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People sharing with people at holiday time

Local cub scouts and girl scouts bring cheer to Provident Hospital patients. From left are Char Henry Sean Mosley (patient's) Tonia Hawkins, the mother, and Jason Richardson.

Sharp Street Food Give Away—Community gets holiday cheer from Sharp Street Church at recent activity at Dolphin Street facility.

NAACP fund gets a boost

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held a special press conference Monday centering around the receipt of a $20,000 contribution to the organizations' National Building Fund Campaign.

Dr. Benjamin Hooks, executive director, NAACP, was in town to receive the check from Bishop Alfred G. Dunston, presiding bishop of the 2nd Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church.

The affair was held on the spacious grounds of the Seton Park Complex, 4805 Mt. Hope Dr., the site of the new national headquarters for the 76-year-old civil rights organization.

An historic aspect of the event is based on the fact that this is the first effort on the agency's part to own a permanent home headquarters in its history.

PICTURED ARE (LEFT TO RIGHT) Bishop Alfred G. Dunston, Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks and Mrs. Enolia McMillan, at press conference in Seton Park complex.

Church.

Hooks said that his organiza-

Bishop Dunston, who was accompanied by two presiding elders of the New Jersey Conference of the church, said that the contribution represents the efforts of the 43 churches within the New Jersey Conference of the AME Zion

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Aircrash victim's family facing a somber holiday

By Brion M. Tyson
AFRO Staff Writer

The family of Sgt. Thomas Robinson, Jr. awaits a grim New Year's holiday. Things will never again be the way they were last New Years.

There was an emptiness at the Robinsons' home in West Baltimore on Christmas Day. Thomas Robinson, Sr. was in Ft. Campbell, KY comforting his daughter-in-law and his two grandsons and the others just spent the holiday together.

They missed their brother, uncle, and friend Sgt. Thomas Robinson Jr.

Sgt. Robinson, Jr., 41, a 21-year army veteran, was on the DC-8 jet that went down in Newfoundland on December 12. Before the crash, his Baltimore family eagerly awaited his arrival in Ft. Campbell, KY that following Friday morning.

His wife, Patricia and his two sons, Marcus and Jarrard were all ready to spend the holiday with him. His father, Thomas Robinson, Sr. had his bags all packed and his seats on that TWA jetliner reserved. He was ready to go. And he would go, but only to console his daughter-in-law and his two grandsons.

When the AFRO met with Mr. Robinson, a teardrop fell from his eye as he remembered his son Thomas. He was adventurous, outgoing and a travelling man.

"Yes, he had been quite a few places in his time. I remember when he was home back in June. He and the rest of the kids all got together. They had a wonderful time," Mr. Robinson said.

"When he left he said he was heading for Egypt. When he got there he sent Sandra, his sister, a letter from Mt. Sinai and promised to send her some pictures to show to the members of her church.

"Where he was, was only about 10 miles from Jerusalem, but he said he couldn't afford to go there, so he said he would send her some pictures of the 10 Commandments," Mr. Robinson told the AFRO.

Mr. Robinson was all geared up for his trip to Kentucky when he received the shocking news that his son was aboard the fallen jet that killed some 248 American soldiers.

Robinson's niece, Dawn Faulks, tearfully told of how she learned that "Uncle Thomas" was on the plane that went down in New foundland.

"This was really unexpected. We all saw the newscast on television about the plane crash. That night he was supposed to be in Kentucky. "Aunt Pat," called us and said that "Uncle Thomas"

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One acquitted in Elkton 5 rape case

By Brion M. Tyson
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The remaining four of the five young men accused of raping a 36-year-old woman July 12, were released to their families at about 10 a.m. on Christmas Eve.

The four were released on their own recognizance after an all-white 12-man jury found Ronald L. Fitz, the fifth of the accused, innocent of 21 related charges that included rape, burglary and assault.

According to Baltimore attorney, David F. Sloan, who represents Richard Purdie and Sherdonald Lee Gude, the two minors accused of rape in the July 12 incident, a dismissal of all charges in the case will be sought.

Monday, after nearly two hours of deliberation, the jury delivered the not guilty verdict. A sigh of relief could be heard in the Elkton courtroom when the verdict was delivered. Nearly 80 black Cecil County residents were present.

NAACP representatives from Elkton and Baltimore were present during the trial. After a rally protesting the treatment of the five young men last Wednesday, NAACP regional director, Rev. Emmett C. Burns vowed that the NAACP would monitor the trials of all the accused.

The accused includes three brothers, Sheraton Lee Gude, 20, Sherdonald Lee Gude, 17, and Oscar Lee Gude, 26, and Richard D. Purdie, 17, an associate.

During the trial which led to

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Balto. seems not ready for Parks Sausage expansion Co.

By Racine S. Winborne
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The day after the president of the Parks Sausage Co., Raymond Haysbert, Sr., went to Philadelphia to visit several sites which could accommodate his meat packing business, an official with the Baltimore Economic Development Corporation (BEDCO) made a similar jaunt there.

Haysbert has served notice to the city that if a proposed $170 million baseball/football stadium is built on 85 acres at the Camden Yard he could be gone in 18 months.

He fears that such a move would jeopardize his plans to expand the downtown plant and says BEDCO officials have yet to reassure him that additional land tracts are available to support a decision to remain in Baltimore.

That news apparently hasn't deterred the city which appears to be quietly negotiating with Philadelphia officials to avoid a bidding war over the black-owned and operated meat packing plant which has been in Baltimore since 1951.

David Hash, an executive vice-president with BEDCO, traveled to The City of Brotherly Love to talk with his economic development counterparts at the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC).

"I was there on a factfinding mission. I was interested in just what the Philadelphia people were doing in making a proposal to the company. And to express our concern that it looked like Philadelphia was raiding our city," said Hash.

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2,150 flunk state test city will help them cram

By Valerie Smith-Madden
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Those 2,150 city school youngsters who failed the state functional writing test had better enjoy their Christmas break.

When they return to school on Thursday, Jan. 2, they can look forward to a number of programs designed to aid them in passing the next test which city school officials said may be given in September, 1986 on a "special basis."

Ellen Oglefelder, education specialist for the schools, said those students who failed the test can look forward to before-school and after-school tutoring programs as well as increased attention to writing skills during the regular school day.

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Kwanzaa—called the happy alternative

By Randolph R. Payton
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Kwanzaa is a national holiday celebrated by blacks in America from December 26 to January 1.

Since the isolation of blacks from their African roots during slavery, there has not been a customary holiday for blacks to identify with, besides those of their slave masters.

Although Kwanzaa is celebrated at the end of the year, it is not considered an alternative to Christmas nor is it a black Christmas. It should not be paralleled to any other celebration or holiday of European origin.

Kwanzaa is an important holiday for blacks, says Rasafik Weusi, coordinator of the Kwanzaa Planning Committee, "because it provides an alternative to the commercialization and dehumanization of Christmas and primarily because it, gives us an opportunity to reaffirm our African heritage."

Many blacks who have given up on Christmas have found a happy alternative in Kwanzaa. However, many blacks who have accepted the reality of Christmas, but are seeking an additional cultural expression celebrate Kwanzaa.

"Kwanzaa does not center

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Politics '86

Neal Janey to run

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

Former Maryland District Court Judge Neal Janey is weighing heavily the possibility of entering next year's state delegates race.

The 37-year-old Janey--now an attorney with the law firm of (Judge George L.) Russell & Thompson--may be coveting a seat in the 42nd Legislative District of Maryland.

"It's something that I'm considering. I haven't made any firm plans," Janey said.

Benjamin L. Cardin, House Speaker and a recently announced candidate for Congress in 1986, holds one of the three seats in the northwest district.

Until July of this year, Janey had served for the past five years on the District Court bench, retiring "primarily to return to private practice."

His name surfaced earlier this year as a possible candidate to serve as the court appointed trustee for Provident Hospital.

That job ultimately went to Judge Russell, the man in whose legal firm Janey now works.

Two local politicians have spent the past years helping others to ring in the Yuletide spirit.

Jackie helps churches

Baltimore City Councilwoman Jacqueline McLean (D.2nd) and U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski, (D.3rd), have each made personal financial donations to a number of relief organizations.

"Every year I do something different. Last year, instead of sending Christmas cards, I gave $1,500 to the Ethiopian Relief Fund," said Mrs. McLean.

In 1983, she said, a donation was given to the American Red Cross Fire Disaster Fund and she also encouraged others to do the same in her Christmas cards.

This year McLean and her secretary went through the local yellow pages directory and identified the names of all the churches, over 200 she says, in the second district and sent them each a $10 donation.

"At first I wanted to feed 500 families in the second district. My problem was no one wholesaler, you know for bread and other items, got back to me in a timely manner.

"So I figured the churches were the best place to help the needy."

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