—Deltas

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Western High School, daughter of Mrs. Laura Johnson; Miss Karol Mason, Dunbar High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mason; Miss Monifa Middleton, Western High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Middleton;

Miss Mycha M. Morgan, Western High School, daughter of Ms. Peggy E. Hill; Miss Kimberleigh P. Rawlings, St. Paul's School for Girls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rawlings; Miss Tiffany M. Riddick, Western High School, daughter of Ms. Mattie Riddick; Miss Pia Sterling, Woodlawn Senior High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Sterling, Sr.

Among the competitive skits presented, $500 first prize was awarded the Arena Players' Youth Apprentices directed by Monica Robbins in "The Lighter Side of Life." In the cast were Nicole Coleman, Theresa Grady, Darla Jones, Gary Proctor and James Smith.

"Dreams For The Future" presented by Walbrook High School and directed by Ms. Bertha Guthrie, won second prize of $300. Players included Kim Alvarez, Gary Campbell, Kendria Gosha, Tonya Grant, Audrea Huggins, Donna Hux, Kortoya Jackson, Daryea Johnson, Don Kirk, Sharone Scott and Taesha Wilkins.

Representing Alpha Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Lori Adair, Dorender Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Yvette Harris, Cheryl Raigns, Adrienne West and Natalie West took third place honors of $200 for the skit "Take Control."

Special plaques were awarded Northern High School for "A Gap In Generations" featuring Winona Richardson and Arthur Solomon and to Forest Park High School for "3 Of A Kind" featuring Darrell Gross, Argin Henry, Robert Jones, Lisa Knight, James Pitt and Victoria Williams.

Judges were Keith Thompson and Belva Scott, owners of Autumn Productions; June Thorne, TV show host; and Dr. George G. Musgrove, director, Baltimore City Department of Social Services.

Guests Artists included the Hillendale Hopper Rope Team taught by Joyce Merkell and featuring Keena Walker, Keisha Blount, Genea Pigatt, Swanetia Perry, Takisha Robinson, Aneesa Watkins, Korey Matthews and Gregory Jones.

The Franklin Square Elementary School No. 95 Dancers, directed by Sharlette Jones; featuring Towanda Lee, Latonya Porter, Tervonia Page, Star Gilliam, Latia Boone, Laticia Curtis, Aliceson, Makel, Pamela Shipley, Crystal Randolph, Tamika McFadden, Michele Jernigan, Shannon White, Latasha Parker, Latrina Wilson, Tiffany Canty, Holly Gzeene, Nichole Nelson and Tammy Nelson;

The Wally Saunders Dance Company with John Eaton, Tiffany Butler, Kauscha Howard, Krenda Hall, Brenda Heale and Kisha Couplin; Singer Cherise Bullock and Magician John Carrington.

The general chairperson was Bernice M. McDaniels with Lucia S. Hawthorne and Mae M. Medders as co-chairpersons.

Other Delta chairpersons included Zelma Brown, choreography; Gloria S. Stokes, music; Lucille D. Venture, manager of Prologue and Epilogue; Helen Boyetter and Goldie Wood, costumes; Rose Wiggins and Goldie Wood, makeup; Christine J. Moore, Loraine G. Brown and Dorothy J. Barrick, skits and entertainment; Bobbie Swann, ushers; Audrey Williams and Harriet Trader, judges; Susan M. Jones, Helen McDonald and goldie Wood, tickets and lighting, Julia B. Woodland;

Debbie Lee and Carla Brown, publicity; Gwendolyn Lindsay and Maggie Wiggins, printing; Jane Enty and Carla Brown, dressing room; Rosemary Atkinson, Laura Knight and Eleanor P. Howard, "Miss Jabberwock" contest.

Other committee members were Barbara Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Chapelle Armstead, Lisa Barkley, Beverly Boston, Cheryl Brandon-Brown, Marcia Brown, Maxine B. Cunningham, Barbara Davis, Mary Demory;

Marian Foster, Lynn Froe, Bernita Fuller, Elnora Fullwood, Frances P. E. Gaines, Elyn Garrett, Ruthie Hall, Helen Holton, Catherine Howard, Lydia James, Delores Joseup, Clarice Jones, Genevieve Lancaster, Bridget Nash, Doris Nash;

Gertrude Neale, Hazel Parks, Ponjola Priest, Yvonne Queen, Anne Reed, Virginia Scott, Sara Smalley, Valerie Smith, Frances Stith, Cynthia O. Thomas, Jennye Thomas, Diane Tunstall, Frances West, Ella C. White, Eythee Lambert Wilkes and Patsie Williams.

Rebecca E. Carroll is president of the chapter.

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IF YOU ASK ME

Smiles

Smile-of-the-week orchids to Mrs. Betty Elliott, a nurse's aide at the Meridian Nursing Center, Long Green, on Melrose Ave. in northeast Baltimore.

We heard her pleasant voice as she comforted an elderly patient, and we thought isn't it wonderful that people like her take time to put sunshine in their voices when they work with the sick and elderly.

(See more about this nursing home below).

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Smile in the voice and face is the usual for Mrs. Jackie Hraboski, wife of Dr. Freeman Hrabrowski who also keeps sunshine in his voice.

They were among guets at the Kennedy Center on Friday evening when University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) Theatre Department presented, "The Importance of Oscar." Dr. Hraboski is the new assistant to UMBC President Michael Hooker.

More smiles in their voices: Also there, full of sunshine were Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Lawrence (Karen Long). He's the very pleasant manager of Human Resources with the American Red Cross. She's department head of English at Northwestern High. How fortunate are the people who come in daily contact with them."

More smiles

More people met this week with sunshine in their voices. Mrs. Sherry Willis, dietary waitress at the N. M. Carroll Home, the Methodist Church's very pleasant residence for the elderly on Arlington Ave. in West Baltimore.

We observed her smiles and manner as she served guests at the St. James P.E. Church Brotherhood brunch on Sunday afternoon. The dining room is run by her mother, Mrs. Portia Owens, and when you meet her you know from where her daughter got her sunshine.

At the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority's annual salute to women and girls luncheon and fashion show and awards at the Forum on Saturday, we shared a table with these gracious ladies - all full of sunshine — Mrs. Fannie B. Poulson, chair, and guests Mrs. Anne Wood and Mrs. Ruby B. Lee.

Also full of sunshine, Mrs. Pamela Hargrove, School No. 60 secretary, who was accompanied by her lovely six-year-old Candice. What nice manners she has!

And more

Also here Mrs. Audrey Simmons - Mrs. Sunshine herself. She is the retired Department of Transportaton exec. who now runs a custom imprinted sportswear firm with her hubby, Bert, the retired city school department head.

From their Columbia home they design sportswear and make it available for sale at public functions like the Iota Phi Lambda luncheon.

Cuff note: The Simmons' son, Gilbert Grey, is a helicopter pilot with the Md. State Police.

Plenty of smiles, too, in the voices of Richard Smith. He's the C and P Telephone Co. construction budget supervisor. And his friend, Adam Le Sane, the home improvement firm owner. Isn't it nice to meet people who exude sunshine wherever they are!!

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James Williams writes this week: Please mention Willis R. Jefferson in your smiles section. He is just the nicest person every day when I go to the food market to pick up free goods and help around. He is there helping people to get in their cars and offering wise words. You can see him in front of this Super Pride on Liberty Heights almost any day."

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Editor's note: Please share with this column names of persons you observe who have sunshine in their voices, smiles on their faces who take time to be pleasant to others and smile . . . smile . . . smile.

HAT IN RING—Sheila Dixon-Smith, 4th District candidate for City Council in the September 1987 primary is pictured with supporters U.S. Congressman Kwesi Mfume, right, and Attorney Edward Smith, at her recent fundraiser.

Hat in ring

The crowd at the 32nd St. Plahza a week back gathered to support the efforts of Sheila Dixon-Smith. She's the civic worker who has her hat in the ring for election to the Baltimore City Council, 4th District in this fall's election.

It was a family affair, too. Her mother Mrs. Winona Dixon was there. So were her sister and campaign treasurer, Janice Dixon, her dad, Phil Dixon, her aunt, Mary Stanley, her grandfather, Andrew Smith.

And in the crowd of church and civic leaders was Seventh District U.S. Congressman Kwesi Mfume, who introduced her.

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Cuff note: Many know Mrs. Smith as the field coordinator for Congressman Mfume's campaign, as a political lobbyist for the Maryland Food Committee, of which she is vice president.

She is the co-founder and director of the Bethel AME Church food coop, and president of the Bethel - Druid Heights and Penn-North Community Association's Food Project.

Plus, she works as trade specialist with the Maryland Office of International 1 Trade. She is a Baltimorean graduate of Towson State and Johns Hopkins.

About People

Baltimoreans Tom Hawkins and Elaine Manns Swann dashed into Los Angeles, their hometown last week, went with a group to Lynchburg, to see her aunt, Miss Essie Hughes, the beloved teacher, receive an honorary degree at Va. Seminary.

* * * Also within our midst from their new Florida home retired St. James Episcopal pastor, Father and Mrs. Donald O. Wilson (Theda) for the Saturday wedding of family friend, Angella Parrott, the Baltimore County counselor, and Melvin Thomas, Jr., the Loyola High School instructor.

Bride is daughter of the William Parrotts, Jr., and granddaughter of the senior William Parrotts, all longtime St. James members.

The Wilsons' daughter, Sylvia Collins, now of Chicago, was one of the bridesmaids. Also in the group another daughter, Millie, who resides in Baltimore. Third daughter, Wanda, is in Puerto Rico, and to think it seems like only yesterday when they were toddlers — now they're grown up, attractive and talented young ladies, and added proof that times flies.

Leon and Jonee Coates of Temple Hills, Md., were in our town on Sunday. Their infant son, Brandon Leon, was christened at Oak St. AME Church, with his great aunt, Rev. Vashti McKenzie officiating.

Infant's grandfather, Carl E. M. Smith, had reception for family and friends at his Lynchester Rd. home. Infant is a first great grand for AFRO's longtime Clean Block director and entertainment editor, Ida Murphy Peters.

They care

A Palm Sunday visit to the Meridian Nursing Home, Long Green, on Melrose Ave. in northeast Baltimore, provided the inspiration for this section of this column.

The trip to Meridian was to visit Mrs. Verniece Reynolds, the retired city school principal, who was looking much brighter than our last visit with her in the hospital.

And, no wonder - Meridian is a cheerful place, with plenty of attendants and staff, who appear to be concerned about the 140 patients - 70 years old and older - for whom they care. (See smiles section above).

The Residents' Journal, a ten-page newsletter details activities for the month of April.

An Easter hat parade is set for Thursday, April 30 - when family and friends are invited to join patients and staff and vie for prizes for the prettiest, funniest and most original hats.

The calendar is full of events - trips to the city - monthly birthday party, visit to ice cream parlor, a choir concert, an auction sale and family counseling forum, etc.

Mike Baker and his staff at Long Green have a full and interesting program.

Here is the Easter verse from the Long Green Journal. Verses from the Long Green Journal appropriate for this Easter season:

EASTER

Eastern is a time for joy
A time when all the earth is new;
A season when our thoughts reach out
To those whose friendships have been true.
Easter is a time for faith
That peace will someday rule the earth;
A faith that is well fortified,
As barren lands portray rebirth.
Easter is a time for praise,
Since everything on earth gives hope
That resurrection can be ours
Beyond this earthly lifetime scope.—

Beatrice Branch

Flower note

The yellow shrubs which began peeking through the snow last month are now in full bloom in this region.

They are known as Forsythia, and are named for Forsyth, the British botanist of the 1800's.

They are of the olive family, and have oppositive leaves and yellow bell-shaped flowers appearing before the leaves, and they always come in early spring.

Whether they spring up in Druid Hill Park, or on an inner city vacant lot, a residential lawn, or glorify the ugliness of a downtown street, as they do at North Ave. near Maryland, they remind us that spring is here and nature is coming out in all her beauty.

Thank God for flowers. They help us suffer the ugliness which surrounds us.

—Board asks

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waters below, killing at least three people.

Rescue workers have recovered three bodies and New York officials are searching for the cause of the accident, focusing on inspections of the bridge in the last several years.

Goldstein said the rough currents under some of Maryland's bridges could force them to collapse.

Agro said the upper portions of the bridges, about half of which are under local control, are inspected at least every two years and the underwater portions are inspected at least every five years.

He noted that deteriorating bridges or those subject to flooding are inspected more frequently.

"Underwater is where you've got all the pressure," Goldstein said. "Those bridges ought to be inspected (underwater) more than once every five years. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Twilah Scarborough

TWILAH SAYS. . .

Northwestern Little League Baseball Team

Baseball anyone. The Orioles may be the leading name here in Baltimore. Well, one should stop and take notice of Rod Armstrong's "Northwestern Little League Baseball Team" played with a bat and ball between two teams of nine players each on a large field centering on four bases that must take to score. Just a little brief eye opener of what these youngsters do in their spare time. Baseball is their second name of their very own. Their ages range from six to twelve years old.

The opening day for the team kickoff April 25 at 11 a.m. on the grounds and playing fields of Northwestern High School located on Park Heights Avenue. The Little League has three full strong batting years under their wing. Last year our very own John Murphy of our AFRO family was the team's VIP and guest speaker. The team has strong beliefs for winning and scoring for games coming up real soon.

Rod Armstrong is the league's commissioner and is assisted by Calvin Anderson. Both of these leaders speak out strongly of their mates. There are seven (7) teams: Red Sox, Orioles, Pirates, Dodgers, Met, Cardinals, and Yankees. Talking to the exciting and excitable Rod, he stated most of his support comes from their leading black community businesses. The team "Black Sponsors" showed and proved their way by its heritage roots helping roots. That's the way it is, 100 percent sticking together and togetherness.

Businesses is business and taking time out for its young folks are Rufus Stephens, McDonald's, Coldspring Lane & Reisterstown Road; Johnny Johnson, 711 Fords Lane, Reisterstown Rd., Park Heights Merchants Association, Park Heights.

The Northwestern Little League has reached out into its community and has gotten tremendous support from its merchants and businesses

Looking over three years of practices and hard team work, these youngsters have displayed and gained the real knowledge of basketball, team work, companionship, successful role models towards team work with each other. Most of all good sportsmen in winning or losing. One way or the other the Little League is in rare form and dedicated and self alert.

The Little League team is inviting the AFRO Family and its public to come on out April 25 at 11 a.m. at Northwestern High School on Park Heights Avenue to cheer them off on their opening game. Folks, it's all free, come on out.

1987 AFRAM USA Teen Scholarship Contest

The Urban Services Agency is presently recruiting interested high school seniors for participation in its Second Annual AFRAM Teen Scholarship Contest.

The purpose of this event is to encourage academic achievement beyond the high school at an institution of higher learning. Winners will be awarded Scholarship Aid which will enable them to further their academic pursuits at an institution of their choice.

We invite your participation to make the contest a city-wide effort. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

First Prize - $1,500
Runner-Up - $1,000
2nd Runner-Up - $500
Total Scholarships - $3,000

USA Project SAGA

On Thursday, April, 16 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Project SAGA Center located at Guilford and Lanvale was offered Easter greetings and luncheon was served, and each golden ager wore their new Easter hats and brought Easter greetings with each other. Gloria Bagwell is the center coordinator, Henrietta Williams is activity coordinator.

Extra special attractions and special events are taking place at the Outreach Centers of Project SAGA. A few specialties, 1114 N. Mount St. at 10:30 a.m. The Golden Agers will present their very own loveliness in a fashion show presented by their sewing class on April 27, 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Senior models are Janie Parren, Florence Gaines, Willa Mae Johnson, Bertha Brown, Junis Johnson, Elsie Brown, and Beatrice Hill.

The Golden Agers are really excited about their fashion show. They are preparing healthy and strongly to walk down the royal carpet and show off their fashions of finery.

There will be special added attractions, a luncheon will be served, and the special Charm City Orchestra will entertain you. The Sewing class instructor is Gloria Watts. Gladys Patterson is the center coordinator, Marion Cole is activity coordinator, and Catherine Parker is the aide.

The staff extends to you and your family an Easter Message. Experience this season of rebirth and renewal.

May the joys of this holy
Easter holiday fill your
Hearts with gladness
And your souls with inner peace
And contentment. Rejoice.

Central Rosemont Recreation presents

Somewhere out there dreams come true. Miss Central Rosemont Teen Pageant is soon to present its Fair Ladies again.

This year's contestants are Denise Campbell, Alison Corney, Nichole Hurt, Serena Hitchins, Michelle Moore, Gigi Reed, Carita Ricks, and Nicole Tillett.

Talking with Sarah and Effie Colden, this year's pageant is going to be a tough one.

There's lots of competition in sight. We've seen many, many performances, but we think this 1987 Teen Pgeant is leading to being a super one. The Central Rosemont Recreation Center's Pageant will be April 24 7:30 p.m., 2621 Winchester St., right across from the William Cade Armory. The public is invited free with a little donation at the door. This "Teen Pageant" is exciting and one you don't want to miss. Somewhere out there, dreams come true.

Thought for Tomorrow

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