—Cable TV profits?

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"I dont understand what their (the city's) hidden agenda is" Green said. "It isn't clear what's in it for Baltimore.

"What is clear is that a few already wealthy black individuals will be given an opportunity to invest in cable television. They will have a chance to become more wealthy."

At the same time however under the current recommendations black businessmen will be excluded almost entirely from the cable enterprise being unable to raise the necessary funds for the initial investment.

"It isnt clear how blacks will participate" Green said. "So much is up in the air. It is questionable that a bank would be willing to finance a minority company in a joint-venture when heavy financing would already have been required for the majority company."

In terms of dollars and cents it has been estimated that after an initial four-to-five year lean period any cable company could expect to gross upwards of $40 million annually from a cable franchise.

There are about 700,000 households in Baltimore which could potentially receive the service. With each household paying a monthly fee of at least $20 profits would be high.

But according to Green most of those profits would be funnelled to outside sources with minimal monies feeding to the city.

Green said his company had seen the opportunity from the outset for large sums of money to be channelled into the black community, were a franchise to be owned by a black company.

But the single-franchise system aborts that possibility he said and clouds the role of blacks in the enterprise overall.

Green said that many black individuals who have refused to support black businesses have voiced an interest in cable television.

"But you have to ask if those individuals have been reluctant to support black business, do they deserve to be made richer by cable television?"

Green suggested that the question of minority ownership was one the Commission dealt with reluctantly only after it was apparent pressures on the subject would not let up.

But he said their inclusions of "minority involvement" were purposely vague.

"Since they really didnt want to deal with it they made it (the ownership question) as vague as possible and passed it on to someone else to deal with."

Nobody really knows he said just what the minority involvement will be.

—Cuban held

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very little English. Although Ramirez waived extradition Michael Bass a police spokesman cautioned that investigators "still have not been able to ascertain where the killing took place."

"If it took place in Washington the whole (court) case could switch to Washington" he said. "We dont know yet."

Homicide detectives said a motive has not yet been established in the case. Labat a graduate of Howard University and the recipient of a masters degree from Indiana University was awarded a Fulbright Grant to teach English as a second language in Baghdad Iraq in 1952.

Labat had identification in the pocket of his pants which were still on the body when it was found police report. But Washington authorities did not positively identify the body until early Tuesday.

Police believe he was tied up before being dumped in the river and had been in the water for several days because decomposition had begun.

Police report that his 1972 Lincoln Continental car was found in Washington and is to Labat's disappearance.

Washington police report an unidentified male companion who was described as a 28-year-old Cuban refugee was seen driving Labats car in a Northwest Washington neighborhood where a large Spanish speaking population lives.

The victim taught Spanish at several Washington high schools and was a part-time teacher at the Adult Education Center in Georgetown.

—Shake and bake

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It was up to the developers to come up with the rest of the money which they did under the cities industrial revenue bond program.

Doughty, whose development company here has been in charge of devising plans for the center, said that the idea of the center came to be because "the people of the community wanted it."

He said that he circulated flyers to ask the people what kinds of activities they would like to see included in such a recreation center. The activities to be included will be there at their (the peoples) request he said.

Original plans for the center called for inclusion of racquetball and tennis Doughty said. But after it was determined that the people of the area would not be able to afford those sports they were scratched in favor of less expensive activities.

Total revenues in the form of real estate taxes are expected to reach at least $75000 annually with an equal amount expected from entertainment and amusement taxes.

Doughty said that the whole idea of the center was to bring families together to do the things they like and can afford to do.

He cited key people who stood behind him and the Upton planning Committee during the four years by "sticking with them." Those people included Parren Mitchell, Kweisi Mfume, Mary Pat Clark, the mayor Du Burns and Housing Commissioner M. J. Brodie for their assistance.

"I am not mentioning these people just to mention names" he emphasized. "They have really stuck with me."

Doughty said that he became convinced it was time for him to make his move and do what he wanted to do when it became apparent the Colt organization was trying to shift him out.

"I had to make a decision...I said to myself you either believe in this and retire or you play ball for a few more years."

He formed his development firm Shake and Bake Associates of Maryland Ltd. Partnership and began the extensive marketing he knew would be necessary in order to get his plan realized.

He had always been told by his parents he said that sports was only a temporary situation and that he must always work to develop his mind and his talents.

The University of Michigan economics major said he knew he had the expertise to do what he wanted and he also knew he didnt want to work for someone else. Shake and Bake was the answer to his search to something meaningful.

The Center will provide jobs for our 100 young people and approximately 200 jobs will be available during construction.

Doughty's development firm has hired a black architect firm Sutton and Campbell to draw up the blueprints and all legal work is being handled by the law firm of Singleton Dashiells and Robinson.

—Clean Block

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given free movie tickets at the Friday meeting. The first movie party for blocks who have worked hard and attended meetings will be held Wednesday July 15 at the Hippodrome Theatre to see Isaac Hayes in "Escape From New York." Doors open promptly at 8:30 a.m. and the movie starts at 9 a.m. Clean Block Captains must attend meetings to get free movie tickets.

Next AFRO Clean Block meeting is at Dunbar High School Friday July 17 at 11 a.m.

To join the AFRO Clean Block and have fun this summer pick up registration at the Clean Block Office Eutaw and Druid Hill Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call 724-8005.

Black religion writers to gather at Howard

The third annual Black Religion Writers' Workshop will be held July 13-17 at Howard University, cosponsored by the School of Communications and the Divinity School. Dr. James S. Tinney will serve as director.

Approximately 50 persons are expected to attend the workshop, which will feature writing laboratories in the mornings, addresses by guest editors in the afternoons, and prc a ow to se ions several evenings.

Al Fitzpatrick, one of four black editors of a white dailies, and a lay person in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, will serve as special lecturer in one of the writing laboratories each day. Fitzpatrick is editor of the Akron Beacon Journal, Akron, Oh.

Other black editors addressing the group will include Al McFarlane, who is editor of a national Jazz magazine, a weekly paper in Minneapolis, and is minister in the Church of God In Christ. Also speaking will be James Jefferson, editor of New Expressions an interdenominational magazine published in Philadelphia; Dr. Bennie Godwin, professor at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta; and Paul Monk, editor of Message Magazine, published or blacks by the Seventh-Day Adventists.

Rosalyn Gist, an alumna of Howard University School of Communications, who is now religion writer for the Charlotte News, Charlotte, N.C., will also return to campus to speak to the workshop participants. Twelve black religion writers will be on hand to share their knowledge.

Dr. Tinney said the purpose of the event will be "to train writers and editors for church newsletters, denominational publications, religious magazines, and writers of the religion articles for the daily press and black press."

Separate laboratories will be held for inexperienced and professional writers. The annual meeting of the Society of Blacks in Religion will also be held in conjunction with the workshop.

For additional information, contact Dr. James S. Tinney at 636-7856 or 387-2858 or write Box 386, Howard University, Washington, D.C. 20059.

Bradley sworn for 3rd term

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — It was the third swearing in ceremony for Mayor Tom Bradley, but the lively ceremony was overshadowed by speculation he has already decided to become the nation's first elected black governor.

"It would be the fulfillment of the American dream," Bradley said of the possibility of becoming the governor of California in a pre-inauguration interview with UPI.

Bradley, the son of a Texas sharecropper, was re-elected as the city's 37th chief executive in a landslide victory last April over former Mayor Sam Yorty.

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At Bethel AME

Co-op conference to be held next week

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Saturday July 18 Bethel AME church will host the first city-wide cooperative housing seminar.

Bethel has already established the lead in the city in terms of church-owned and operated cooperatives as its food-buying Club has watched its membership grow to 2600 since its inception over a year ago.

The housing conference represents a new step for the church which will be embarking on a plan to establish its own tenant-owned and operated cooperative housing project.

Currently there are several such projects in the city but none that are privately-owned.

The conference will feature well-known national and local cooperative experts including Stan Straughter head of the Philadelphia Self-Help program of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

Other guests include Peter Berhinger of Multi-Family Services Lola Smith of the Housing Assistance Corporation and Ruth and Robert Navarro also of the Co-op Bank.

But the all-day seminar will also give prospective co-opers a chance to meet with both finance officials and home maintenance and repair experts.

Advance Savings and Loans Ralph Johnson will be on hand as well as Tony Winston and James Bright representing two area contracting firms.

The keynote speaker will be Cornbread Givens a community economics pioneer from Washington D.C. who currently heads Mayor Marion Barrys Commission on Cooperative Economic Development.

One of Givens earliest community economics proteges Lywonda Megginson Scott is a member of Bethel and organizer of the conference. She told the AFRO that a cooperative housing venture basically is "a building or property where people come together to occupy and manage their investment."

Such a co-op can be as small as two people or large enough to fill a good-sized apartment building. According to Scott though it is important that such a venture place a premium on attracting compatible members.

"The ultimate purpose in establishing a co-op is to provide goods and services to your members" she said. "A housing co-op takes a good deal of time and money so its important to organize with people- who share your goals and that you can work with."

Currently several churches have food-buying co-ops but why is there a dearth of co-op housing?

"Housing co-ops take more time to organize" Scott explained. "They also take a lot of skill. Theres greater money involved in organizing a housing co-op. You need both short-term money for the down-payment of the property and long-term mortgage money whereas in a food co-op you only need short term money."

The conference will also give prospective co-opers a chance to get in on the ground floor of the Bethel effort. The $10.00 registration fee can be applied to purchasing a $25.00 share in the Bethel Community Cooperative Inc. Workshop guests have twenty-five days following the conference to exercise the option of paying and additional $15.00 to purchase a share.

Other speakers at the conference include Rev. John Bryant pastor of Bethel and Juanita Givens chairperson of the Bethel Community Cooperatuveboard and head of the churchs Outreach Center.

BUILD reaches accord with Provident Bank

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Members of BUILD (Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development) won yet another victory this week as they announced today thatthe Provident Savings and Loan Bank has agreed to a list of requests made by the group concerning the banks mortgage-lendingpolicies.

"This shows what an organized community can achieve using its economic clout" said Phyliss Douglass president of the organization as she announced the terms of the agreement.

Ronald Mason president of the bank has agreed to three main conditions outlined by BUILD.

Provident will begin participating in the Maryland Housing Fund which provides low-interest mortages to prospective homebuyers and the bank has agreed to advertise the availability of mortgage monev.

The bank will also invest $2 million (money deposited by BUILD members) in center city areas designated by BUILD as part of a program entitled "Designated Dollars".

The agreement comes just one week after Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan agreed to meet the requests of BUILD and three weeks after American Federal Savings and Loan made similar concessions.

The effort by BUILD began five months ago in Feburary when the group released a report which charged area banks with "dis-investing" in the central city.

There are 28 churches and two community groups in the BUILD organization and they include St. Johns AME St. Edwards Metropolitan United Methodist Knox Presbyterian St. Matthews St. Anthony of Padua Enon Baptist and St. Josephs Monastery.

Other member churches are Huber Memorial United Church of Christ St. Benedicts Heritage United Church of Christ Our Lady of Lourdes St. Katherines St. Peter the Apostle Emmanuel Christian Community Church St. Ambrose St. James and St. Johns and Francis Xavier.

Also St. Peter Claver St. Cecilias Thurd English Lutheran St. Pius the Fifth Trinity Baptist Brown Memorial Baptist Faith Lutheran Lakewood Area United Cgurch the Gwynns Falls Action Group and the Prince Hall Masons.

Black political party hold convention at MSU

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Politics of a different sort will be on the agenda next Saturday at Morgan State University as members of the aryland Chapter of the National Black Independent Party meet for the partys first annual state-wide convention.

The National Black Independent Party had its birth during a nation-wide convention of black political scholars and community leaders who met in New Orleans more than a year ago.

Out of that meeting came a call for a national convetion which was held in Philadelphia during November of 1980. At the convention delegates from more than 30 states were presented with a charter drawn up by party organizers including Ron Daniels a former Kent State University professor and Dr. Manning Marable noted columnist and author.

The charter was rejected by the delegates who felt that input from local groups were lacking in the document. As a result the members passed a resolution calling for assorted local conventions at which the proposed charter would be submitted for approval by state contingents.

Following the state conventions the proposed charter will be re-submitted to the general body for approval.

On tap at the Aug. 18 convention besides a review of the charter four workshops on topics pertinent to the black community will be conducted. The topics include the black family the electoral process black culture and black economic development.

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Students sought for art program

PRINCETON — Due to its tremendous success last year, the Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS), a national program administered by the Educational Testing Service to encourage artistically gifted young people, will again be offered.

ARTS is designed to give national recognition to young people who have demonstrated excellence in dance, music, theater, visual arts and writing.

In last year's ARTS program, over 150 young artists from around the country were named ARTS finalists and semifinalists, and as such have received a variety of cash stipends, scholarships and workshop experiences.

According to Gail Melada, ARTS program director, the primary goal is to stimulate interest and involvement in the arts, and to honor those outstanding young people who have already devoted so much energy to their own artistic development.

"We encourage all young artists to write to ARTS for registration forms," noted Melada.

Evaluation of artistic attainment for the ARTS program will be conducted by a panel of distinguished artists and art educators, and is based on samples of artistic production presented through audiotapes, videotapes, films, slides or manuscripts together with recommendations from teachers or other professionals.

Similar to last year's program, a number of colleges, universities, professional training programs, performing companies, and corporations have agreed to offer scholarships and apprenticeships to young artists identified by ARTS who meet their admissions and financial ad requirements.

Closing dates for registration forms is September 28. Completed applications must be received by ARTS by November 9. ARTS applicants will be notified of their final status by February 26, 1982.

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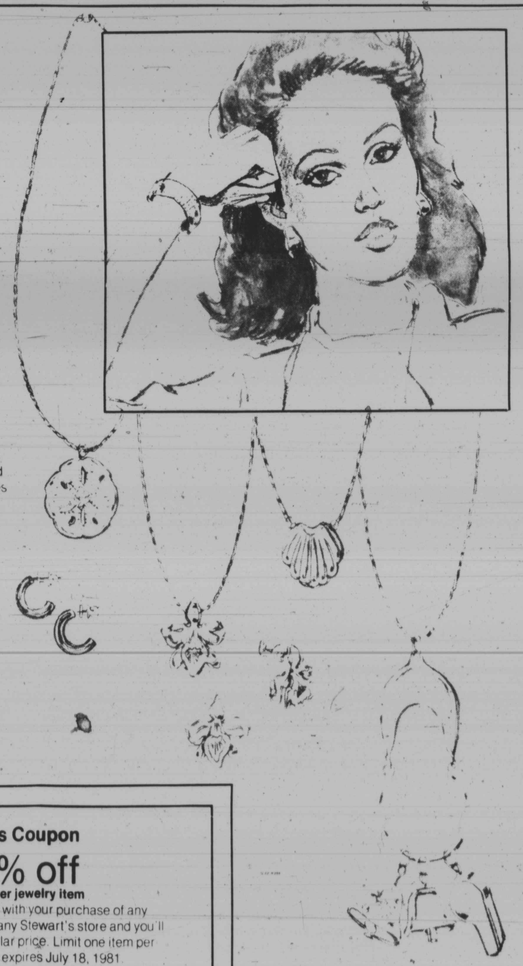

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