Soup kitchens, shelters share in $250,000 grant

Baltimore soup kitchens, shelters and emergency food pantries will soon receive $249,289 to help the city's needy over the next several months.

Their funding, part of an annual grant by the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, will be allocated by a local board composed of the major area charitable agencies, said local board chairman Major Robert Pfeiffer of the Salvation Army.

"Unfortunately, the funding represents a sharp cut from last year of $27,000" he said. "The need for these funds is great — and this year we have less to satisfy the demand."

Last year, the money was used to provide 53,000 nights of emergency housing, 291,690 meals, and $80,000 worth of utility assistance, he said.

This is the fifth year that federal monies have come to Baltimore via the program, commonly called "FEMA" for the Federal Emergency Management Agency which manages the funds.

Any organization may apply for funding if they are non - profit, are audited annually, do not discriminate, have a demonstrated capability to delivery emergency food and shelter, deliver those services in Baltimore City, and have a voluntary board.

Agencies who have applied for funding in the past will be contacted again this year, Major Pfeiffer said. But he added that agencies who have not participated in the past may also apply.

The deadline for submitting applications to the local board is January 6. Applications should be submitted to the Salvation Army, which is coordinating the program in Baltimore.

Decisions on funding, which are subject to national board approval, will be made before the end of January, Major Pfeiffer said.

The local board consists of representatives of the Salvation Army, Associated Catholic Charities, Associated Jewish Charities, The Red Cross, The United Way, and the Baltimore City Health Department.

(AFRO Photo by Paris Gray)
THE SPIRIT OF GIVING was present Monday at the War Memorial Plaza when representatives of the Korean Businessmen's Association generously donated 200 baskets of food to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Charity. Pictured left to right at the memorable occasion are Leroy Sanders, Frances Draper, AFRO President; Enolia McMillan, NAACP President; Yoon T. Shim, City Council President and Mayor - designate Clarence Du Burns; Gwang E. Gim, Bud Coe, the Rev. John M. Harvin, the Rev. P. M. Tilgman and Joseph Yoh.

Danger: holiday decorations

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Traditional holiday plants and decorations - including wreaths, mistletoe and holly berries - are potentially dangerous in the home, particularly for children, a poison control center warns.

"We want everyone to enjoy the holidays, and part of that is making home a safe place to be," said James Buchanan, pharmacologist at the Poison Control Center in San Francisco General Hospital.

Buchanan said the stems, bark and needles of Christmas trees and wreaths can cause stomach upset, vomiting or diarrhea if eaten. A rash may develop from contact with sap of the plants.

Other potential dangers include:

— Poinsettias. Eating the leaves or stem of this decorative plant can lead to stomach upset. Sap from the poinsettia often causes skin irritations and should be washed off thoroughly with soap and water.

— Mistletoe. An extremely toxic plant that should be kept well out of the reach of children. If eaten, could cause severe stomach problems.

— Holly berries. The bright red berries of the holly plant can be very attractive to children. Eating a few will not cause any symptoms, but too many may produce vomiting and diarrhea.

— The rosary pea. The small red and black beans are also called the jequirity bean and are used to make jewelry in Mexico. They are harmless if swallowed whole, but when they are chewed first, the bean can cause severe stomach upset and poisoning.

Christmas tree decorations should also be examined. Ornaments from foreign countries frequently contain paints with lead, although at a low level. Metallic tinsel can cause bowel blockage if swallowed and angels hair, which is made of spun glass, can irritate the eyes, skin and throat if swallowed.

Bubble lights for Christmas trees contain methylene chloride, a chemical which can cause poisoning if swallowed. If the bulb breaks, release of the chemical can cause irritation or burning to the skin and nose, throat and lungs if swallowed.

Fireplace color crystals contain powders of heavy metal salts which, if eaten, can cause burns in the mouth and throat.

Disc batteries used for cameras, watches and calculators are also dangerous if swallowed by children. They can lodge in the throat, leak their corrosive contents and cause severe burns.

Buchanan said a little precaution is all that's needed and suggests that parents become familiar with the poison control center in their area. Most of them, he said, offer 24-hour hotline advice on potential poisonings.

Toys, he warns, can also be hazardous. If in doubt about a particular gift, he suggests parents call the toll-free number of the Consumer Product Safety Commission to check on the toy's safety. The number is 1-800-638-2772.

Finally, he warns parents against the potential danger of alcohol in the home since children are much more susceptible than adults to its effects. Keep alcohol and gifts such as cologne that contain alcohol out of the reach of children, he says, particularly unattended or left-over cocktails.

Rare black films offered by UDC

"Lost Images Rediscovered — The Tyler, Texas, Black Film Collection," a free film and lecture program sponsored by the University of the District of Columbia's Black Film Institute and the Audiovisual Division of the District of Columbia Public Library, will take place Jan. 6, 8, 13, 15 and 20.

The films in the series are part of a collection of 30 rare black audience films discovered in 1983 in a Tyler, Texas, warehouse. Black audience films are films that were made by black filmmakers featuring all or mostly black casts and intended to be shown to black audiences primarily in segregated Southern theaters.

Because they were made by blacks for a black audience, they are unique in their ability to express ideas that many real life blacks shared. The Tyler, Texas, collection consists of both features and shorts and includes romantic melodramas, murder mysteries, musicals, comedies, spiritual dramas and newsreels.

The series opens on January 6 with a screening of "Murder in Harlem," a 1935 release directed by pioneer black filmmaker Oscar Micheaux. Barbara Bryant, vice president of Phoenix Films, distributor of the Tyler, Texas, Film Collection, will be the guest speaker. "Juke Joint," released in 1947 and directed by Spencer Williams, will be shown on January 8. Williams is best known for his role as Andrew H. Brown, the buffoon character in the popular 1950's television series "Amos 'n Andy."

However, he was also a musician, a writer and actor who first worked with Oscar Hammerstein and later produced his own records. "Broken Earth," a 1939 short will also be shown on Jan. 8. "Souls of Sin," a 1949 film starring William Greaves, will be shown on Jan. 13, along with "Vanities," a 1946 short.

Greaves, who was also former executive producer for the landmark public television series "Black Journal," will be the guest speaker. "Miracle in Harlem," also starring Greaves, will be shown on Jan. 15, along with "Boogie Woogie Blues." The final program in the series will take place on January 20 and will feature "Girl in Room 20," another film directed by and starring Spencer Williams.

A newsreel featuring blacks in Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Maryland, in the 1950's will also be screened.

All programs in the series will take place at 6 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Programs scheduled for Jan. 6, 15 and 20 will be held at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Public Library, 901 G Street, N.W., Room A-5. Programs scheduled for Jan. 8 and 13 will take place at UDC.

About Your Health

By Dr. Derrick K. Matthews
ACNE-PART I

Acne is a common malady of adolescence that can cause a great deal of sensitivity. While it is less prevalent in blacks than whites, it has been the source of a large amount of grief and discomfort in teenagers.

The importance of acne in adolescent culture can be shown by the amount of slang used in reference to it. "Zits" and other derogatory expressions have been used for decades to describe budding teenage faces.

Between 10 and 20 percent of all visits to the doctor for skin problems involve acne. More than $100 million is spent on over the counter acne medications and $18 to 24 million for prescriptions.

Peak occurrence for acne is at 14 to 17 years of age for girls and 16 to 19 years of age for boys.

Multiple factors are involved in the formation of acne. These include oil production, hormones, bacteria, and probably genetics. Treatment of acne involves treatment of these various factors to some degree.

Acne occurs in the infundibulum or lining of the pores of the skin. The pilosebaceous canal is the canal leading into the skin from the opening at the top of the pore.

The cells lining the canal are generally shed out through the canal with, sebum which is an oily secretion produced by glands lining the base of the canal in the skin.

In acne these cells become very sticky and combine with sebum to form a plug. The plug leads to other problems.

When the plug is still out in the open (i.e., the pore opening is still present) it can be seen as a blackhead. A blackhead is not necessarily dirty; it can appear that way because of extra skin pigment (melanin) in it.

A whitehead consists of material packed into the canal with a very small pore opening. The entrance bulges up.

If there is enough irritation, the body's defense system responds by sending white blood cells and extra fluid to try to clear it out. This makes the whitehead worse and changes it into a pustule.

Sebum, as mentioned earlier, is involved in the formation of pimples and acne lesions. Acne prone persons produce more sebum than others.

Increased sebum occurs around puberty (with resultant acne) because of a marked increase in the sex hormones, particularly androgens, the male hormones. For this reason males tend to have a greater problem, on the average, than females.

Females can also have major problems, however. Under the influence of the hormones the sebaceous gland at the end of the canal down in the skin enlarges significantly to produce more of the oily sebum.

Certain families seem to have an increased amount and severity of acne by history. There has not been a good scientific study to prove or disprove a genetic correlation, however.

Bacteria are also important in the formation of acne. The most significant bacterial species is called Proprionibacterium acnes. it can produce materials to break down sebum into simpler and sometimes more irritating products.

The products can combine with toxins produced by the bacteria. They then cause the body to react with inflammation and white cells to cause pain and swelling.

Because of the many factors involved in the formation of acne, there are several approaches to improvement and treatment of acne.

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December 27th is a very important day for you to pick up a phone. That's the day of the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon" benefitting the United Negro College Fund.

On that day, the UNCF goes to the airwaves asking for your help. Your pledge can answer the prayers of young people who want a college education.

It's a chance to show your concern. It's an opportunity to help them have a better life.

You can also show your concern by picking up the phone right now. Offer to help answer the telephones at this year's telethon. Call your local UNCF office to find out how.

The reality of being Black in America includes all of us. It is up to all of us to answer the call for a better-educated world.

And answering a prayer is as easy as picking up a phone.

Support the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon" benefitting the United Negro College Fund December 27th on your local television channel. Check your local listings for times and stations.

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Our World

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PARTYLINE

LENORA CLAY RETIREMENT FETE

One of the loveliest celebrations of the social season was the retirement tribute hosted recently for Mrs. Lenora Clay at Martin's Preston Room, Maryland Ave. and Preston St. by the principal, faculty and staff of Thomas G. Hayes School #102.

Mrs. Clay, educated at St. Francis Academy, and a life-long member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, had served diligently as a para-professional at the Hayes School for 19 years.

Following the social hour, the program proceeded, with Mrs. Fannie Mathias presiding, the Occasion given by Mrs. Dolores Cornick, (both instructors at the school) and the invocation and grace offered by Father Carl Fisher, of St. Francis Church.

During dinner and the program, the honoree and guests were treated to solos by Ms. Barbara Small "The Shadow of Your Smile" and "The Way We Were." (Ms. Small is also a Hayes teacher).

Glowing tributes were forthcoming from Warren Sears, former principal; a letter of appreciation read by James McDonald, former principal and Mrs. Pauline Bruce, present principal.

Other tributes came from Ms. Helena Johnson, a friend, who gave a poem of reminiscence, Ms. Bernice Hunley, the honoree's cousin, who gave a verbal acrostic using the letters of the honoree's name to spell out her sterling qualities; Father Fisher, who also paid homage to the innate kindness and unselfishness of Mrs. Clay and presented her with a Crucifix as a gift, Dwight Thomas, her son, who presented, along with loving remarks, roses from the family, and from granddaughter Kennette Thomas, a poem of tribute.

Other presentations included a plaque of appreciation from the school symbolizing love and dedication, and perfume, presented by Mrs. Ida Conaway (teacher), an interesting caricature by yours truly, and a colorful acrostic, money and a scrapbook for retirement memories presented by Mrs. Delores Funn, school secretary.

Other gifts included additional money, perfume and wine.

All tributes bespoke the kindness, unselfishness, dedication and love of the honoree, who graciously thanked all for the occasion, and gave credit to her late mother and father and to the St. Francis Sisters of Blate for her own development in life. It was a lovely evening, with dancing and socializing following the program.

Music for dining and dancing was provided by Robert Larkins, a Hayes teacher who was dejay. The caricature was done by T. Stockett of the Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers.

Retirement Committee members were: Mrs. Ernestine Hill, Chairperson; Mrs. Pattie Hodges, Mrs. Vernice Howard, Ms. Lynn Isaac, Mrs. Madeline Scrivens, Mrs. Dolores Cornick, Mr. Robert Larkins and Mrs. Delores Funn.

Relatives attending included: James and Sharon Gilliard, daughters and son-in-law; Dwight B. Thomas, son; Byron G. Thomas, son; Charmet F. Elder, daughter; Clara M. Clay, sister; Herbert and Anna Mae Jones, brother and wife; Kennette B. Thomas, granddaughter; Eugene and Beverly Banks, niece and husband; Tanya Jones, niece and A. Bernice S. Hunley, cousins.

Friends in attendance were: Lynn Isaac, Mary Patterson, Cynthia Ray, Madeline Scrivens, Leona Lee, Marian B. Bordley, Warren Sears, Nancy Christian, Wilhelonina Best, Dolores Cornick, Anthony Howard, Ruby Jean McCain, Barbara A. Small, Fannie M. Mathias, Shirley C. Robinson, Shirley Cartwright, Vernice Howard, Ida Conaway, Delores B. Funn, James E. McDonald, George and Cecelia Fisher, Irene J. Spears, Helena J. Johnson, Walter Brown;

Also Douglass and Catherine Smith, Robert Larkins, Patty Alexander, Rhonda Spence, Daryell Anderson, Edwin G. Jones, Virginia Backmon, Carl and Pauline Bruce, Gracie Darby, Elnora Knight, Sylvia S. Hill, Shirley Lyles, Beatrice Brown, Ernestine M. Hill, Dwain D. Lucas and Father Carl Fisher.

ZETAS BRUNCH-CARD PARTY

One of the most interesting and fun-filled activities of the Thanksgiving into Christmas season was the Brunch-Card Party hosted by the Alpha Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority the Saturday following Thanksgiving at La Fountaine Bleu, Erdman Ave.

If you think folks won't get up for fun in the morning you are wrong. Nearly 600 were in attendance at the affair, which began at 10 a.m. and lasted until around 2 p.m.

Sorors and their guests gorged themselves on the scrumptuous omelettes, ham, roast beef, eggs, sausage, bacon, waffles, French toast, croissants and other goodies offered at the breakfast. The made - to - order omelettes were really a big hit and the staff at the Bleu were kept hopping to keep the zesty appetities satisfied.

Beautiful door prizes, including hand-made afghans, a mink hat and others were won by delighted lucky ticket stub holders, and a 50/50 raffle also created a lot of

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(Photo by Paris Gray)
MRS. LENORA CLAY proudly holds plaque she received during her recently held retirement celebration at Martin's Preston room, Preston St. and Maryland Ave.

Government Girls host festive Yule party

GOVERNMENT GIRLS enjoying themselves heartily during the annual Christmas party hosted recently at the Forum by the Alpha Chapter, Government Girls on the Go (GGOGS) are (L to R): Mary J. James, Chapter president; Mamie C. Jones, Bernice L. Tyson and Elizabeth C. Taylor, chairperson for the party.

IN HOLIDAY SPIRITS are (from L): GGOG's Barbara Gorham, Co-chairperson; Marcelen Clerkley, Dorothy Pettaway and Sarah H. Gross.

CHATTING ANIMATEDLY are (L to R): Brenda Rigby, Carolyn Mello, Betty Hubbard and Pauline Turner.

VERNA DAY, who provided lively drama during the party and was presented a centerpiece of flowers, chats with Pattie Hodges, Our World Editor. (AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers), who received the club's 'Community Service' award.

The Alpha Chapter of the Government Girls on the Go hosted their 28th Annual Christmas Luncheon, Friday, Dec. 12, from 12 noon until 4 p.m. at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Ave. The holiday gala was a festive affair.

The Government Girls on the Go (or GGOGs, as they are fondly called), group of 18 federally employed women, originating from the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn to Metro West, now includes employees from other Federal Agencies in the Area.

The guests arrived to the splendor of the holiday at the Forum, with the beautiful Christmas Tree, holiday decorations and the tables decorated with white Poinsettia Centerpieces; with Abe Riley's Music-Machine playing the latest Disco and Christmas Music; setting the mood for the Christmas Spirit. Each guest received a decorative Red, Green, or Blue Corsage to wear and a Christmas decorated Mug as a Keepsake.

The afternoon began with the Cocktail Hour and Open Bar which continued through-out the affair. There was plenty socializing and merriment, meeting old friends and making new acquaintances.

The program began with a greeting by Elizabeth Taylor, Chairperson, who later, gave a moving invocation before the luncheon was served.

Then a sumptuous delicious sit-down dinner was served which boasted tropical fruit cup, roast brisket of beef, boneless stuffed chicken with baked potato, spiced fruit garnish, seasoned green beans, rolls and butter, and for dessert, delicious Hawaiian pineapple cake and coffee or tea.

The guests listened attentively as, giving a brief History of the GGOGS, Mrs. Mary J. James, President, said: "This is a special time of year for all of us; so the Christmas Luncheon (which is a non-profit activity) has now become the "Government Girls on the Go Tradition" to usher in the holidays. The GGOG's Annual Christmas Luncheon was founded by: Mamie C. Jones, Sarah Gross and Hazel Woods.

The President presented "Certificates of Award" for outstanding service on various projects in 1986, to the following members; Elizabeth Taylor, Chairperson, of the 28th Annual Christmas Luncheon, the City Temple Feeding Program, the Dukeland Nursing Home and serving on Granada Nursing Home Committee; Barbara Gorham, Co-Chairperson, of the 28th Annual Christmas Luncheon and serving on the Nominating Committee; Mamie Jones, Chairperson, of the Granada Nursing Home, House of Ruth, Our Daily Bread, N.M. Carroll Manor and Co-Chairperson of the Nominating Committee; Sarah Gross, Chairperson, of the Social Security Administration Tree Project, and the Nominating Committee; Carol Mello, Chairperson, of the Open Door Diner and Negro College Fund Projects; Brenda Rigby, Chairperson, of the Upton House Project and serving on the Nominating Committee; Bernice Rigby, Chairperson, of the Upton House Project and serving on the Nominating Committee; Bernice Tyson, Chairperson, of the Bea Gaddy Feeding Project and serving on the Granada Nursing Home Committee; Betty Hubbard, Serving on the Granada Nursing Home Committee; Pauline Turner, Serving on the Nominating Committee; Marcelene Clerkley, Chairperson, of the Annual Charity Benefit.

Mrs. James also presented a

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UNCF VIEWING PARTY

The Baltimore United Negro College Fund Lou Rawls Parade of Stars telethon steering committee will host a Super - Viewing Party on December 27, from six p.m. to midnight in the Holiday Room, Cross Keys Inn.

The UNCF Telethon, co - hosted by Ed McMahon and Marilyn McCoo, will be aired locally on Channel 11 to benefit the 43 - member private, historically black colleges and universities.

The telethon includes entertainment by Nancy Wilson, The Commodores, Jose Feliciano, Kenny Rogers, Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin, Charley Pride, Alabama, New Edition, and many others.

The Super - Viewing Party is open to the public.

Smart Set gives to UNCF

The local United Negro College Fund Telethon committee held a kick-off at The Forum on December 10.

Sponsored by Anheuser - Busch Companies, the affair highlighted the upcoming December 27 six hour telethon to be aired on WBAL-TV from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight. The telethon will benefit the 43 historically black colleges and universities and will be co - hosted by Ed McMahon and Marilyn McCoo.

The local telethon is chaired by Laura Knight, and co - chaired by Thelma T. Daley and Hazel Parks.

Some of the persons is attendance at the kick - off were: Ellen Diggs, Richard Hayes, Shirley Barber, Gwendolyn Lindsay, Merry Mace - Sampson, Theresa Holland, James and Edna Thorton, Flossie Johnson, Patricia Framer, Vernard Wynne, Dr. Ruth Pratt, Valerica Baker, Bernice Hunley, Rosemary Atkinson, Elnora Fullwood, Rita Cooper, Vivien Gardner, Sara Smalley, Ruth Daniels, Harlow Fullwood, Frances West, Verna Day, Marian Paterson, Mary Bethen, Wisteen Knockett, Scherod Barnes, Senator and Mrs. Troy Brailey, Norma Scott, Pateile Harris, Anne Moreland, Pearlie and Eugene Freeman, Mary Fields, Charlene Boston, Vita Boothe, Eleanor Howard, Ponjola Priest, and Mrs. & Mrs. Thomas Hasty.

SMART SET MEMBERS Merdis Lyons, (L) treasurer and Gladys Bragg, president make a contribution to the UNCF to Virgil Ecton, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the United Negro College Fund. The contribution was made during the Smart Set's recent National Conclave held in Asbury Park, NJ.

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