★'S AND YOU

CAPRICORN Dec. 23-Jan. 20 — WATCH out for impulsive and over - generous acts and don't spend your money on the wrong things and people. Your opposite number will be sympathetic when something seems to be going wrong. Lucky number 7, color blue.

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AQUARIUS Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 — YOU may cause upsets when you make an unusual announcement. But don't let a misunderstanding get out of hand. The weekend is good for shopping. Lucky number 15, color beige.

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PISCES Feb. 20 - Mar. 20 — DON'T be surprised if someone you counted on lets you down. You may be better off on your own in some ventures. Money has a way of slipping through our fingers and you must try to be more economical. Lucky number 8, color gold.

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ARIES Mar. 21 April 20 — YOU may be trying to please the wrong people which will keep you too busy But at the weekend you should get pleasure from social activities. Get your shopping done before a weekend expense crops up. Lucky number 22, color lavender.

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TAURUS April 21-May 21 — PREPARE yourself for future developments that may be trying yet fortunate at the same time. Guard what you hold precious. You can win the favor of a-companion just by agreeing to a change. Lucky number 1, color pin.

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GEMINI May 22-June 21 — RELY on your instincts to show you what is right. Before mid-week there may be a home problem to sort out. Try to be with friends at the weekend. Lucky number 13, color orange.

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CANCER June 22 - July 23 — YOUR health has been worrying you, but it should take a turn for the better. Invite your favorite people to be with you at the weekend and you will have a good time. Lucky number 11, color red.

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LEO July 24 - Aug. 23 — TO SHINE in face of fresh competition you must work extra hard now. Plenty of fun is on the way though. Use your common sense over one problem. Lucky number 14, color yellow.

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VIRGO Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 — A FREIND proves a good teacher in one matter. Rest mid-week, as too much excitement may harm you. Watch for an opportunity. Lucky number 9, color green.

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LIBRA Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 — GIVE in when you find that others are more often right than you. It is no use standing out against general opinion. Your social life will be energetic and you will have a lot of fun. Lucky number 2, color brown.

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SCORPIO Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 — OLD - FASHIONED techniques should be replaced or you will find you are not making progress fast enough. Rumors are inclined to fly thick and fast — but don't be taken in. Lucky number 10, color purple.

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SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 - Dec. 22 —KEEP away from unfamiliar places if you are travelling this week. Don't be surprised if friends seem evasive when you ask an important question. Do a little straight thinking and then do something to please your self. Lucky number 3, color black.

Know the weather

Why does a weather change so often affect the sinuses or the ears?

When the weather changes, the pressure also changes. When a clear spell comes to an end and rainy low-pressure weather begins, those who experience ear or sinus trouble often experience discomfort.

This is because there are pockets of air in our head, or sinuses, which become blocked off.

Pressure — 12pt.

The pressure inside becomes greater than outside when the barometer falls (and a low-pressure system arrives overhead) and expands the pockets.

A doctor will open them up, or equalize the pressure. The eustachian tube in the ear is a natural safety valve to allow air in and out of the ear.

If it is closed by swelling or a bad cold, then you risk puncturing your ear drum if you fly at a high altitude.

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DO YOU WANT A PEN PAL?

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

If you correspond with some of the letter writers in this column, you may establish long, and lasting friendships.

All letters must be printed or typewritten and not more than a half a page long.

Send them to Pen Pals P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

My name is GAIL E. WILLIS I would like to make new friends I am 17 years old. My hobbies are reading, dancing, cooking and listening to records. Post Office, Turbeville, Va. 24596.

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I would like for you to add my name to the pen pal. I am interested in making new friends all over the world. I am 18 years old and would like for young men 18 and up to correspond with. My name is MARY LEE MALONE, Rt. 1, Box 93, Alton, Virginia.

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I would like for you to add my name to your list. I would like to hear from people all over the world. Ages 19 and up I like sports, music and writing letters. My name and address is BERNARD C. JOHNSON, Box 534 Jessup, Maryland.

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My name is JAMES H. HORNE, I am 19 and a freshman in Charlotte N.C. My hobbies are listening to rock and roll, art, marching with the band and going to ball games. I would like to hear from boys and girls all over the U.S. 17-23. I will answer all letters. P.O. Box 689, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C 28208.

BOOKS

A delightful new book about a well-loved but little known animal is to be published by McGraw - Hill on Feburary 3.

Authored by Ramona and Desmond Morris, MEN AND PANDAS presents in a highly entertaining and readable fashion all the facts known today about the still mysterious giant panda—his relationship to man, his relationship to other pandas, and the clues to his evolution.

Desmond Morris was the Curator of the London Zoo who accompanied Chi-Chi to Moscow in the famous attempt to mate her with the only male panda outside of Red China.

MEN AND PANDAS is the third book in a fascinating series by British zoologica experts Mr. and Mrs. Morris

The previous books were MEN AND SNAKES and MEN AND APES both published by McGraw-Hill.

I am ELAINE FELTON and would like to correspond with males between the ages of 20 and 25. I am 19 and love to meet new people. My address is 554 St. Mary Street, Balto, Md.

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I would like for you to add my name to your pen pal list. My name is ROGER RICHMOND, Route 1, Box 268, Haw River, N.C. 27258. I am 17 years old and like to communicate with boys and girls all over the world. My hobbies are swimming, boating, dating, model car racing, dancing, and music.

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My name is MARY ANN HARRISON. I am 17 and would like to correspond with boys from all over the U.S. and foreign Countries as well. My hobbies are reading plays, listening to records, Collecting photos, dancing, reading, cooking and writing. My address is 119 Bell Street, Walterboro, S.C. 29488.

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I would like to correspond with boys and girls at the ages of 15 and 18. My hobbies are cooking, reading, swimming, listening to records and meeting new friends. Please send a picture of yourself. My name and address is ETHEL C. McKIM. Box 252, West Grove, Penna.

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My name is ELIZABETH PAIGE, I am 15 years old. I am a freshman in high school. I would like to correspond with boys and girls from all over the U.S. ages 16 and up. My hobbies are talking, going to games, listening to records and dancing. My address is Route 3, Box 345A, Emporia, Virginia 23847. Please enclose a picture.

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My name is ZELANE MCFADDEN. I would like to exchange letters with boys and girls of all ages from five on up. I am very friendly and love people who are friendly. My address is 310 N. Shroeder St., Baltimore, Maryland, 21223.

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I would like for you to add my name to your pen pal list. Would like to correspond with boys and girls from all over the world. Ages 14-18. My hobbies are listening to records, basketball, tennis, dancing. My address is ANTIONETTE ERNESTINE WALLACE. route 1, Box 140 Charles City, Co. Virginia 23030.

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I would like to have pen pals from all over the world. My name is HAZEL JOHNSON, address 410 Pine Street Ext. Dillion S.C. 29536. My hobbies are reading, writing, sewing, cooking, singing. I will answer all letters. I prefer hearing from girls and boys 15 to 18.

I am SCHERLINE SCOTT, 13 years old. I would like to have pen pals from all over the world. Ages 13-16. My address is 424 Oxford Court, My hobbies are singing, dancing, typing and music.

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My name is MARGARET D. GILL, I am a junior at high school. I am 16 and would like to correspond with male and female who are on the American Band Stand every Saturday. I would like for you to enclose pictures if possible. My address is P.O. Box 31 Kline South Carolina 29814.

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I would like to correspond with male and famale ages 14-16. My hobbies are signing, dancing, writing and meeting new people. I hope I will be a long lasting friend to someone. My address is Route 4, Box 664, Tallahasses.

OUR READERS SAY

Readers are invited to write on any subject they desire. However, all letters must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request.

THE EDITOR

GROUPING

Annapolis — Your article, 'Grouping Hurts The Poor,' (Jan. 7), was an informative and helpful one.

I agree with the author, Dr. Arthur Pearl, that children from disadvantaged backgrounds are more likely to be placed in low ability classes than children from more advantaged areas. It is not right. — A TEACHER

STACEY HELPS

New York — I want to take this means to thank Stacey for answering my letter promptly in your magazine section.

I want you to know that because of his advice my wife and I are back together again and everybody, including the children, is happy.— G. H.

PRAYERS HELP

Philadelphia — I have been a reader of the AFRO Magazine for some years. I am glad to note that you have resumed running the prayers. They are a great comfort to me and my family. Please continue them as a regular feature. — MRS. SUSAN FLEMING

JAN'S PHOTO

Richmond — Sometime ago, you ran a picture of Jan at the top of her column. What happened to it? — CURIOUS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Just an oversight. We'll be running Jan's photo again.

MYSTERY

Washington — I remember that picture of the dog and the boy and the mob. I am glad to see the AFRO has solved the mystery. (Jan. 14) — LOU COOK

VIETNAM KIDS

Baltimore — I enjoyed the picture story on the children in Vietnam (Children Are The Same All Over the World, Jan. 14.) It is so true, children are the same. The small child who was crying looked just like my grandchildren. — MRS. J.K. SOUTH

MR. BUMBLE

Wilmington — I sent a letter to Mr. Bumble's contest and it was not published. I thought I should at least get a $1 prize. — JERRY WILLIAMS

EITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Bumble tries to give prizes to most of his contestants, but some letters are not written in such a way to qualify for even a $1 prize. Look at the rules and try again. You may be a winner.

MAIL ORDER

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Are you facing difficult problems? Poor health? Money or Job Troubles? Unhappiness? Drink? Love or Family Troubles? Would you like more Happiness, Success and "Good Fortune" in Life? If you have any of these Problems or others like them, dear friend, then here is wonderful NEWS of a remarkable NEW WAY of PRAYER that is helping thousands to glorious new happiness and joy! Just clip this message now and mail with your name, address and 10¢ to cover postage and handling. We will rush this wonderful NEW MESSAGE OF PRAYER and TRUTH to you by Return Mail, absolutely FREE! We will also send you FREE, this beautiful GOLDEN CROSS for you to keep and treasure!

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PRAYER

Oh Heavenly Father forgive us of the sins of Ingratitude. Help us to say 'thank you Lord' for all our blessings, even though some are in disguise. Guide us that we may be obedient to Thee and be worthy of Thy Blessings. In the Saviour's name we pray. AMEN

MR. BUMBLE LISTS:

'SECOND WEEK OF WINNERS.'

More and more winners are coming your way.

I've got a lot of good ones this week. In fact, I can't understand how there can be so much misery in the world when there's so much happiness among my readers.

All Kinds

If it were just a certain group of you who claimed such marvelous experiences it would be a different matter. But the letters are coming in from every face of our society.

The young, the old, the housewives, the professional people, the grandparents and great - grand parents; are all joining in and letting Mr. Bumble know about

Contest

'Most Exciting Experience of 1966.'

One day I just might have a contest where I let you the readers decide which of the letters for a given period are the best.

Some of them make old Mr.Bumble feel a little envious. I don't get around too much and with you telling me all about the pretty places and things you've seen I'm starting to think I should take a vacation. But if I did who would see to it that you would get your prize money every week?

Big

Think I'd better stay a little while.

Well, this is the second week of the Big Contest and the letters are still pouring in. So don't you forget to read my rules carefully and get your letter in the mail soon.

PRIZES

Well, old Mr. Bumble has chosen the winners for the second leg of the 'Most Exciting Experience' contest. Winners of the first week have already received their cash prizes. So you better get on the ball. I've go $1 for every letter I print, $10 for the best entry, $5 for the second best and $2.50 for the third place winer. You Better Hurry.

'My, my, my, just keep sending 'em in.'

$10 WINNER

'I threw my knife . . . and killed the snake'

Audrey Veney, 2637 Kirk Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21218.

Last summer I went to camp and one day our camping teacher took us camping in the woods.

While we were in the woods we roasted marshmallows and cooked chicken. Then we laid down on our blankets.

When we woke up we saw a snake crawling toward our teacher. My girlfriend ran over and woke her up and told her a snake as coming toward her.

My teacher jumped up and ran.

I took out my camping knife and threw it at the snake and killed it.

Prom

Miss Nadine E. Kane, 1417 N. Chester St., Balto., Md. 21213

My 'Most Exciting Experience of 1966, was when I went to Dunbar's Senior Prom.

Ever since I was in junior high school I have dreamed of going to the Prom my first year of senior high school.

Finally I met a nice guy and he took me to his Senior Prom and my dreams came true.

Battleship

Haywood Saunders P.O. Box 1373, New Bern, N.C.

My most exciting experience in 1966 was visiting the USS Battleship North Carolina at Wilmington, N.C.

I read about it in History. It won a lot of battles in World War II.

Dance

Miss Hattie Sledge, General Delivery, Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

My most exciting experience of 1966 is when my cousin and I attended this dance at the John A. Chaloner School gym.

Everything was just wonderful. We had a glorious time.

Money

Lydia, Route Box 432, Kinsale, Virginia 22488

My most exciting experience was when I received a great amount of money from my deceased father.

Oh! when I got it I was so excited, I almost blanked out.

I put it in the bank so I would have the money to graduate with.

Volunteer Worker

Miss Jacqueline Saunders, 2292 Park Wood Ave., Richmond, Va.

My most exciting experience in 1966 was when I began doing volunteer office work at a local hospital.

There I quickly adjusted to the routine and grew to know my fellow workers.

I knew of the patients and their various diseases. I prayed some and rejoiced with happiness for others for they were recovering quickly and would soon be back with their families.

RULES

Mr. Bumble acknowledges an error appearing in last week's rules: Rule No. 1 should have read 'Most Exciting Experience' instead of 'Most Thankful For'

1. In 300 words or less, write your entry entitled, 'My Most Exciting Experience of 1966.'

2. Mail your entries to me, Booker T. Bumble, AFRO Magazine Section, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

3. Make sure that your entries are as neat as possible.

4. Check back to make sure that you have included your own name and address.

5. Any material you want returned to you must be accompanied by a self - addressed, stamped envelope.

6. HURRY! Contest deadline is Sunday, January 21, 1967.

$5 WINNER

'She broke down with tears and laughter'

MISS BARBARA LYONS
1304 Lexington Street
Baltimore, Md. 21201

Friday, December the 18th at eleven o'clock, was the happiest moment of my life in '66. In all of my mother's 44 years, she had never had a birthday party.

She was always saying how much one would mean to her, so we (my brother and sister) got together and gave her one.

We invited her old friends, whom she hadn't seen in years, relatives from out of town and her new friends.

When she walked through the door, everyone yelled "surprise" and you could have knocked her over with a puff of breath. She broke down with tears and laughter.

Watching her at that moment was like giving her something new. I glowed all over and that was the happiest moment of my life in '66.

I'M GIVING $1 FOR EVERY LETTER ON THIS PAGE

Spain

P.O. Box 83, St. Stephen, S.C. Alfreda Hill

This was my most exciting experience of 1966. My father was working in Lenox Massachusetts for the summer and my mother was working in the Headstart.

The director of the Headstart was married; his wife was Spanish. We asked her many questions. She took us in one of the classrooms and showed us the Hawaiian Islands on the map.

She even showed us where she was from and told us about some of the Spanish customs.

Afro

Mrs. Eva Taylor, 1020 N. Eden St., Baltimore, Md. 21205

I never bothered about reading the AFRO-AMERICAN, until the spring of 1966. I was sick and was not able to work.

The lady on the first floor brought the AFRO up to me to read.

I noticed the magazine section about writing letters to Mr. Bumble and I began to write letters.

To my surprise there were three of my letters printed in the AFRO. I began to love the AFRO, I feel like I cannot do without the AFRO.

Scraps

Thomas Small, 3016 W. Lanvale St., Baltimore, Md.

The most exciting thing that happened in 1966 was I started selling AFRO's. My name was in the AFRO for selling papers. The next time my name was in the AFRO was when my entries were printed in Mr. Bumble's column.

I did not win money because it was in the editorial part of the magazine section. Also my name was in the AFRO to attend Camp Mohawk in 1966.

Every time my name appeared in the AFRO I cut it out and placed it in my scrapbook.

$2.50 WINNER

'666 persons sat upon the stage'

MISS DELORES L. JONES
902 East Pratt Street
Baltimore, Md. 21202

Six hundred sixty-six persons sat upon the Civic Center stage at eight o'clock, on June 6, 1966. The occasion was the commencement exercises for the graduating class of Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School of '66.

I became one of the happiest, yet, saddest persons at that moment. Why? Because I was one of the 666 persons being graduated. I had dreamt of this moment for many years. I knew that after graduation, I would be on my own, and also, I knew that I was going to miss many of my friends and favorite teachers, whom I would probably never see again.

But when I stood, as my name was called and I saw my family out in the audience looking on, proudness, rejoice and achievement were my only thoughts at that time.

A First

Schuyler Jennings, 983 Hamilton St., Somerset, N.J.

It was my first plane ride.

I vacationed in Bermuda and flew both ways. I spent nine days there and had the time of my life.

The trip began at the airport in Newark, N.J. It was Eastern who took me there and for a novice flier I couldn't have gotten better treatment.

Dinner

Lula Bell, Rt. 2 Box 211B., Holly Hill, S.C.

My boyfriend invited me to his house for Christmas dinner. I was so happy I did not know what to do. When I arrived there he gave me a present.

Caverns

Miss Valerie Faulcon, 1414 W. Mosher St., Baltimore, Md. 21217.

My most exciting experience was when my grandmother and I took a trip to Caverns of Luray and Skyline Drive.

Socks were in the form of fish hanging up to dry. Some rocks were so thin that light could pass through. There was a fountain once formed in shape of a frozen fountain.

They have the great stalacpipe organ made of rocks. It was discovered by Andrew Campbell and Benton Stebbins on Aug. 13, 1878 when cool air came from a zink hole.

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