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'Thanks for caring and sharing' —AFRO's Mrs. Santa

Mrs. Santa fund goes over the top!

AFRO photo by Mark Gail

THE LARGEST DONATION — Chicken George, the new fast-food restaurant in Mondawmin Mall, donated $2,500 to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa this week. Shown presenting the check to Mrs. Santa's helper is Ms. Joanne Daniels, Secretary - treasurer of Chicken George.

$18,505 already, $1,495 to go

There is bedlam in the AFRO's Mrs. Santa's office at 628 N. Eutaw St. because $18,505 is already in, $2,705 more than raised in 1978.

And, while Mrs. Santa's goal for 1979 is $20,000, only $1,495 remains to be raised. Volunteers manning our phones report that our goal will be met at least by Saturday.

Chicken George, a new black business in Mondawmin Mall, boosted Mrs. Santa's fund with a check for $2,500. Ted Holmes is president of the company, Joe Kennedy is vice president and James McDermott is manager at Mondawmin.

Mrs. Santa's helpers in Mondawmin, Shawn Murray and Monique Royster, have already

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Ronald and Robert Lee, grandsons of Joseph Lee, of Lee - Disco Company of Odenton, Md. presented $500 to AFRO's Mrs. Santa, Ida Peters. The cousins are students at Mount Washington School for Boys.

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Morgan faculty votes 'no confidence' in President Billingsley

Battle-lines drawn in controversy

by Adrienne Manns
AFRO Staff writer

Will the faculty voting a no confidence" yesterday, Dec. 20, in the administration of president Andrew Billingsley," and prominent area ministers calling for a public hearing of the school's problems, Morgan State University appears headed for a major confrontation.

Looming in the background is the fear shared by community leaders, state legislators, faculty, and students that there is a move afoot in Annapolis to put Morgan under the umbrella of the University of Maryland at College Park.

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The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN holiday editions will be published as follows: the regular Tuesday edition will be on the streets on Mondays, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, and the regular Friday edition will be on the streets at its regular time — Friday, Dec. 28.

Black firm gets $5 million World Trade Center contract

A local minority insurance firm has received a $5 million contract with the World Trade Center at the Inner Harbor.

Atlas Insurance Agency, Inc. has been selected to place the rental value and rental income insurance for the Trade Center including the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Port Administration.

The $5 million contract specifications require an "all risk" policy form to be effective Jan. 1, 1980 and will be written on an annual basis for a period of three years. In 1982 the contract will be up for bids again.

Successful bidding on the World Trade Center contract began in October when B. Tyrous Addison, president of Atlas, attended the Governor's Round Table on Minority Business Affairs.

Discussions between Addison and Lt. Gov. Samuel Bogley led to an interview in Annapolis with Charles Jones Jr., deputy treasurer of Maryland. Jones handles all insurance bids for the state.

B. Tyrous Addison

Addison stated, "This was the first time Atlas submitted an insurance bid to the state. We are very happy to be successful on our first bid."

Angela Gale Hubbard, account executive, will handle all administrative duties for the account.

Addison pointed out that Atlas offers every form of insurance including business and personal. "We have been very successful in placing professional liability on medical facilities and physicians as well as fidelity and surety bonds."

By January 1980, the new location for the insurance agency will be Equitable Trust Building, 401 Washington Ave.

Snow crews ready

Highway departments in Baltimore City and Baltimore County are ready for winter and snow storms.

The city has 32,000 tons of salt, 216 vehicles in its snow-fighting fleet, 180 salt spreaders and "enough manpower," said Saverio Cortese, chief of highway maintenance with the Department of Public Works.

Baltimore County Bureau of Highways has 9,000 tons of salt, 120 trucks and a manpower force of 377.

Both subdivisions have priority route plans which are designed to clear primary roads first. There are 95 primary routes in the city, which amounts to 900 miles.

Cortese said that in the event of a severe snowfall emphasis is shifted to 200 miles of crisis routes on which the Mass Transit Administration will operate buses.

After primary routes are cleared, city trucks work on secondary arteries, which account for an additional 1,100 miles.

It takes about one hour and 20 minutes to run an individual route, Cortese said, but in a heavy snowfall it could take as long as 15 hours.

County crews begin salting snow emergency routes, which are "priority one" roads. Salting is then provided on "priority two" routes, which include hilly roads, hazardous intersections, and major access roads into neighborhoods.

When snow reaches a depth which requires plowing, "priority one" routes are plowed, followed by " priority two" roads.

Finally, county crews concentrate on minor through roads, dead end streets which have been classified as "priority three." streets.

Alfred Jungers, chief of the County Bureau of Highways, estimates snow removal on all roads can be completed within 13 hours when snowfall is light to moderate. Snow volume, temperature and wind conditions all affect the amount of time it takes to clear streets, he said.

Residents can cooperate by listening to weather forecasts and by keeping parked cars off streets.

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

SANTA AND HELPER — Terra Davis, 4, tells Santa all her Christmas dreams as she sits on the plump old elf's lap. Meanwhile, Santa's helper, Ms. Anita Coward, 19, makes sure all the packages and boxes at Mondawmin Mall are Christmas wrapped and ready to go.

Minority businesses get $92 million

The Minority Business Opportunity Committee will end the year with its agencies reporting $92 million awarded minority business within the state of Maryland.

MBOC is an arm of the Federal Executive Board which is comprised of heads of civilian and military agencies to enhance minority business with the government. Capt. John F. Lobkovich, commanding officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Yard has been chairman of the committee since October 1978.

Cynthia Hirshberg with MBOC reports that the $92 million is a preliminary figure with several agencies still due to submit their reports. However, she points out that this is a "landmark year" for MBOC which obtained 142 percent of its goal.

Among those agencies in MBOC are the Small Business Administration, Fort George G. Meade and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Some of the local minority firms included in the $92 million contracts were Howard Security Systems, Liberty Security Services, Carob Contractors, AMAF Industries, P and P Brothers, A and M Machine Shop and J and L Janitorial Services.

The Minority Business Opportunity Committee meets monthly with more than 50 members from the various federal agencies.

By January 1980, MBOC will make available a Federal Buyer's Guide which will aid minority firms by answering such questions as what agencies buy what supplies, how often they buy and when and who to contact for bidding.

In addition, MBOC is now in the process of compiling information for a directory of "Sources of Assistance for Minority Entrepeneurs." The directory is in the very early stages but it is expected that the directory will be available during 1980.

Minority businesses interested in contacting the Minority Business Opportunity Committee can call 962-3231.

Minimum wage $3.10

Effective Jan. 1, 1980, any employer of two or more persons in Baltimore City must pay a minimum of $3.10 per hour.

Overtime must be paid at the rate of one and one-half times the regular rate for all work in excess of 40 hours per week.

Anyone who feels he is not being properly paid is urged to call the Wage Commission for Baltimore City at 396-4835 or write the commission at 606 City Hall.

'People have given me hope', mother says, after response to AFRO story

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Satff Writer

The spirit of Christmas visited the Hughes family early this year, in the form of gifts and messages of encouragement.

Jerry and Beverly Hughes, and their six children, had been beset by a series of problems which nearly tore the young family apart. The latest setback occurred almost a month ago after Jerry Hughes badly scalded both his feet, and nearly had to have them amputated.

He had been carrying water heated on a stove to his children to bathe in, because they had no money to buy oil to heat their home.

Since news of the accident reached the public, scores of donations from places as varied as the Maryland Penitenary and Sherwood, Md., have poured into the beleaguered household.

Groups such as a local Girl Scout Brownie troop and church clubs have donated time and services, and prayers and assistance have been offered by many area churches.

"One thing this has done," says Mrs. Hughes, "Is show me and my family the spiritual goodness of so many people. You really know who your friends are when something like this happens."

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BEVERLY HUGHES

JERRY HUGHES