Kelly Hill
SINGLE PARENTING

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pleats helping the silhouette. The jacket is a little longer, wider at the shoulder, often double breasted, with the kind of tailoring that goes into the best men's jackets.

Accessories: - textured belts and handbags, bright scarves and good looking flat or low heeled shoes complete the look. The fast pace of school begs for simple, free moving clothes—with the accent on style and presence.

Clothes shown in this fashion article are worn by Flair teen and pre - teen models. More than 100 of the season's newest looks will be seen when Flair Models present "Fashion Explosion", their 5th annual all teen fashion extravaganza. It will be at Forest Park Senior High School on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 3:00 p.m.

Willia Bland and Andrea Bland Travis are co-directors of Flair Studio.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MASTER DANCY

On with the show. Lights, camera, action. Everyone is up in arms with the most recent surge in legal issues involving child support payments.

Single Parents have come out of the woodworks to speakup about their displeasure with past experiences and the unfavorable treatment received or the numerous times they have been to court hoping that they would get adequate support or some support from their exmate.

With all the new rules and regulations no one should appear in court more than twice for the same issue.

After talking with Master Dancy, there is a brighter picture to be viewed.

Taking one particular question at a time, I asked Master Dancy, who is one of two Masters for Domestic Court in Baltimore City, why would a parent end up in court more than just once for the same issue, particularly child support cases?

Master Dancy explained when the issue of collecting child support payments is before the Master, that there must be enough evidence to prove that there is a consistent, reliable work history that is stable enough for the Master to issue a Court order directing the other parent to pay an amount that is within reason with his - her current salary.

Unfortunately, when some of these cases are heard before the Master, there is no identifying evidence to support or warrant child support payments.

In essence, if the party who is supposed to pay the child support payment hasn't worked a steady job for a long period of time, or is employed for only 1-3 months at a time, it is impossible for a court order to be signed to make a person pay a set amount based on irregular employment.

However, the case may be postponed or rescheduled until such time that the custodial single parent can gather enough information to prove that the other party is gainfully employed.

I asked Master Dancy if someone could be committed for confinement for non-child support. She explained that if the noncustodial parent has been found to be directly violating the court order, a judge can issue an order for the offender to be confined until such time that they begin to pay according to the court order.

Master Dancy also pointed out that Court Orders will set a specific amount and confinement will be for a specific amount of time (for example 30 days confinement)

In talking with the Master she mentioned the Tax Intercept Program which is handled through the Bureau of Support Enforcement.

The program can be used as a method of intercepting tax refund checks for delinquent noncustodial nonpaying parents.

However, this program also works closely with the Department of Social Services. The Department will pay the custodial parent first, and after the Bureau of Enforcement has been successful in intercepting the tax refund check DSS will be refunded.

Whatever situation or stage of the game that you may be at now, consider a couple of points before going back into court.

1. Do you have enough evidence to prove a stable work history concerning your ex-spouse. AND
2. Have you tried the Tax Intercept Program.

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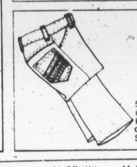

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Morgan hosts National Minority Business Development Conference

During the First Regional Minority Business Development Conference, which was held at Morgan State University August 17-19, Kenneth O. Wilson, vice president, Advertising, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper gave a fiery speech discussing what he considers the four major reasons why black businesses fail—a veritable blitzkrieg of an address that earned him a standing ovation and had conference participants begging for copies.

Attracting more than 200 participants to Morgan's campus, the conference began on Friday with a gala reception and dinner in McKeldin Center. During the reception, individuals who had come from Baltimore, Washington, New Jersey, Texas and numerous other distant locales, were given opportunity to get acquainted.

This relaxing session enabled the owners of various businesses to discuss the

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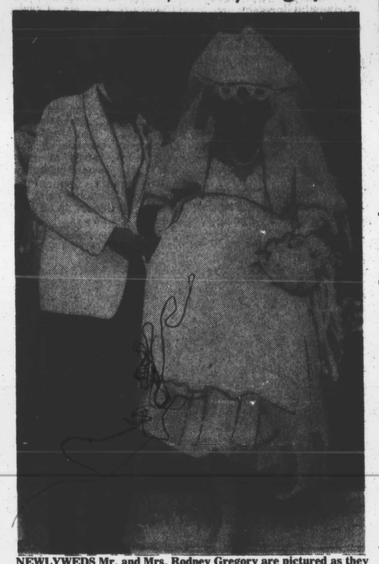
Engagements and Weddings

Shawan Patterson, Rodney Gregory wed



NEWLYWEDS Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Gregory are pictured as they exit St. James Episcopal Church following their wedding recently. The bride is the former Miss Shawan Patterson.

The wedding of Shawan Denise Patterson and Rodney Gregory was solemnized with a nuptial mass at St. James Episcopal Church recently. Several hundred wedding celebrants attended the double-ring ceremony which was performed at 1 p.m. by Father Peter Bramble.

The bride was resplendent in a classic gown of romantic white lace over white peau de soie with a sweeping train. Seed pearls nestled in the bodice of the pinched waisted gown and down the long, lacy puffed sleeves as well as in the crown of the tiara from which the floor length gossamer sheer veil flowed.

Escorted by her son Jamal, the bride was met half-way down the aisle by the groom with whom she continued to the flower draped altar. She carried a cascading bouquet of white orchids and baby's breath, touched with miniature pink and lavender roses and carnations.

The sister of the bride, Miss Lorna Patterson, was Maid of Honor. Her gown of pastel lavender georgette was matched with a silk organdy hat, accented with silk netting cascading to the shoulders.

The bridesmaids, in matching lavender dresses and hats, were the sisters of the groom, Mrs. Paulette Gregory Nixon and Miss Mona Hanson. The bridesmaids carried bouquets of roses and carnations ranging in shades of grape, lavender, pink, and white.

The gown of the flower girl, Little Miss Parrissa Ramsey, echoed the bridesmaids' dresses. Master David G. Nixon was ring bearer.

Parris M. Beverly, Wilmington, DE was best man. Ushers were Donald D. Gregory, brother of the groom and Lawrence D. Norton of Columbia, MD. while the groom chose a white dinner jacket and black pants.

Mrs. Marie Hill, mother of the bride, was radiant in a softly pleated fuscia chiffon dress with matching wide brimmed straw hat, while Mrs. Mary Gregory, mother of the groom, wore pink chiffon.

Hugh Carey, organist, filled the sun dappled church with beautiful sacred and secular music. Mrs. April Haines was soloist.

Following a brief reception at the church, the bridal couple received family and friends at a formal wedding dinner and reception at the Forum.

Hostesses included Misses Kristi Allen, Deridra Davis, Shontae Savoy, Angela Ramsey and Mesdames Gwen Kellam, Barbara Miller, Beatrice Riley and Alice Tucker.

Mrs. Gwen Patillo was special assistant to the bride.

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WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

BALTIMORE SHRINERS AT 91ST CONVENTION

A delegation of 50 Shriners representing the Baltimore Jerusalem Temple attended the 91st National Prince Hall Shriners Convention held in Detroit, MI, Friday, Aug. 17 through Saturday, August 25. The Baltimore group was headed by Potentate Henry Johnson who was accompanied by his wife Gladys, an Assistant Recorder for the local Daughters of Isis. Alvin Barclay, Grand Senior Warden represented Grand Master Sam Daniels who was unable to attend.

The welcome committee consisted of two distinguished Michigan citizens, Mayor Coleman Young and Congressman John Conyers.

Several members of the Jerusalem Temple delegation were among Shriners receiving special recognition for meritorious service. Past Potentate Herbert Stevenson received the Legion of Honor Award. Stevenson is the youngest man ever elected Potentate in the Baltimore area.

Also receiving the Legion of Honor Award was Past Potentate James Golden. Herbert Alston, Jr. received first place among clowns because of his innovative usage of props. William Porter was recognized for his long years of notable service by being awarded an Honorary Past Potentate Degree.

The Daughters of Isis Drill team was placed second in the National competition that determined the best marching drill team. The team captain is Darlene Stewart. Team members include Mildred Wilson, Phyllis Butler, Altemease Gibson and Cynthia Burrows. All four are employed by the Social Security Administration. Other team members are Georgia Lewis, Dorothy Johnson, Barbara Williams and Betty McLeod.

In celebration of the drill team's second place victory, the women hosted a garden party at the home of Imperial Photographer Darwin Wilson's aunt. Another highlight during the week was the hot and cold buffet disco for 100 people hosted by the Jerusalem Temple group at the Pyramid Hall.

The Shriners also celebrated the opening of new Temples in the Bahamas and in Ottawa, Canada.

In addition to playing an active role in each of the early morning religious services, the Reverend Henry Turner, National Deputy Chaplain delivered the Tuesday morning sermon. Reverend Turner is a local pastor and Social Security employee.

Baltimoreans also participated in the street parade held in downtown Detroit and in the black community. The parades featured youth marchers, motorcycle escorts and beauty queens.

Some of the nationally known Shriners are the Imperial Potentate Roswell A. Taylor, Coleman Young, Andrew Young, Marion Barry, Tom Bradley, Benjamin Hooks, John H. Johnson, Thurgood Marshall and Richard Pryor.

The Convention climaxed on Friday night with a gala Ball held in the Headquarter Westin Hotel in downtown Detroit.

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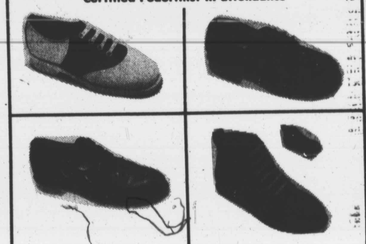

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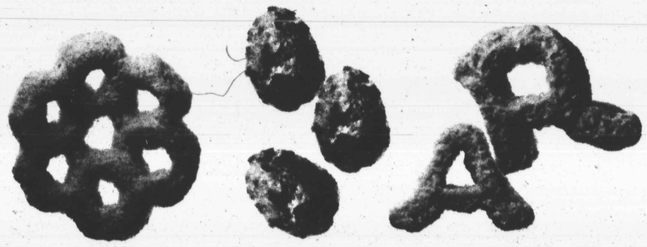

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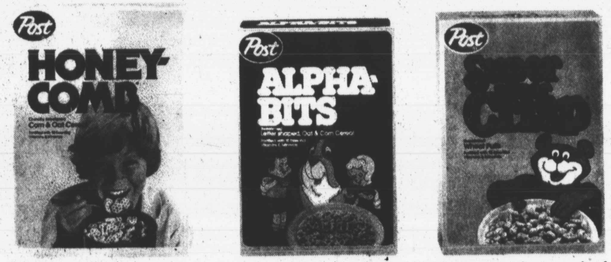

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