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Powerful groups balking on support for Schaefer

At least two Westside political organizations have balked at supporting Mayor William Schaefer while negotiations continue over political concessions sought by the groups. A Thursday morning endorsement press conference called by the mayor's office had to be canceled abruptly.



NEW LIEUTENANT COLONELS—Former Major Edward J. Tilghman (left) and Former Major Calvin Lewis, received the highest promotions from the police department at a promotional ceremony on Aug. 17. Both officers were promoted to Lieutenant Colonels. Not shown, but also promoted to Lieutenant Colonel was Leon N. Tomlin.

"What we are trying to do is make sure the commitments we get are made up front and followed through after the election," Michael Mitchell (councilman 4th) said Thursday afternoon. Mitchell is a member of the Peoples Democratic Action Organization (PDAO), which, along with Citizens Democratic Action Organization (CDAO), are in dialogue with the Schaefer administration about several concerns.

One of the key commitments sought by the Westside organizations is to black involvement in top-level city government financial decisions.

Other concerns voiced by members of the organizations are for more black city department heads and city board and commission members; greater minority contractor access to city contracts; an end of teacher layoffs; and more active support for the election of City Council President Clarence Du Burns.

The CDAO, which had intended to join the PDAO at the scheduled Press conference, also has held up its endorsement in support of the negotiation effort.

The two powerful Westside organizations are considered key

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Schaefer accused of ignoring minorities

The quarterly assessment of Minority Business Enterprise participation on city contracts revealed that minority businesses are getting a small percentage of city contracts.

Concerned about the low participation of blacks and other minorities in the city's booming business districts, the Maryland Minority Contractors Association (MMCA) confronted the city demanding explanations for the city's actions.

Members of the association said they were met with delayed responses, unreturned calls and got the brush-off from various city officials.

Arnold Jolivet, president of the association, said that much of the injustice being done relates to the fact that there is no affirmative action program in the city to encourage the recruitment of minority firms in the city's business deals.

"We are not doing any work over $30,000 as general contractors," said Hanford Jones, director of the MMCA. "The situation is dismal."

The association places much of the blame on the mayor, indicating that he is purposely and consistently ignoring what is becoming a major crisis for minority businesses.

"It's dishearting when you look at the figures and see out of $38,237,542.53 spent on all Bureau of Purchases Contracts that only $343,339.88 of that went to minorities," said Jones.

"Who else do you blame?

"The mayor!

"He has not made any effort to confront his agency heads to have something done about the situation, even after we brought it to his attention."

Documents obtained show that out of a $59,000 project to build a new wall and vehicle entrance doors at Eastern Substation, minorities were only able to secure $9,300 worth of work.

Of a $199,639.40 project to do some clay tile roofing and related work at the old post office building, only $28,885.00 of the work was offered to minority firms.

Mayor Schaefer was not available for comment at AFRO press time.

Murphy fundraiser tonight

Music super stars Roberta Flack and Peabo Bryson will help a black-tie audience sing the praises of mayoral hopeful William H. Murphy, Jr. at the Convention Center Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The $100-a-plate affair, the first major Baltimore fundraiser for the Murphy forces, is expected to draw 1,000 guests, campaign aides said Monday.

Georgia legislator Julian Bond will be the master of ceremonies, and former Atlanta mayor Maynard Jackson will be the guest speaker.

A reception for the candidate will begin at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:30 followed by the entertainment at 9 p.m. For further information, call 576-VOTE.

Cox cable tries again for city contract

By Johanne Brown
AFRO Staff Writer

Cox PortVision, after hearing of the proposed merger between Caltec's parent company Calvert Communications Corporation and a Philadelphia firm, announced Wednesday it is still interested in the city's cable television franchise and plans to seek designation from the city to begin negotiations. The merger with Caltec is off.

The local Company's sudden change of heart resulted after Cox PortVision said "no" to the financial package the local firm offered for a merger.

Larry Gibson, attorney for PortVision and Ron Shapiro counsel for Cox, said even after the lenghty negotiations slated to resolve disputes between the two groups, "the price of peace was too high."

Gibson further stated that the proposed deal could not be justified because PortVision would have had to relinquish eight percent of its participation making it 25 percent as opposed to the original 33 percent.

Shapiro indicated that no further talks of a merger would be possible with Caltec even though the deal still awaits the final approval of the Company's shareholders and the county council.

PortVision's representative emphasized, time is of the essence now and the City must move quickly with respect to cable.

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Police dept. promotes two to Lt. Colonel

By Pam Widgeon
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Promotional ceremonies for the highest number of black high ranking police officers to be promoted at one time, were held Wednesday in the Education and Training Division of the police department.

Major Calvin Lewis and Major Edward J. Tilghman were promoted to Lieutenant Colonels.

As new lieutenant colonels, Lieutenant Colonel Lewis, 50, will be the deputy chief of area one consisting of Central, Southwest and Southern district.

Lieutenant Colonel Tilghman, 49, will be the chief director of area three composed of Southeastern, Eastern and Northeastern district.

The four black district commanders who were promoted to majors are John A. Barnes, Marcellus Boles, Joseph W. Nixon and Bessie R. Norris.

The new appointments demonstrate recognition of the fact that the commander of a police district shares responsibilities commensurate with those of chiefs of police in many jurisdictions.

Each commands a district to which between 190 and 280 sworn personnel are assigned.

Appointment of district commanders to the rank of major will bring each up to the level of the directors of the department who have responsibilities for the non patrol divisions which comprise the organization.

Lieutenant Colonel Lewis is a graduate of Coppin State College and the University of Baltimore. He has served in the criminal investigation division, major of

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Westside neighborhood is angry

By Racine S. Winborne
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A quiet neighborhood, with manicured lawns and barely a trace of debris along its narrow streets and sidewalks, is tranquil. It is also angry.

Many of the people who live in the 600 homes along Evergreen, and Dukeland streets, Gwynnsfalls Pkwy and W. North Avenue, are waging a frustrating battle against several community businesses.

The Panway Neighborhood Association, a neighborhood watchdog group founded in May, 1981, has taken up the task of ensuring that their area gets respect.

Sharon Watts, PanWay's secretary, explains why they came together. "There was a need for us to unite as a total community group. So many of us didn't know each other."

"We also knew that your voice would be heard in many numbers, and our neighborhoods were beginning to deteriorate," added Marian Scarborough, a resident and member of the group.

For some time the residents of this largely homeownership area have lived harmoniously with the five small companies whose operations have now created a public nuisance.

In a letter written by fourth district councilman Kweisi Mfume, addressed to M.J. Brodie commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, he expressed his concern for "The issue that plagues this community."

"Several small businesses . . . are kept in complete disarray with a noise level (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) which far exceeds the law."

Those businesses cited by the councilman include Super Body and Fender Shop, Diamond Seat Cover Company, General Auto Repair Company, Westend Body and Paint Shop, and the Ashburton Transportation Company.

"I am therefore requesting an immediate and detailed inspection of all stated businesses, citing the owners, where necessary, for any all interior and exterior violations."

Contacted by the AFRO, Mr. Mfume was unavailable at press time for comment; however, a

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Death threats received by both Murphy and Schaefer

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

The city's two leading mayoral candidates, William H. Murphy, Jr. and incumbent William Schaefer, received telephoned death threats Thursday morning. The threats are being taken seriously, aids for the two candidates said.

We got a call from someone who said both Schaefer and Murphy would be dead by three o'clock today", Lee Hoshall, press spokesperson for the Murphy campaign said Thursday.

"I heard three-thirty", said Pat Bernstein, Schaefer's press secretary. "The mayor is on his way to Ocean City, so whoever it is will have to travel pretty quickly," Bernstein said, adding the mayor's office is also taking the threat seriously.

Sgt. Dennis Hill, a police spokesperson, achnowledged that the department is "investigating two reports", and said adequate protection is provided "when appropriate", but security procedures prevent the further release of what actions, if any, police will take.

Although both camps indicated Thursday's threats are the first of the campaign, Hoshall said Murphy's outspoken positions risk extremist reactions from some.

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'A SWIMPOOL NEXT TO A MANSION'—Residents of Panway Neighborhood Association, a Northwest community group, are enraged over the litter and filth generated by the Diamond Cab Company. Left. A rear-view glance at a car repair shop, recently located at the cab garage center, shown from left, are members of Panway, Sharon Watts, secretary, Marian Scarborough, Edwa Wilson, and John White, president. Right. Two unidentified men work under the hood of a cab, surrounded by a sea of automobiles.

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