WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

Female security guards patrol SSA

By Marjorie R. Green

Equipped with flashlight, night stick, handcuffs, radio, hand-gun, and with 80 hours of security training behind them, more than 25 female security guards are included in the force that patrols the Social Security Woodlawn complex overseeing the safety and security of records, employees and daily visitors to the headquarter building.

Miss Dawn Green, a 5 ft. 5 inch, 150 lb. guard hired by the Echelon Service Company in October, 1981 is stationed at a fixed post at the entrance of the West High Rise Building.

A 1980 graduate of Coppin State Teachers College, Miss Green's ambition is and always has deen to be a student counselor.

She speaks of her present job as being temporary until she finds a position that will enable her to fulfill her ambition. "The job is fine and the people are cooperative, she says, but I have a problem with career identity."

Prior to her employment in Woodlawn, Miss Green worked for the Burns' Security Company and as a volunteer for the Department of Social Services.

In the short time she has been on duty, she has never encountered any problem she couldn't handle.

Born under the sign of Cancer, Baltimore born officer Green attends the Eastern Star Tabernacle Church pastored by Bishop Joshua Cole.

Officer Deborah Bennett, an eight year veteran is also assigned to a stationary post. She was looking for a summer job in 1973 when she accidently heard that they were hiring security guards to work in the Dickinson Building complex.

After completing her weapons and security training, she was assigned to a six hour work day, five days a week.

Officer Bennett states that she learned how to fire a gun at the age of sixteen during the time when her father was a member of the United States Armed Forces.

A Gemini by birth, Officer Bennett was previously employed at a local school for handicapped individuals. She is currently assigned in the reception area of the main complex, a position she loves because it gives her a chance to meet and greet people from all walks of life and offers a constant challenge to resolve problems voiced by employees and visitors.

According to her, most of her spare time after working hours is spent at a Health Spa where she enjoys swimming, exercising and aerobic dancing.

She also works with the activities committee and flings with the adult choir at Enon Baptist Church, where she has been a member for over 30 years.

EEO workshop

The Federal Executive Board Equal Employment Opportunity Committee will sponsor a Managers workshop at Fort George Meade on Tuesday, September 21, 1982. The three hour workshop will be conducted by Mr. Benjamin Alexander, a private EEO consultant. The sessions will be held at no cost to the participants or individual agencies.

COLUMBIA CAPERS

Jamaica, B.W.I., a trip to remember

By Pinnie L. Ross

To all my fine readers who called my home while I was away in Jamaica wondering what happened to Columbia Capers which did not appear in the AFRO-AMERICAN the week I was away. Here is the reason!

Kimberely Ann Brooks, Hal Jackson's Miss Talented Teen International, Mrs. Wilda LaBrea, National Contestant's Sponsors Relations Director and I took a seven day trip to the city of Montego Bay.

The trip was just fabulous, so much so that I must give you an account of our itinerary which was all planned by our host, Walt Crooks, owner of a beautiful entertainment complex in Montego Bay.

You must know that this trip was a series of trips that each National Queen receives. Jamaica was the last of the trips for Miss Brooks. Her first trip was New York where she participated in several parades, after which she went to Hollywood, CA. to appear and be interviewed on the internationally known "Soul Train" show with host Don Cornelius. She was accompanied by our National sponsor Hal Jackson.

Miss Brooks' next trip was the beautiful island of Bahamas where Mrs. Annie Russell is the sponsor of Hal's pageant, and after that we took a trip to St. Croix, Virgin Islands, still another "super trip" with my dear friend Clair Roker — Virgin Island sponsor, and the last trip, Jamaica.

It was great hospitality from the beginning — the friendship and warm atmosphere stirred up among our greeters at the airport. There were our fine hosts Walt. B. Crooks, accompanied by Miss Cherman Scarlette, 'Miss Jamaica '81,' Miss Altas Gibbs, Champion of Disco Fever, young and talented Cordel Green, P. R. for W. G. Hilgram Entertainment complex (and he does a fantastic job) and Gwyn Jones, manager of Air Florida Airlines.

We were taken in Crooks' leisure van to his fabulous complex, not knowing the young man owned it. It has 24-hour service and contains a boutique, a cocktail lounge with a color television and seats for viewing, then closer seats to the bar.

A downstairs restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. Their service is impeccable. This restaurant is called the Rendevous.

GREETED UPON ARRIVAL in Montego Bay, B.W.I., by Walt B. Crooks (far left) are (L to R): Pinnie L. Ross, Maryland sponsor, Miss Talented Teen Pageant; Willa LaBrea, national coordinator, Kimberly Ann Brooks, Hal Jackson's 'Miss Talented Teen International', Chairman Scarlette, Althea Gibbs and Cordel Green, public relations man for W. G. Hilcroms Co. Ltd., Looking on (far right) is Gwyn Jones, manager, Air - Florida Air Line.

Walt took us upstairs for dinner to a restaurant called The House of Lords — simply beautiful with an atmosphere of unmatched elegance.

We smiled to ourselves, especially when the waiter took up the heavy red napkins and placed them in our laps.

Service — you ask for it and you pay for it — special people get special treats. Our meals were compliments of our host.

After dinner, we went into another area, this one is known as the World Disco Inferno. It seats about 400 people, very nice, with chairs of heavy red leather, lights flickering from all directions.

In addition to the Disco area, there is a large concession area, recreation area, and fabulous offices.

The next day we were interviewed on several radio stations and we had a very impressive visit with Mayor Samilwood Scott, who received us in a most gracious way.

Miss Brooks received several gifts and a proclamation from the Mayor.

Walt took us on a tour of Montego Bay, then to visit Rose Hall, a great house, then to lunch.

The following day we were interviewed by Jamaica Tourism, Mrs. J. Taylor and press from the Board. There was so much to do and scheduled to perfection.

Our Queen was able to meet over 300 children from various schools at Disco Inferno, where she signed autographs for the children and teachers.

This affair was a speech parish finals, promoted by Jamaica Cultural Development Commsssion.

The next big event in Jamaica was Hal Jackson's Talented Teen Jamaica Pageant, which was held Saturday night.

Large posters with Miss Brooks' pictures were all over the city and everytime you opened a paper there was something about the pageant with pictures of her. Yours truly served as a judge for the pageant.

The winner of the Jamaica pageant was 14-year-old Pauline Harrison whose talent was drama, and titled "Crucified." She will be competing in the District of Columbia July 31.

Sunday was our last day and Walt had us very busy.

We were invited to breakfast, Sunday morning at Crooks's home, you know one of those estates where if you toot your horn, the gateman unlocks the tall gate.

This home was the guest home where we met all of the contestants and their parents who spent the night there.

Mrs. Crooks (Lorraine) is just so busy with other areas until she was not so much in sight while we were there, but was visible when we were taken to their second home (mansion) for lunch, because she played the role of a perfect hostess.

There were gardeners, maids, cooks, butlers. Name them and Walt had them.

Our last stop was at Attorney and Mrs. L. Ford's lovely home the same Sunday evening for dinner — a beautiful home with a setting of various fruit and vegetable trees.

We were taken on a tour of it by Attorney and Mrs. Ford.

Mrs. Ford is a school teacher in Jamaica and also a chaperone for Crook at the National Pageants.

The atmosphere was warm and friendly, as we chatted and dined with hot finger pick ups, drinks and my favorite — the Jamaica Fruit Punch, after which a special dinner was prepared for us.

Just before leaving, the Fords gave each of us a "Forget-Me-Not" certificate. It read "In some countries they say farewell with many words. In Jamaica, we say it with flowers. One such flower is the "Forget-Me-Not."

In the spirit of "Forget-Me-Not" we are happy.

Crooks took us to the apirport, where we took the 8:30 flight to Miami, Florida and then to New York, where we were met by my daughter, Rae C. Ross, who had just returned from Germany, so you can see joy and happiness prevailed from Jamaica to Maryland and the memories still linger.

Thanks to Jackson for providing these trips and exposing our girls on a National level so that the world will know how talented and beautiful our girls can be.

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"They used to go to the movies almost every week," she said.

Mr. Griffin is a Catholic, a member of St. Peter Claver Catholic Parish, and Patricia said that he managed to instill in all of them an appreciation for religion.

Griffin's children range in age from 27 to 51, and judging from the bonhomie in evidence at the affair, they all enjoy having a good time together.

"It makes me feel so good to know that we can still get together and enjoy ourselves," said another of Griffin's children.

Mr. Griffin spent most of his life as a laborer. He never made the millions or had the chance to indulge his offspring the way more publicized heroes are able to. Compared to the pretty boys and buxom blondes which parade across our television screens Mr. Griffin doesn't look like a hero.

But James L. Griffin and men like him represent all that is good and noble about the word "father."

At least his family certainly thinks so.

Carlos Johnson b'day fete

More than 500 patrons packed the Soul Shack during the weekend of June 24 through 25th as the jazz restaurant paid tribute to its headline attraction, jazz saxophonist Carlos Johnson.

The dining hall of the Soul Shack was festooned with bunting and gaily colored ballons, which bespoke a party ambience, and the festive group which gathered Thursday to kick off the weekend's affair really joined in the gala celebration.

Carlos opened the set backed by Eugene Watkins on drums, Charlie Covington on organ and John Lamkin at the trumphet and Gaynette Colburn, percussionist. In the audience, scores of local jazz and media celebrities partied as Johnson got down.

Guests included Channel 11 producer Arthur Bugg, actress Trazana Beverly, jazz promoter Rosa Pryor, Kenneth Webster, former House of Delegates member; Frances McKnight of the Culinary Arts Institute; Nightlifer publisher Walter Carr, entertainers Earline Reed, Sabrina Walker, Lady Rebecca, Thomas Herling, Brenda Alford, and Mickey Fields.

Several politicians, including Norman Reeves, Erma Perry and Steve Wainwright were also in evidence

Probably the high point of Thursday evening was the unveiling of a massive saxophone-shaped cake, which was presented to the accomplished jazz-man near the end of his set.

Soul Shack owners Kenny Bryant and Glendora Cox were on hand to present the cake, along with a giant card signed by many of the revelers.

But the fun wasn't over, as returning guests found out Friday. That night was set aside as the date for the presentation of the first annual Soul Shack Music Award, an honor which will be presented on a continuous basis by the club.

The award, a beautiful bronze and walnut momento, shocked the entertainer even more.

"This is just so beautiful," he said. "This just makes me feel so good, to be honored by these good people here."

BAPTISM — St. James Episcopal Church rector, Father Donald O. Wilson officiated at baptism of two-month - old Christopher Brandon Weaver, assisted by Dr. Robert Ford, left, deacon, and Father Alfredo Coye, assistant rector. Infant is son of Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Weaver. Mrs. Weaver, former Alice Pinderhughes, is an assistant attorney general. They have older son, Justin, age 2.

Weaver infant baptism reception

Family and friends gathered at the Hilton Rd home of Mrs Alice Pinderhughes, city school assistant superintendent, following baptism of her grandson, two - month - old Christopher Brandon Weaver.

He is second son of Dr. Jesse Weaver, the dentist, and his wife, the former Alice Pinderhughes, an assistant attorney general. Oldest child is two - year - old Justin Michael.

The new baby was baptized June 27, at St. James Episcopal Church by Father Donald O. Wilson, assisted by his associate, Father Alfredo Coye.

Infant is also grandchild of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Weaver of Ahoskie, NC, who attended the ceremony and reception.

Godparents are Mrs. Camilla Tucker, Alice Tucker, Karen Smith, Benjamin Gerald, Len Perry and Thighman Gerald of the District of Columbia.

Out - of - town guests included an aunt, Mrs. Claudia Weaver, Ahoskie, NC., Mrs. Mary Smalley, NY, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price, Ellicott City; and Mr and Mrs. John Hawkins 3rd and children of DC.

Local guests included: Judge David Mason, Rev. and Mrs. Donald Wilson, Drs. and Mrs. Michael Brown and son, Bernard Christmas, Albert Burwell, Emerson Julian and daughter, Bernard Harris Jr., Theodore Phifer, Rev. Alfreda Coye;

Also, Messrs and Mesdames Samuel Daniels, Walter Edmonds, Richard Harris, Allen Meachan and children, Richardo Perry, Medford Reynolds, Alvin Watson, Clifford White, John Wood;

Mesdames Phyllis Anderson, Jennifer Anderson, Rosmund Braxton, Delores Clark, Elise Clark, Harry Cole, Bertha Forte, Edith Fowlkes, Cheryl Gerald, Saretha Green and Dwight Pettit.

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Engagements and Weddings

Frances Ladmirault to wed Henry King

Frances C. Ladmirault Engaged

A late August wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore N. Vaughan of this city announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Frances C. Ladmirault, to Henry King.

Miss Ladmirault, a former Pauline Brooks model, graduated from Eastern Senior High School and attended Strayer Business College.

A licensed cosmetologist, she is employed with American Airlines as a stewardess.

King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob King, is originally from Pineville, S.C.

After graduating from Central High School, he joined the Marine Corps and graduated from the non - Commissioned Leadership School.

Becoming sergeant several months after being in the Vietnam War, he received three Purple Hearts and other awards.

King is employed by the Transport of New Jersey as dispatch supervisor.

Veronica Crowder to wed Harry Perry IV

Veronica A. Crowder Engaged

A September wedding has been planned in Baltimore.

Mrs. Shirley Crowder, 842 Evesham Avenue, Baltimore, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Veronica Anita Crowder to Harry William Perry IV.

Ms. Crowder is a 1975 graduate of Edmondson High School, and received her Bachelor's degree in Journalism from Northeastern University, Boston, Mass. in 1980.

She is employed as an underwriter in the National Accounts Department at the Aetna Life and Casualty, in Hartford, Connecticut.

Perry is the son of Ms. Jeanne Perry, 47 Fenwick St., Springfield, Mass.

He is employed as an Assistant Manager for Dial - America Marketing Research in Hartford.

Lois Corring to wed Atty. Gary T. Lafayette

Lois B. Corrin Engaged

The engagement of Lois Beatrice Corrin, daughter of Malcolm L. Corrin of East Orange, N.J., president of the Interracial Council, for Business Opportunity, and the late Virginia Brown Corrin, to Atty. Gary T. Lafayette, son of Mrs. Opal Williams of Dallas, Texas and Leamon Lafayette Sr. of Los Angeles, has been announced by her father.

The couple will wed next month in ceremonies in Christ Episcopal Church, East Orange, N.J., where her grandmother, Mrs. Beatrice Corrin also resides. (Malcolm L. Corrin is a former Fire Commissioner and President of the Board of Education of East Orange.)

A graduate of East Orange High School, the bride-elect received her bachelor of arts degree in economics from Stanford University and is presently employed as a cost analyst in the finance group at the Wells Fargo Bank, San Francisco, Cal.

Attorney Lafayette, a graduate of Dartsmouth College, received both his law degree and master's in business administration from the University of California at Berkeley, and has been a practicing attorney for three years, currently with the San Francisco firm of Feldman, Waldman and Kline, specializing in litigation and business law.

The couple will reside in Oakland, Calif. following the wedding.

Vicki Mitchell weds Philbin Scott

Joseph Mitchell of Charlotte, NC, and Mrs. M. A. Percell have announced the marriage of their daughter, Vicki Denise, to Philbin L. Scott Jr.

The wedding took place July 9 in Columbus, OH.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Horace Dixon of Columbia, MD., and Phil Scott, of Baltimore.

Both are 1980 graduates of the University of North Carolina, she with a major in Criminal Justice and he, in Environmental Science. Scott got his Master's Degree at Miami, University, Oxford, OH.

The newlyweds will reside in Columbus, OH, where the bridegroom is doing an internship as a Research scientist at Battelle Research Laboratory.

Dedicated teacher retires

Mrs. Mildred Harriday

Mrs. Mildred W. Harriday is retiring after 35 years of dedicated service to the boys and girls in the Baltimore City public schools and the Howard County public schools where she was principal of Highland Elementary School.

Mrs. Harriday started teaching in 1946 and smiles as she recalls, "I was six years older than the oldest student in my room. Children went to school longer, but they seemed to learn more."

She left the county and came to the city in 1949. She pointed out Baltimore had one of the finest educational programs in the entire country.

"No teacher was permitted to teach here unless he or she passed the city teacher examination and interview. We were ranked on a qualified teacher list before going through a strenuous probationary period," she said.

"We were proud of our profession and did everything we could to live up to our expectations. We worked hard and our students learned. Everyone viewed education with respect and the major key to our children's success," reminisced Mrs. Harriday.

"Parents were cooperative and found time to train their children at home so that many of the problems teachers encounter today were not blocking the learning process of pupils that we taught years ago," she said.

"I have had an opportunity to see both sides of the coin, and I hope something can be done to get our school system back to where it used to be," Mrs. Harriday said.

"I am retiring, but I will always be a part of this great profession," she said.

During her teaching career, Mrs. Harriday has served on almost every committee in the city.

Mrs. Harriday has a master's degree with an advanced professional certificate. She is certified by the state of Maryland as an elementary and middle school supervisor, elementary and middle school principal.

She also is certified as a reading teacher and reading specialist from Kindergarten through high school and as an elementary and middle school teacher.

Within the school system, Mrs. Harriday has been a classroom teacher, demonstration teacher, supervising teacher for practice students from Coppin and Morgan State University, supervisor of the Johns Hopkins University tutorial program, coordinator of summer school and a summer school teacher.

She also has been a special education instructor, an assistant coordinator for the city's Child Study and Human Development Program at the University of Maryland.

During her last seven years in the school system, Mrs. Harriday served as local and Title I Senior Teacher in four different schools.

"My greatest joy has been in seeing children learn, grow and develop into fine young women and men. I enjoy seeing children learn," she said.

Mrs. Harriday went on to say, "I am proud that I have given my best years to the teaching profession.

Mrs. Harriday, who has plans to write a book will first take a much needed rest and also assist her elderly parents as much as possible.

A book about her experiences in the school system has been planned after her period of rest and relaxation.

Resolve picnic

The Central Maryland chapter of RESOLVE, Inc., a nonprofit organization which offers peer support and education for infertility, will be having a pot - luck picnic on Sunday, July 18, at 4:00 p.m. at 219 Woodlawn Road.

For further information, call 730 - 6305.

Wanda Epps weds Ivory N. Russell II

NEWLYWEDS pictured leaving the Falls Road A.ME. Church following their recent wedding are newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Ivory N. Russell II. The bride is the former Miss Wanda Denise Epps.

Recently Wanda Denise Epps, daughter of Mrs. Geraldine Epps and granddaughter of Wendell Epps was wed to Ivory N. Russell II, son of Mrs. Thelma W. Russell and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Long (Catherine).

The wedding took place at the Falls Road A.M.E. Church, 4641 Falls Rd.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Wendell Epps, wore a long white satin gown with lace inset in the sleeves and bodice.

Maid of Honor was Angie Beatha. Bridesmaids were Marion Wells, Catherine Russell, Gwen Nichols, Joan Carter, Kim Fowlkes, and Jean Carter. They all wore gowns in pastel colors. Flower girl was Dawnynell Mills.

Best man was John King of Washington, DC. Ushers were Lindsey Hawkins, Rodney Epps, Thomas Epps, Anthony Young (of Philadelphia, PA.); Barry Brown and Ralph Wainwright Jr. All wore white tuxedos, as did the bridegroom. Ring bearer was William Epps.

A reception was hosted for the couple following the wedding at 6210 Pleastview Ave., Towson, MD.

The new Mrs. Russell is a records examiner at Social Security Administration. The bridegroom is a correctional officer II with the Maryland penitentiary. They are at home on Pleasantview Ave.

Out - of - town guests included Lindsey Punch, Norfolk, VA.; Harold Matthews, White Plains, NJ; Delaney and Cecelia Randall, Philadelphia, PA.; William and Iola Lyles, William E. and Karen Lyles, Harry and Angela Davis, Hampton, VA; and and Albert Chavis, Camden, NJ.

Xenia Britt weds Thomas Fenwick Jr.

Mrs. Marie Hillen Britt, mother of Greenbelt, MD, and Mrs. Marie Hillen, grandmother, of Baltimore, MD announce the engagement of Xenia Theresa Britt of Baltimore, to Thomas Fenwick Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fenwick also of Baltimore.

Ms. Britt is a Bachelor of Science graduate from Towson University and is now teaching in the Baltimore Public School system.

Thomas Fenwick is a Community College graduate of Baltimore and also Law Enforcement Officers Institute and an undergraduate of Loyola College.

Fenwick is presently employed in Baltimore as a Deputy Sheriff

A wedding is planned for July 31, 1982.

Beryl Taylor in 'Miniature Miss Pageant'

Beryl L. Taylor

Beryl Lynelle Taylor of Suter Rd. is Catonsville's vivacious entry in the 1982 'Miniature Miss Pageant.'

This little 'Miss' with the sparkling personality lives with her mother and brother Chad.

She is a student at Westowne Elementary School and is in the third grade.

30th ANNIVERSARY — Dr. and Mrs. James Priest, (Ponjola), recently observed their 30th wedding anniversary with reception at their Baltimore home. They are pictured center, with her mother, Mrs. Virginia Bailey, left, of Newport News, VA., and his aunt, Mrs. Delilah Robinson of NY.

Lynelle's interests included writing poems, writing stories and singing.

Best wishes to Lynelle on July 18 as she performs in competition at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel at 5:30 p.m.

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