AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers' 91st Birthday Party and 49th Annual Clean Block Honors Day



Ms. Gwendolyn Crews won the AFRO'S "Good Girl" contest. Shown here, she accepts her prizes from parade Grand Marshall, recording star, Idlio Thomas, and Mrs. Ida Murphy Peters. Ms. Crews won an album, Tee shirt, and Sony Walkman.

(Photo by P. A. Greene)



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The Honorable Judge William 'Billy' Murphy, Jr., mayoral candidate and the Honorable Mayor William Donald Schaefer shared the platform and thoughts at the AFRO's 91st Birthday and 49th AFRO Clean Block celebration at the War Memorial Plaza, Aug. 12.



"Midnight Star" members rode on the "Baltimore's Best" float in the parade. Group members are: Kenneth Gant, Melvin Gentry, Bobby Lovelace, Reginald Calloway, Vincent Calloway, Ms. Belinda Lipscomb, Jeffrey Cooper, Bill Simmons, and Leon Burnett.

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The CCB Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Hugh Carey, Jr., sang "Happy Birthday," "The Battle hymn of the Republic," and "Body Electric."



The Original Stormunners delighted the audience with their award winning precision style at the War Memorial Plaza festivities.

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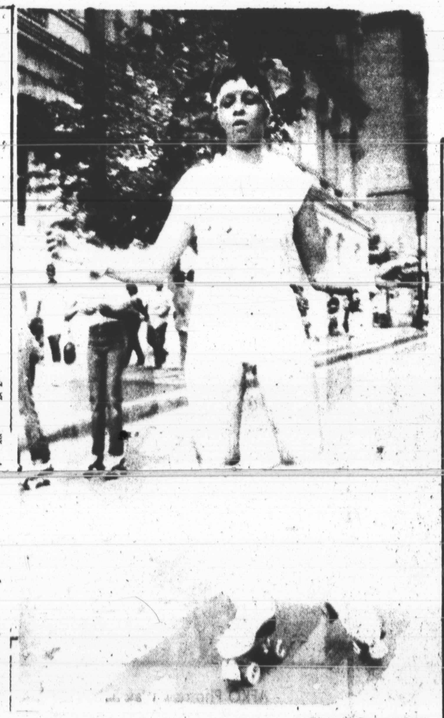
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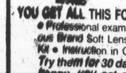

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Ms. Tanya Hall, representing Shake and Bake's "Shake and Skate," skated the entire route of the parade, and made skating look easy.

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COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie L. Ross

DR. GAIL HILSON WEDS GEORGIS WALDER

Gail Hilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilson, Columbia, MD, repeated the wedding vows with Georgis Walder of Ethiopia in Paris, France just recently. Walder is the son of Walder Kidane and Sara Yohannis of Ethiopia.

The wedding was attended by close friends of the bridegroom. Maid of Honor was Augusta Pantzarc of Greece and best man was Chezae Tzezae of Ethiopia. Robert Hilson and Dr. Jacqueline Hilson, parents of the bride were in attendance. The couple were married by Representative, Mayor of Paris.

It was love at first sight for the young charming Dr. Gail Hilson who met the groom in Paris while doing research for her Doctoral Degree. With a sharp eye from the bridegroom love began at first sight for him also.

The bride is a graduate of Goucher College with honors. She received a four year fellowship to attend the Yale University where she received her Masters and Ph.D. and later became an assistant professor at Yale U.

The Groom was educated in Paris, France. He speaks seven languages.

The elegant setting of the Columbia Inn was the scene of a beautiful reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilson in honor of their daughter, Gail and son-in-law Georgis Walder last Sunday.

The bride and bridegroom greeted guests as they entered the room. Guests were introduced by Dr. Jacqueline Hilson, who was attired in a white silk mid-calf dress.

The dress was semi-fitted with mutton shoulders and a plunge neckline. The dress had designs of small silk leaves embedded in the material.

The 28-year-old bride, Dr. Gail Hilson was absolutely stunning in a short, white, semi-formal dress in material of organza with silk stripes cascading in the material.

The dress was collarless and had two-tiered cape effect with gathers at the waist that flowed into a wide skirt.

The dress had a wide belt that cinched her waistline that tied in a huge bow in the back. The bridegroom Georgis Walder wore a navy blue suit and vest with a tie in colors of brown, blue and white, coordinated with a white shirt.

Robert Hilson, father of the bride greeted guests in a cream color tailored suit with tiny check designs, brown tie with cream stripes over a beige shirt.

More than 150 people enjoyed the delicious buffet that consisted of a variety of finger sandwiches, cheese and meat platters, shrimps that had a specially prepared sauce for Dr. Hilson and fruit from a highly colorful fruit tree, hot and cold finger sandwiches were constantly served to guests.

Fountains of two types of drinks were flowing freely as guests replenished their glasses.

The sounds of good taped music was heard as guests patted their feet while chatting among others.

On each serving table were placed a bouquet of flowers consisting of samantha roses combined with white carnations and baby's breath.

Among the guests were included the Baltimore chapter of Club Dejouir, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Eaton, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, pastor of Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Mrs. Helen Dixon, Mt. Olivet Christian Church member and Mrs. Charlotte Swann, retired piano instructor of the bride. She is a member of St. James AME Church.

Out-of-town guests included: Mrs. Marshall Savage, New Jersey; Miss Rae C. Ross, a high school classmate of the bride, dancer, actress, New York; Kelleta Zodu, Abdullah Mohammed & Gura Nuse from Washington, D.C., formerly of Ethiopia.

Another reception was held immediately following the one held at the Columbia Inn. This one was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The couple took a delayed honeymoon after the wedding in Paris and did extensive traveling through France.

They will make their home in Berkeley, California where the bride will take a job as Chancellor's Post-doctoral Research Fellow, U of Calif., Berkeley.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It matters not what you are thought to be, but what you are. Publilius Syrus



HONEYMOON IN PARIS — At a reception held in Columbia, MD, part of the wedding party posed for pictures. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilson, parents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. George Walder, newlyweds.

Woodlawn Highlights

By Marjorie R. Green

The Maryland state conference of NAACP branches, youth coouncils and college chapters will benefit from an annual fundraiser hosted by Ms. Catherine Milner at her Curly Oaks Farm in Hughesville, MD Sunday, August 28.

In addition to enjoying a poolside buffet, dancing, tennis and swimming, guest will be entertained by Verna Day, Arena Playhouse actress and Hazel Cassell, well known "Psychic" Healer.

Committee members are Carl Snowden, Wendy Hinton and Delores Brooks. Nathaniel K. Smith is NAACP Maryland State president.

NAACP TO MEET AT SOUL SHACK

The NAACP Maryland state conference will hold its monthly meeting at the Soul Shack in Lexington Market on Greene St., Saturday, August 20, 1983.

The meeting will open at 10:00 a.m. with branch presidents and area coordinators. They will be joined at 11:30 a.m. with branch membership chairpersons.

The 1:00 p.m. meeting is open to NAACP members and all persons interested in joining any branch of the NAACP. —

LUNCHEON AND CARD PARTY

The Les Tams club is sponsoring a luncheon and card party, Saturday, Sept. 17, 1983.

Olivia Weems is president of the club. Other members include Forriest Ayers, Marjorie Green, Hortense Henry, Jenny McCoy, Virginia Patterson, Gladys Scott, Irene Terry, Olivia Weems and Elnora White.

Les Tams president Olivia Weems is currently vacationing in Hawaii. Secretary Gladys Scott is visiting relatives in sunny California. —

SSA RETIREMENT

Mrs. Geneva Ward will be honoree at a retirement luncheon planned for Friday afternoon at the Holiday Inn, Belmont. —

CAMPAIGN BENEFIT

Mrs Doris Silver and Charles Chambers will chair a Gospel Songs of Freedom program to benefit the campaign fund of Fifth District Independent City Council candidate Leo Burroughs.

The program, billed as a joint salute to Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 20th Anniversary of the March on Washington, will take place at the Gillis Memorial Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave., 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Thursday, August 25.

Several local gospel groups and vocalist will furnish the music. Supporters and their friends are invited to participate in the Gospel Song Fest.

Send sympathy cards to Mrs. Caradella Robinson. Her sister Barbara was funeralized in California early last week.

Send cards of encouragement to Ms. Margaret Spence, Usher, Perkins Square Baptist Church. Ms. Spence who is confined in Mercy Hospital will undergo extensive testing this week. —

Job Applications are now available for the Federal J.F.A. examination. Apply August 15 - August 26, 1983 at the downtown Federal Building.

Single PARENTING

By Kelly Hill

Part II

"I just had my baby".

"My mother is taking care of my two kids".

A sister is taking care of mine. They understand that I am incarcerated and I talk to them every night.

The above statements were made by three single-parent females who are now incarcerated in the Women's Detention Center of Baltimore City Jail.

My first meeting was with Ms. Martina Green who is the Director of of the Women's Detention Center. Ms. Green was very cooperative in finding females who have been incarcerated either on a short term or a long term sentence.

She was successful in making available to me three young single parent women between the ages of 20-27.

Upon my arrival to meet with them, they were very friendly. They seemed somewhat apprehensive at first, but I explained to them that I wanted to hear their side of being a single female parent behind bars.

I asked them if they felt as though it was harder on them being a single parent behind bars, and how did their families feel.

Even though all three had been on some form of drugs at one time or another, they were quick to point out that their discipline for their children was very strict because, "I want to make sure that they don't end up behind bars".

All three of these single parents displayed a certain type of attitude towards life. "I had to make a living and this was the quickest way to get some money. It was good, so I stick with it".

I asked all three what do their children think about them being in jail? "I talk to my kids every night. I tell them to be good and do what their grandmother says. I tell them that life in jail is no good. I scare them a little bit so that they will know that jail is no good".

I asked if their children were able to come and visit them. One who had just had a newborn said, "I really can't see my child right now, but I will be out pretty soon, so it doesn't really matter right now".

Even though these three single parent females had been in jail before, they felt as though their involvement with the law gave them a better chance at correcting their own children. They feel as though they have the insight and knowledge to be able to see when a child may be heading for trouble with the law.

They also seemed to feel that there are numberous things that can be done to prevent a child from becoming involved with the law and to scare them.

"I tell my kids all the bad things that happen in here", "They won't want to come here. My oldest is 15 now and is a A-1 student".

In essence, they all felt hurt that they were unable to be with their children, but vowed strongly that their children would not end up behind bars.

Single parenting BEHIND BARS, is no joke. Because they are away from the rest of the world, there is a need for these parents to have programs and opportunities available to them to provide for their children.

The single parent behind bars who has to relinquish his or her child to foster care, can only hope that someday his or her child does not end up incarcerated.

This parent must also know how to explain to a youngster why they let themselves become involved with the law to such an extent that they must be cut off from the rest of the world.

Ms. Martena Green said that the children are allowed to visit on special days such as Mothers Day, Christmas and Thanksgiving. She also said that she is very grateful to the extended family because of their total support.

Jessie E. Stanley to wed Michael H. Thompson

Mrs. Katie E. Johnson announces the engagement of her daughter, Jessie E. Stanley, to Michael H. Thompson.

The Bride-to-be is also the daughter of Army Staff-Sgt. Carl G. Johnson Jr., and niece of the late Charles E. Wells and Mrs. Jessie C. Wells.

She is a graduate of Walbrook Senior High School and is a Nurses' Aide.

The prospective groom, a graduate of Carver High School, is a printer. He is employed at Wells Printers of Baltimore and a former employee of the AFRO-AMERICAN. He is the son of Mrs. Margie A. Terry.

The wedding will take place in September.

Cassandra M. Harrison to wed Paul D. DeNard

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Harrison of Lanham, MD have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cassandra Marie Harrison, to Paul Dion DeNard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin C. Washington of Baltimore.



CASSANDRA M. HARRISON

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, received her B.S. degree in nursing from the University of Maryland at Baltimore and is a Registered Nurse at University of Maryland Hospital.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of City College and received his B.A. degree in Economics from the University of Maryland Baltimore County. He is a Revenue Agent for Internal Revenue Services, Baltimore district.

A September wedding is planned.

—Engagements and Weddings—

M. Robin Copeland

M. Robin Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrod, and Raymond L. Hatcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hatcher, Jr. of Richmond, Va., will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, September 10 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Baltimore.

A graduate of Western High School and the University of Maryland, Miss Copeland is an investment administrator with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland.



M. Robin Copeland

The prospective bridegroom received his B.A. degree from Lane College and M.E.D. from Coppin State. He is employed with the U.S. Department of Education as an equal opportunity specialist.

Cheryl Lynn Roche

Alma D. Mitchell and Herbert H. Roche announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Lynn Roche, to Michael Alan Carter, son of Dr. and Mrs. Simon H. Carter, Jr.

Miss Roche graduated from West Side High School in Gary, IN. and Indiana University in Bloomingdale, IN. from which she received her B.A. She is presently attending Texas Southern School of Law.

A graduate of Gilman School, University of Virginia and Tulane University, Carter is a staff accountant at Midcontinent Division Exxon Oil Co.



Cheryl Lynn Roche

A September wedding is planned at Union Baptist Church on the 17.

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