

# Artie Wilson, Jr.: Real estate in Hawaii

By Kathryn H. Bogle

To travel the airplanes between Honolulu and Portland has become a familiar journey for "Artie Wilson Jr." since he first left Portland to attend the University of Hawaii in 1970.

Visits to Portland are to see his parents, Arthur (Artie Sr.) L. Wilson and Dorothy Wilson.

Return to Honolulu is to return to job, to avocation and to his hobby of breeding and showing German Shephard dogs. (They have just recently won ribbons for their master in Honolulu shows). Artie Jr. has just recently paid a visit to his family here.

Artie Jr. graduating from Grant High School with a grade point average of 3.8 in 1970, won a four year scholarship to college on his prowess at basketball. At 6'1, weighing 175 lbs., he entered the University of Hawaii at 18 years of age.

Artie played basketball for four years at college, but he studied a lot, too. In 1974 he was graduated Cum Laude with degrees in Political Science and Sociology from University of Hawaii.

Artie found life in Hawaii satisfying to him. By this time he had made numbers of friends through sport activities, and he decided to stay in the islands.

Opportunities in his chosen field began to open to him and he took a

first position as a counselor to alienated youth. This was through an appointment from the office of Governor Ariyoshi. At the same he filled a coaching spot in University basketball on campus.

Mr. Wilson has steadily moved upward in the job market. His present position is that of Administrator of a Federal Emergency School Aid Program. This is a "Cultural Awareness" program aimed at preserving the ethnic background of the many races inhabiting the many islands of the state of Hawaii. For this program, affecting the lives of Filipinos, Samoans, Orientals and Hawaiians, Artie Jr. writes budgets and proposals and administers the department and the 2.5 million dollars allocated to it each year to operate the program. A staff of seven is there to help.

With a genuine interest in the people he meets, Artie Wilson listens to the stories the elders tell; he records much music on film, tape and records to assist in dramatization of the ethnic roots he uncovers. He lectures on the culture, the philosophy of the people and he is familiar with the family life style of the various groups he serves.

It seems a natural evolution for persons to ask Wilson's advice when it comes to choosing a place to live in the islands. In the islands people ask these questions of Wilson, on the



ARTIE WILSON -- FATHER AND SON

mainland people ask these questions, he has found.

So--Artie Wilson Jr. became a realtor. He now conducts "Leisure Pacific," a prosperous real estate business, flourishing on Kalakaua Avenue in downtown Honolulu. "Leisure Pacific" clients may live in the islands, but many are on the mainland living on the West Coast or living as far away as Chicago.

The firm locates properties around the state of Hawaii on Terra Firma or in high-rise condominium style. Wilson loves every minute of all of his work, as he completes another successful deal for a satisfied client.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson C. Walker are among Artie Wilson's satisfied clients on the Portland-Honolulu circuit, according to the Walkers themselves. They maintain their "condo" in Hawaii Kai.

Artie Wilson Sr., pictured here with his son, will be remembered as the Artie Wilson who played baseball

with the Portland Beavers beginning with them back in 1955. This Artie played shortstop with the Oakland Acorns before he came to Portland. He first played professional baseball with the Birmingham Black Barons, a Negro team in a Negro league back in those days. "Cat Mays, father of Willie Mays was also on that team. During his baseball career, the elder Wilson played a while for the New York Giants under Leo Durocher. Another time he managed a Puerto Rican team in Puerto Rico, when Luke Easter was one of his players.

Now that major league baseball has become purely a spectator sport for him, Wilson Sr. contents himself with selling cars for Gary Worth out in Gladstone, Oregon.

Traditionally, the Wilson family gathers on Thanksgiving for a holiday in Portland. This year, as in other years, Artie Jr. expects to be back again in Oregon, to fill his place at the family table.



Artie Wilson, Jr. with his dog "Windwards Maverick", 1978 Best of Breed, in show stance. At the right is trainer Larry Mannix, and on the right, the judge.

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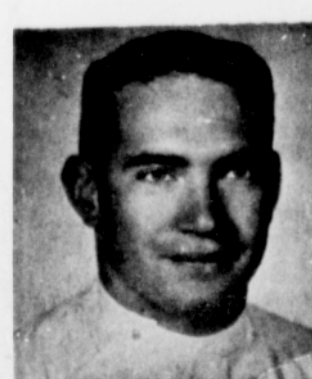
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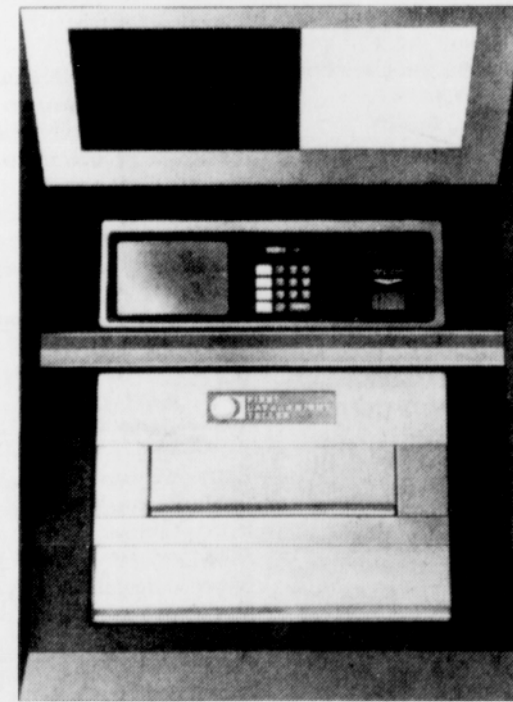
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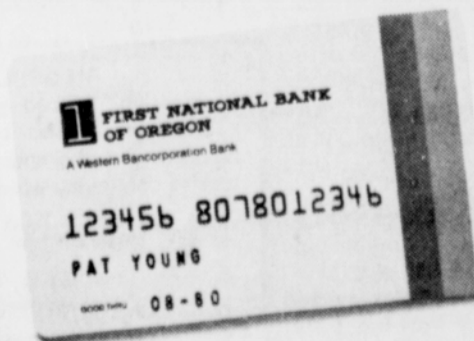
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