IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile orchids

Smile orchids to **Wendell G. Wright**. He is the executive director of the Lois J. Wright Memorial Concert Series which has been providing highly entertaining cultural programs in the inner city for several years. And all are FREE of CHARGE.

Latest one is this coming Sunday, April 22, at 4 p.m., at Community College of Baltimore's Fine Arts Center on Liberty Campus. (2901 Liberty Heights Ave.).

Guest artists: Soprano **April Haynes** and baritone, **Russell St. John**. Reminder: this outstanding program is free to the general public.

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Lots of orchids to **Mrs. Thyrkield Barnes**. She's the Carrollton Ave. good neighbor who is noted for her pleasant manner and concern for others.

She retired recently after 34½ years as bookkeeper with the Maryland Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society. On Thursday evening, some 150 co-workers and associates gathered at Scarlett Place to thank her for being a dedicated and kind worker and friend.

Among guests — the honoree's 90-year-old mother, **Mrs. Gertrude Hawkins**, a vivacious lady with plenty of charm. One retirement guest suggested that with her charm she could succeed her daughter.

Orchids, also to board member, **Richard Trainor**, who presided; and to board member, **Jane Tamburo**, who presented the retirement committee gifts to the honoree.

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Cuff note: When Mrs. Barnes began work at the sclerosis office, she was fresh out of Kittrell College. There were only three workers thirty years ago. She said she never dreamed when she was in college she'd find a job where eventually she was responsible for handling a million dollars a year.

More cuff: **Mrs. Barnes** is a lifetime member of the AME Church, holds membership in historic Allen. She is daughter of the late Rev. George A. Hawkins, an AME minister and one-time presiding elder of the Baltimore Conference.

Her retirement plans — to spend more time with her mother and nine-year-old godchild, **Shannon Braxton**, (also a proud guest at the retirement affair), and to do some traveling.

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More cuff: We asked the honoree's mom her secret to a long life. (She talks and acts like a woman twenty years younger than she is). Her response: "I take care of myself . . . don't drink, don't smoke, and I worked in the church all my life. If I live to July, I'll be 91." Plenty of smile orchids to her, too.

And more

Smile orchids to **Helen Patterson**. She's the city school special projects coordinator who has a pleasing manner. She and hubby, **Doward**, recently observed their 38th wedding anniversary — he's the Sinai Hospital chemist . . . and they recently returned from a European vacation . . . orchids to him, too, he's a gracious gentleman, nice to know.

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Lots of sunshine in the voice of **Mrs. Lydia Carpenter Wagner**. She's the retired teacher and a 39-year resident of Madison Ave. in west Baltimore.

The years have been kind to her . . . since our days at Douglass High School, and she's proud of a large and busy family. Son, **Philip Rose**, is in charge of maintenance at a Baltimore County complex. Daughter, **Deborah Wayne**, is a nurse. Daughter, **Glenn Karem**, is a city teacher. And, she has 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grand. She's member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

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Mailbag: **Jerome Collins** of E. Eager St., writes: "Hellos to your Smiles salute. I like them. Please mention my neighbor, **Mrs. Helen Lucas**.

She won't tell me her exact age, but I guess she's in her eighties and a very inspiring lady she is . . . never a day when she doesn't have a bright smile on her face and a good word. And, get this, she has only one leg, but she doesn't find time to complain."

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Editor's note: Did someone's smile make your day? Let this column salute them. Simply write, Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore Afro-American, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201, and smile, please.

Blount salute

There was no basketball game in Lyndhurst Elementary School No. 88 gymnasium on Wednesday evening. Instead, the cheers of the crowd were for a distinguished educator, public servant, **State Senator Clarence W. Blount**.

Some 200 persons were present in the west Baltimore school (located at 621 Wildwood Parkway, near Edmondson), to say thank you **Senator Blount**, and to present him a variety of awards, citations, cash and gifts.

It was a gathering arranged by the non-partisan Martin Resources, Inc., a community organization headed by **Mrs. Betty Martin**, and 25 community organizations in the Lyndhurst-Allendale area ("the first time these neighborhood groups have come together").

Representatives of these groups, along with public officials, joined in praising **Senator Blount** for his hard work, his dedication, his commitment.

"Great men"

U.S. Congressman **Kweisi Mfume** said he was there "out of a deep sense of respect for a great man."

Mayor Kurt Schmoke, who declared April 11th **Clarence Blount Day** in Baltimore, hailed him as "a great leader in our city and state. I thank him tremendously for his help."

State Senator **Julian Lapides** saw him as "no one more dedicated than **Senator Blount**," and noted it was appropriate that legislators had suggested a building at Morgan State College should bear his name.

Other elected officials like U.S. Senator **Barbara Mikulski**, speaking through her aide, **Frank Turner**, and Delegates **Murphy** and **Sandy Rosenberg**, City Councilwoman **Vera Hall** joined with community leaders to say thank you.

The honoree's 1942 Douglass High School classmates were in the crowd and offered a certificate of love through the words of John Thompson. Community activitist, **Arthur Creigler**, called him "a great man, educator and Christian." **Erla McKinnon** of Woman Power, former Lyndhurst principal, **Calvin Carrington**, thanked him for his efforts to improve the school's facilities, as did current principal, **Linwood Roberts**.

Praised others

When his turn came to speak, **Senator Blount** was not lost for words. He was gracious in thanking his wife, **Gordine**, and their sons who were presented for their patience and understanding during his long hours in the legislature.

And, there were amens when he turned to the community leaders and praised them for their unified efforts to improve their neighborhoods.

He saluted fellow elected officials like Del. **Howard Pete Rawlings**, vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and he acknowledged that he was pleased a Morgan U. building will bear his name.

And, he thanked the community groups and individuals for their support, noting, "People who live in my district have elected me to office five times.

He predicted that the upcoming fall election will be the last time he will seek public office.

("I want to thank you . . . after I serve one more time I probably will step down . . ." He added he was "proud he was able to make a difference . . . I entered politics to help get resources for the education of our children."

There were cheers when he told the audience Walbrook High will open on time. The money is in place."

In the crowd

More faces in the crowd: School Superintendent **Richard Hunter** was there; joined in praising Blount," for his quiet strength, his patience." Community relations chief **John Ferrone** was there. So was Police Commissioner **Edward Woods**, State's Attorney **Stuart Simms**, Judges **Solomon Baylor** and **Paul Smith**, School Board member **Doris Johnson**, former deputy super, **Edmonia Yates** and youngsters from Lyndhurst Elementary who sang.

Ms. Betty Brown presided with grace. **Kimberly Martin** headed the program committee. Others were **Annie Young, Kim Blount, Gertrude Hack, Sarah Horsey, Jane Gates** and **Mary Boyd**.

Orchids to the committee — the buffet tables were attractive — so were the tables where guests were seated. Food was tasty too. The gym was decorated with attractive posters — some bearing excellent likenesses of Sen. Blount.

More soloists, **Gwen** and **Nettie Jones**. **Corey Opher** extended welcome. **Rev. Lowell Parham**, Union Memorial Methodist, offered grace.

More cuff: Remember when Senator Blount was vice principal of Dunbar High — in those days when there were 45 students in classes? when he was a teacher for 24 years in city schools? when he was campaign manager for a young college professor who was seeking election to U.S. Congress from the 7th District — Parren J. Mitchell? Remember . . .?

About people

Get-well wishes, please, to **Samuel T. Blackwell**.

He's the Bentalou St. good neighbor who has been hospitalized for over a month. Wife, Pauline, reports he's in Liberty Medical Center.

Also on the mend, **Mrs. Mae Peck Williams**, the retired educator who is known by many for her good humor. She's in Good Samaritan Hospital.

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More good news: Former State Senator **Verda F. Welcome** was well enough to attend the Saturday book talk at Delta Sorority house on Saturday. There, **James M. Abraham**, author of the book, "The Life and Times of Verda F. Welcome," discussed highlights from some of the chapters.

Intimates of the noted lawmaker discussed some of the events in her life which moved them and praised her for her courage. Among the participants, City Council President Mary Pat Clarke and Delegate Tony Fulton.

Cuff note: Mrs. Welcome was in a wheelchair, and she appeared in good spirits.

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Coming event — Associated Black Charities' 3rd annual salute on Monday, April 23, at Martin's West, honors U.S. Congressman **Kweisi Mfume** and Governor **William Donald Schaefer**. **Allen Quille** is salute chair.

Cuff note: **Dwight Taylor** heads the board of directors. **Rev. Marion C. Bascom** is vice chair of the organization which is an affiliate of United Way.

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Thinking-of-you cards to the family of **Benjamin M. (Benny) Browne**. He was the Woodlawn resident who died Saturday at the age of 73.

Many remember Mr. Browne when he was for 27 years management operations supervisor with the Baltimore City Housing Authority. He retired in 1981.

He was a native Baltimorean — son of the late **Dr. Benjamin Browne**, a dentist (with offices on N. Carey St.) and the late **Nattie Murray Browne**.

He was a 1933 graduate of Douglass High, served in the medical corps in the Navy during World War II, and was a graduate of Howard University. He was a member of the No Namers, a popular men's club.

He was married twice. His first wife was the late **Rosemary Page** of Indianapolis. His second wife, the former **Sara Hughes**, died in 1984.

Survivors: Daughter, **Gail Browne**, a city teacher; sons, **Benjamin P. Browne**, a Seventh Day Adventist minister in Orlando, Fla.; **Steven L. Browne**, an Indianapolis General Motors employee. There are also 7 grandchildren and one great-grand.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at Nutter Funeral Home.

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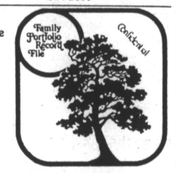

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SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

City program helps schools save the planet

By Joy M. Tyler
AFRO Staff Reporter

It has been 20 years since the world's first celebration of Earth Day, and the 90's have been earmarked as the decade of the awareness of the world's environment and a thrust to help save the planet.

Earth Day is Sunday, April 22, and is solely dedicated to making an international effort to learn more about the environment.

The purpose of the campaign is to educate people about what is destroying the earth, and ways that the average person in every community can help in cleaning up the damage.

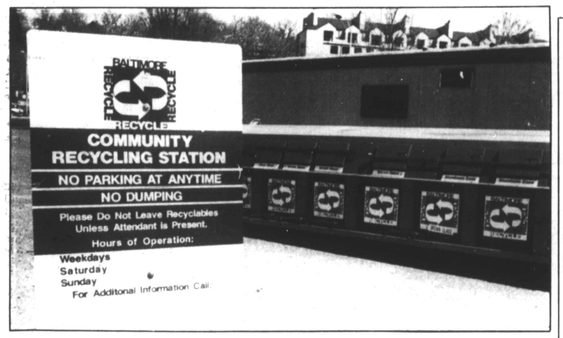
Baltimore has not been left out; the massive concern about the environment, and efforts have been started to educate school age and college age students on what man has been doing for decades, acting in his own self-interest and worrying about the consequences later.

The results of carelessness about the environment are everywhere, and Americans are among the worst in becoming environmentally aware, and even slower to act on ways to help improve our quality of life.

What the earthweek founders in Baltimore are coordinating is a "CELEBRATE THE EARTH" outdoor and environmental educational program, sponsored by the City Department of Recreation and Parks.

This used stove has been dumped in the city park which pollutes the limited amount of park areas around. Fact: In the U.S. about 70 percent of all metal is used just once ... and is then discarded.

40 percent of the pure water you use in your house is flushed down the toilet. Each time your toilet is flushed, it uses five to seven gallons of water. However, dumping it into wooded areas not only pollutes, but creates unsightly messes.



Many items in the average household trash can be separated and processed for recycling. This community recycling station at Poly/Western high school takes newspapers, glass, and aluminum. FACT: How much garbage will you generate in your lifetime? About 600 times your adult weight.

Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park is the home of the Carrie Murray Outdoor education campus dedicated to teaching nature, how to respect it, and to preserve it.

The program includes instruction in outdoor education (teaching all curriculum areas using the outdoors as a classroom and resource), wildlife conservation, live animal study, forestry, and ecology.

Other areas include Birds, plants, weather, and adventure activities.

Instruction is geared for Kindergarten through 12th grade and adults. Live animal assemblies are at the site, as well as courses and workshops on weekends for groups and individuals.

The philosophy of the program is made meaningful by applying the knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom to real-life situations beyond the classroom.

Cultivating awareness, knowledge, appreciation and concern for the natural environmental and the effects of people's actions upon it, is also a goal which directly involves it with the earthday campaign.

Many topics are taught, including Animal survival, birds, conservation, health and nutrition, human impact on environment, life cycle, stream ecology, wilderness survival, and dozens of other areas.

The center will also be taking part in many of the major Earthweek community activities. Here's a look at some of the scheduled events.

4-20-90 — 12 noon Memorial Tree Planting. College of Notre Dame of Maryland. 532-5546.

4-21-90 — Environmental Scavenger Hunt College of Notre Dame of Maryland. A race with 2-person teams searching for items and locations. Refreshments and discussion to follow. 532-3163.

4-21-90 — 10 a.m. Come see a real recycling roll-off center. Poly-Western Parking Lot. E. Coldspring Lane. Bring Newspapers, glass, aluminum & tin cans. 435-7082.

4''90 — Earth Day! 1:00-9:00 Rash Field, Inner Harbor. Over a half dozen music artists featuring: Richie Havens, One by One, Almighty Senators, Mama Jama, Final Chapter and many others.

Roland Park Middle School held their annual National Junior Honor Society induction on April 6 at the school to induct its new members.

The inductees are awarded for: Scholarship, Citizenship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Evelyn Beasley, principal of Roland Park participates in the traditional lighting of the candles ceremony.

Two of the new recipients are Nikki Javey and Andrea Draper who signed the honor register during the ceremony.

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