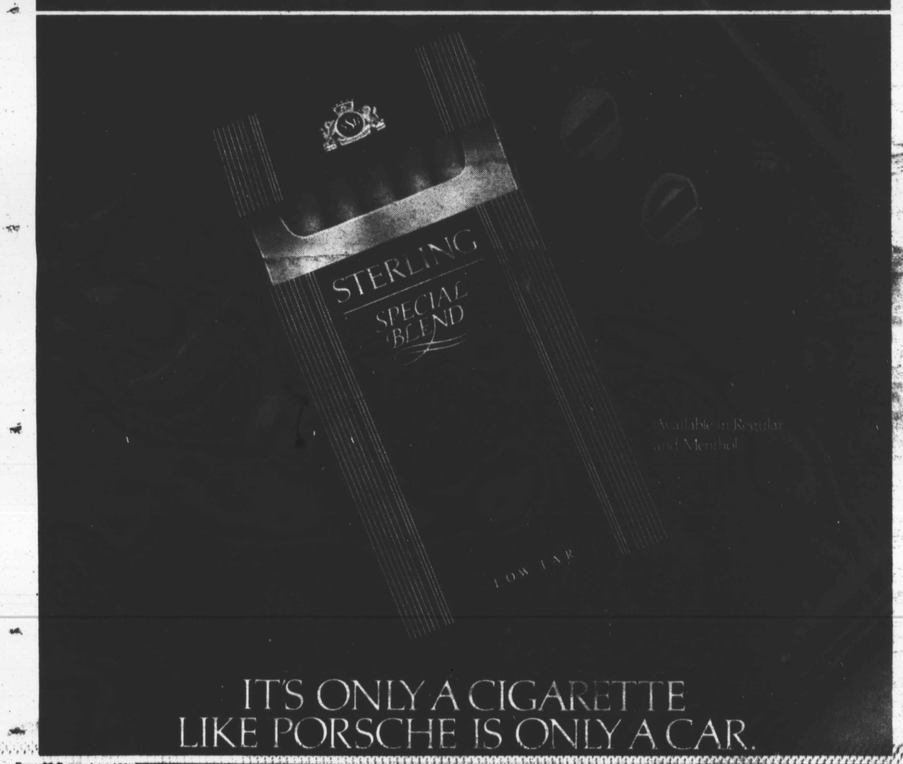

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A MORSEL FULL FOR LUCK — Customer Eugene Johnson enjoys a hot bowl of black - eyed peas served with oven fresh corn bread at the Yellow Bowl Restaurant, 1234 Greenmount Avenue, to get the jump on all that good luck that eating the southern dish is supposed to guarantee.

'Tis the season for black-eyed peas

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

Shaped like a half moon with a tiny black eye in their center, the black-eyed pea has become synonymous with the celebration of the New Year.

Served piping hot with a tasty mound of hog jowls (the fleshy jaw area of the hog) this dish laced with southern tradition has become the mainstay for many black Americans on New Year's Day.

Actually, while black-eyed peas have usually tended to be served up with hog jowls any number of meats including ham bits, ham hocks or knuckles, bacon bits, smoked neck bones, chicken parts, pig tails and pig feet may accompany the appetizing dish.

Since so many people look forward to preparing their own pot of black-eyed peas and, with the coming of a new year in only a matter of a couple of days, it seemed appropriate that some of the city's most underrated and unheralded chefs should talk about the dish's origins and allow a glimpse at their individual secret recipes.

This custom of gathering family and friends around the table for a morsel of hot black-eyed peas is steeped in the mystical and closely linked to old slave tradition, according to United Cable of Denver businesswoman Patriseya Duncan, who is a former English major and very interested in black folklore.

"They were called cow-peas and in the South they were called black-eyed peas. The slaves had to grow them in hot-humid weather which is why there is a proliferation of them in the South.

"They (based on old slave narratives) talked about growing them in the summer and drying them and keeping them through the fall and they would use them to make soup with possum, raccoon or hog heads or jowls," she explained.

The list of anecdotes about how and why black people came to like these little seeds, which when planted produced sprouts and just why they are served specifically to accent the end of one yearly cycle and the beginning of another, are filled with humorous tales about good fortunes and the warding off of evil spirits.

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Woman, 71, dies as her car hits Judge Cole's home

Judge Harry Cole, member of Maryland's highest court, the Maryland Court of Appeals, was at home but not inside the house when a car crashed into his residence in the 4100 block of Forest Park Ave.

The incident which occurred about 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, damaged Judge Cole's living room, dining room and basement. A chandelier crashed to the floor and was totally damaged.

The unprecedented accident left the driver, Ms. Elzuma Cummings, 71, 4100 block Wentworth Rd., fatally injured.

Police reports show her death was caused by the collision after she lost control of the car.

Police state that the car crossed the center line of the street, jumped the curb and then banged into the Cole residence.

No funeral arrangements had been made at AFRO presstime.

Mr. Fro

A record

Foxy Mama hit 943 straight on Dec. 22. Mr. Doubleheader gave you a Christmas present with a 600 hit on the 24th, and Mr. Fro hit on Dec. 19 with 950.

Check page 11 for New Year's selections.

First the William Murphys, now the Allens

Another two-judge family

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

David Burke Allen, an assistant states attorney, was appointed Dec. 20 by Gov. Harry Hughes to a judgeship on the bench of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City.

The 41-year old University of Maryland Law School graduate, succeeds Judge Askew W. Gatewood, who was appointed to the Maryland District Court in October.

The new Judge Allen is the oldest of three sons of Judge Milton B. Allen of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, thus making two jurists in the same family.

Judge Milton B. Allen, the father, went on the Circuit Court bench in 1976. Elected states attorney in 1971, the elder Judge Allen served in that post until 1975.

The younger Judge Allen is appointed to the Orphans' Court Bench for the remainder of a term of four years, from the General Election of November, 1982.

A letter from Gov. Hughes states that the appointment requires the confirmation of the Maryland Senate. Gov. Hughes informs the Allens he will submit to the Senate on the first day of the next legislative session, Jan. 8, 1985.

The Maryland chief executive states in the Dec. 20 letter, "It gives me great pleasure to make

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Paul Green Photo

FATHER OF A KIND — Like father, like son are Judge Milton B. Allen Sr., of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City shown congratulating his elder son, David B. Allen who was named Dec. 20 by Gov. Harry Hughes to the judgeship for the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City.

Provident lays off staffers as medic boycott continues

By Tea Montier
AFRO Staff Writer

This years holiday season has brought bad news to employees at Provident Hospital. Layoff notices have been given out to a number of workers there, with more to follow. Those notices were first given out about two weeks ago.

According to Michelle McNeal, director of Provident's public relations department, all levels of workers will be affected.

"We're laying off from the top to the bottom," said Mrs. McNeal. "...Usually it's the lower level worker that gets laid off first, but we here at Provident felt that would be unfair so all staff levels are effected. Because the hospital is unionized we go through a bumping process."

The exact number of Provident employees effected by the layoff was not available at AFRO press time.

"We are laying off because inpatient occupancy levels across the state are down," acknowledged Mrs. McNeal. "...they have been down at Provident since July. Other hospitals in the state have been laying off since last year because of the same problem.

"We should have started no later than July when our occupancy rate first started to significantly decrease. We held off as long as we possibly could."

Asked what impact the physicians boycott at Provident has had on the decision to begin layoffs Mrs. McNeal replied, "The physicians boycott has had an impact on the situation, however long before the boycott, our occupancy levels had already begun to decrease."

McNeal says Provident's occupancy rate, which had dropped to a low of 41 percent during the peak of the physicians boycott, as of last week was back up to 63 percent level.

In a related development, boycotting activities have entered the seventh week at Provident Hospital as a group of approximately 44 physicians disgruntled at the administration of Dr. Oakley Saunders continue

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New U of M regent

Dr. Joel Carrington

Dr. Joel Carrington, a retired educator and former assistant superintendent of city public schools, has been nominated by Governor Harry Hughes to the University of Maryland Board of Regents.

As confirmed by the Governor's Press Office, Dr. Carrington will serve the remainder of the term of the late Clarence Mitchell, Jr.

Dr. Carrington, who received his doctorate in History and Secondary Education at the University of Maryland, College Park said in a phone interview, "I certainly consider it a challenge and an opportunity to serve on the board."

The board of regents is a governing board comprised of indepen-

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WEEK'S CRIME DIGEST

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Police are searching for two men, about 23 or 24 years old one wearing a green Army trenchcoat and the other a dark blue jacket. Should they ever catch up with the suspects, they will charge them with assault, robbery and abduction of a 42-year old man, his wife and a son and daughter in the wee morning hours of Dec. 21.

Police reports state that the wife and the two children managed to escape the robbers by jumping from a second story window. The son, age 22 and daughter, age 20 did not sustain any injuries. However, their mother, age 42, received a broken ankle and was admitted to Lutheran Hospital.

The father, Paul Moulden Sr., 42, who first met the two suspects at a bar in Cherry Hill, took them, after several drinks, to his Warwick Avenue home. Mrs. Moulden and them at the door and suddenly one suspect with a handgun forced Mr. Moulden and his wife inside the house, police report.

Pointing the gun at Moulden's head, the man forced him to walk around the house and search for money. Police reports state that the gun-toting suspect and Mr. Moulden made their way to the second floor along with Mrs. Moulden.

Police say the daughter and son were awakened by the disturbance and were ordered out of their bedrooms to help search for cash. The father, Mr. Moulden, was still being held at gunpoint.

As soon as opportunity came, Mrs. Moulden and the son and daughter jumped from a second floor bedroom window and fell to the rear yard.

At that time, police report, the robber took Mr. Moulden at gunpoint to the front door and he and the second suspect walked Mr. Moulden away from the home for several blocks and then released him.

Investigation is continuing by police.

Man killed in phone booth

Raymond Williams, 25, 300 block Dallas Court, and, Larry Thomas, 27, 200 block Dallas Court, were in the 2400 block East Preston St. on Dec. 19 when Williams stopped at a phone booth to call his sister.

Police report that the two men were approached by an unidentified man, between the age of 18 and 30 years and about 5 foot 8 inches tall.

Police state that the suspect pulled a handgun from his pocket and shot Williams in the neck and Thomas in the chest.

Williams was pronounced dead on arrival at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Thomas was admitted, treated for his injury and is reported in stable condition.

The suspect has not been apprehended.

Man, 30, killed on Fox St.

William Henry Rogers, 30, 2800 block Fox Street, sustained bullet wounds of the chest and right ear

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W. Emerson Brown, 63

Prominent attorney W. Emerson Brown, Jr. died at his home Christmas Day after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 29, 11 a.m., at the Nutter and Sons Funeral Home. Burial is scheduled to be at Lake View Memorial Park in Sykesville, Md.

Born February 3, 1921 in Salisbury, Md. to Ethel and W. Emerson Brown, Sr., Brown was one of the founding members of the law firm of Brown, Allen and Watts, which launched to prominence some of the city's most noted attorneys which included such notables as George Russell, Benjamin Brown, William Murphy, Sr. and Harry Cole.

He had been a cum laude graduate of Morgan State University in 1942, having served as class president and president of Student Council. He later attended Howard University and the University of Maryland's law schools.

His activeness and involvement with social concerns in high school (Douglass High, class president, 1938) and college were only hints to the life that was to be led later.

From 1946, he served in the U.S. Army Engineer Corps in Europe and the Far East. He was

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