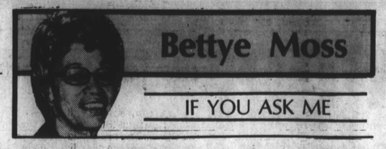

Bettye Moss

IF YOU ASK ME

Smile orchids

Smile-of-the-week orchids to Mrs. Patricia Bush. She's the Catonsville Career Center teacher.

We received her friendly welcome smile at City Temple Church, Eutaw Place and Dolphin Street, this past Sunday morning. Mrs. Bush and pretty daughters Gene and Anitra Gerald, ages 9 and 11, were among the over 500 worshippers there. (See more below).

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Sunshine aplenty in the voice of Mrs. Marian Scarborough, the city teacher.

And same is true of Ms. Kim Matthews, the legislative aide in the office of State Sen. Decatur Trotter (Prince George's County 24th).

We talked this week because Senator Trotter heads the Legislative Black Caucus which is in the process of refining its agenda for the current session of the Legislature.

And more

Equally pleasant is the voice of Black Caucus Executive Director Hank Arrington.

One of his current assignments is preparing for the Caucus' annual fundraiser. It's Feb. 11 at Martin's Crossroads in Greenbelt, is open to the public at $30 pp.

This year's benefit will feature Bowie State College and the activities of Caucus members.

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Orchids for an unusually pleasing smile to Ms. Marseille Pride. She keeps busy as public relations director for Associated Black Charities, whose offices are now on Druid Park Drive (2901).

Mailbag

Jurusa George of East North Avenue postcards: "I like the smile idea. My orchids for Mrs. Louis Cook. She is 84 years old next week. "I don't know the day, but she will be glad to know her neighbors think she is a very fine lady."

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J. C. King, Payson Street, says: "I wish more public servants would smile like our trash man. His name is Willie Kinder."

Please let this column hear from you. Share names of people who smile with Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203, and please smile . . . smile . . . smile . . .

About people

People doing thoughtful things: Members of the Dorsey Foundation, grads of Bowie, Coppin and Morgan, gather Saturday, Feb. 6, to present $3,000 in scholarships to the three colleges. Presentation will be at the Queen Anne Road home of Sidney and Evelyn Sheppard. Mrs. Rachel Thompson is chair of the foundation.

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Mrs. Florence Bailey, the attorney and educator, hosted fellow Mole members at lunch on Saturday at the Palladium, where she provided an extra treat.

She invited a new small black business firm owner to show her wares — (I thought it appropriate for Martin Luther King Week). The businesswoman was Mrs. Nancy Martinez, who recently merged her hat design firm, "Especially For You," with Mae Tuggle fashion and design shop on Reisterstown Road.

Mole members were treated to a variety of hat designs, modeled by Mrs. Martinez's attractive daughters, Donna Jones and Cereta Spencer, and friend Louise Lewis. Very attractive presentation.

D.C. guests at the event: Carolyn Pegram and Fran Nelson, who is national Mole vice president.

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At St. James' Episcopal Church's annual parish meeting on Monday evening three women were named to the vestry, the church's governing body.

Mrs. Lucy Swain, Mrs. Carolyn Willis and Mrs. Anethia Williams were elected to succeed George L. Jude, Mrs. Ruth Fauntleroy and Dr. Charlene Griffin.

More people

The 13th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Friday (Jan. 15) at the Palladium attracted a crowd of over 1,500.

It was sponsored by the Baltimore YMCA and the King's Landing Women's Service Club. In attendance, public officials from the Baltimore metropolitan area and a cross-section of city residents of all races and creeds.

They were treated to a magnificent Memorial Day address by District Court Judge Mabel Hubbard.

Her remarks on the theme, "Sharing the Dream," were so eloquent the audience gave her undivided attention.

Excerpt: "We meet here today to celebrate his birth, his life, to share the dream once more of ending the violence of poverty, hunger, apartheid, war and terrorism through Martin's way of creative non-violent action.

"What would Martin do if he were here today? First, he'd speak up and speak out. No one knew better than he that the time comes when silence is betrayal . . ."

Equally eloquent were the prayers by Catholic Auxiliary Bishop John Ricard and Oheb Shalom's Rabbi Donald Berlin. Music was by the School For Arts Chorus, directed by Dr. Nathan Carter.

Among guests

Interesting breakfast guest met: Dr. J. Henry Braddock.

He holds an interesting post. He is a principal research scientist with the Johns Hopkins University Center for Social Organization of Schools and the Center for Research for Elementary and Middle Schools. Office is at 3505 N. Charles St.

Dr. Braddock has been with the Center since 1978, is one of 13 full-time researchers on staff. He did his undergrad studies at Morehouse and Jacksonville State, and holds advanced degrees from Florida State.

The Center now in its 20th year, is funded by U.S. Education Department. Recently, it received a $300,000 grant for the next three years from the Abell Foundation.

It will use these funds to evaluate specific Baltimore City school programs under a project called Baltimore Public School Institute.

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More interesting guests: Officials of TABCO (Teachers Association of Baltimore County), president Martin D. Peters and communications rep, Carole Jefferies.

And from D.C., Nelson Parker, director of the West Center City Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee.

People shine

Last Sunday morning service at City Temple Baptist Church, Dolphin and Eutaw Place, was a joyous one.

The sun shone brightly through the 10 stained glass windows — a pretty side over the heads of worshippers who crowded the sanctuary.

Lovely here, the participation of young people — on the youth choir, helping, with collection, reciting a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At one point, over 65 youngsters gathered at the altar for special blessing by the young Rev. Grady A. Yeargin, Jr.

Delightful were the musical numbers — including the Temple Choir's rendition of "God is Still On His Throne," with young Temple Ensemble's "My Father Will Protect Me."

During the service, letter read from the Rev. Lorenzo Graves Memorial Scholarship Fund announcing receipt of $100 and presentation of silver tray by members of the Mary L. Hamilton Family.

The church program listed 35 sick and shut-ins.

In hospital, Mrs. Michele Davis, University. In Caton Manor, Mrs. Bessie Mungin and Mrs. Cecelia Seward.

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Cuff note: Youth Department of City Temple presents its salute to Dr. King this Saturday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m. at the church. Public is welcome. Mrs. Betty Johnson and Edward Richardson are directors coordinating program.

And more

Also open to the public is the Delta Sigma Theta Baltimore chapter celebration of 75th anniversary of the sorority's founding.

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, the distinguished educator, Morgan U. grad, and first black woman to earn a doctorate at Ohio State University, is luncheon speaker. Event is Saturday, Jan. 23, at noon at the Forum.

At St. Mark United Methodist Church's salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., members of the DeVe Christian School of Ballet, were among participants.

Director is Mrs. Thelma Williams. Her daughter, Natalie DeVe Williams, a Howard U. junior, is instructor.

The Williamses are newcomers to the Baltimore area — hail from Nebraska.

Presently, the ballet school is holding classes at Wayland Baptist on Saturdays. Pupils, ages 3-13, are welcome.

Portrait of a hero

Western District Officer Howard J. Gittings was labeled a hero last week because he answered a screaming mother's cry for help, and caught her five-month-old son she threw from a burning three-story home on Fulton Avenue early Tuesday morning.

But Officer Gittings said afterwards, "I didn't catch the baby, God did. God put the baby in my hands, and told me to take it to the warmest spot."

In any event, because he left his desk at the Western Police Station in the 1100 block North Mount Street, in West Baltimore, and hurried to the fire, a block away, in the 1100 block of Fulton Avenue, baby boy Richard Shadrick is alive and well today.

Volunteering his time and helping people has been the lifestyle of Officer Gittings. His mother, Mrs. Julia Gittings observed, "He's always been helping others."

He volunteers

Officer Gittings, 46, is a lifetime member of St. Edwards Catholic Church, where he is vice president of the usher board.

He also belongs to the Knights of St. Peter Claver, the Holy Name Society, and is an advisor for the church's youth group.

In the police department, he finds time to be an advisor for the Boy Scouts' Law Enforcement Explorers, a post he has held for 10 years. plus, he is a Scout leader for the handicapped troop at Garrison School No. 177, and volunteers his time with the Towson Senior Day Care Center, and with the police department's senior program directed by Mrs. Clarice Brooks.

How does he manage to do all this? "I enjoy working with people," he says.

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Cuff notes: Officer Gittings is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

The heroic officer told this column he has not met the mother of the infant he saved, but he'd like to.

He has three sisters, Mrs. Brenda Sewell, the secretary at St. Edwards Church; Mrs. Rosa Hunt, a school secretary and Mrs. Patricia Brown, a Prince George teacher.

Calendar

Board of Education schedules public hearing

The Board of Education of Harford County has scheduled a public hearing and work session for Monday, Jan. 25 at 7 pm to discuss the Superintendent's 1988-89 Proposed Operating Budget.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the Board Room of the school system's central office, 45 East Gordon St., Bel Air, MD.

Medical center sponsor quit smoking classes

Free quit smoking classes will begin Feb. 8, 9, or 10 at Francis Scott Key Medical Center, 6:30 pm. Learn to quit smoking in professionally supervised classes, and benefit from group support. Call Tamara Jackson at 550-0010.

Maryland Historical Society sponsors furnishing training

You and your favorite child, 10 or older, can learn how to construct and furnish an elegant Victorian parlor from cardboard and found objects in four easy lessons at the Maryland Historical Society beginning Saturday, Feb. 6.

Author, lecturer and teacher Kristin Heiberg, an authority on dollhouses, will explain how to create this room using tools found in any home. The course meets four consecutive Saturday afternoons from 1-3:30 Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27 at the Maryland Historical Society, 201 West Monument Street, in the heart of Mount Vernon.

Space is limited so call 685-3750 x334 by February 3 to register yourself and your child 10 years of age or older.

Hopkins offers free seminar on career options

Learn about career options in the Baltimore area at Career Night sponsored by the Johns Hopkins School of Continuing Studies. Open to the public without charge, the seminar will be held on Thursday, Jan. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Homewood campus.

Leaders from business and industry share their experiences in accounting, banking, economics, entrepreneurship, health care administration, information systems, and marketing and public relations, and make recommendations for career entry and advancement. Presentations are followed by an informal question and answer session.

Call 338-7192.

Educational resource center offers spring classes

The Benjamin and Florence Tobesman Memorial Educational Resource Center is pleased to announce that they will be offering classes this Spring in the art of storytelling, music appreciation, and how to put life into history through primary documents.

Classes are open to all educators, parents, and serious students. Contact the office of the Benjamin and Florence Tobesman Memorial Educational Resource Center at 655-2227.

YWCA sponsors Rapper's Delight Night

The Madison/Teen Center Committee on the YWCA of Greater Baltimore is sponsoring a Positive Rapper's Delight Night - competition on Saturday, February 13 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 128 W. Franklin St.

Children's Theatre to hold auditions

The Children's Theater Association is holding open auditions for adult actors to fill non-Equity paid positions for their Spring touring production of "The Knave of Hearts". Three men and 2 women of varying ages are needed. The ability to sing, dance, juggle or do acrobatics would be an asset for some roles but is not a necessity. Auditions will be held on Friday, Jan. 29 from 7 to 9 pm at the Mount Royal School, 121 McMechen St. in Bolton Hill and Saturday, Jan. 30 from 3 to 5 pm at St. John's Church, South Road and Kelly Avenue in Mount Washington.

Call 225-0052.

Pet owners can save on spay/neuter certificates

Pet owners in Baltimore City can purchase low-cost spay/neuter certificates during February. More than 20 area veterinarians are participating in "Spay/Neuter Your Pet Month".

For costs and locations, call the Municipal Animal Shelter at 396-4688 or the City Health Department at 396-4398. (TDD# - 396-1946).

MCF plans open meeting on alcoholism

The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland's Committee on Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency is hosting an open meeting on Jan. 28 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., to educate and inform Marylanders regarding the disease of alcoholism.

The meeting will be held at Med-Chi, 1211 Cathedral St., and there is no charge for admission. Parking is available in the public garage on the corner of Cathedral and Preston Streets.

County hospital offers CPR course

Howard County General Hospital is offering Citizen's CPR (Course A) on Tuesday, Jan. 26 from 7 to 10 p.m. The three-hour American Heart Association Heart Saver course includes one-man CPR for the adult victim and techniques to remove airway obstruction. Call 740-7600.

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Bush book to aid UNCF

"Looking Forward" is the title of the recently published autobiography of Vice President George Bush. Looking forward is also what the vice president did when he designated half of the proceeds from the sales of the book to the United Negro College Fund.

This contribution will help 42 private, historically black colleges prepare their students for the future.

The vice president's father, the late Sen. Prescott Bush, chaired the College Fund's Connecticut campaign in the early 1950s.

Even earlier, as a student at Yale in 1948, George Bush took a leadership role in launching a UNCF fund - raising campaign on campus for the fledgling organization that had been founded only four years earlier.

Out of that campaign grew a long warm relationship with UNCF and with UNCF's first executive director, William Trent.

As Bush's career flourished, he continued to include the United Negro College Fund as a favored cause. He is a former state campaign chairman for UNCF in Texas. During his first term as vice president, he hosted several dinners at his official residence where business leaders and black college presidents got a chance to meet and find ways to work more closely together.

Edith Cromwell, Andrew Gaskins and Shirley Hamlett

Lenora Fulani begins run for presidency

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dent said. "Racism runs the party. It's built into it."

The Party members "probably get up every morning and say racist prayers," she jokingly said.

She said a black candidate can not "empower the African-American community as a Democrat," because the candidate "would have to put the party before the African-American people."

Racism is one of the reasons why she supports Jackson's bid for presidency. She supports him under her campaign theme, "Two Roads Are Better Than One."

If Jackson fails to gain the Party's nomination, Fulani will run in the General Election, she said.

In 1984, when Jackson ran for office, he received 90 percent of the black vote, but after he lost the Democratic nomination, all of the black votes went to Walter Mondale.

Fulani said the Party did not make any effort to obtain the black vote, but it got the black vote automatically. That upset her.

"I believe Jackson is the most brilliant and most qualified person running in the Primary," Fulani said.

"I agree with Jackson that we need to challenge the electoral arena, but I disagree that we can empower the African-American community through the Democratic Party," she said. "They'd dissolve the power."

Last June, she announced her bid for U.S. presidency. She is the first black independent presidential candidate who will be listed on the ballots in all 50 states, including Washington, D.C. , she said.

Fulani and her campaign workers raised $200,000 within 15 weeks for her campaign. In December, she applied her federal matching funds. And if the Federal Election Commission awards her the funds, she will become the first independent black presidential candidate to receive the monies.

Fourteen Democratics and Republican candidates have already been certified, including Jackson, Hart and Vice President George Bush.

Fulani said she has had to battle to be placed on the ballot in the 50 states, as an independent. She is currently on the ballot in 14 states.

"There's a real bias in this country toward independent candidates," she said. The two-party system has a monopoly."

Fulani and Rep. John Conyers, D-Michigan are working together on a bill that would provide fair access to independent candidates in all elections.

Rep. Conyers introduced the Fair Elections Bill, H.R. 1582 in Congress. The bill would create a uniform and standardized code for ballot access.

Fulani is a member and national spokesperson for the New Alliance Party, a progressive, multi-racial grass-roots organization, founded in New York City, where she lives. There are approximately 15,000 members.

She hopes to acquire New Alliance's nomination for the 1988 general election.

Although, she doubts she will be elected president, she is hopeful that her campaign will give Americans an alternative and a chance to fight for their Constitutional Rights.

"I have no illusions about ending up in the White House in 1988, but I am optimistic that I will give people an alternative," she said. "All I need is to be heard."

One of her objectives is to fight the control that big businesses have over the American people.

She said people should participate more in the issues that affect their lives.

The mother of two considers herself a progressive. She is progay, pro-women's rights and pro-abortion. Fulani opposes intervention in Nicaragua profiteering from South Africa.

Unlike the other candidates, Fulani said she addresses real issues, such as acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), homelessness and joblessness.

"The other candidates don't," she said, "because they don't want you to know their true colors. They pat each other on the backs."

Fulani is the only black woman to have run for governor of New York. She received 26,000 votes in her non-successful 1986 bid, the most votes any independent received for that office since the 1950's.

The year before, she ran as an independent candidate in the New York City Mayoral race. She became known as the "Independent Mayor of Harlem."

While running for New York governorship, she received several death threats, because of her association with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

She spent a week in police protection and that was a trip," she said.

Fulani said, the other parties had called on her to repudiate Minister Farrakhan, but she would not do it.

She graduated from Hofstra University and received an M.A. in educational psychology from Columbia University Teacher's College and a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from the City University of New York in 1984.

PEOPLE

Michael Clark

Michael R. Clark has assumed the position of project manager for the new Red Cross blood center and chapter house, slated for completion in 1989 in the Seton Business Park.

Clark will represent Red Cross to prospective buyers of its current North Charles Street facility and act as staff liaison to all parties involved in the construction of the new building, estimated to cost $8.8 million.

A native Baltimorean, Clark joined central Maryland Red Cross in June, 1985 as its sales and marketing administrator. In 1986 he was named director of the chapter's southwestern district office, a position he will resume after the building project is completed.

He lives in Catonsville with his wife Laurice, who works for the Federal Register in Washington.

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Lola E. Jones, associate professor of English at Morgan State University, has had her short story, *Riot!*, accepted for Spring publication in *The Albany Review*. This story is one of several stories in her collection of stories on "the Black Experience in America."

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Beatrice Turlington, daughter of Robert and Gloria Turlington, of Baltimore, has graduated from the International Air Academy, Columbia. She has been hired by Northwest Airlines, Baltimore.

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Ray Gerald of Edgewood has been named student of the week after 14 weeks of classes at the Broadcasting Institute of Maryland. Gerald has a weekend on-air internship at WANN and WGVT, on Tuesday and Friday. Ray is a sports major and also the sports director at BIM's radio station.

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The Maryland Transportation Authority recently honored two of its officers who have completed 30 years of service.

Capt. Charles O. Hamm, Pimlico, serves as commander of toll facilities police technical division, and Sgt. James C. Thorne Jr., West Baltimore, is police shift supervisor at the Fort McHenry Tunnel in Baltimore.

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Edith Cromwell, Andrew Gaskins, and Shirley Hamlett were recently honored at a service luncheon for 20 years of service to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland.

Cromwell, a claims examiner in Medicare Part B Division, resides in Baltimore.

Gaskins, a life-long resident of Baltimore, is senior vice president of the Human Resources. Gaskins joined Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland in 1967 in the company's management development trainee program.

Hamlett, of Woodlawn, joined Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland as a billing clerk and now is the supervisor of Enrollment and Billing.

Ambridge is man in middle

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"I'm always in the middle, because of my commitment to make things work," Ambridge said. "When there's an issue, I see myself as a person always trying to bring people together."

"I try to make ends meet," he said.

But does he?

When the mayor-elect Kurt L. Schmoke duelled with the Third District councilmen during the general election to defeat a charter amendment — Question K — that would have empowered the Council to set its own budget, Ambridge was there—opposing Schmoke.

When Council president Mary Pat Clarke battled to appoint committee chairmanships against the Council, a battle led by the Third District delegation also, Ambridge was there.

He was opposing his political mentor, Clarke.

And just recently, when the Third District councilmen tried to block Barbara A. Green's appointment to the zoning board, Ambridge was there.

Although the 37-year-old councilman is outspoken and involved, his position is not always clear.

For example, during the hearing for zoning board appointments, in which he chaired, he told the AFRO Ambridge "that he had refused to take sides on Green's controversial appointment, because he did not want to be political."

But on Tuesday, he said he was instrumental in Green's appointment.

He said he had talked with the mayor to get him to cooperate better with the Council, specifically the Third District delegation, on different issues.

At a special Council meeting on Jan. 13, the community activist, nominated by the mayor, was finally appointed. The Third District councilmen abstained from voting, however.

Resolutions seek to assist unemployed

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would be set aside for the program.

"It's a program that the state of Maryland should get involved in," she said.

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"It's an extremely important issue, not only for the unemployed people of Baltimore, but for those people less fortunate, all across the state," the council vice president said.

The Fourth District delegation, Agnes Welch, Lawrence Bell and Sheila Dixon-Smith, proposed resolution that would request the city to conduct a comprehensive survey to study housing in their district.

Bell said the purpose of the survey is to study the abundance of vacant housing and the conditions in public housing projects in the Fourth District.

Vera Hall, Fifth District Councilwoman and Housing Committee chairperson, asked Bell why special attention should be drawn to the Fourth District's housing alone.

"It's not an effort to be parochial, but (instead) to draw attention to the Fourth District, because it has so many housing problems," Bell said.

The study would "begin the process of gathering information to put together a plan of attack," Bell said.

He doubts the survey would be "very costly," because the data exist already, he said.

He said the delegation has talked to two agencies that are capable of conducting the survey, already.

There were 5,564 vacant homes in the city, as of December, said Zack Germroth, marketing manager for the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Ten percent of the vacant homes belonged to the city, Germroth said.

During the Council's meeting the body spent a moment of silence to observe Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s birthday.

Also, councilwoman Welch presented a citation to police officer Howard J. Gittings, of the Western District, for his bravery in rescuing a five-month-old child from a burning home in the 1000 block of N. Fulton Avenue.

"It's an honor," the 19-year veteran said.

"I didn't think at all," he said, recalling the incident. "I heard people screaming and I went there. I had a job to do and I did it."

Missouri gets court post

William D. Missouri

William D. Missouri of Upper Marlboro has been named judge of the Circuit Court of Prince George's County. Judge Missouri's appointment is effective immediately.

Prior to this appointment by Gov. William Donald Schaefer, and since 1985, Judge Missouri was associate judge of the District Court of Maryland in Upper Marlboro. Before that he was employed in the county's state's attorney's office as an assistant state's attorney, and earlier, as a law clerk.

Judge Missouri is an adjunct professor at Prince George's Community College, Largo, teaching paralegal studies.

Judge Missouri holds a juris doctorate degree from the University of Maryland. He has a bachelor of science degree from Bowie State College.

He also attended Prince George's Community College and Southeastern University, Washington.

Salon gala at Forum

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The gala affair includes a full course dinner and live entertainment.

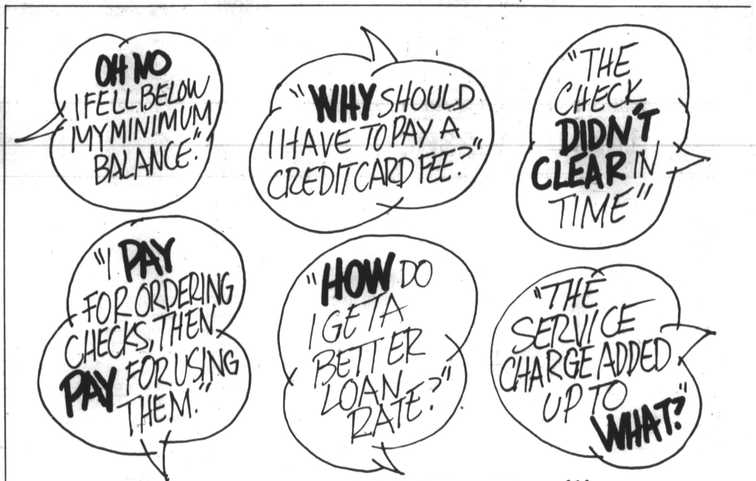
Tickets are available at all Roger's Beauty Supply stores or by call 669-7696.

10 schools vy for recognition

Ten schools are finalists in the 1987-88 Maryland Elementary School Recognition Program. Science and mathematics instruction figured heavily in this year's selections.

Quarterfield Elementary, Severn; Clemens Cross Elementary, Columbia; Clarksville Elementary, Clarksville; Stevens Forest Elementary, Columbia, and Bells Mill Elementary, Potomac.

Also Gaithersburg Elementary, Gaithersburg; Whetstone Elementary, Gaithersburg; Columbia Park Elementary, Landover; Concord Elementary, Forestville, and Mount Pleasant Elementary, Easton.



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