Colt receiver plans new center

If Baltimore Colts' wide receiver Glenn Doughty has his way the Upton community may be the site of a unique family recreation facility.

Doughty's Shake and Bake Enterprises, a name derived from the flashy,wily receiver's nickname, is currently ready to begin work on the center, pending approval of 1.4 million dollar Urban Development Action Grant from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The enterprise has already received a 3.5 million dollar investment commitment from a New York underwriting firm, Glickenhaus and Company.

The Glickenhaus investment is guaranteed by Baltimore city revenue bonds, which were officially committed to Doughty's project in June of 1979. The action marked the first time the city had used revenue bonds to finance a black-owned business enterprise.

Doughty, who received a B.A. in economics from the University of Michigan, says the family fun center will be the realization of a dream. So far, he has invested two years of his time and 150,000 dollars to get the project off the ground.

"Blacks have become an economic force that is not to be ignored," says the popular football player. "But there is no facility liks the family fun center in the city. The churches want it, the schools want it, and I believe they will support it."

Doughty is a firm believer in the need for blacks to provide one another with opportunities for success in the business world, as evidenced by his projected policy for the center.

"Black leaders are what I searched for," he says. "Because I believe that we have to take our own initiatives to make things happen economically."

Another reason, Doughty says, that black investors are being sought is the fact that some white investors expressed fears about operating in a blck neighborhood in the inner city.

"A large white firm," AMF, was expressing interest in leasing bowling space, but got cold feet because the center will be in an urban center," he says.

The project, if it is awarded the UDAG grant, will create approximately 100 construction jobs and 91 permanent positions.

Doughty has the support of Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and Lena Boone, head of Upton - Planning Committee, whom he describes as "one of the strongest forces I've ever encountered on this planet."

Rep. Mitchell says that the project is "fairly close to being funded," and that he is working very hard to see it happen.

Coming Events

PERSONNEL AWARENESS PROGRAM — The YWCA of the Greater Baltimore area is presenting a Personal Awareness Program at the main downtown building, 128 W. Franklin St., beginning Oct. 2. For information call the YWCA at 685-1460.

CLASS REUNION — The June, 1959 class of Frederick Douglass High School will hold a 20 year reunion on Saturday, October 13 at Ramada Inn, 1701 Belmont Avenue. Activities will include a cocktail hour, dinner and disco. For tickets and information call: 792-9406, 542-8518 or 488-9049.

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL REUNION — The Class of 1964 of Eastern High School is planning a 15-year reunion for November, 1979. Members of the Reunion Committee are desperately attempting to find the current address of the 850 graduates. If you were a member of the Class or know the current address of a member of the Class of 1964, please contact Mrs. Alice Hess at 828-7746.

LEGAL SERVICES FOR ELDERLY OFFERED — The University of Baltimore is offering its Legal Services program for the elderly. Through this program, Baltimore City residents over age 60 are eligible to receive free help with their pensions, wifis, medicare, social security and other legal matters. For further information call the Waxter Center for Senior Citizens at 396-1322.

Deadline Oct. 18

Residents can still comment on housing block grant proposal

Baltimore city residents have just one week left to comment on a proposed $40.6 million community development program sponsored by the city's Department of Housing and Community Development and the Urban Services Agency.

A housing department spokesman said Wednesday that residents have until Oct. 18 to submit written comments on the program which would earmark the bulk of the funds for low and moderate income families.

He added that the date was extended for those residents who did not attend the public hearing held at the Civic Center last week.

According to Housing commissioner M.J. Brodie, the program is based upon an expected community block grant of $31.2 million, the same amount Baltimore received from the federal government this year.

He said the program will also used an anticipated program income of $7.8 million from the sale of land and rehabilitated Houses and $1.7 million in city bond funds.

At the hearing Brodie and Urban Services Agency director Lenwood Ivey pointed out that of the total program outlined in the preliminary application, 64.6 percent will be spend in residential neighborhoods—48.6 percent by the housing and 16 percent through the various social programs at Urban Services.

He added beside the focus on the neighborhoods, the application will reflect "a concern for continued improvement in the city's economy and an increased tax base."

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They were there but they weren't so comfy

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World Series fans of 1979 lifted a page from Uncle Sam's credo of the postal service on Wednesday. As a result, 53,735 hardy souls of all descriptions braved the remnants of 22 hours of "rain, sleet and gloom of night" to watch the delayed opener of the Orioles-Pirates best-of-seven confrontation.

The AFRO camera, as usual, focussed on the human interest side of the game in the stands. Of course, it helped that the Birds won this one by 5-4.

Sure we're cold but we're No. 1 and you can bet it!

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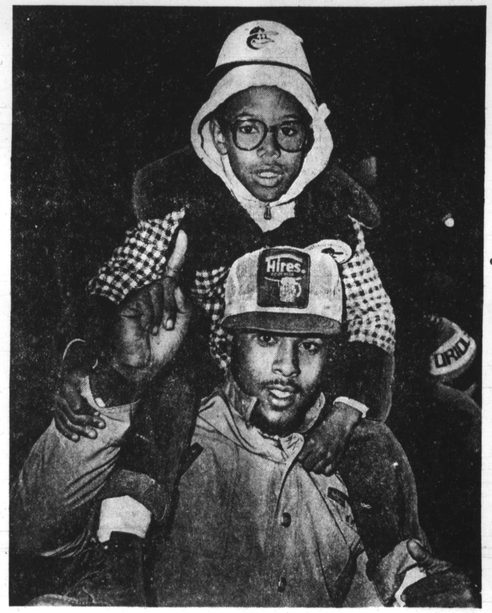
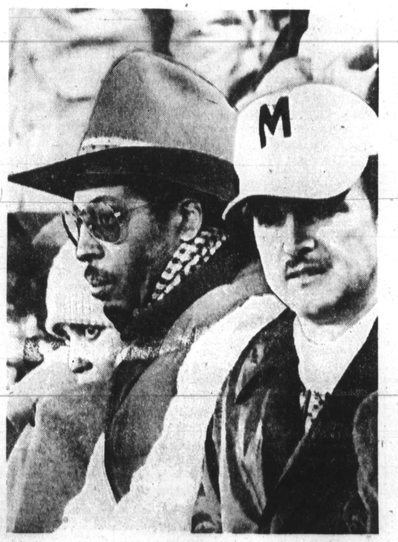
Here's family fun in fur on 33rd Street



Hey, pop, the view's good but up here's colder

Aw c'mon, don't let 'em catch up



A Wild Bill Hagy hat, perhaps?

Hey, don't let my pennants freeze

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