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elegant and different in patterns and fabrics, showed clean, uncluttered lines in beautiful day and evening shapes.

A great find was the kicky, casual look of Joel Holman's beaded, sequined sweatshirts to top all the vibrant skirts and pants of spring. Charles Wells showed his usual strong statement — "clean," uncluttered classics for day and leisure in silk, linen and silk blends for men and women.

The spare, flowing lines of Brenda Olivis reflected her new interest in and study of architecture at the Maryland Institute. Though body defining shapes were seen in her chiffon and crepe de chine pastels, she came on strong with favorite reds, whites and blues in satin.

The best of career fashion for 1986 was shown from Maggie's Place on Read St. Maggie's has the definitive style for the corporate woman on the way up. Joining her in great ready-to-wear were American style designs from the new Bi-Les Corporation; imported African statements from Shaka International of North Avenue; Merry-Go-Round of Mondawmin; Amy Stout of Glen Burnie, MD, and Aqira Walker of Baltimore.

Completing the fashion extravaganza was the collection of Gloria Jennings, showing soft, feminine silhouettes that spanned day into night.

Sophisticated looks that are trendy and comfortable guided Andrea Bland-Travis in coordinating the show.

Willia Bland, president of Flair Models agreed that the unique integration of color, fabrics and shapes makes Spring '86 fashions very watchable.

WILLIA BLAND (L) owner of Flair Modeling Agency, poses with model, Gwen Kellam.

THE BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF THE LINKS held a reception to generate momentum for "Spring Splendor", a luncheon fundraiser that will be held at Martin's West on March 31. First row, (L to R): Vera Hayes, Key Carter, Mary Robinson, Beatrice Butler. Standing (L to R): Catherine Adams, Shirley Doneghy, Minnie Smoot, Barbara Owings, Margaret Land, Cardrienne Griffin and Geraldine Desbordes.

Photo by Fred Douglass

Single Parenting

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wrong with this. There isn't anything wrong with it except that Charlotte did not encourage or persuade her son to attend a worthwhile seminar with his peers. Charlotte's lack of enthusiasm let her son know that she really wanted him to act like a grown man in his thinking process in trying to decide what he wanted to do with his Saturday afternoons.

Another family presented the issue to their son a little differently. They explained that they would like for him to attend a conference for young teens. They also emphasized that it would be interesting to get out and meet other teens and adolescents from different backgrounds. Even though their son had made other plans, they still encouraged him to decide which one would be more beneficial to him.

Teen management and distribution of responsibility should be applied according to age and maturity. In single parent housholds parents should make sure that they aren't letting their teens grow up too fast. What you don't want is a teen who seems to have life all plotted out without really understanding what life is all about as an adult.

Another case regarding the seminar, a parent said "I will have to let Sandy make up her own mind....I treat her like an adult, so she can make her own decisions. The problem is Sandy isn't an adult and should not be forced to make her own decisions entirely by herself."

Single parents sometimes will feel like "puppets on a string," or "doubting Thomases" in raising kids alone. What a parent must remember is that these young minds do need your guidance throughout life....and if you give them (you're an adult) responsibility too soon, they may not be able to cope with life's reality and harshness.

So parents in the management of teens and in helping them to be the best that they can, remember these are young adults who need your management and supervision throughout the adolescent period. Don't let them always make their own decisions without your guidance.

Use sound and regulated judgment and remember "that the tree with the best fruit was harvested by the productive farmer."

The Black Single Parent Teen Symposium will take place on Saturday, March 15th, from 12:30 until 4 p.m. at the Manor Club, 1800 N. Eutaw St. Admission is $5.00 which includes lunch, video. The facilitators are Carlessa Finney from Johns Hopkins Adolescent Health Center and Captain John Johnson of the Baltimore City Fire Department. For more information call the BSP hot line at 466-5554.

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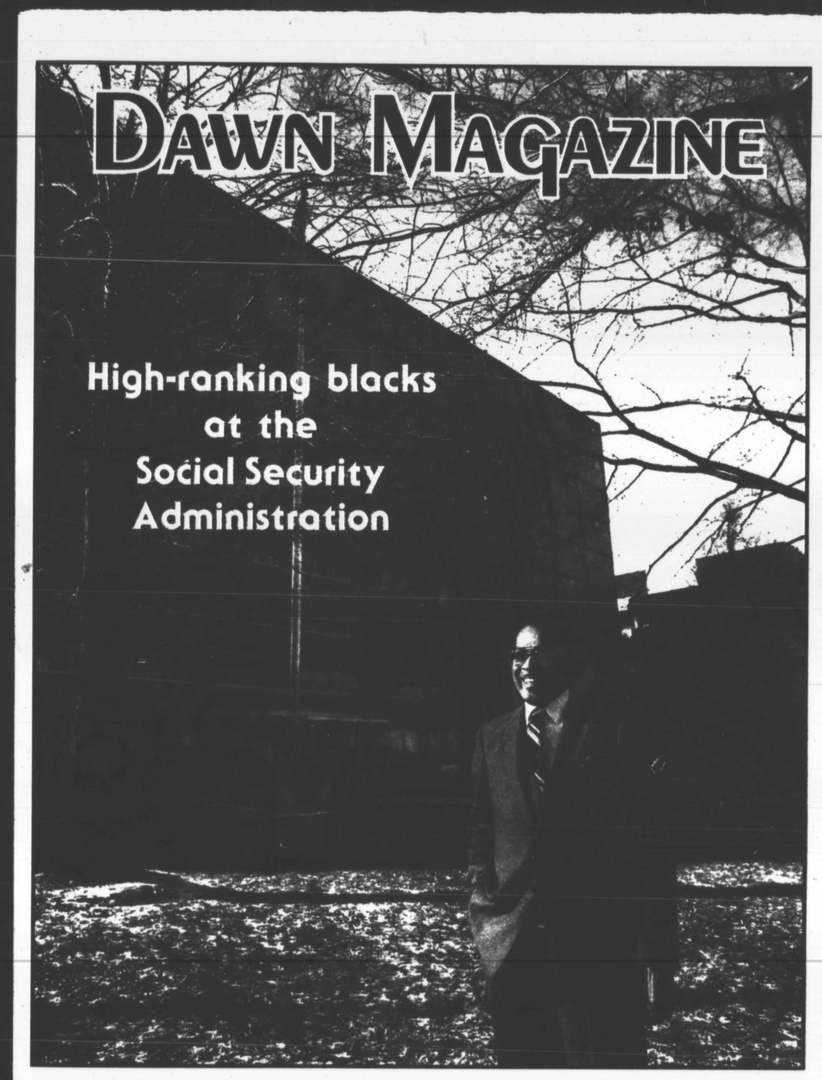

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