—Slumlord

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Connolly's more than 700 rental units.

The primary occupants of the units were poor blacks. The suit was designed to represent the interests of all of Connolly's tenants.

In a precedent setting action, Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs and the Legal Aid Bureau accused Connolly of violating this state's consumer laws.

According to information contained in a press statement issued on Tuesday, those violations involved his "failing to make promised repairs on his properties and otherwise deliberately avoiding his legal obligation to maintain them in habitable condition."

The Plaintiffs further charged that such oversights posed a "substantial risk to the life, health and safety" of hundreds of Connolly's tenants.

At the time that the suit action was filed in July certain language included in the document stated that Connolly used "unfair and deceptive trade practices...in connection with the rental of hundreds of residential properties that are not fit for human habitation."

Among the problems listed in complaints against the landlord who was cited for some 400 housing code violations by housing inspectors from the Neighborhood Progress Administration, were lack of heat, shoddy electrical wiring, rodent infestation, cracked or leaky walls and problems with lead paint.

On Tuesday, Judge Kaplan approved a 21-page final judgement and consent order which spells out the terms of the settlement as negotiated by attorneys representing Connolly and the state.

Based on the terms of the written court document, Connolly must maintain all of his occupied properties in a condition that is consistent with city housing codes.

"This means that the properties must be free from any conditions that endanger the life, health, or safety of the tenants," according to at least one of the terms of the consent order which was signed Tuesday by all parties.

A person referred to in the documents as the "Monitor" is to selected within 15 days after the signing of the agreement and will regulate the activities of the landlord as they relate to compliance with the housing ordinances.

This "Monitor" will have access to a special contingency fund of up to $250,000 whose monies will be used to initiate any repairs which have not been made by Connolly.

Connolly will establish the fund with a $50,000 letter of credit and will replenish it with $10,000 deposits should the fund dip below $5,000.

If he refuses to replenish the contingency fund or the monitor spend over $250,000, Connolly's business will be placed into receivership.

He has also agreed to $23,000 in compensation to the five plaintiffs named in the suit for damages they suffered as a result of Connolly's rental practices.

The settlement agreement also requires that Connolly:

— Cannot rent a vacant unit until it complies with housing code standards.

— Cannot sell a property unless it complies with housing codes.

— Complete all repairs in a workmanlike manner.

— Can no longer withhold security deposits because a tenant moves within six months after renting the unit.

The settlement agreement also provides a timetable for handling tenant maintenance requests giving the landlord a specific deadline by which to complete the work based on the severity of the repair problem.

To protect those tenants who decide to contact the Monitor for assistance, the agreement stipulates that Connolly cannot "retaliate" against those persons.

It also provides protection for those responsible for bringing about the suit action and prohibits the landlord, in most instances, from implementing any rent increase during the 1986 calendar year.

—Tony Brown

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catalyst in Celie's journey to self-discovery ..."

Dorothy Gilliam, a black columnist at The Washington Post, wrote that "it is realy a film about the purity and depth of love" and "when it concluded, I stood up and cheered." Gilliam was not alone. The Today Show critic said, "It should be against the law not to see" this epic (of beautiful sisterhood and black men stinking).

I'm quoting others because I did not see the movie — and never intend to. If the NAACP had produced it, I would not got to see it. And some who have, have lived what I'm sure my reaction would be. One black man walked out of the Chicago premiere, confronted a black actor in the film, and asked him how a black man could take part in such a degrading movie.

The Coalition Against Black Exploitation said it degraded black men, children and families. A white Los Angeles newspaper said "all that's missing . . . is a shot of Uncle Remus . . . . " Willis Edwards, president of the Hollywood NAACP, said it was "stereotypical"and demeaning. Furthermore, the Los Angeles opening was picketed by a host of harsh critics.

While I know that some black men have raped their daughters, I know that the vast majority have not. Although many black men have difficulty loving — period — because much of the love has been drained out by the brutality of a society panic stricken over black masculinity, enough has been salvaged to make most black women today happy.

And lesbian affairs will never replace the passion and beauty of a free black man and a free black woman. In "Purple," emotional and sexual salvation for women is found in other women. That's not the real world, as some black women, out of frustration, seem to want to believe.

I offer no excuses for the kinds of men that Walker wrote about; they are, for whatever reason, sad examples. But I know that many of us who are male and black are too healthy to pay to be abused by a white man's movie focusing only on our failures.

And because so few films are produced with black themes, it becomes the only statement on black men. "Purple" points us away from the fact that Nelson Mandella, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X overcame the system's psychological warfare and produced healthy, non-incestuous, non-brutalizing relationships with women. Their women never needed a "Shug."

Furthermore, most of us will be men in spite of white men and women who only publish books by black women or homosexual black men with degrading themes or passive attitudes — and then make them into movies of "the black experience."

And the movie's star, Whoopi Goldberg, Time said, "hates" being called "a black actress."

She need not worry. With her level of consciousness, she doesn't qualify.

New York's first subway line was opened to the public on February 26, 1870. It was operated by a rotary blower which propelled it like "a sailboat before the wind."

—Project

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When asked how much money went into food and how many benefited, he couldn't answer.

"What we did learn was that the money should've been sent to Europe or Africa, the food purchased there and then sent to the needy. It's much less expensive to do it like that because the systems are in place there already," he suggested.

Such African Relief activities have become the focus of debate recently and irregularities have been discovered and charges filed.

Critics have charged that ending hunger programs are increasingly becoming a popular theme these days by virtue of the millions and billions of dollars that are collected in the name of the poor, but ask: "Who's handling the money and how much is reaching the poor?"

"We're not soliciting money ourselves. We recommend other agencies such as UNICEF, Care, InterAction and other charitable organizations," said Roberts.

He described his organization as a not-for-profit charitable agency that raised hundreds of thousands over the five-year period to complete the book which sells for $35.95 (hardback) and $19.95 (paperback). Over 1,000 books are to be sold to raise $50,000 to further the dissemination of information and training.

Asked why planners would solicit money from private and corporate sectors for research monies to solicit commitments for students to end world hunger, as opposed to soliciting those initial monies for direct relief, Roberts repeated the fact that his agency is not a direct aid organization.

Asked how many blacks were involved in the core group of organizers here, he admitted that there are none.

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degree in nursing.

She is currently attending graduate school at Johns Hopkins University where she is working towards a Master's Degree in Administrative Sciences.

A resident of West Baltimore's Hunting Ridge area, Mrs. Pulliam, a divorcee with three children, has been a community and health care advocate for the past 15 years.

Says Mrs. Pulliam, "I was prompted to run because of my dedication to people. Health, economics and education will be the focus of my campaign. I will be looking at the health care containment issue."

She says she will also concentrate on the problems of the working poor.

Mrs. Pulliam says her fundraising committee will file the necessary papers with the State Board of Election in mid-January.

—Forecast

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for the U.S. Senate. This is also Cardin's last term. Cardin has thrown his hat in he ring for a seat in the Third Congressional District.

1986 is an election year for the members of the general assembly and election activity is expected to begin in mid-term. Expect to see some new political alliances forged and some shifts in power.

So far, no one has made their political intentions known–but just wait and see.

Issues facing the General Assembly this year will include how to spend a 9 billion dollar budget. The assembly will tackle the question of wages for state personnel and an increase in state welfare payments.

The Savings and Loan Crisis will continue to take up a large portion of the assembly's time. It will address several higher education issues, the expansion of the prison in East Baltimore, and several housing initiatives.

Health which five years ago, wasn't considered a major concern is now among the top priorities for the assembly.

The assembly will tackle the question of state funding for abortions, Medicaid for organ transplants, teenage pregnancy, and the problem of AIDS.

Another controversial issue is expected to be insurance, specifically the issue of medical malpractice and the effect it could have on Maryland residents.

—Woman charged

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Crying uninterruptedly, she was taken under custody to Mercy Hospital for treatment and then jailed.

The dead man's room was in complete disarray with papers on the floor and bed. A plastic file on the bed, a card board box, a brown wooden box and a tan overcoat were thrown about. There was broken glass on the floor and under the overcoat another cardboard box.

Blood stains were on the bedspread. The bathroom and kitchen were undisturbed but there was an open, empty jewelry box on the dining room table.

Police reports have thus far failed to explain the several boxes and the empty jewelry box on the dining room table. Nor have they talked about the murder weapon, supposedly a knife, which they said in early reports "was not found."

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AKA '84 LINE HOLDS XMAS BRUNCH

Many members who were inducted into the Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in the 1984 "Line," and other sorors too, gathered for a holiday brunch Saturday, Dec. 28 at the lovely Olympia Ave. home of Soror Rebecca Quille from 11 a.m. until early afternoon.

The food was simply mouthwatering. There was homemade applesauce, quiche, fried potatoes with sausage, rum buns and many, many others, all of which had been brought by various sorors. For eye openers there was a champagne orange juice, but there were numerous other sippables as well. Folks settled down to the business of eating with gusto and to lively conversation.

After sorors had their fill (many after seconds and/or thirds) they played pinochle and Uno. It was fun time for all and everyone agreed that the event should be made a tradition.

On hand for the enjoyment of the occasion were Sorors Lynn Drummond, Myrtle Dorsey, Robin Ott, Elizabeth Harris, Patrice Simmons, Kathy Crosby, Janis Williams, Alicia M. Alston, Vernoica Butts, Betty Pierce, Shirley J. Shelton, Violet Cox, Mary Bethea, Doris Holmes, Gilda J. Garrett, immediate past basileus, Epsilon Omega Chapter; Justyne B. Boyd, Sara Jerkins, Helen Dupree.

Also, Margaret Friend, Floria Jones, 1984 Line Advisor; Edna O. Campbell, Catherine Griffin, Barbara Alexander, Barbara Allen, Gloria M. Phillips, Rebecca B. Quille, Geraldine Curry, Rose Smith, Lillie Myers, Heloise Frazier, current chapter basileus and yours truly.

JACKSONS HOST FRANCES WOOTEN

The Algernon Jacksons were hosts recently to their cousin Frances S. Wooten from the Eastern Shore Town of Chestertown. She had been a long-time city teacher so enjoyed greeting former co-workers in the Elementary System.

This seasonal activity marked the last of the big group of Zeta supporters through Carrie T. Jackson.

Her usual sumptuous menu was easily sipped and supped — including such delectables as Portuguese sausage, dill cheeses, smoked salmon delicious party sandwiches, etc., etc., etc., ...ending with an unusual fruit dessert.

The guests fellowshipped with fun and much conversation — departing in time to be early for Sunday Church.

Those present for Zeta Appreciation and pre-holiday glee were funsters Ethel and Henry Hall, Alma and Robert Walker, Inez and Mark Bowyer, Ruth and Arnold Bailey, Mary C. and Tom McPherson, Queenie and Hubie Lane, Vi and Al Randall, Doug and Mimi Roberts, Zelma and George Douglass, Bettye and Paul Moss, Vi and Al Wallace, Evelyn and Robert Smith, Barbara and Albert Hawkins;

Also Myrtice Bennett, Bernardine Johnson, Muriel Fulton, Judy Slater, Margaret Waddej, Peggy Washington, E. Fran Johnson, Bea Carter, Judy Anderson, Jean Powell, Allegra Taylor, Rosalie McGuire, Carrie Johnson, Maria Cassell, Al Patterson, Harrison Vessells, James Smith, Larry Pratt and James Fletcher.

MILDRED G. MARLOW RETIRES

Mildred G. Marlow retired from the Executive Staff of the State of Maryland on Nov. 1, 1985.

She served under the following governors: The first black secretary, appointed by Governor Spiro T. Agnew on June 1, 1967 until 1970, at which time he was elected to the office of Vice President of the United States. Marvin Mandel then became governor of the state of Maryland until 1976, then the late Blair Lee III, until 1978, and finally Governor Harry Hughes from 1978 - 1985.

The staff was a third its current size. The Department of Employment and Training, the Department of Economic and Community Development and many agencies and commissions were nonexisting - many changes have been seen.

The worst crisis has been the savings and loan situation. Due to the many calls, two hot lines were installed to answer questions and quieten folk — A critical situation.

Retirement does not mean "rest and rust for me," stated Ms. Marlow. "I shall continue being active in church (Mt. Moriah A.M.E. Church) Missionary Society, Commission on Social Relations and Tutorial Program; Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Kappa Chapter, Inc., as president; the Community Club of Annapolis, as president; Anne Arundel General Hospital Auxiliary; Prince Hall Chapter No. 15 O.E.S., Past Matron; and American Business Women's Association (ABWA) past president; Parents and Sponsors Club of the Naval Academy.

Husband, Guy L. Marlow, Sr., son, Guy L. Marlow, Jr. daughter, Kimberly F. Noel and foster daughter, Faith F. Garner.

ABWA MEET

ABWA meet on January 13, Freedom Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will hold its monthly meeting at Meushaw's Restaurant located on Security Blvd. and the Beltway. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the Educational Speaker will be Mr. G. Kevin Turner, Vice-President for the First Financial Group.

The Vocational Speaker will be Ms. Dolores Ali, a Social Insurance Specialist at the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn.

Interested individuals desiring additional information about ABWA may contact Shirley Reddick 466-4915 or Cynthia Hamm 666-4679.

RETIREMENT HONOREE Mildred G. Marlow (C) is congratulated by (from left): Lt. Governor Joseph Curran who presented her with the Governor's Citation. Honoree's husband, Guy L. Marlow (R) looks on.

The Boy Friends host pre-Christmas gala

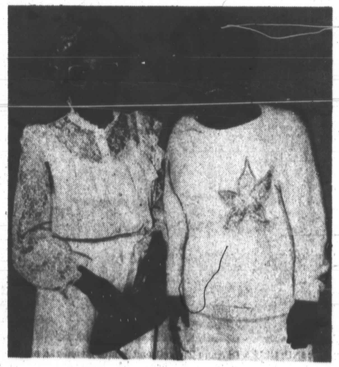
SAVORING THE HOSPITALITY during the pre-Christmas party hosted Sunday, Dec. 22 at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave. by the Boy Friends (companion group to the Girl Friends, Inc.) are (L to R): Eloise Bridges, Benjamin Tilghman, Lydia Transou and Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Billingsley.

THE ANNIVERSARY WALTZ — Helen and Doward Patterson take a whirl around the floor in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA in an affectionate pose are newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown.

BOYFRIENDS SEEN ABOUT are (from left): David Driver, president of the organization, and Harrison Vessells, chairperson of the pre-Christmas party.

OTHERS SEEN ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES were (L to R): Ms. Mahendra Pareka and Mr. and Mrs. Don Carter.



THE MCMECHEN GIRLS Catherine M. Wilson and Georgia Chester join in the fun and merriment of the occasion

The Boy Friends, companion group of the Baltimore Girl Friends, Inc. entertained their wives and friends in the Crystal Room of La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave., Sunday, Dec. 22 at a festive pre - Christmas Party, which lasted from 3 to 6 p.m.

The holiday spirit was in the air as the members and their guests sipped, supped, chatted animatedly and danced to tunes of Lionel Jiggetts at the keyboard, and vocalist.

Members and their guests included Leon Bridges, Mrs. Bridges and guests, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Billingsley, Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Mahendra Pareka, Benjamin Tillman and guest;

Paul Chester, Mrs. Chester and guests: Mr. and Mrs. Yeshitila Araya, Mrs. Maxwell Chatman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Collins, Judge and Mrs. Benjamin Wilson;

David Driver, Mrs. Driver and guests: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Diggs, Dr. and Mrs. John H. Murphy, III, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Pitts;

Doward Patterson, Mrs. Patterson and guests: Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Butler, Dr. and Mrs. Lionel Desbordes, Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Owings, Mrs. Louise Patterson, Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Patterson, Atty. and Mrs. George Russell, Mrs. Dolores Street;

Also Elmer S. Patterson, Mrs. Patterson and guests: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baltimore of Washington, DC; Dr. and Mrs. Foster Burnett of Trenton, NJ; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moss, Henry Sayles and guest, of Washington, DC;

A. Harrison Vessels and guests: Mrs. Muriel E. Fulton, Mrs. Mabel V. Hawkins and Guest, Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Jackson, Mrs. Martha J. Nelson and Guest, Mrs. Ada C. Veney and Guest;

Fr. Donald O. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and guests: Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Edward McDaniel and Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Monroe.

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