

MAJOR BESSIE R. NORRIS is surrounded by members of her family following the promotional ceremonies on Aug. 17. Major Norris was promoted from district commander to major and will remain at Southwestern District. Shown from left are: Ann Reed, Louise Bailey, Sandra White, Denise Norris, William Rogers, Major Norris and Florence Griffin.

Grandison wrote note before killings

The accused mastermind of the slaying of a drug probe witness wrote a letter the day of his pre-trial hearing instructing a friend to "take care of something" to ensure he would not be linked to the drug operation, court records show.

Anthony Grandison and three others face both federal and state charges in the April 28 slayings of Scott Piechowicz and Susan Kennedy at the Warren House Motel in Pikesville where they worked.

The machine-gun deaths occurred five days before Piechowicz was to testify that Grandison had a key to a room at the motel where large quantities of heroin and cocaine were found.

In the letter to his girlfriend, Janet P. Moore, Grandison boasted that "No one can put me there," referring to the motel room, but said he wanted "shorty" to "take care of something to be on the safe side."

Vernon Lee Evans Jr., the alleged triggerman, is known by the nickname of "Shorty."

The hand-written letter, placed in federal court documents in response to defense motions for disclosure of evidence, was dated March 14, 1983 — the day Scott and Cheryl Piechowicz testified against Grandison in a pre-trial hearing.

Mrs. Piechowicz, wife of Scott Piechowicz, said after the slayings of her husband and Ms. Kennedy, that she thought the killer mistook Ms. Kennedy for her.

If used by prosecutors to link Grandison to the slayings, the letter would be the first direct evidence to be made public of Grandison's alleged involvement in the plot. Previous evidence linking Grandison to the plot has been circumstantial.

Grandison faces federal witness tampering charges in the alleged attempt to keep Scott and Cheryl Piechowicz from testifying against him.

He also faces first-degree murder charges brought by state prosecutors, who are seeking the death penalty against Grandison and Evans.

Rodney Kelly, described by prosecutors as Grandison's protege, and Ms. Moore also face murder charges in the state's case in Baltimore County and conspiracy charges in the federal case.



FAMILY MEMBERS of Major Marcellus Boles are shown with the new major at the promotional ceremonies held in the education and training division of the police department. Shown are Marc Boles, son; Roslyn Boles (left) and Shirley Roberts, mother-in-law. (AFRO Photo by Jay Baker)



CADETS seen at the promotional ceremony on Aug. 17, shown from left are Lisa Rafinello, Lisa Brown, Sonja Hixon, Marvin Austin and Anthony Cater.

Merchant shot by teenage robbers

A woman merchant was fatally shot by teenage robbers in her family's store as her young daughter watched, homicide detectives said.

Chung Cha So, 39, of Lutherville, was pronounced dead at the University of Maryland Hospital's shock-trauma unit at about 3:30 P.M. Tuesday.

The young girl ran from the Lucky Discount Store, screaming, "They shot my mommy", said one of the first patrolmen on the scene.

The 10-year old girl's twin brother was asleep in a back room of the shop during the robbery, police said.

Mrs. So was shot once in the chest during an attempted robbery at the store, which sells discount jewelry, handbags and hats. Investigators said. She was standing behind the counter with her daughter nearby when two teenagers entered the store.

Homicide detectives said they were searching for two, possibly three, teenage boys seen running from the store with a handful of inexpensive gold chains.

Mrs. So and her husband, Pu Tcak So, owned the store for about three years, said Phillip Ahn, a member of the Korean Business Association of Greater Baltimore. He added the couple normally worked at the store together, but So was at a shopping mall where he hoped to relocate his business because he considered the downtown Baltimore location too dangerous.

A nearby merchant said he walked out of his store and saw "a bunch of kids running up the street, laughing like it was a joke".

"All they had to do was grab the jewelry and run out. They didn't have to shoot her", he said.

As the wheel turns

By Penny Brady

At Oregon Ridge Lake, Carole Glowacki, chairperson of the Baltimore County Coalition for Handicapped Persons, stated "today, we view the proof of both private and public agencies working collectively together for a common goal.

That common goal being the elimination of architectural barriers in Baltimore county". What many of us was viewing was a 55-foot long wheelchair ramp at the lake which enables disabled swimmers to enter the water safely.

This was a part of the modifications Oregon Ridge park has developed for the disabled.

The county executive and the county council have been supporting the Coalition in its efforts to make the county an accessible place for the 28,000 plus disabled citizens.

According to Don Hutchinson, county executive Baltimore county has been working to address this most basic human right inequity by modifying our local facilities to make them accessible to all citizens. The barrier-free renovations which are being unveiled today represent the most visible results of that commitment."

The removal of architectural barriers has been an on-going projection the county since 1979. The county has budgeted more than $1.3 million dollars in county, state and Federal monies to make public facilites accessible to the disabled.

Currrently budget plans has added an additional $300,000 in each of the next five years to continue the barrier removal program. This year, the county plans to employ a full-time architect to develop barrier-free design and construction drawings for future projects.

The Baltimore County Coalition for Handicapped Persons, has been largely responsible for the many changes. This past year has seen two major county recreational sites, and seven public buildings renovated for the disabled.

The renovations are considered "reasonably accessible" under the standards set forth in the Architectural Barrier Act of 1968 and the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Besides the modifications at Oregon Ridge Lake, five libraries have been renovated, Gwynns Falls Nature Trail was developed, the Lutherville, Senior Center and the Eastern Regional Health Center. These facilities are now accessible for the disabled.

There are other major public facilities that have undergond similar modifications. Among these facilities are more than 100 other public sites including the police stations, all three community colleges, social services offices, polling places and local schools.

Community Calendar

THE TIME HAS COME

The Northwestern High School Class of 1973, is planning their 10 year reunion. For further information, all interested persons are to call 566-8244 or 426-9586.

TALENT HUNT FOR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA OUTDOOR FAMILY FESTIVAL

All local entertainers - dancers, actors, musicians, poets and singers - are invited to audition for the annual Sickle Cell Anemia Outdoor Family Festival.

The audition will be held on Saturday, August 27 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Liberty Heights Ave. at Garrison Blvd.

For an appointment or additional information call ASSERT at 578-1800.

REGIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING

"A regional town hall meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 6 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Multi-Pupose Center, Phase II, 2492 Giles Road. Areas included for this regional town hall meeting will be Fairfield, Westport and Cherry Hill. This meeting is sponsored by Woman Power, Inc. to continue our aim in educating the community in the political process. For additional details, call 383-9281.

ARTS ACTIVITY SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE

The Cultural Arts Institute of Baltimore, 4517 Schenley Rd. at Cold Spring Lane, will offer an Arts Activity Specialist Certificate, a 6 month course beginning Oct. 1, 1983. The course is designed to train students to become aids to handicapped and elderly populations of metropolitan Baltimore. Sign language, leisure studies, crafts, dance movement, exercise, and resume writing are included in the program. Toward the end of the six month period the student will be sent out for interviews in order to obtain employment.

For registration information call Taffy Scheffer at 532-8727.

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEER COUNSELORS

The Community Counseling and Resource Center (formerly Brotherhood of Man) is now accepting applications from people who are interested in being trained to work as volunteer counselors.

Training will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The training program will help develop basic listening and responding skills, and will teach skills needed to provide crisis intervention and drug information.

Field placement credit may be available for students. For more information, call 628-6120, or stop by 10400 Ridgland Rd. in Cockeysville by Sept. 9.

THE YEAR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD -1983

The Annual Community Family Festival will be Saturday, August 20, 1 p.m. until 7 p.m., at the Fort Worthington Recreation Center No. 85, 2700 E. Hoffman St. The event is sponsored by: The Committee for Better Communication In Our Communities. Come out and bring the children for a day of fun which will include speakers, fashion show, music, art and crafts, and classes.

For additional information please call Mrs. Mildred Prince,276-8969 or 732-6822.

OLD PENNSYLVANIA AVE. GANG'S REUNION

All the gang from the late "50's" and "60's" from the 13, 14, and 15 hundred blocks of Pennsylvania Ave.

Bring your picnic baskets, coolers, tables, chairs, cards, music, and families for a day of fun and reminiscing at the Woodlawn Memorial Park. Baseball diamonds and basketball court available on premises. The reunion will be Sunday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at 1900 Woodlawn Drive between Dogwood and Windsor Mill Road.

For further details contac: L. Bowman at 225-7086 or Cleve Brister at 225-7100.

RAINBOW FESTIVAL 83

The Cloverdale Atheletic Association presents Rainbow Festival 83 on Saturday, Sept. 10, and Sun., Sept. 11, at 12 noon until sunset. Good music, food, and speakers, are needed to make this a beautiful day. There will be a marathon basketball game Saturday, Sept.10, starting from 6 p.m. until 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Local and district teams or players are needed to make this great.

All proceeds will go to the Cloverdale summer program for chilren. Vendors please call 301-233-9529.

MORGAN CHRISTIAN CENTER ART EXHIBIT

The Morgan Christian Center invites you to celebrate the creative talents of three young artists. Please come to an exhibition of pen and ink drawings by Melvin Bradley, Kendall Fikes, and Darnell Tucker on Sunday, August 21 at 3 p.m. at the Morgan Christian Center, 4305 Hillen Rd.

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