—Cable TV

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And although blacks may realize as much as $6 million, Schatzman said he is not that enthusiastic about the arrangement because the three voting members "don't have much to say about the actual running of the company."

By law, the Pittsburgh cable network must be completed in three years or the company forfeits the bond money. Construction has not begun because a miffed competing cable TV firm has filed suit to protest the selection of the company awarded the contract.

The most important aspect of cable TV, Scsaid Schatzman a former AFRO staff writer, is ownership. Everything else falls into place if blacks own a share.

Blacks can program to promote positive ethnic images, hire technical and artistic people, give jobs to maintenance workers and office staff.

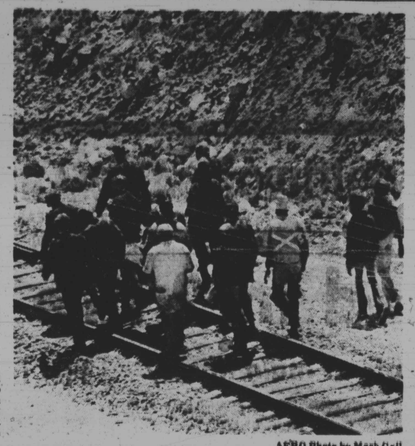
"Cable opens up a multiplicity of channels and opportunities," Schatzman said.

Two of the four black members of Baltimore's cable TV commission strongly assert their commitment to substantial minority participation in this city's fledgling cable program.

"There is no question that minority participation must be a consideration. We must have local black ownership," said Jerry Lymas, committee member.

Lymas said he wants blacks to participate in ownership, programming and employment.

Lowell Whitehurst, also a commission member, said he would definitely work to guarantee a certain percentage of minority involvement, although it is too soon to set a specific percentage.



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FATALITY — Police and fire fighters take away the body of a man who jumped, fell or was pushed from the bridge in the 3100 block of Edmondson Avenue, Thursday, April 17. He was pronounced dead at the scene. At AFRO presstime, the body had not been identified.

—Douglass

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State Senator Verda Welcome, D-40, who was personally attacked verbally by the Metro organization during a battle for a seat on the Democratic State Central Committee vacated by her late husband, Dr. Henry Welcome, stated Tuesday, April 15 that she knew that Brailey, a political ally, could not work with Conaway who had helped lead the Metro forces against Sen. Welcome.

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Coalition to meet on McGee

The Coalition for Justice for JaWan McGee, 17-year-old who was shot by an off duty police officer while buying a pizza on March 20, will meet today (Friday) 5 p.m.

McGee, who was not armed was shot by Detective Stephen McCowan. The detective said he thought McGee and another youth were attempting to rob the establishment when McGee pulled a silver object from his pocket. The object was a cigarette lighter.

McGee was shot in the back and is paralyzed. The detective said he thought McGee and another youth were attempting to rob the establishment when McGee pulled a silver object from his pocket. The object was a cigarette lighter.

Ms. Anna Warren, a spokesman for the Coalition for Justice for McGee told the AFRO, "We were not heard at the City Council meeting and we will be going back."

Carroll County man wins in KKK suit

A federal jury's ruling that a man fired by Carroll Count officials was discriminated against because he belongs to the KU KLUX KLAN is a victory for the first amendment, the man's lawyer said Wednesday.

Gerson B. Melhman, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney, said the decision affirms a citizen's right to belong to an organization without fear of reprisal.

We consider it a victory for the first amendment," he said. "At issue was whether all of us have a right to believe in what we want without fearing retribution from the state."

U.S District Court Jurors Tuesday awarded Richard L. Savina, 28, now of Baltimore County, 1700 in back pay and $300 in compensatory damages because he was illegally fired from Carroll County's vocational school in March 1978.

The jury ruled that principal Robert Gebhart and personnal officer William Blankenship fired Savina soley because of his association with the KKK and therby violated his right to free speech.

The two said Savina, who is imperial wizzard of the invisible empire knights of the Ku Klux Klan Inc., was fired becaue he engaged " in conduct that was likely to be disrupting the school."

Savina had distributed KK literature, which the two labeled "inflammatory," to several employees who Savina said had requested the information.

Under questioning by Melhman, Savina said he became facinated with the KKK a few years ago when a local newspaper advertised a rally, but formed his own chapter because he did not approve of the group's request for his sully guns and ammunition.

I am a non-violent person," he said.

Savina said his purpose in filing suit was not to win damages but to obtain a decision "that says those guys treated me wrongly."

Melhman said he was pleased with the verdict xecause he thought the jury would have trouble sympathizing with a KKK member.

"It was a difficult thing for the jury to overcome the knowledge of what the klan stands for and come up with an impartial decision."

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BY THE WAY...

By Joe Black

As many of you know, I have been doing "By The Way" for more than a decade, and during that time, I have discussed many topics. Some of them did more than provoke; they aroused anger. And when I look back, I think that some of my topics were before their time. For example, in the early 1970's, I urged the youthful Black athletes not to "prostitute" their bodies by going to college and concentrating on sports rather than gaining a quality education.

And now, here we are in the 1980's when it should be the best of times for our young Black athletes. But it's not. The smaller institutions have always offered scholarships, but now the major colleges and universities are seeking the talent of these athletes. And that's when it becomes the worst of times because the lure of television exposure and their names in headlines causes them to lose their capacity to think. They must remember that college represents two opportunities—a quality education that will make them competitive in today's labor market and a possible contract with a professional team. It's sad to say, too many of them concentrate on seeking the sports contract. And when the fickle finger of fate points to someone else to receive the "pro" contract, too often the young Black athlete is left disappointed, frustrated, and uneducated. So encourage our youths to dream about stars, but at the same time, remind them that school is for learning, also.

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

Registration open for city pupils

Registration begins this week for new elementary school pupils who will enter the Baltimore city public schools during the 1980-81 school year.

School officials state that "no parent may be denied the opportunity to register his or her child at other times and that although non-compliance with immunization requirements may prevent the child from attending in September, children should still be registered during the registration period."

A birth certificate must be brought to the registration and a child registered for kindergarden must be five years old on or before Dec. 31, 1980. A child registered for grade one must be six years old on or before Dec. 31, 1980.

Maryland immigration regulations require that children starting school in September must have a minimum of four doses of the vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, one of which must have been received after the child's fourth birthday.

A child must also have a minimum of three doses of polio vaccine, one of which must have been received after the child's fourth birthday and one dose of measles vaccine on or after the first birthday and one dose of rubella vaccine.

Education officials note that if a child has not received all of these shots parents should contact their doctor, clinic or the Baltimore City Health Department to make arrangements for shots. Immunization must begin prior to registration.

At the time of registration, one of the following is required as proof of legal residence: Maryland driver's license, lease agreement, property tax statement or utility bill stub (gas and electric, water or telephone) or rent receipt.

Johnny Walker seeks new trial

Five days after WFBR disc jockey Johnny Walker was convicted of slandering former anchorman Dennis P. Holly of WMAR-TV, a lawyer for the station filed a motion for a new trial.

Theodore Sherbow, asked for a new trial on grounds a defense witness, Robert Webb, a producer-director at WMAR-TV was prevented from testifying.

Holly, who is now unemployed injured his knee during a Santa Claus anonymous benefit football game in November 1978. Walker said on the radio that Holly injured his knee when he fell down carrying a color television during a snow blizzard.

Walker testified that the remark was a joke. However, Holly testified it linked him with widespread looting that followed the 1979 snow blizzard.

Walker's lawyer stated in the new trial motion that Robert Webb, a producer director for WMAR would have shown Holly committed perjury when he denied under oath that he told Susan White-Bowden, a reporter for WMAR, that he was going to make some money as a result of the remark. Judge Martin Greenfield refused to let Webb testify because both sides already had concluded their cases.

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Women's consciousness confab set for this weekend

Roberta Flack is one of the featured keynote speakers for the third annual conference of the Black Women's Consciousness Raising Association Inc., Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Baltimore Civic Center.

Rep. Shirley Chisholm and Ms. Dorothy Dickerson, Office of the President of the United States will also address the issues of "Black Women: Meeting the Challenges of the 80s."

The program will begin at 8:45 a.m. with the invocation and music by the Rev. Edna Isaac and the Greene Sisters.

Also featured on the program are Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski and the Imani Messengers of Bethel AME Church.

Roberta Flack

Rep. Shirley Chisholm

During the day-long conference several workshops and panel discussions will be conducted on such topics as women in business, black women in film, racism and sexism, religion and educational policy.

The conference is free and open to the public.

The 7 p.m. concert scheduled Saturday at the Civic Center with Ms. Flack and an 18-piece orchestra has been postponed until July due to a prior commitment of Ms. Flack.

Hilton Court tenants await improvements

One month since AFRO story

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

A month after the AFRO first told of the inhuman conditions at the once-luxurious Hilton Court Apartments, the residents there still suffer from lack of heat, hot water, and maintenance.

The landlord, Frederick J. Levitan, who has refused to answer calls from the AFRO, is now faced with more than 300 housing code violations, according to Mary Gardner, assistant state's attorney who is currently prosecuting Levitan.

Criminal charges have been brought against him, and a trial date of May 5 has been set.

But despite this progress, residents are still upset. They tell of the near-death of a young girl from pneumonia, and the lead poisoning of several children in the dilapidated housing complex.

When the AFRO toured the building, long strips of masking tape were evident on the walls and the windowsills.

Evangeline Diggs, one of the residents in the complex leading the fight against the conditions there, explained the tape.

"The people from the Health Department put that tape up there after a few of the children were found to have lead poisoning."

The instances of possible lead contamination came to light after 2-year-old Tia Frazier was rushed to the hospiatal two weeks ago with pneumonia of the right lung. Residents blamed the child's illness on the drafty apartments in the Hilton Court Apartments.

"I wish you could have seen that poor little girl," said Ms. Diggs, shaking her head. "She was lying there in the hospital with all those tubes running out of her...."

The residents have organized a rent strike, but last week, Judge Richard Motsay ruled that one of the participants had to pay Levitan, instead of having her rent placed in escrow.

Another tenant was nearly evicted four weeks ago, but the residents called Bobby Cheeks, of the Welfare Rights Organization, and he arrived in time to pay the rent of the threatened tenant.

"Since Welfare Rights has been here," said Ms. Diggs, "Even though we still suffer, at least we know that someone is in our corner. Before they came to help us, everybody we contacted would just ask us why don't we move."

Shortly after the AFRO revealed conditions at the apartments, located in the 3300 block of Hilton Avenue, Cheeks said that Levitan had called him and asked to meet with him. Cheeks said that he refused to meet unless the residents of the complex were allowed to take part in the conference.

Levitan refused, according to Cheeks, but since then, another meeting, which will include the tenants, has been scheduled for today; with Levitan, at the headquarters of the Welfare Rights Organization.

Enoch Pratt Library employee charged in co-worker's stabbing

A man who occasionally serves as a library sorting room supervisor has been charged with repeatedly stabbing another Enoch Pratt library employee whom he had chased through the building Thursday.

Police said Charles Bennett, 29, was stabbed with a six-inch hunting knife in the neck, chest, back, arms, and legs.

Carl Crosby, 29, who Enoch Prattuofficials said sometimes serves as the library's sorting room supervisor, was charged with assault with intent to murder and possession of a deadly weapon.

Library officials said the two men had been arguing since Wednesday.

Police said Crosby allegedly drew his knife and chased Bennett, a comprehensive employment training act (CETA) worker at the library, through the building, down three flights of stairs and into a courtyard.

A pool of blood 40 feet from the door to the courtyard allegedly indicates where Cosby first stabbed Bennett in the neck, police said.

Library security guard Joseph Basehart, 52, said two men ran past him and out the door into the courtyard.

"The man with the knife was kneeling over the other man, stabbing him," Basehart said. "I went out and found him tisting a knife into the other man's shoulder. I asked him to stop, but when I was that look in his eyes, I just went back inside."

Police officers said they heard Bennett screaming, "Don't kill me! don't kill me!" and found a man kneeling over him with a knife and blood was splattered on the ground.

Child abuse reports increase in state

The number of suspected child abuse reports in Maryland reached a new high of 4,615 last year, state Social Service Administration officials said this week.

The number was a 22 percent increase from 1978, due in part to increased public awareness and concern about child abuse, said Project Director Linda Heisner.

"However, actual incidents of domestic violence and child abuse have been shown to increase in communities where unemployment and financial hardship place even greater stresses on families," she said.

"While it is difficult to determine the exact impact of these factors, a further consequence of our current economic crisis is curtailment of social service programs specifically designed to help troubled families.

"We might well begin to experience a trend where there is a growing need for such services and a diminishing capability to provide them," Ms. Heisner said.

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State and Municipal	8,540,057		Other Policy Liabilities	3,583
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Public Utility, U. S. and Canada	28,674,923		Taxes and Accrued Expense	2,656,975
Industrial and Miscellaneous	37,745,298	106,558,507	Employee Benefit Reserves	632,423
Stocks			Mandatory Security Valuation Reserve	2,701,518
Preferred	$ 1,219,873		Group Contingency Reserve	1,114,672
Common	4,058,675	5,278,548	Other Liabilities	226,680
Mortgage Loans			TOTAL LIABILITIES	$164,402,911
Conventional	$28,820,203			
Insured or Guaranteed	8,685,670	37,505,873		
Real Estate				
Properties for Company Use	$ 5,956,817		CONTINGENCY RESERVE AND SURPLUS	
Other Properties	1,210,596	7,167,413	Reserve for Contingency	$ 7,889,204
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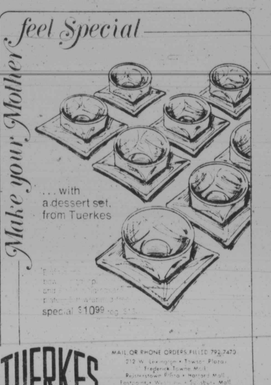
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