Kids Talk

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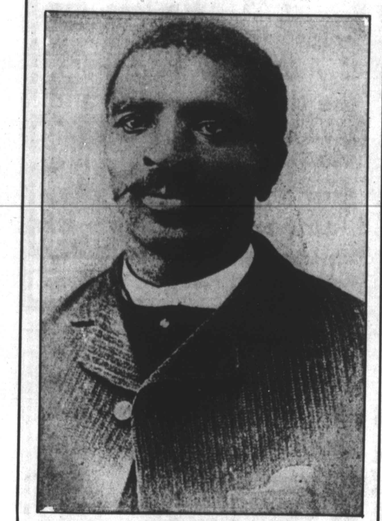

He was born in Diamond Grove, Missouri on July 12, 1864. He was a teacher at Iowa State College and the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. He is best known for the fascinating things he created from the peanut. He made milk, coffee, flour, dyes, lotion, perfume, ink, bread and even a mock chicken dinner all from the peanut! He died when he was 74 years old. Since that time there has been a museum, a stamp, and a 50-cent piece coin created in his honor.

He is George Washington Carver.

Christmas Countdown

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the third grade and I have been good all year. My mother and father think so too. I help with cooking and with taking care of my baby sister. I can't wait until it is Christmas time! Santa, what I would like for Christmas is a Footnotes keyboard, a black kitten and a dollhouse kitchen with a stove and sink that really work. Could you get them for me? Thank you very much.

Love,
Carrie Stone

Your letter could appear in the AFRO just like Carrie's, but you don't have much time. There are only four more weeks before Christmas!

For you boys and girls who have been good all year, it's time to get those "wish lists" headed toward the North Pole in time for Santa Claus and his elves to bring you the toys and treats you desire.

To make sure your letter makes the long journey to the North Pole, mail it to the AFRO and we will send it by our special express system directly to Santa. Furthermore, the best written letters will appear on the Kids Talk page. Since Santa always reads the AFRO, we are sure that he will give those featured letters special attention.

Write your letter right away, put it in a stamped envelope, and mail it to:

Santa Claus
The Washington
Afro-American Newspaper
2002 11th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

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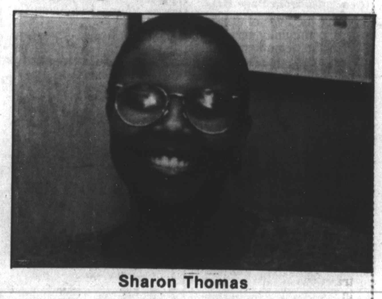
"Youth on Beat" 1st prize winner

Sharon Thomas, an 11th grade student at Polytechnic High School, won a first place prize of a $100 bond in the Baltimore Youth on the Beat Contest for the following essay:



Sharon Thomas

Essay

Being a Victim of a Robbery Involves More than the Loss of Property

By Sharon Thomas

I was a victim of a crime that changed my whole life, thoughts and feelings toward others. This summer while working at my first job, I suffered a loss that made this enormous change in my life. On my first pay day, I eagerly awaited my check, although it was a small amount covering only two days of hard work. This payment symbolized my meeting the challenge of participating in the adult working world. Happily, I put my cash in my purse and started working. Someone went into my locker, searched through my belongings and stole my pay. When I learned of this theft, it was hard for me to work knowing that one of my fellow employees was a thief.

I was always taught to respect and treat everyone the way that I would like to be treated. Since this incident, I have become very skeptical in trusting people — including some of my friends.

In today's society, it is better to be safe than sorry. I am very protective of my possessions. I am a very sensitive and emotional person. This property could be replaced, but not my feelings toward society.

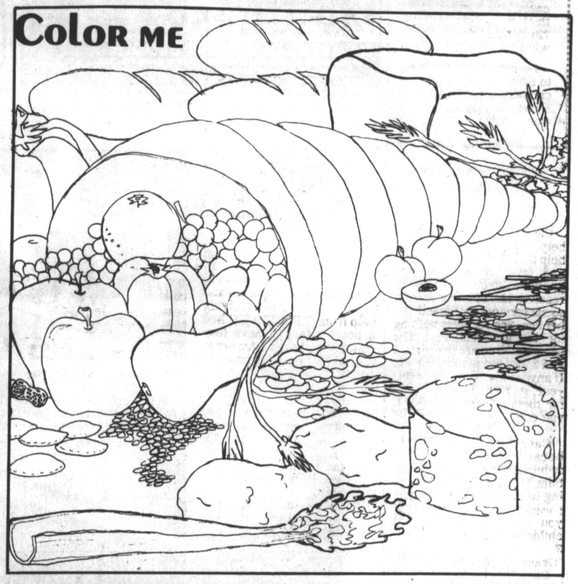
Crime affects the young as well as the old. An elderly friend of my family was knocked down and robbed of her purses and groceries. She suffered physical pain in her hand and wrist. Also, she has suffered emotional scars for life. She was so afraid that finally she moved to another state.

About one month after I was robbed, my house was also robbed. The thief came at night and stole a lot of equipment out of my locked garage. My family was shocked and alarmed.

In conclusion, sooner or later each and every criminal must adhere to the rules of society and God. In this life or another he has to stand before a judge. He must understand, "whatsoever he soweth he also must reap; whatsoever he plants he must also pluck up."

Crime is an important subject because the crime rate seems to have increased, and more importantly, it has changed my life, a friend's life, and the total safety of my home and family in the community.

Color me



Puzzling???

The Peanut Man

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FIND THESE HIDDEN WORDS

IN THE ABOVE PUZZLE:

Tuskegee	agriculture
lab	protein
science	soil
crops	discovery
reap	research
southern	sow

HERE IS THE ANSWER KEY:

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SCRAMBLED!!

"HARVEST TIME"

Read the descriptions below and fill in the blanks. A few letters in each mystery word are provided as clues. Good luck!!

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2. R — — P — —
3. C — — — — — C O P I A
4. L — — — — — —
5. B U S H — L S
6. A — — — — — —
7. P — — — — — — — — K
8. — H R E — H E R
9. P — — — S
10. — — P L — — Y — — P
11. A — — — — S

1. This is a grain from which bread is made.
2. This is a machine that gathers the crops.
3. This is a horn filled with fruit, grains and vegetables; a symbol of plenty.
4. They fall from trees and are bright orange, yellow and red in autumn.
5. Bunches of hay, grass, or grain tied in bundles.
6. Squirrels collect and store these for the winter.
7. This is a three-pronged fork used to pitch hay.
8. This is a machine that separates grains and seeds from straw.
9. These are mounds of leaves or hay that are fun to play in.
10. This is made from the sap of the maple tree; we pour it on pancakes.
11. These are picked during fall and make delicious pies and cider.

1988 MRS. SANTA CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Santa Needs You

Dear Friends:

We have embarked on our Mrs. Santa Campaign and we need your help again this year!

For a long time now, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa program has helped the needy residents of Baltimore have a Merry Christmas and we will continue this effort.

The Mrs. Santa Campaign is a non-profit program sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers with the express purpose of providing food and toys for the truly needy.

Over the years, the Mrs. Santa Campaign has been able to feed over 1,000 families in the Baltimore area who might not have anything on their table for the holiday season, as well as provide a toy that will help to brighten the day of an otherwise glum child.

Won't you become a Mrs. Santa Helper this year? Take a minute and drop us a donation. Any amount will help us help someone who cannot make ends meet. For contributions of $100 or more, we will publish your picture in the newspaper. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Or, help us by adopting one of the cases we will be printing throughout the Campaign. If, when reading our cases, you come across one whose circumstances you think you might be able to help, please call us here at 728-8200 and give us that particular case number, and we will provide you with the information you will need.

Perhaps your club, job, church, or business might wish to adopt a case. There are so many ways in which you can help those in need. Please give us a call.

Help us help someone have a Merry Christmas. You won't regret it.

The Gladiators Inc., 1315 W. Mulberry helped AFRO's Mrs. Santa with food baskets for Thanksgiving. Above Benjamin Coombs, Lennis Dickerson, Bernet Dyson, Stanley Ellis, Sylvester Jones, William Lewis, Rodney Orange, Robert Smith, John Young.

The Roberts Building, Rosewood Center, Owings Mills, Md. donated a huge box of Thanksgiving goodies to Mrs. Santa. Above, AFRO Mrs. Santa's helper; Valerie Pulley, Workshop Placement Coordinator in Peabody unit and Mrs. Santor Hill, Director, Care Worker.

The Nursing Students' Association of Coppin State College, Helene Fuld School of Nursing donated food baskets filled with turkeys and ham to a needy family at Thanksgiving. Left, Miranda Collins, treasurer; and Octavia Brown, president.

Cases 28-43

'Concerned Friend'

Case #28: I am writing for help. My friend really needs help this Christmas with food and toys for her son and grandchildren. She only receives $294.00 a month from social services for herself and her son. She receives nothing for the grandchildren. The grandchildren are two girls, 2 and 3, her son is 10 years old. If anyone needs your help this year, it is her. I feel so sorry for them. Please help her if you can.

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Case #29: I need help because my income was reduced and after paying the bills, I have nothing. I am trying to make it, but it is hard. I would appreciate any help you can give. I have five children. Ages 14, 12, 9, 5, and 3.

'Grandmother Ask For Help'

Case #30: I am in need for my three grandchildren. Food, toys, anything will help until I can get some aid. My grandchildren are fire victims and was completely burned out of everything they ever had. Their ages are 15, 9, and 4. Please help them.

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Case #31: I am writing in hope that you might be able to help me and my four children this year for Christmas. My lights were just turned back on and I don't have any money left to buy them anything. I do receive social service checks, but am afraid to spend it on clothes and toys for Christmas because I don't have anyone to help me pay the bills. I don't want to end up cold and in the dark. Please help my kids.

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Case #32: I am single and receive social service checks. I am not getting that much, but am doing the best that I know how. After I pay all my bills, there is nothing left to get my children what they need. That makes me feel bad. I am really worried about Christmas. My two boys are 2 and 1 years old. I also support my 17 year old sister. I'm asking for whatever you can give them. Thank you very much and may God bless you.

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Case #33: Could you please help my son and myself to have a Merry Christmas by providing us with food and toys. I'm presently on social service and after paying the bills and my bail bondsman, I don't have enough money to give my son a nice Christmas like I would want to.

'D.S.S. Is Not Enough'

Case #34: I need help because D.S.S. is helping all they can, but it is not enough. My father is unemployed and my mother is also receiving help from D.S.S. She just had a heart attack. I have four children and their ages are 8, 6, 4, and 1. I would appreciate any help I can get.

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Case #35: I am writing this letter to you asking you can you please help me this year. I am having financial difficulties as far as getting clothing and toys for my kids. This year my children may not have a Christmas without your help. Please help me in anyway possible with food, clothing and toys.

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Case #36: We are writing you to let you know that we have been good all year. I would like you to send me and my sister some clothes and toys for Christmas. I am six and my sister is two. My sister wears a size 4 and I wear a size 9. My mommy is doing her best and could use a food basket for the holidays. The bills are behind and she can't pay them. She tells us to understand, but how can we understand that there might not be a Christmas this year. My father is in jail. Please help us for Christmas, so that my mommy can stop worrying. We love you Mrs. Santa, a whole lot.

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'Help My Children'

Case #37: I am writing you to see if you could help my children and I for Christmas. My husband has been gone for over a month now and I do have several bills to pay. I receive $354.00 from S.S.I. It is not enough. I have four children. My rent is $295.00 a month and the difference buys a small amount of groceries which took my whole check. I would really appreciate any kind of help.

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Case #38: At one time I received help from D.S.S. for my two older children and myself. I have two small children, 10 & 6, that I don't receive neither D.S.S. nor child support. I work 63 hours bi-weekly and can't see any help for Christmas. If you can help, please do. I am not worried about myself, I just want my children to be happy.

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Case #39: I have one child and am pregnant. My due date is Christmas day. I just moved on my own into an unfurnished apartment. I have no friends and really no help. All I have is my love for my son. My mother tells me, "You must crawl before you walk." That is why I am writing for help. I just know where there is a will, there is a way. Please help my son have a Christmas.

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Case #40: I am writing you because my children are in need of toys and clothing. I would appreciate any help you can give me.

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Case #41: I have eight children and a two month old grandchild. We are in need of help for Thanksgiving and Christmas. May God bless and keep you as you try to make others happy.

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Case #42: I am in need of help for myself and my four children. Without the help of my children's father any more, I really can't afford to buy my children anything after the bills. I am asking you to please help me and my children this year. My four children ages are 7, 10, 13, and 15. I am asking God to give me strength.

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Case #43: Could you please help me out this year with a basket. I would be so thankful. I have one 13-year-old son and my sister's 11-year-old boy. Thank you and may God richly bless you and your staff.

Mrs. Santa Request Form

Mrs. Santa wants to help you have a Merry Christmas by providing you with food and toys. If you'd like us to help, use the form below and give us your name, address, telephone number, zip code, number and ages of children, and tell us why the family needs help. If you live in an apartment building, please be sure to state the name of the apartment or housing complex as well as the number of the apartment.

Please do not call our office and ask to be placed on the list of recipients. You must fill out this form and send it to us.

Request Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Apartment _____ or

Housing Complex: _____

No. of Children: _____

Ages: _____

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