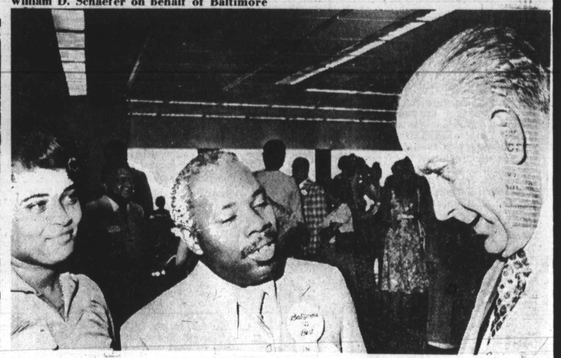
'Baltimore's Best' 1979 award winners saluted at Inner Harbor

NEIGHBORHOOD CHAMPS — Members of Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL) teams were on hand to cheer their organization's winning a Baltimore's Best award at ceremonies held at the Inner Harbor, Thursday, Aug. 2.

ACCEPTING FOR BNBL — Sam Sewell accepts silver and blue award from Mayor William D. Schaefer on behalf of Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League teams honored.

MISS BALTIMORE PRESENTS — Mrs. Esther Harvin receives her silver and blue award from Lynn Wienecke, Miss Baltimore 1979.



GOOD NEIGHBORS — Mr. and Mrs. RONALD Shelton are greeted by Mayor Schaefer at awards party. The Sheltons were among the Melville Avenue residents to win Baltimore's Best awards for their community spirit and neighborliness during the 1979 blizzard.

PASTOR SALUTED — Mayor congratulates Baltimore's Best award winner Rev. George A. Wichland.

RECEPTION GUESTS — Before Baltimore's Best awards ceremony began, a reception was held for special guests and committee members on the 21st floor of World Trade Center which towers over Inner Harber. Among those attending were George L. Russell, standing; Mrs. Flossie Durham and Rev. Helen D. Russell, past of the Baltimore Street Church of God, a Baltimore's Best steering committee member.

Md. Lottery

The winning number in this week's Maryland Lottery six digit, 066057; five digit, 65934; four digit, 1582; three digit, 557 and two digit 37. Bonus No. 44.

MORE GOOD NEIGHBORS — Jessie Price and his son, Perry, of the award winning Melville Avenue neighborhood, chat with Mayor Schaefer.

AT AWARDS RECEPTION — Broadcaster Dell Edwards, (L), huddles with Ed Snowden, Milton Leutecker and Allen Burke at Baltimore's Best pre - awards reception in World Trade Center.

—More upcoming events—

Details on these dates sponsoring their fourth

An original play entitled "Fillmore Sillmore, Are You In There?" will be performed by the Ebony Singers II Repertory Company on Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Johns AME Church, 810 Carrollton Ave. Donation of $3 is requested, students with I.D., $2.50, and senior citizens free, with I.D.

For more information and reservation, call 466-8059.

Several hundred free tickets are available for handicapped and disadvantaged children and their adult escorts to the Baltimore Orioles home game with the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday, Aug. 14, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations for the free tickets must be made on or before Wednesday, Aug. 8, by calling Fenner Originale Inc., 298-3261; Maryland UNICEF Office, 467-0562; or Morris Murray of the Baltimore Jaycees, 685-2600.

The Small Business Administration, together with the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) will conduct a Pre - Business Workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. at the Quality Inn, Towson, Md. This workshop is especially designed for anyone planning to go into business for themselves or who have recently done so.

Subjects to be discussed cover every phase of business management of interest and importance to the new business person.

Call the SBA office in Towson at (301) 962-2233 for registration and information. Ask for Donna McVicker.

The sportsminded will want to take advantage of the many outdoor activites featured at the 11th annual Potomac River Festival the weekend of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10, 11, and 12, beginning at 10 a.m. daily.

Bicycle rentals will be available on Saturday and Sunday at the River and Trial Outfitters location at Railroad Square, the center of the festivites. For a chance to enjoy the great outdoors and have fun with a barrel of other festival activites, try the riverside town of Brunswick, Md. located just two miles from the junction of Route 340 and 17 near Harpers Ferry. For more information and reservatins phone (301) 834 - 7100.

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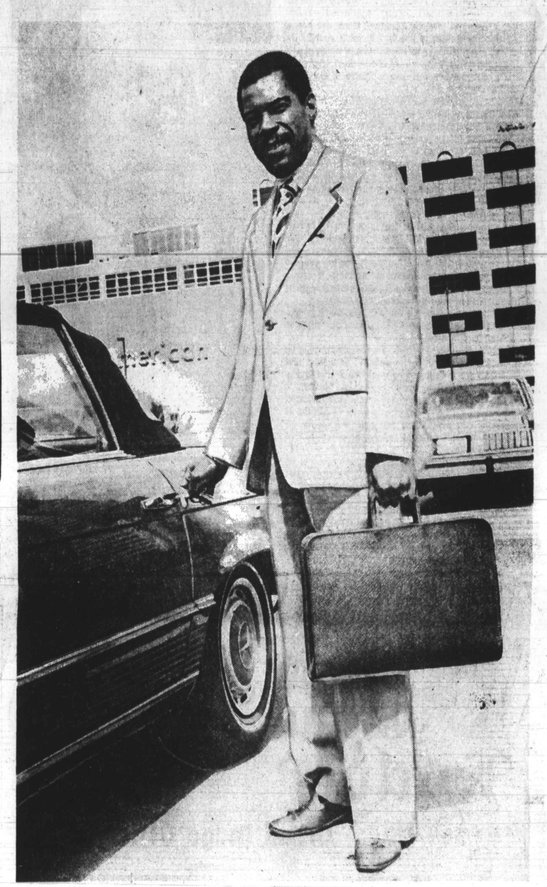
FROM WAGONS TO MERCEDES — At left, Robert Blount, executive director of the Greater Baltimore Minority Purchasing Council, typifies new breed of business leaders to emerge in last decade as blacks begin to accelerate economic developments in Baltimore and throughout the nation.



Business is our unfinished business...

THE BUSINESS OF AMERICA, MORE THAN ONE TYCOON HAS SAID, IS BUSINESS.

A VIEW THAT RENDERS OUR NATION TOO COLDLY, we feel, there being certainly more to the United States, with its many peoples, cultures and regional interests than mere profit and loss.

Yet it must be noted that those citizens who most enjoy America are those that have been able to make this economic system work for them.

Those who least enjoy America, obviously, are those who have been left out of the business mainstream.

Black Americans and other minorities comprise the great majority of those for whom participation in or ownership of the nation's business has been extremely minimal.

It cannot be repeated often enough that the institution of slavery which saw African peoples brought to this land against their will and the continuing racial exploitation of the slaves' descendants (though all technically free since the Emancipation Proclamation), is at the base of the reason why black citizens have been kept out of the marketplace.

Any discussion of black economic development must take the spectre of racism into account.

It has been little more than 100 years since black Americans were for the most part no more than property; themselves owned, they could own nothing, were paid nothing and were not able to buy or sell anything. All due to the horrendous institution of slavery.

When we keep in mind that black Americans have been able to work for wages, enter business, trade, invest, buy and sell for about a century it is a major miracle that any blacks have prospered at all.

America, at this writing, in the public sense is a relatively free society. Almost all of its institutions, public accommodations, businesses have, since the Sixties, opened to all citizens who have the money to avail themselves of those products and services.

The catch is that while black Americans' money now spends anywhere, far too few blacks have money to spend.

We are free to be consumers. That is no longer the problem. The over - riding concern in black communities is economic self - determination. As we enter the Eighties, business and economic growth in black communities is high on any thoughtful citizen's list of priorities.

We cannot be content to think in terms of jobs alone being the way we strengthen our base economically. In the Eighties the agenda for community growth must extend to our owning, operating, managing businesses, both inside and outside black areas of AMERICA.

If we are to prosper, indeed, to survive, blacks and other minority - group Americans must intensify efforts to own means of production, expand investments and accelerate entrepenurial projects. This is a tough goal but a completely necessary one.

It is historically proven that as ethnic groups in this nation begin to become, to any degree, self - determining they are better able to control all other aspects of their collective life situations.

Economic development for blacks equates with increased self - determination. Business growth combined with increasing our political muscle as the Eighties begin is our great unfinished business.

In this 1979 supplement on minority economic development, the BALTIMORE AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper reports on the status of black economic development locally and nationally. We bring you news and views of people concerned with this area of concern and some glances at the kinds of things black people are doing to help themselves and the total community cross the frontier leading from economic barrenness to conomic good health.

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