R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie Phillips-Cooke
Reflections Editor

Often we might ask ourselves, "What is my gift? What do I have to give the world?" — if we seek to find the answer it might be made known.

Travis Winkey's "gifts" are many: he's a professional model, instructor, dancer, businessman — but above all Travis is a lover of people.

Oh, how well we remember our days at Douglass High when "Boddie," as he was affectionately called, used to do things just for the "fun of it." Dancing was his favorite, which he developed into modeling, et al.

Today he owns and operates a mid-town modeling studio which carries his name. He, too, has a New York City office located in the Richard Allen Center for Cultural Arts headed by Hazel Joan Bryant.

On this past Sunday evening, Winkey presented some 50 aspiring young models in the Fourth Model of the Year Contest at Walbrook High. Several hundred supporters came out not only to cheer for the winners, but also to see talent in its formative stage.

Also, it was a learning experience: Judges for the competition were those who had "arrived" in their chosen fields (all complimented the modeling-fashion industry), but who could still touch bases with everyday folk. Following their introduction, the audience had a chance to ask questions: i.e. "What does the fashion industry have to offer young people," etc.

Judges were our own Walburton Pulley, who now heads a group of black fashion designers business on New York's 7th Avenue; the renowned make-up artist, Joey Mills, also based out of New York; Ebony Fashion Fair model Fran Witfield-Owens; International Fashion Model Barbara Cheece Borough and her businessman husband, "Cheece" of Cheece Bar Productions; Gloria Brennan of Faces modeling agency.

We were glad to see our friends whom we hadn't encountered in some time, especially the show's commentators Cathy Pugh and Clarence Bishop. They announced the winners: Children: Wayne Johnson and Latia Jones; juniors: Wanda Bailey; adults: Lynnelle "Charlie" Gray, Julie Embry, Elliott Wallace and Lamar Lentz.

The Murray Move

William and Laura Murray and children may be leaving Baltimore soon to return to sunny California where they lived before he became a regional superintendent in the Baltimore City schools. Word is that he has been offered a post as the superintendent of a southern California school district.

The Murray children are William Jr., 20, a Forstburg State junior; Lynne, 15, enrolled at Western High; and Jan, 14, and Glenn, 12, Pallstaff Middle School pupils.

Carats' New Leaders

New members and officers were installed when the Carats met at the home of Minnie Smoot, president.

Welcomed into the group were Phyllis Moore, Bessie Lassiter, Dr. Ozella Webb and Merlene Adair.

Other officers are: Ada Woodland, vice president; Gordine Blount, financial secretary; Helen Birt, treasurer; Jerri Desbordes, corresponding secretary; Joan Phillips, historian. Other members: Helen Whittaker, Vera Carrington, Janet Woolridge, Jeanne Davis, Lil Jones, Frances Pennington.

Links, Too

Baltimore chapter of Links also installed new officers when they met on Saturday at the Jade Pavilion in Chatman, Md. Etta Phifer hosted the dinner meeting.

Vera Hayes is the new president. Other officers: Ruth Glenn, vice president; Kay Carter, Jerri Desbordes and Lil Jones, secretaries; Marian Russell, treasurer. After dinner and installation, members gathered at the Phifer home.

Griffins and Venetoulises

Tuesday evening guests of honor at the Winterbourne Road home of James and Cardrienne Griffin were Baltimore County executive, Ted - Venetoulis and his wife, Hellenic. It was an informal gathering where the honorees had a chance to meet new neighbors.

Omegas Have Disco

Baltimore members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity hosted a disco dinner dance on Friday evening at Holyday Room in Cross Keys. The event was to salute their wives and sweethearts.

Ernest Stokes chaired the event. Walter Amprey is basilisus. Prior to the dance, members living in the eastside of town gathered at the Eddie McDaniel's for a wine and cheese party. Those on the westside gathered at the home of the James Murrays.

Birthday Day

That Sunday evening gathering at Bernice and Clarence Monroes was to mark his brithday.

Present were Dr. and Mrs. Percy Baker, Dr. and Mrs. Dudley Lee, Dr. James Carr, Eleanor Gibson, James and Rebecca Carroll and James and Jackie Lewis.

Also present, the Lewises' house guest, Mary-Jane Mamoekki Malebye of the Republic of South Africa. She is a matron (nurse) at the Kalafong Hospital near Pretoria, South Africa. She is visiting in the U.S. under a leadership program administered by Operation Crossroads Africa.

Cuff Note

Good news about one of our town's hardworking doctors — Dr. Albert Laforest is much improved at Union Memorial Hospital where he was rushed last week. No visitors yet, just get-well wishes, please.

Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

40th Anniversary Committee.

Reservations for the June 10 retirement luncheon honoring Ernestine Smith may be made by contacting committee member Shirley Macklin, 594-8990 or Louise Jackson, 594-7003. The luncheon will be held in the Altmeyer Multi-purpose Room at 11:30 a.m. next Friday morning, June 10.

Social Security employees and relatives of those employees who died in the service of their country were honored at the annual Memorial Day Program held at the Social Security headquarters building last Friday morning. Members of the Color Guard from the 326th Maintenance Battalion from the Jachman U.S. Army Reserve Center in Owings Mills participated in the program and wreath laying ceremonies that followed.

A retirement dinner for Mrs. Eunice Carter will be held 6 p.m. Sunday, June 5 at the downtown Holiday Inn.

Friday, June 10 will also be retirement party time for Evelyne De Mines. Co-workers have scheduled her farewell party at the Belmont Avenue Holiday Inn. Maude Byrd and Thaddeus Price are heading the arrangement committee.

The Civil Service Commission recently introduced new regulations regarding the processing of complaints of discrimination. The most noticeable change is that the procedure providing for the acceptance and processing of third-party complaints of discrimination has been abolished and a new procedure was established to permit complaints of discrimination to be filed on a class-wide basis.

A class complaint may be filed on behalf of a group of agency employees, former employees and-or applicants for employment who allegedly have been, are being, or may be affected by an agency personnel management policy or practice which the agency has the power to rescind or modify and which allegedly discriminates against the members of the group on the basis of their common race, color, religion, sex, national origin and-or age.

Dr. and Mrs. (Jean) James F. Cooper celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary recently at their beautiful home on Water Power Terrace in the Village of Wilde Lake.

It was a beautiful affair and was attended by over a hundred guests from their original wedding party and new friends. The guest started arriving at 2 p.m. and were greeted by daughter Lisa, who was stunning in a canary yellow gown. Other hostess were Audry Ingrim, Donnella Quorles, and Fern Rogers.

Yellow and lavender were the colors used 26 years ago in the original wedding and were colorfully displayed at the celebration with yellow flowers. Bright yellow table cloths covered the remaining tables with a dash of lavender, a gorgeous centerpiece consisting of yellow, white, and lavender flowers were placed on the dining room table. It was surrounded by a variety of sweets.

The ooh's and aah's commenced when guests viewed the colorful buffet tables, a result of long planning and preparing food. She enjoys cooking, and according to her, it took her three weeks to prepare all the goodies. It was tasty and colorful.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the reunion of the members of the wedding.

The guests and friends were also able to view pictures of the original wedding. Some wedding members in attendance were: Carroll Seward, best man; Melvin Johnson and La Mark Quarell, also Alice Dotson and Jean Thomas, brides maids. Betti Dotson was also in the attendance as original maid of honor.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Cooper. May their future years be filled with love and blessings.

Long stemmed roses are in order for Maggie Watkins and Ruth Tibbs chairpersons for the PEAC Fashion Show. The show was recently held at the Emanuel Chambers Auditorium of Provident Hospital.

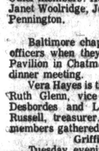
'Faces of Spring' was the theme of the show with beautiful faces of the employers of the hospital modeling their own garments. Faces showed up in various scens, special faces, in special places, long wear, faces in the sun, beachwear, faces in the town sportswear and dressy and finally, faces in the night, after five. Lewis from Travis Winkey modeling studio, Fredericka Mathew, Tina Blackwell, and Darlene Bright compliments of Pinnie's Charm Studio.

Stage design was well done by Vernon M. Bailey consisting of a spring setting with a variety of colorful flowers.

The very popular Travis Winkey was M.C. Yours truly was adviser for the show.

The Miss U.S. Talented Teen Maryland Pageant will be held at the downtown Holiday Inn, Howard and Lombard Streets, June 12, 5 p.m. in the grand ballroom.

For further information you may call 730-8689. Mrs. Pinnie L. Ross, executive director.



Woodlawn Highlights

. . . by Marjerie Green

Members of Concord Baptist Church, 5204 Liberty Heights Ave., will begin a week of religious services on June 19 in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the church and the 17th anniversary of their pastor.

In addition to the anniversary celebrations, a special mortgage burning service will take place during the evening program when approximately 15 charter members of the church will be recognized for the 40 years of service they have rendered.

According to the Anniversary Committee, none of Baltimore's outstanding clergymen will share the pulpit with leading out-of-state ministers during the week long service.

The forty year celebration will culminate with an anniversary banquet at Blue Crest North on Tuesday, June 28.

Dr. Samuel DeWitt Proctor, senior minister, Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City, will be the guest speaker. An invitation is extended to Christian friends to attend the banquet and all of the services.

Banquet tickets can be purchased by calling 448-1399 or 367-1639. Trustee Harlow Pullwood Jr. is general chairman of the

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Catonsville Notes

. . . by Lis Williams

A special "Thank You" to our good friend and neighbor, Hannah Lindsey, who so beautifully wrote this column While I was away. We visited our daughter in Atlanta and our cousins, Alfred (Chief) and Gertrude Anderson in Tuskegee Institute, Ala. We had a delightful time along with the Samuel Blackwells (Pauline).

"Sympathy" cards to the family of the late Violet Wise (Joseph) whose funeral services were held last Sunday night. Mrs. Wise was a native of Howard County and a former Catonsville resident. She was longtime employee in the Baltimore County cafeteria department. Many of us remember her husband, Joseph, who worked in the Baltimore City School System and was one of the founders of Emmanual Christian Community Church. Her son, Joseph Jr. is the Exalted Ruler of the Elks Crescent Lodge No. 355.

"Sympathy" cards also to the family of the late Robert Hackett Jr. (Hortense) whose funeral services were last week.- Robert is the brother of Ada Weaver.

"Sympathy" cards to the family of the late William Brooks (Eva) whose funeral services were held during the week at Morning Star Baptist Chur.

Congratulations to the women at Macedonia Baptist Church. They will celebrate their 73rd Annual Women's Day Service on Sunday, June 5. Their theme "Women Together For Such A Time As This." The speaker at the 11 a.m. service will be the Honorable Barbara Jordan, congresswoman from the state of Texas. A Fellowship Dinner will be held at 1 p.m., followed by a pageant of gospel muxie, featuring the women of Macedonia. Mrs. Naomi Evans, chairperson, Wanda Pemberton, co-chairperson. The Rev. Willard L. Clayton, pastor.

"Sussbstitute Appreciation Day" was held at Cecil Elementary School on Cecil Ave. Among the substitutes who were honored was our own Hazel boston, wife of the Rev. Reginald Boston, pastor of Grace AME church. The other honorees were: Gertrude Baskerville, Zack Fleming and Betty Sorrell. Dorothy B. Brooks is the principal at Cecil.

Congratulations to Ernest McCormick (Mary) the past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Crescent Lodge No. 355. Ernest was recently elected president of the Arch Social Club.

"Get Well" cards to Mrs. Hattie Smith (Hawthorne) who has been in Union Memorial Hospital but should be at home by this weekend and to Bertie Smith who is in St. Agnes Hospital.

"Congratulations" to the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pinkney Jr. Mrs. Pinkney is the former Joanne Jones, daughter of Dr. Clifton Jones and the late Gladys Jones and Louis is the son of Anne McIver and Louis Pinkney Sr.

"Congratulations" to the following graduates: Dr. Joanne Williams, the daughter of Franklyn and Lucille Williams who received her M.D. degree from Case Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Joanne will do her internship here in Baltimore at University Hospital.

Patty Hall, daughter of Mildred Hall and Dr. William (Billy) Hall who graduated from American University; and to David Hayes, son of Merle Hayes and Clarence Hayes. David graduated from St. John's Military Academy in Washington. There were 30 black students in the class of 165.

Our own black Bishop; the most Rev. Eugene A. Marino, S.S.J. was the principal celebrant of the Mass. The most impressive military graduation was held in the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

Please send in the names of known graduates in the community and surrounding areas so that they may get recognition for their achievements.

Have a good week and continue to do your good deeds.

P.S. The Golden Age Club recently honored one of its members, Mrs. Mamie Williams on her birthday.

Mrs. Geraldine Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Green of N. Morely St. recently received her master of science degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Morgan State University.

Miss Scott awarded

Sharon M. Scott of Baltimore was recently awarded a Waddell Summer Scholarship by Wellesley College for study abroad. A senior at Wellesley, Ms. Scott is a biology-black studies major.

She will study administration of health care in areas of Ghana, Togo and Benin this summer.

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Hints For Homemakers

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A recent visit with my sister was very revealing to me in many ways. She often has called me through the years to say how much she enjoys my column—and the Lever products in her house really proved it!

IMPERIAL: "THE BUTTER OF MARGARINES"

While she was cooking, it was interesting to observe that she used IMPERIAL, which I always think of as "the butter of margarines." I asked her why she prefers IMPERIAL.

"We just love its taste," she replied. "It tastes like real butter, but is less expensive."

This was high praise, for my sister is a good cook and takes great pride in her food.

My sister and I both have gained some weight in our later years, so I suggested to her that she also try DIET IMPERIAL because it contains just half the calories of regular IMPERIAL.

And the taste is just as good—as a spread as well as in cooking and baking.

As I was leaving, I promised to get her a copy of "The Elegant & Easy Cookbook" that contains some excellent recipes using IMPERIAL. You might want to get a copy for yourself.

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WE'LE ALL WISK FANS

It's usually easy to identify family members. They either look alike or have similar habits.

My younger sister and I both have homes decorated in blue. But that is not the only thing we have in common—we're both WISK fans!

The last time I visited with her she was busy doing her laundry with WISK. She has always respected my sisterly advice, so it was no surprise to see that she was using WISK to remove the rings around her husband's collars.

You would have to know my sister to appreciate how meticulous she is about her house and laundry. Everything is always clean.

She told me she not only uses WISK for her husband's shirts and other stubborn spots, but for her entire wash as well.

In fact, she says that WISK works wonders in cleaning the woodwork and other hard surfaces throughout the Davis household.

It was good to see that I still have an influence on my sister even at this age.

YOUNGSTERS PREFER AIM'S GREAT TASTE

Of all the products I discuss in this column, the one that has the greatest interest for children and their parents is AIM toothpaste.

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Clinical tests show that AIM is an effective cavity-reducing toothpaste. AIM's great taste is an added attraction since children of all ages like it so much.

My suggestion is to keep a tube of AIM on hand in case your grandchildren or other young ones come to visit. You'll find that they just love to brush with AIM.

LUX LIQUID IS KIND TO YOUR HANDS

When women ask me which dishwashing detergent to use, I always put in a good word for LUX LIQUID, the dishwashing detergent that helps keep your hands soft and smooth.

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The more you do dishes, the more you need LUX LIQUID. It leaves your dishes clean and shiny, but more importantly it is kind to your hands.

I don't know of a woman who is not conscious of the appearance of her hands. Anyone who does wash dishes she still wants soft hands.

That's why I always say, "Try LUX LIQUID. You'll be glad you did."

Buying plants should be taken seriously

More and more people are [illegible] plants as gifts or to [illegible]rate homes or office[illegible]. Raising and caring for greenery has become a serious avocation for people who have green thumbs.

But many persons buy plants on impulse without considering whether they can provide the correct environment and care to keep the plant thriving.

Plants are sold in many different places: dime stores, supermarkets, street corners. Although plants purchased at these places may be less expensive than those at a nursery or a florist, it is always best to buy greenery from a store specializing in plants.

Always look for more than inexpensive prices.

If a shopper does not know the characteristics of certain varieties of greenery, he should ask the salesperson, who can recommend the type of plant suitable to the person's lifestyle and household conditions.

Healthy, shiny leaves and new growth do not mean the plant will stay healthy. Conditions at home may not be suitable for it. A care card will detail the best temperature, lighting, watering and feeding schedule for the plant.

For a higher price, some plants may include limited service after they are sold. Some stores may guarantee a refund or a replacement plant if the plant should die within a specified period of time.

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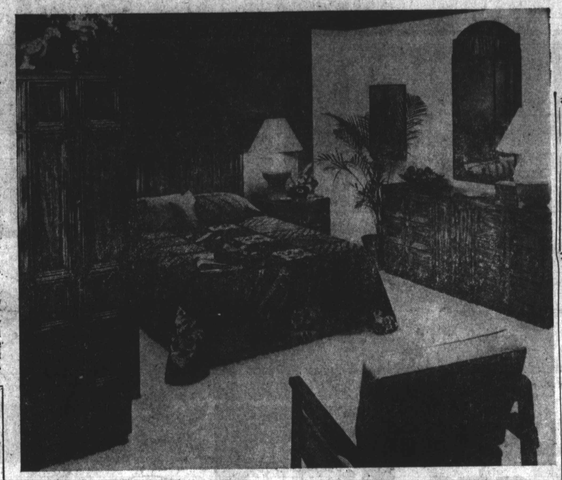

CONSUMER TIP

Exercise caution when buying furniture

Buying furniture can be fun. But it can also be a pain if a person makes the wrong choice.

Most people concentrate on certain colors or styles within a fixed price range.

However, buying furniture is more than matching swatches of fabric or comparing payments on a $500 sofa.

Buying furniture means noticing details that can make the difference between wasting money and owning something to be proud of.

Keep in mind how the new furniture will be used.

Is there really a need for a lot of drawers in that dresser you just bought? How about a sturdier couch for the bouncing and lounging kids? It may be ugly, but it will last.

Watch out for "case goods." Case goods are non-upholstered furniture such as bedroom suites, cabinets, dressers and tables. It's a broad term that can include any kind of material (wood, plastic or metal) but the main feature is usually a wood finish.

Prices for case goods may run from $200 to $500. Be sure all the pieces are in good condition. Check labels for the type of wood. Drawers should move smoothly, shelves should have center supports and the ornaments (if any) should be securely fastened.

For upholstered furniture be doubly sure you are aware of the type of fabric you are paying for. Synthetic fabric is an all-around furniture covering which generally resists wear, will not fade in the sun and repels stains.

Make sure the seam cordings and weltings are firmly stitched and straight. Frames and corners should be padded, cushions should fit snugly and buttons should be sewn on tightly.

Check under cushions of sofas or chairs to see if the platform is covered with the same fabric. This not only adds a finished look but helps if you need to repair a hole somewhere.

Noticing details could mean the difference between enjoying your furniture or wasting money every two or three years.

Talent show at YWCA

The Madison Avenue YWCA, will hold its annual talent show on Friday, June 17, 8 to 11 p.m. at the Madison Avenue YWCA Center.

Deadline for registration for the Talent Show is Friday, June 10. Tickets will be on sale at the Madison Avenue Center of the YWCA 1912 Madison Ave.

For further information contact Mrs. Moreland at 669-1881.

Women's conference Saturday

Who are you? What direction is your life taking? Today, answers to questions of this nature are serious issues for black women. Recognizing this need, the Black Women's Consciousness 'Raising' Association, Inc., was established in 1975 in Baltimore, to aid the black women in attaining self-awareness and the ability to cope with her community and working world.

The Black Women's Consciousness Raising Association, Inc. will hold a statewide conference at Morgan State University June 4, beginning at 8 a.m. in the McKeldin Center. The theme will be: "The Dynamic Black Women: Getting It All Together."

Below is a schedule of the events for the day:

8:00-9:00 A.M. — Registration
9:00-9:30 A.M. — General Session
9:45-12 Noon — Workshops
12:15-1:30 P.M. — Lunch
1:30-2:15 P.M. — Speakers
2:15-3:30 P.M. — Question and answer period

The event will feature addresses by Congresswoman Carilas Collins of Chicago, Ill. and Congressman Parren J. Mitchell of Baltimore.

Registration fee is $10, which includes participation in training and development workshops, a film documentary and a luncheon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

For further information, contact L and H Associates at 301-664-6200, or the Morgan Department of Political Science at 444-3277.

Workshops and facilitators include: Women in Business, Helen Stafford; Md. State NAACP, Mildred Brown; Health Care Training, Shirley Pulliam, R.N.; Beauty Care, Elaine Simon-Sylvia Butler; Poetry, Alice McGill and 'Assertiveness-Aggressiveness Training, Carolyn Adams, R.N., Vashti McKinsey, columist.

Also, Career Planning, Delois Newton; You and Your Money, Roberta Clay; Title IX, Erma Perry-Deloces Rugledge; Family Life and Education, Claudette Chandler-Dorothy G. Reddick; Communications, Phyllis Shelton, WJZ-TV-Patricia Wheeler, WBAL-TV; Religion, Sis. Cecelia Bryant, Bethel AME.

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BY THE WAY...

by Joe Black

Have you ever taken the time to ask yourself, "Who am I listening to, and what am I hoping to hear?"

Too often, we want to hear someone blame all of our troubles and woes on the other guy. We just don't want to face the reality that some of our problems in the Black community are the result of our being too concerned with perpetuating stereotypes.

It's time for us to soft-pedal symbolism, and start dealing with the socio-economic problems confronting the Black community.

Sure, 'fros, beards, clenched fists, and shouting Black power may be cool. But they don't overcome a life of impoverishment.

Our lifestyles won't improve until we reassess our priorities. And improve the economy of Black America.

We must concern ourselves with staying in school, conjugating verbs and improving our vocabularies. We must learn how to apply for jobs and get rid of the notion that we can make a place for ourselves simply by acting cool and dressing up like peacocks.

Think a minute. How far has "Black language" gotten you, applying for a job or credit, when you can't make yourself understood. Are you part of the high Black high school dropout rate? How far have you gotten when you've applied for a job without a diploma?

Are you on time for interviews? Or do you just ease in, overdressed? Superfly finery doesn't make it at the employment agency. Do you know what kind of a job you want, or what you're qualified to do? Employment agencies don't have a category called "anything".

Sure, we're superfly style setters. But are we really benefiting ourselves? And if you think you're benefiting Black businesses, just look at the labels sewn inside. They are not manufactured by Black companies.

Isn't it time we start improving our lifestyles to make us feel proud like a peacock instead of just looking like a peacock?

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