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Flag House Courts — Community Achievement Award

Recently a local non-profit organization received recognition and a well-deserved $100 check award. The Flag House Courts were commended for their outstanding community services and worthy achievements. This great ceremony was held in the conference room of the Urban Services Agency's Anti - Poverty Program main office at 227 St. Paul Place.

The Big "B" Warehouse Corporation has been a great supporter to their customers and neighborhood projects for many years. Big "B" believes in serving its people and putting monies back into the community.

The Flag House Courts were recognized by the Urban Services Agency judges. This elderly and handicapped visitation program is one of the many programs that serve the residents of this development. This program was submitted by the housing coordinator, Chris Pinnick, and Housing Manager, Ivan Harlee.

According to the records, the Flag House Courts received four additional awards previously for their outstanding services. The Flag House Courts are a family highrise development project. They opened their doors for occupancy in November, 1955. Presently the Flag House Courts have 485 low-income families occupying these buildings.

The Flag House Courts development were named in honor of "The Star Spangled Banner Flag House." This is a national historic site locally located at 844 E. Pratt St. The Flag House was the home of Mary Pickersgill, who sewed (by hand) the 30' X 42' flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the war of 1812 which inspired Francis Scott Key to write our beloved national anthem.

Dr. Lenwood Ivey, executive director of the USA, and the associate executive director, Mrs. Elva Edwards, presented highlights of the Big "B" Community Awards Program. Councilman Nathaniel McFadden gave a few remarks on the Flag House Courts in the early years of his childhood days. The award of $100 was presented to the Flag House Courts coordinator, Chris G. Pinnick. The money will be used for the up-keep of the Flag House Courts.

Carver Vocational-Technical High School-Student Wins Gold Medal

Carver scores once more in the quest for the "GOLD." Just recently Howard County Vocational Technical Center hosted the 1986 Maryland VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). The delegates assembly and Skill Olympics in Ellicott City competition ranged from public speaking to welding. The first place award which was won by Gerard Alan Alford was in the commercial arts competition. Gerald Alan Alford is a student at Carver Vo-Tech High School. Carver's VIP will represent the State of Maryland at the National Competition in Phoenix, AZ. The competition will take place on June 12 to June 29. Good luck and best wishes go out to Carver's Best—Gerard Alan Alford. Gerard is the son of Chenal Alford who is an Art Instructor at Carver High School. We know Gerard will take the race and he will come out on top because he is Baltimore's Best! more's Best!

Psychiatrist's Notebook: To You and Me — If You Had It To Do Over. . .

How many people do you know who can say "If I had my life to do over again, I wouldn't change a thing?" Most of us have a few regrets, choices we might have made, chances we might have missed. Even if we are pretty well-satisfied with things now, it's natural to look back sometimes and play a game I call "what might have been." "If I hadn't gotten married," a woman may ask, "what might have happened?" Another wonders how her life might have turned out if she'd finished college . . . or if she hadn't had children . . . or if her husband's business hadn't lost all that money . . . or if she'd been born a boy instead of a girl.

There are many ways to play the game, and some of them are harmless, normal, even positively pleasant. After all it is fun to dream — as long as it's an occasional thing and we don't take it too seriously. Let's consider the people who can't stop brooding about lost opportunities. Interestingly enough, they invariably assume that the road not taken — the man they might have married, the career they might have had —would have been infinitely more rewarding than the one they did follow.

It seldom occurs to them that their real life might be better than any fantasy. And that's because their preoccupation with the past often masks a deeper malaise — a sense of depression about themselves and their present situation.

Some of us feel that we didn't choose our own lives at all; we claim that circumstances — or other people — pushed us into certain patterns. To a person in such despair over today, it is tempting to take refuge in yesterday. Usually, though, it only makes matters worse. If someone is unhappy to begin with, she won't lift her spirits by painting rosy pictures of a past that never existed. She will just think less of herself, and of her real life, for failing to measure up to that mythical "might have been."

It is a vicious circle, the more we dwell on days gone by, the more hopeless we feel about the here and now.

That brings me to another way this habit can hurt us. If we want to make changes in our lives, but make changes in our lives, but we're just too scared, that's often when we find ourselves yearning for "what might have been."

It is a diversion, a means of putting off the hard decisions that currently confront us. It is far easier to fantasize about an unchangeable past than it is to face the real (and bewildering) possibilities of the chanageable present. Unfortunately, while we're busy moaning about having "missed the boat," a whole array of new options may be passing us by. And so the cycle continues: Today's lost opportunity becomes tomorrow's "might have been." It may feel safer to sit on the sidelines and second-guess the past, but in the end it's not very satisfying — and it can be terribly demoralizing. Don't pass judgement on what you've done, or failed to do. We make our decisions as best we can, and there's no way to be sure how they'll turn out. You say your life could have been better? Quite possibly you're right, but it could have been worse, too.

No individual can have it all; there are always priorities, choices, limitations. It is impossible to know how life might have been; we can only accept the way it was, and then move on.



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Times Mirror Company purchases the Sunpapers

By Carl Korn

UPI — The Times Mirror Co. of Los Angeles said Wednesday it will pay $600 million in cash for A.S. Bell Co., owners of The Sun and The Evening Sun newspapers of Baltimore, and television stations in Baltimore and Richmond, Va.

The announcement came a day after the Hearst Corp. folded the Sunpapers' afternoon competition, the Baltimore News American, and also a day after times Mirror bought a Washington-based weekly political magazine.

"I consider the Times Mirror Co. to be the best newspaper company in America," said Sunpapers Publisher Reg Murphy. "We think this is a good team operation."

The deal will give Times Mirror, owner of the Los Angeles Times and seven other newspapers, control of The Sun, with a daily circulation of 205,000, and The Evening Sun, which publishes 152,000 copies Monday through Friday. The Sunday Sun publishes 417,000 copies.

Times Mirror also will own WMAR-TV, Baltimore's NBC affiliate, WRLH-TV, an independent station in Richmond, Va., and two small magazines.

Times Mirror plans to sell the Baltimore television station to avoid violation of a Federal Communications Commission regulation prohibiting cross-ownership of television stations and newspapers in the same city, said David Leventhal, president-elect of Times Mirror.

Leventhol said Murphy will stay on as publisher of The Sunpapers and added the Times Mirror Co. planned no changes in the editorial or financial operation of the newspaper.

"Reg Murphy is going to be running the Baltimore Sun. Our role is advice and consent. This is very much a joint venture," Leventhol said.

In addition to the Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror owns (Long Island and New York City) Newsday, the Dallas Times Herald, the Hartford Courant, the Denver Post, The (Allentown, Pa.) Morning Call, the (Stamford, Conn.) Advocate and the Greenwich Times, in Greenwich, Conn.

"Times Mirror is a quality newspaper publisher. I don't expect one dimunition in the quality of the newspapers at all," said Kenneth Berents, a securities analyst with Legg Mason in Baltimore.

"The irony of it is that within 24 hours of two of the oldest papers in the country, one dies and the other is sold," said Berents. "It's amazing. I never would have guessed it."

The acquisition, which has been approved by the boards of both companies, will not be complete until a definitive agreement is reached and approved by Abell shareholders.

In acquiring the Sun newspapers, analysts said Times Mirror is getting premier publications rich in history and advertising revenue — including more than 75 percent of the retail advertising in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

"It's a cash cow, a real plus for Times Mirror. Baltimore is a fantastic market," Berents said. "They're getting a very good market and a well run paper with a lot of good employees."

A. S. Bell Co. had $204.8 million in revenues in 1985, with $172.5 million coming from its newspapers.

The Sunpapers have dramatically increased readership since 1976, when they were in a dead heat with the News American at 176,000 daily circulation. But at the Sun, editors recognized the changing face of Baltimore as it transformed from an industrial, blue-collar community to a service-oriented economy brimming with young professionals.

The Sun began splashing color photographs on its front pages, expanded its business and sports sections and made liberal use of graphics. Circulation at the papers ballooned while the News American faded to a reported circulation of 99,000 when the Hearst Co. suspended publication Tuesday.

The Sun boasts bureaus in seven foreign cities, including Moscow, Peking and Jerusalem, and seven Maryland offices. The paper has won 12 Pulitzer Prizes, including two in 1985.

The Evening Sun began publication in 1910.

Murphy told a news conference he first was approached by the Times Mirror Co. in April, but he told Tom Johnson, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, The Sun was not for sale. But the Times Mirror Co. persisted and made a "fair and reasonable offer" for the Abell properties on May 13, Murphy said.

The Baltimire papers are the fourth locally owned metropolitan papers to be purchased by large chains in the past two years. The Gannett Co. recently bought the Des Moines Register, The Detroit News and Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times of Louisville, Ky.

Tuesday, Times Mirror announced the purchase for an undisclosed sum The National Journal, a Washington-based weekly political review.

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NCNW-GBS HOLDS MINI INSTITUTE

The National Council of Negro Women held A Mini-Institute recently as one of their International Development Programs. The Theme for the event was Interdependence: Partnership For Development Education Advocates. The event was graciously hosted by the Park Heights Street Academy, in the Humanities and Social Sciences building.

The Committee on International Concerns of the Greater Baltimore Section easily embraces not only community interest but also global interest of the African Diaspora. Participants were encouraged to spread the word about a global interdependence and partnership between women and youth of the U.S.A. and women and youth in countries of the continent of Africa.

The Institute was also highlighted as a "Herstory Week In Baltimore" event, as well as being held on International Women's Day. Participants heard panel discussions by representatives of groups which sponsor cooperative programs in African countries.

A study of the huge diverse continent with a focus on Africa was presented by Mr. Marcus Ampadu of Ghana and others. Interesting exhibits of African artifacts were displayed on the second floor of the building. Two workshops were held Key Development Issues in African Countries and NCNW/Id Projects in Ten African Countries.

This institute was one of several to be held by the Greater Baltimore Section in cooperation with their national division of NCNW. The chairperson for this event was Dr. Beryl W. Williams (International Development Advocate, Greater Baltimore Section). Members of the committee included Ms. Dorothy Baker, Edwardina Brown, Gwendolyn Clarke, Martha Blackstone, Mary J. James, Gwendolyn Lindsay, Dr. Bernita George. Ms. Mamie C. Jones is president of the group.

A very significant and most informative mini-handbook was distributed to all in attendance. The information was compiled by Beryl W. Williams in consultation with Noni E. Ford and Carolyn Caulk and Mr. Marcus Ampadu. The publication was made possible by the inspiration from all participants and the sponsorship of Baltimore Herstory Week, 1986, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, NCNW, Greater Baltimore Section and the Park Heights Streets Academy of Baltimore.

COMBO MOTHER'S DAY, ANNIVERSARY FETE

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, was a red letter day for Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bell (Elinor) and their mothers. Dr. Bell, a local dentist, hosted a combination Mother's Day celebration and for his mother, Mrs. Roxie Bell and his wife's mother, Pastor Corinna S. Willis, and a 25th wedding anniversary celebration for himself and his wife.

The event, held at the Quality Inn, Pikesville, MD from 4 until 8 p.m. attracted approximately 60 relatives and friends from both sides of the family.

Lovely red and white carnations adorned the tables, and each of the honorees and mothers present were pinned with carnations, the ladies with corsages and the gentlemen with boutonniere.

The delectable hot buffet included baked chicken, roast beef and gravy, string beans almondine, shoe string white potatoes, mixed green salad, rolls, and for dessert, cheesecake with strawberry topping and strawberry shortcake. There was also open bar and assorted hot and cold beverages.

Music for the occasion was provided by Jamaica Golden and a three-piece ensemble, with songstress Miss Crystal Golden, which added much to the beauty of the affair.

Serving as the able emcee was Lawrence A. Bell, III, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bell. Program participants, all of whom gave fitting salutes and accolades to the honorees, included Marshall Bell, Dr. and Mrs. Bell's son; Mrs. Sarah Horsey, Dr. Bell's sister; Miss Kesha Hamlin, their niece; Miss Roxie-Ann Saunders, niece; Mrs. Muriel Whitehead, niece and the Rev. Joseph Barnes, uncle.

Presentations of lovely gifts were made to the honorees. Mrs. Roxie Bell's children presented her with a beautifully decorated "Mother's Day" sheetcake. Dr. Bell presented his mother with a diamond cocktail ring, and his wife with opera length cultured pearls. Numerous other gorgeous gifts were presented to Dr. and Mrs. Bell for their 25th anniversary.

The occasion was a joyful one for all. The children of Mrs. Roxie Bell, are Carrie Johnson, Minnie Saunders, Dr. Bell, Sarah Horsey and Kermit Golden. Pastor Willis, in addition to daughter, Elinor, has a son, Randolph Willis.



DR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE BELL (ELINOR) strike a happy pose during the combination Mother's Day Dinner and 25th wedding anniversary celebration hosted Sunday, May 11 for the couple and their mothers, Mrs. Roxie Bell and Pastor Corinna S. Willis at the Quality Inn in Pikesville.



A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY was wished for these two moms (from left) Mrs. Roxie Bell, Dr. Bell's mother and Pastor Corinna Willis, Mrs. Bell's mother.

NANBPW, Balto. Club, hosts Founders' Day fete



HONOREES SEEN during the annual Founder's Day celebration of the Baltimore Club, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs (NANBPW) held at the Forum, Primrose Ave., Saturday, May 17 are (L to R) Roxanne Grohskopf, Photos by Paris Gray who received NANBPW's Business Award; Bishop Robinson, Police Commissioner, who received the Man of the Year Award and Christine Lomax, who was the Scholarship Award recipient.



OTHER AWARD RECIPIENTS are (from left) Rosalie J. McGuire, who garnered the Achievement Award; Rubye C. Gill, who received the Community Service Award and Mary E. Robinson, who was presented the most coveted Sojourner Truth Award.



FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS (from left) are Dr. Nancy H. Bennett, chairperson; Mrs. Sina Reid, co-chairperson; Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, chairperson, Awards and Mrs. Edna Russell, NANBPW Baltimore Club president.

Saturday, May 17 was the banner day for the Baltimore Club, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., (NANBPW). It was the their annual Founder's Day Observance and Awards Luncheon held at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Ave.

With the theme "A Proud History — A Determined Future," the event got underway, with Dr. Nancy H. Bennett, chairperson, presiding.

The Audience sang Lift Every Voice and Sing, after which Dr. Bennett gave the official welcome. Following the introduction of dais guests, the occasion was given by Mrs. Sina Reid, co-chairperson, and the invocational by Mrs. Ruth Saulsbury, Chaplain.

During and following the scrumptious luncheon, other greetings were extended by Mrs. Shirley A. Hampton, Governor, Mid-Atlantic District, NANBPW; Mrs. Delores Thornton, Vice Governor, Mid-Atlantic District; Mrs. Mary Johnson representative of the past president.

Mrs. Margaret L. Johnson rendered a powerful-moving solo, after which there were still other greetings.

Ms. Jean Adams, of the Governor's Office brought greetings from him and a proclamation, Ms. Carolyn Colvin did likewise from the mayor's office, and Anthony Armstrong of the City Council brought greetings from the president and members of that body and also presented certificates to all of the club's '86 honorees. Greetings were extended and a Certificate of Merit presented by Pattie Hodges, Women's Editor, on behalf of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Presentation of Awards was done by Mrs. Edna W. Russell, president of the Baltimore Club, NANBPW, assisted by Mrs. Jennie M. Jenkins, Chairperson, Awards Committee.

'Man of the Year' was garnered by Bishop Robinson, Police Commissioner; the Scholarship Award by Miss H. Christine Lomax; The Business Award by Mrs. Roxanne J. Grohskopf, proprietress of Roxie's Rack; the Achievement Award by Mrs. Rosalie J. McGuire, immediate past president, Baltimore Club, NANBPW, for her untiring service to the club;

The Community Service Award was won by Mrs. Rubye C. Gill, who among many other achievements, is widely noted for her service to the homeless and those in need of financial assistance with utility bills, etc.

The most coveted award, The Sojourner Truth Award, made to the person who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to mankind and whose life closely parallels that of Sojourner Truth, was presented to Mrs. Mary E. Robinson by Mrs. Shirley A. Hampton.

Mrs. Edna W. Russell introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Althea T. L. Simmons, Director, Washington Bureau, NAACP.

Her topic "In Pursuit of Equality in Health, Education and Employment" served once more as a reminder to all who heard that, as blacks, though we have made progress, we still have a long way to go, and in these three areas, our needs are crucial.

Statements such as "We can stand tall and determined to guard the future of our young people," "There is a definite need for Affirmative Action to remain a part of our goals" and "Health care should allow all to live in dignity" were interspersed in her timely speech.

Remarks of appreciation were given by both Dr. Bennett, chair, and president, Mrs. Russell prior to the benediction by Mrs. Ruth Saulsbury.

The Baltimore Club of NANBPW was founded in 1941, and over the years has fought for just causes and promoted women's issues and has cooperated with others to make progress toward a better society.

It has supported the NAACP, made tangible contributions to

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POSING SERENELY is Mrs. Shirley A. Hampton, Governor, Mid-Atlantic District, NANBPW.

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