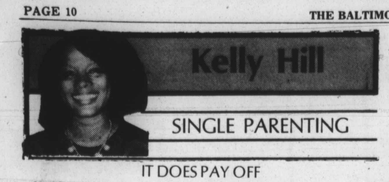

SINGLE PARENTING

IT DOES PAY OFF

Nothing could be more appropriate than to say it does pay off." Bells may be ringing and yuletide may be glistening, but for the thousands of parents who are not receiving child support, my message to you is not to give up!

Even though the wheels of justice may turn slowly, for those who have been through the system countless times, you may want to reconsider.

Child support issues are something all parents should consider, think about, and act as quickly as possible when it comes down to how much, and who should pay it.

After sitting in court, I realized a lot of parents do not come to court prepared to help the court. Basic information is needed for a court of law to help you.

The basis for which a judge makes a decision to increase or not to increase is based on the facts you present before the court.

It takes approximately one half day of investigation on your part to make your court hearing go smoothly. Questions you should ask yourself are: 1. Is the non-custodial parent working? 2. Do you have their social security number? If you do not, make an all out effort to find it out;

3. If you have a court order make a copy for the court; 4. write down what you want the judge to know; there is nothing more helpful to the judge than a prepared statement from you. 5. Do not be afraid to ask questions. The judge is willing to listen to what you have to say.

6. Be conscious of how you are presenting your case, you don't have to be a lawyer to say "I want an increase in child support payments, or, I haven't received any payments." I have seen and heard too many parents asking for child support payments come into court unprepared.

7. Remember, it is your right as a parent to make sure your children receive the proper amount of child support payments....you owe it to them.

8. Don't allow yourself to fall into the "big black hole" which leaves you saying, "I am tired of the system and I am giving up," or "I don't need the support."

There are not too many single parents out there who could not use the support in one way or another. Statistics say more than half of all single parent households, headed by women live below the poverty level.

If you find yourself getting depressed about the entire situation, use your motivational talents. There is nothing more effective than finding out what motivates you. Do not continue to let non-custodial parents who are responsible for child support payments, fall through the crack.

Another point to remember, if your child has reached the age of 18 and child support payments were never collected, the absentee parent is still responsible for payment regardless of age. The court considers it as an outstanding bill that must be paid.

If you cannot afford an attorney, you can start court proceedings on your own by contacting the Clerks office. They will give you the proper guidance you need.

For those of you who have not joined the membership of Black Single Parents, the 1987 Kick-off membership meeting will occur Thursday, Jan. 29. To inquire, and receive literature, call the B.S.P. Hotline at 332-4122. Your comments and remarks can be sent to P.O. Box 26542, Baltimore, MD 21207.

AFRO Weddings and Engagements

Caldwell-Myers wed

Dana Charlene Caldwell and Jeffrey Paul Myers were married recently at the Fountain Baptist Church on East Monument St.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and LaNae Caldwell, Jr. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James D. Myers, Sr.

Kimberly D. Caldwell was the maid of honor. Ranada Hamer was the matron of honor. The best man and head groomsman were James D. Myers, Jr. and Leslie Russell.

McDaniels-Goodson nuptials

Elizabeth McDaniel of the 5900 lock of Marper Farm Road, recently married George I. Goodson, the son of Jane and Dock Goodson. The new Mrs. Goodson. The new Mrs. Goodson is the daughter of Minnie and William McDaniel.

The marriage was performed by the Rev. Eaton at the St. John's United Methodist Church, Wild Lake in Columbia. It was a double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by George Well. The best man was Tyrone Williams. Lenora Wilson was the maid of honor.

The bridesmaids were DeGloria Mall and Desyrae Wilson. Lin 'Qure Wilson was the flower girl and Jamie Wilson was the ring bearer.

Ushers were James Wilson, Johnathan Hall, Bryan Lewis and George Well.

The church was decorated with red roses.

The bride wore a Victorian white lace gown with long sleeves and a high neck collar. She also wore a white hat with a long veil and caried a white silk rose basket.

The maid of honor wore a pink gown with a matching pink nail hat and carried a basket with white and pink carnations.

The bridesmaids wore navy blue gowns with blue nail hats and shoes.

The reception was at 10192 Shaker Dr. in Columbia. Offered were a fountain of champagne and a catered buffet of chicken, pate, ham and rolls.

Out of town guests came from Winston-Salem, NC; New York, Boston, South Carolina, Philadelphia and Virginia.

After the ceremony and reception, the couple took a wedding trip to Winston-Salem.

Andrea Francis becomes engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Francis, Sr. of Washington, D.C., are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Andrea, to Dr. J. Laron Locke, son of Ms. Rosada Thompson of Baltimore, MD.

Miss Francis graduated Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Howard University in 1983 with a degree in Zoology. She currently is a fourth year student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Her future plans include training in anesthesiology.

Dr. Locke attended Frostburg State College, where he received degrees in biology and Psychology. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Dr. Locke continued his studies at Howard University and received his Doctor of Medicine degree in May 1986. He presently is a resident physician in Pathology at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Williams-Briscoe takes vows

Zsarita Juanzette Williams, of the 300 block of Morris Hill Ave. of Glen Burnie, the daughter of Elder and Mrs. Earl Byrd recently was married to Kirk Michael Biscoe.

Mr. Biscoe, of the 14000 block of Bowie Road, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Francis Biscoe, of Washington, D.C.

The wedding occurred at Gospel Spreading Church of God on Edmondson Ave. and was performed by Elder Jake Butler. It was a double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Earl C. Byrd. The best man was Keith Crockett. The maid of honor was Ella Hunter.

Bridesmaids were Zsata Williams, Charlotte Williams, both of Baltimore' Lisa Lloyd, of Albany, NY; Regina Scriber, Lori McClarry, both of Baltimore; Trisha Paige, of Washington and Nonie Robinson, of Hampton, VA.

Nakia Murray was the flower girl along with Taleia Gillium. and Nicole Hawkins. Erick Jackson was the ring bearer.

Ushers were George Hawkins, Sean Lyles, Antonid Williams, Eric Garner, Bobby Jackson, and David Ross.

The church decorations were provided by Barbie Sloan.

The bride's gown was made of organza and chiffon. It dropped at the waist with a large bow in the back. Leaves hung from the shoulder with pearls and sequins.

The maid of honor wore an aqua-colored dress and an aqua and peach-colored hat and carried a peach bouquet.

The bridesmaids wore aqua dresses with matching aqua and peach-colored hats and carried peach bouquets.

The reception was at the Mary E. Rodman Recreation Center on Mulberry St.

Guests attended the ceremony from New York, Washington, Virgimia, New Jesey, California and Oklahoma. The wedding trip was to Fredricksburg, VA.

Beauty Talk

BY JEAN FORD

PRECIOUS METALS FOR HOLIDAY GLAMOUR

The reason that minimal makeup is having such a long run is obvious: It's attractive and it's appropriate for today's fashion. But, if any woman can get away with more impact for the holidays, you can. Think of holiday makeup and you think sparkle and shine.

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Versatility makes these new metallics for lips so right for holiday faces—Silverberry, Rose Gold and Copper Splash can be worn as one color or mixed with Platinum Glaze for added richness. Nail enamel in matching tones creates a totally harmonized look.

Eyes are center stage. They dominate your holiday look when gloriously crowned by four fabulous combinations: Platinum Blue/Pink Mica; Ebony/Pearl; Gilded Bronze/Polished Silver and Malachite/Gold Leaf.

For cheeks, brush on Burnish Gold blushing face powder . Use it all over your face, concentrating a bit more on cheekbones and temples. Don't forget other bare areas such as chin and shoulders.

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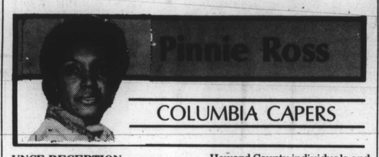
Ms. Ford is Beauty & Public Relations' Manager, Special Markets for Avon Products, Inc.



COLUMBIA CAPERS

UNCF RECEPTION

The Baltimore Committee of the United Negro College Fund, Inc. sponsored its "1986 Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon" kickoff last Wednesday evening at the Forum. More than 200 volunteers and friends were in attendance.

Volunteers and friends and special guests helped themselves to a delicious and well prepared buffet. It consisted of chicken, crab, balls of fruit and cheeses with a variety of dips and assorted desserts. Light wines, beers and sodas were also served.

The Mistress of Ceremonies, the lovely Thelma Daley, Past National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, introduced the volunteers and county representatives and the special guests.

Among them were Lawson W. Brooks, III, Assistant Area Development Director of UNCF, based in Washington, D.C.

Dr. C. Vernon Gray, UNCF Howard County Chairman, was unable to attend and Yours Truly, who also serves as County Public Relations Director, stood in for him.

Mrs. Daley urged volunteers to continue collecting their pledges. Some in attendance made substantial pledges.

On December 27, 1986, WBAL Channel 11, will carry the national UNCF Telethon from 6:00 p.m. until 12 midnight.

My good friend, Laura M. Knight, who is the fiery, fine chairperson for the telethon, is asking each donor club star panel volunteer to solicit at least $1,000 from family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others and be present, with the contribution at the television station.

Contributions may be charged to American Express, Mastercard or Visa cards. Checks and money orders may be made payable to UNCF, Inc., All contributions to the United Negro College Fund are tax deductible.

Howard County individuals and organizations are asked to call 730-8689, 465-0123 and 992-6675 regarding your pledge to the Fund and arrange your appearance at the Telethon.

Among the many volunteers in attendance. Mrs. Thelma Cox, Mrs. Ruth Pratt, both Deltas, Mrs. Barbara Davis, a long time friend of ours, who is also a Delta and Mrs. Flossie Johnson, a member of the Baltimore AKAs.

UNCF was organized to raise monies to support members' schools maintain their high standards and high academic levels which prepare their graduates for demanding professional careers.

The Fund supports 43 historically black colleges and universities.

OUTSTANDING AND DISTINGUISHED AWARDS

Congratulations to my very good friend, Mrs. Celonia B. Walden who recently received the "Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award" from the Tau Pi Chapter oof Omega Psi Phi Fraternity during the Founder's Day and Achievement Week celebration.

Former chapter president, Alfred Bracey presented the awards.

Cute Lakeshia Anderson, daughter of Mrs. Lamour L. Anderson and a senior at Oakland Mills High School was presented the "Distinguished Scholarship Award."

Lakeshia was among the 1,300 statewide nominees and as a finalist will receive an $800 award for four years while in attendance at a college of her choice.

This very talented young lady is attending the Peabody Institute. She is a member of the Long Reach Church of God where she sings with many groups. Lakeshia is well known in the Columbia Area for her fine voice and her modeling skills.

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Manor Club site of GBS Holly Gala

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Greater Baltimore Section sponsored their pre-holiday gala at the elegant Manor Club on Dec. 5.

The event, a scholarship fundraiser, was in an effort to establish a scholarship fund that would enable NCNW-GBS to provide significant financial assistance to deserving individuals and/or learning institutions of quality education.

The Council entertained their guests on both the first and second floors of the club, with guests flowing from one area to the other enjoying the magnificent ombience of the facility.

Guests were invited to wine and dine from a delicious gourmet buffet ladened with steamship round beef, Seafood Newberg, roast turkey, salads, pickles, fruit and cheeses and relishes.

Musicians played repertoire music which spanned the black experience as well as other popular tunes for dancing and/or listening pleasure of the guests.

Music was provided by pianist William Sydnor and roving performers, saxophonist-Bruce Henderson and flutist, Jackie Blake.

Soloist Rebecca Sydnor Henderson could be heard also all over the club as she so beautifully sang "Weary" and "Honor." Guests were overwhelmed by her magnificent voice.

Throughout the evening guests could be seen mingling and conversing in the various rooms of the club (library, game room, etc.) enjoying the pre-holiday gathering.

A brief program with introductions of committee members were by gala chairperson Chrystal Matthews.

The president of the group, Mamie Jones, addressed the guests expressing gratitude on behalf of the council for the support given to the event. The general chairperson, Edwardina Brown (2nd V. President) also expressed her thanks to the participants and staff of the Manor Club for a most elegant evening.

Committee members included Chrystal D. Matthews, Chairperson; Peggy S. Cooper, Co-Chairperson. Other members of the committees were Theda P. Glover, Hazel E. Hyman, Odell W. Payne, Fannie B. Poulson and Blanche A. Williams.

Hostesses included Elvera Richardson, Bettye Lindsay, Verna Day, Thelma Brown, Pamela Hill-Kenya and Louise Turkes.

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MEMBERS — GBS members and officers gathered to celebrate their pre-holiday gala at the Manor Club. Smiling for the camera, left to right are President Mamie C. Jones, Fannie B. Poulson, Odell W. Payne, Peggy S. Cooper, Chrystal P. Glaber, Blanche A. Williams. The group's founder, Victorine Adams is not pictured.

Guests included Beatrice H. Hall, Wilbert Matthews, Bernice Shorter, Henry S. Richardson, Pearl Moulton, Dr. Beryl W. Williams, Dr. R. K. Williams, Armstead Jenkins, Grace C. Walker, Edwina Watkins, Thelma B. Cox, Gloria Luster,

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