Mrs. Santa time

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.

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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.

Sincerely,
Elyn Garrett
Director, Mrs. Santa Campaign
Coral Nicholas
Assistant Director

—Blame Bush

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While Fleming's apology is on record, Cummings and others feel it is not enough.

"This is Bush's campaign," Cummings said. "He should have asked for Fleming's resignation. Instead, he spoke with indignation in regard to the issue."

Del. Curtis Anderson, Dist. 44, agrees that Fleming should resign from his leadership position in the Bush campaign, but he doesn't think the letter has caused irreparable damage.

"I think it would have done some permanent damage had it not been as highly publicized," Anderson said.

"The outcry from the public will halt the intended damage. As a person who lives in this community, I agree with the Republicans who feel Fleming should resign."

"It was not uncharacteristic of the Bush/Quayle campaign," said Del. Howard "Pete" Rawlings, Dist. 41. "It reflects the corrupt political strategy they have used all along," he added.

"I am not surprised they would bring into the campaign an appeal to racism in Maryland that has its genesis in the national campaign. I recognize it as a desperate type of destructive, divisive politics."

Delegates believe that the only way to counter that type of "dirty politics" is to vote.

"What more do we need to slap us in the face," said Cummings. "It is a signal to us that we need to get out and vote for Michael Dukakis."

—GOP letter

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murder and armed robbery, was sentenced to a Massachusetts prison in 1975. Twelve years later, Horton raped a Maryland woman and attacked her fiance after escaping from authorities while on a weekend furlough from prison.

The Republicans have criticized Dukakis' furlough program and the controversial letter implies a Dukakis victory could ignite visits to American homes from a Horton-type.

"That letter represents the lowest of instincts by the Republicans," Schmoke said as Democratic campaign workers toted blue posters promoting Dukakis, his vice presidential running-mate Lloyd Bentsen and state Sen. Paul Sarbanes for election on Nov. 8.

Schmoke fingered the Republicans' furlough programs for having released more prisoners than Dukakis'.

And many of those prisoners released under Republican furlough programs, also committed crimes while on supervised leaves, the mayor said Nov. 2 at the Roland Park mall.

"For Bush to criticize Dukakis was totally disingenuous," said Schmoke.

The mayor said Bush failed to take corrective measures to correct furlough programs.

Carl Stokes, a Baltimore City Councilman -Second District, called the "right wing" Republican letter a "scare tactic".

The letter's message was aimed at white middle-class Americans Stokes said.

It warns white men to be cautious, telling them if Dukakis is elected, men like Horton will rape their women and then kill them Stokes said.

The councilman said not all Republicans were to blame for the letter, only the faction that continues to tell White America 'we are your party'.

Stokes and Schmoke said they were pleased that Rep. Helen D. Bentley, a Republican from the Second Congressional District, had condemned the letter and asked for Fleming's resignation.

On Tuesday, Republican senatorial candidate Alan I. Keyes released a written statement asking Fleming to resign, said Rachel Flick, Keyes' press secretary.

Flick said Keyes felt the Republicans were not being racists by raising the Horton issue and his attack on the Maryland couple, but felt Fleming made a "serious error in judgment".

"In writing this letter, Daniel Fleming exercised very poor judgment. The tone of the letter is better suited for a high school prank than to politics," Keyes said in his prepared statement. "I regret this letter has trivialized an issue I am determined to treat with the utmost seriousness."

Keyes' press secretary also said Nov.3 Keyes said it was wrong for the Democrats to assume if people look at Horton's picture they would see a black man and not a rapist and a killer. Keyes said when he looks at the letter he sees a murderer and a rapist, not a black man, Flick said.

Keyes told a coalition of black organizations, including the NAACP, black sororities, fraternities and clergy Wednesday at a forum for congressional and senatorial candidates, if the public sees Horton as a black man, instead of a murderer, he wonders what the public sees when it sees a photo of him.

Since Keyes released the statement calling for Fleming's resignation, two of Keyes county aides who were loyal to Fleming have resigned Flick said.

"We regret that...they were good people," Flick said.

"Alan said it called for Fleming's resignation, because he felt he had to do it," said the press secretary.

This week Fleming, whom Keyes called a "decent and God-fearing man," issued a prepared apology. Keyes also said Fleming was "no racist".

"I regret that the use of the picture of Willie Horton has distracted the focus of the discussion away from the furlough program itself. I also deeply regret and apologize to those who feel the use of Horton's picture was a racist appeal," Fleming said in the prepared statement.

But some local officials said the apology was null and void.

"The apology doesn't count. It means absolutely nothing," said Wilbur "Bill" E. Cunningham, a Third District councilman.

"The damage has been done," Cunningham added.

Clergy upset

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assertion that Dukakis is lenient on crime.

Horton, a black man who was convicted of first-degree

"Rather than participate in the type of honest political campaigning that results from debating the Republicans would prefer to sneak around, avoiding healthy political discussion about the issues that concern voters", said Rev. Calhoun.

As a solution or alternative way of viewing Republican behavior Calhoun suggests "Blacks have earned the right to vote, we have fought and we will continue to fight right up until election day by voting for Democratic party candidates. This is one more reason why we need to come together as a community, fighting for the issues necessary for our survival.

Bethel A.M.E. Church Pastor, Rev. Frank Reid views the circulation of such a negative communication as" an outright expression of the feeling the black community has always felt about George Bush. Now the difference lies in the fact that these hostilities have been openly expressed."

Rev. Reid says, "The Republican party has defined liberalism and liberal philosophy as being equated with being poor and black. This Republican letter has unmasked the true identity of contemporary Republican American thought patterns."

Volunteer.
American Heart Association

—Question No. 3

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handguns as their sole means of self defense.

When the projected total MCAGB spending rose to $6 million the spending in the black communities was believed to have increased proportionally.

"That's not a surprise," Hughes said. "We didn't go into this thing blindfolded. We studied California's case."

California had fought the same battle with the NRA over introduction of a similar gun bill in 1985. An estimated $7 million was fed into California by the NRA to defeat the bill which was easily quashed during the referendum.

"California didn't hold on, we are," Hughes said. "They started with a much larger lead than we did" and lost by a wide margin. "With under $400,000 we are holding off the great NRA with its $6 million."

At this point even the supporters of the measure are uncertain if their finger in the dam act will stem the flood of the MCAGB's $6 million "It's a bad law" campaign or whether it will merely provide another lesson for the next city that attempts gun control legislation.

"It's really difficult to tell," Hughes admits. Hughes said his workers and volunteers, his unpaid advisers and telephone operators did the best they could. Nothing done differently would have added anything to their effort.

"Absolutely nothing," Hughes said. "I can say that because things have gone a lot better for us than I thought. We raised as much money as we could have raised. We had dedicated workers and a little bit of money and we used it wisely."

Hughes said there is no last minute strategy for the few remaining days. The message has been consistent, "Give the law a chance."

"We just have to keep reinforcing that," Hughes said. "This is a good law."

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Mentor program: supplies role models

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

The idea that money isn't everything is sometimes hard to buy, but for Lisa Gladden, it has some value. As a stockbroker, Lisa transacts business with millions of dollars everyday, but for that extra bonus in life, she has decided to go back to kindergarten.

As one of nearly 20 mentors recently selected to serve as role models to students at Hilton Elementary School #21, Lisa will visit the pumpkin patch, tour the Cloister's museum, and share her pet with 25 five-year olds in Rose McNeil's kindergarten class. She also plans to give them a tour of her office and attend holiday parties with the class.

"When I talked to them, I realized that kids their age don't know anything about stockbrokers," Lisa said. "I want to teach them that there are other things to be when you grow up besides basketball players and ballerinas."

Lisa and the other mentors recently met their students at an assembly in the auditorium at Hilton. After the assembly, mentors and students went into classrooms to plan upcoming events. For Lisa, it was like taking a trip back to the future.

MAGNIFICENT MENTOR—Lisa Gladden shakes hands with a student after being pinned during a recent assembly at Hilton Elementary School.

Letters in the alphabet posted on the bulletin board, colors swinging in animation from the ceiling, and lockers once large enough to store too many layers of clothing worn at mother's insistence ... it was 1969 revisited. Everything was almost as Lisa remembered when she was last in that kindergarten class, but with one exception. This time she was making a scientific discovery, the theory of scientific reduction that everything shrinks in time.

"I couldn't believe how small everything was," she said. "The tables were small, the chairs were small. Even the sixth graders who once looked like giants were small."

It took being back in the classroom to remind Lisa of the little intricacies of being a child. But, even before the visit, she had not forgotten where it all began for her.

In fact, she was asked to be a mentor quite by accident. She had contacted the school to inquire about talking to parents about investing money.

"By talking to parents I felt I would be fulfilling a need in the community. The way the wealthy have become wealthy is through a long process of putting money away and investing," she said.

When she spoke with school administrators about her idea, they were so impressed they asked her to be a mentor. As a former Hiltonite, there was no way she could refuse.

"I feel a sense of gratitude to the school for what it has done for me. Hilton is a good school with good teachers and it prepares you for anything," she said. "I really believe 'Hiltonites are Leading Lights.' "

Lisa explained that she wants to give back to the school the one thing it doesn't teach — how to make money.

TWILAH SAYS...

By Twilah Scarborough

National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

In our Greater Baltimore Section just recently, there was an ensuing call for an individual membership.

The membership drive concluded with the election of a new president.

New president of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is none other than Ms. Verna Day.

The local chapter and its members discussed their plan of action on power of women networking to attack current problems.

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. are in rare form.

Their kick-off for first starters will be their Annual Membership Tea which will be November 13, 3 p.m. at Morgan State University.

It will continue with the Founder's Day Celebration, Saturday, December 3, 11:30 a.m. at The Forum.

Everyone, every board member and steering committee member has great plans and projects coming your way.

Talking about entertainment highlights, well the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. have great plans and programs in store for you this winter season.

From time to time, the local chapter will continue its listing of projects.

A few highlights on youth, health, heritage, and international affairs.

Officers and special assistants currently joining Ms. Verna Day are Mildred Swepson, vice president; Ms. Ardena Dix, second vice president;

Ms. Lucille Johnson, third vice-president; Ms. Betty Lindsay, recording secretary; Ms. Vanessa Purnell, assistant recording secretary;

Ms. Elvera Richardson, corresponding secretary; Ms. Peggy Seeney Cooper, treasurer;

Ms. Mamie Jones, chairperson, Founder's Day; Ms. Beatrice Hall, Special Advisor; and Dr. Beryl Williams, Chairperson, International Affairs.

Just a few weeks back a bus load of its members and friends joined together and attend the Third Annual Black Family Celebration in Washington, D.C.

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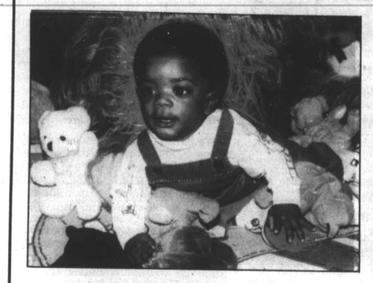

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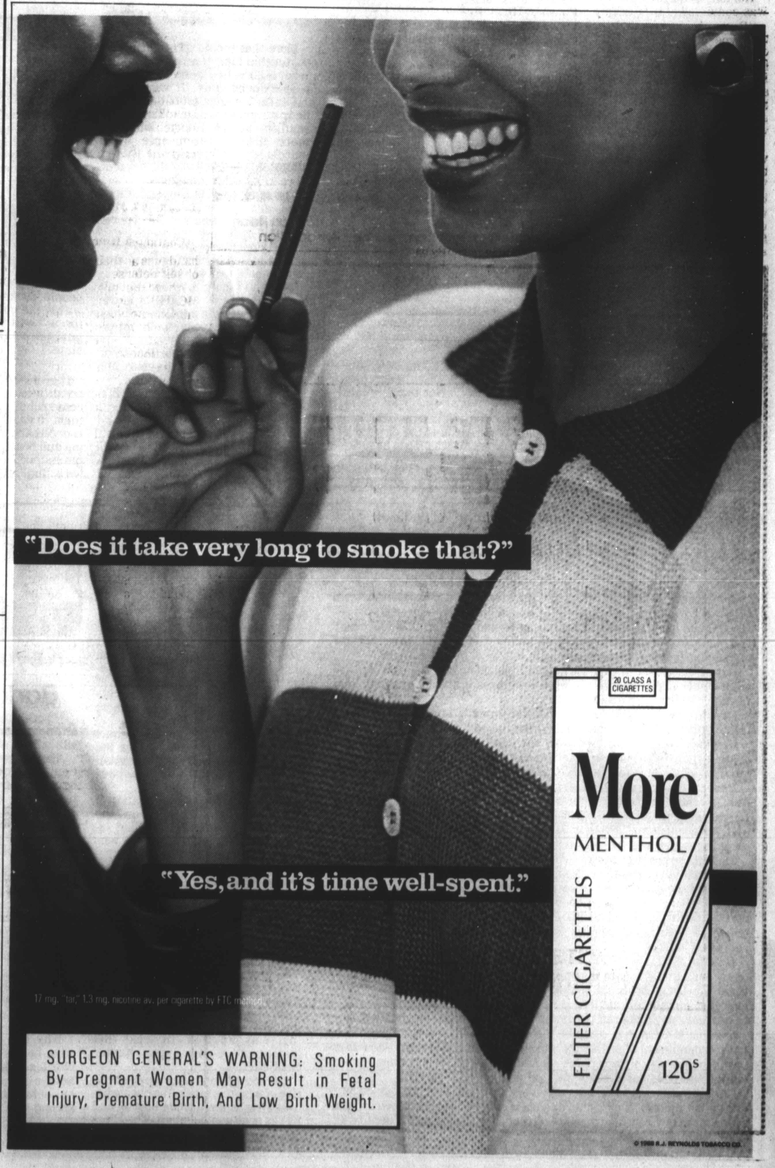
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