Community Calendar

The Rosemont High Blood Pressure Task Force, is recruiting volunteers to staff a second neighborhood screening clinic to open Sept. 22 at the Walbrook Library, 3203 W. North Ave.

Screenings will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

A screening site at Rosemont Multipurpose Center, 2700 Raynor Ave., is open on Monday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon and Wednesday evenings, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer at the Walbrook Library should call Demetria Thomas at the Baltimore City Health Department High Blood Pressure Program at 396-4610.

"Memory Problems and How to Solve Them" will be the topic at the next general meeting of the Maryland Advocates for the Aging Thursday, Sept. 17 at 10:15 a.m. at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Alameda and 33rd. St.

The public is invited. For more information, call 484-0170.

The Baltimore City Health Department reminds dog and cat owners to protect their pets by having them vacinated against rabies. The city Health Department in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will sponsor the last rabies clinic for this year on SundaySept. 27 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at four city sites.

In case of rain, the clinics will be rescheduled for Sunday, Oct. 4. Pets may be vacinated at the following sites:

Belford Shopping Center, Belair Road & Frankford Avenue.

Mondawmin Mall, 1200 Mondawmin Concourse.

Montgomery Ward, 1000 S. Monroe St.

Patterson Park High School, 100 Kane St.

Dog licenses also may be purchased at these locations. Call 396-0218 for more information.

Free legal consultations up to 15 minutes will be available to members of the public attending the Baltimore City Fair on Sept. 18, 19 and 20.

The Young Lawyer's Section of the Bar Association of Baltimore City will be sponsoring a Legal Information Center at the Inner Harbor fairgrounds from 12 noon until 6 p.m. Friday and from 10:00 A.M. until 10 p.m. Saturday and from 12 noon until 10 p.m. on Sunday.

No appointments are necessary. For additional information, contact Lee H. Ogburn, Chairman City Fair Committee at 752-6030.

Free foot examinations, blood pressure reading and sickle cell screening will be offered to the public by Lutheran Hospital at the Baltimore City Fair on Sept. 18, 19, and 20.

Information about the health services at Lutheran Hospital and the Rosemont Community Doctors Center also will be available at the booth sponsored by the hospital.

—Minister seeks

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What sort of solutions does Williams envision for the nation's government?

"We must find a revolutionary progressive element in each of the nation's minority groups," he said. "In order to effectively change their positions they have to seek coalitions."

When asked how he expects the diverse groups to join up, Williams said that the spectre of 'Reaganomics' will foster more unity.

On the international scene, he feels that blacks and other minority groups in the nation should "seek identity with the Afro-Asian bloc in the United Nations."

He said that the road to this millenium will not be easy, but and that it may entail "civil disobedience."

"I'm not advocating violence," he says, "civil disobedience can be a constructive non-violent instrument. It's a rough road, it's an unpopular road, but it's one we must take to achieve power in this country."

DR. ARIS T. ALLEN, a Maryland State senator, is a member of the U.S. presidential delegation attending the Sept. 21 ceremonies celebrating the independence from Great Britain of the country of Belize. Formerly known as British Honduras until 1973, Belize is in Central America. The delegation leaves Saturday, Sept. 19 and returns after the ceremony. Dr. Allen states his being chosen as a member of the U.S. delegation is a great honor and a privilege.

—Mayor's aide

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Stanley had been tapped by the mayor to serve as the head of the human resources area, which had been held by Quentin Lewson who recently left to take a job in Washington, D.C.

Stanley's new position is a very politically sensitive job, which might explain why a man purpotting to be Roundtree contacted an AFRO reporter just after Stanley's appointment became public with what the caller said was the real background of the case.

Although Roundtree would not comment on the case, he did state that the caller's information was not totally correct.

The American Revolutionary victory at Stony Point, a village on the Hudson in New York State, was made possible by a Black intelligence agent named Pompey.

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—Double celling

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Davis said prison conditions will worsen and remain dangerous as the inmate population grows and the numbers of prison guards, charged with maintaining custody and security, stays the same or decreases.

His sentiments were echoed by other Maryland prison guard representatives who said inmates, unhappy about their living conditions, will take their anger and frustation out on the guards.

At a Sept. 16 press conference, Attorney General Steven Sachs acknowledged he does not expect to see an end to prison overcrowding in the forseeable future.

He said overcrowding is a "very important problem," but "crisis is too excited a word to describe the problem."

Sachs said the situation will be eased when more than 680 beds become available at a Baltimore receiving center expected to open in October.

Davis said the recent groundbreaking of a second annex at Jessup, providing about 520 new beds, will be complete, hopefully, in about four or five years. He said 1156 inmates could fill the space if double-celling is still in effect.

Only certain inmates are to be double-celled or double-bunked for a period between 90 to 120 days. They are recently captured escapees or Parole violators who have not been transferred to other facilities or inmates who are awaiting transfer to minimum security institutions.

Tuesday's court ruling also reversed a contempt citation against the state prison system for overcrowding at the Maryland Correctional Institution at Hagerstown and a lower court decision that would have fined the state $3,700 a week for overcrowding.

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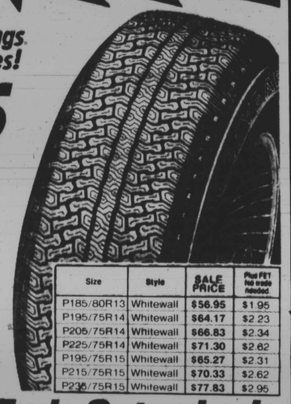

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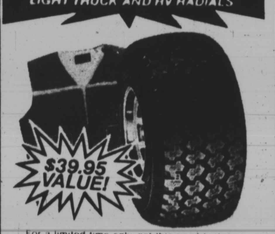

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White cable firms say black ownership a must

Urge blacks to offer program ideas

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

While some members of the City Council left the opening session this week visibly worried about the plight of blacks and cable television here, representatives of a leading white cable firm say a 25 percent commitment to black ownership is virtually a sure thing.

Councilpersons Kweisi Mfume, D-4th, Norman Reeves, D-5th, and Mary Pat Clarke, D-2nd, voiced concern that blacks may still be left out of the cable onrush despite rhetoric to the contrary by the city.

In addition, Mfume again raised the question of just who a "minority" owner, as specified by the CATV preliminary report might in the final analysis be. Blacks are not the only "minority" group this country recognizes, he says.

But David Hoke, director of community programming for Times-Mirror Cable Television of Baltimore, and Arnold Sampson, director of system development for the same company, said this week the 25 percent commitment to black ownership is no mere talk.

Hoke said that Times-Mirror, as have the other white-owned cable companies in competition for the franchise here, have been given the understanding that a black company is to own the 25 percent fraction of the joint-venture set up approved for Baltimore.

He dismissed the notion that another minority group, such as a women's group or other ethnic group, would be chosen as the joint venture partner.

"We have received the message," Hoke said, "that you'd (the companies) had better have serious provisions for black ownerships in your proposals."

Failure to do so, he said, will simply result in loss of the franchise possibility.

Guided by the "desire to win" the franchise, the white companies, according to Hoke, "are tripping over themselves" to come up with a creative and lucrative plan for black inclusion in their proposals.

Sampson, a Morgan State University graduate who works closely with Hoke, explained that the single franchise-joint venture plan preferred by Baltimore is better for blacks than is commonly believed.

"The trouble with the multiple franchise-quadrant idea as it was presented," Sampson said slowly, "is that it did not assure that once the city was divided into quadrants a black company would in fact be an owner."

But, he said, the current plans guarantee that a black company will actually own its 25 percent share of the joint venture, having total responsibility for subscribing, programming, and upkeep.

What will happen, he said, is that a black company will own an area that, while not comprised exclusively of black families, will cut across geographical, ethnic and racial lines, allowing for diversity in programming and realization of profits.

He said that fears that black families will not be able to afford cable systems in their homes are unfounded, the average cost of basic cable services will run between $3 and $10 monthly, with extra services costing slightly more.

What Sampson sees as the most threatening danger at this point is the assumption by many blacks that the owned firms are out to get them, and do not have their best interests at heart.

With that skepticism being their guide, Sampson said, blacks are not confronting the cable companies with ideas for programming.

"Cable...has deep social implications," he said. Not bound by the same restraints as is commercial television, Sampson said that cable will able to offer more diverse programming devoid of stereotypic imagery.

He said cable companies, in the midst of programming planning now, are looking for new ideas, some of which could be included in their proposals for the franchise bid.

Black writers, video producers film-makers, and the like are in big demand, he said.

But unless blacks approach cable companies with ideas for programming, Sampson stressed, the possibility for affecting image changes and far reaching social implications, especially for black youth, will be lost.

The quest for black input is a crucial issue at this time, as cable companies are in the process of drawing up their requests for proposals.

Submission of the RFPs are due to begin sometime in November for consideration by the city, with final decision on who will receive the franchise due by 1983.

That process, however, may be delayed, as the City Council is still awaiting submission of an executive summary promised by the CATV commission.

That summary was to have been presented in June of this year, a month after the preliminary report by the CATV Commission was presented to the city.

Council President Walter Orlinsky voiced concern over the delayed report, saying that once it is received, the Council will act on some of the issues raised by council members.

But in the meantime, say cable firm representatives, blacks interested in having a significant input into programming should present their ideas for consideration.

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