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Backers of the **Ohio Black Expo** may have scored a major marketing coup for their three-day business and entertainment gathering over the Labor Day weekend.

A television special profiling **black** businesses in **Ohio** and around the country will be taped during the Sept. 2-4 **expo** at Veterans Memorial

Plans call for two 30-minute specials, one focusing on **Ohio** and a second on the national **black** economic development scene. Tentatively titled *The Image Makers*, the programs will be taped before a live audience and follow a talk show format.

Prominent **black** business executives, political leaders and sports figures will be guests on the show. Khari Enaharo will be the host.

A satellite network is being put together by COMM III, the private TV production facility on Olentangy River Road. Plans call for the program to be shown in most of **Ohio**'s larger cities and in major markets such as Chicago, New York City, Los Angeles, Dallas and Atlanta.

The show has the potential to give the **Ohio Black Expo** major exposure in its first year as a statewide event. The **expo** has been a one-day neighborhood event at Mt. Vernon Plaza the last seven years.

CHECK PLEASE - The fat lady has sung for Barry Zacks and the Clarmont.

Zacks' sale of the S. High Street landmark went through yesterday, turning ownership of the restaurant over to Jack Hayes and Bill Bigelow.

"Basically I'm out of the restaurant business," said the man who founded Max & Erma's 15 years ago. "I'm going to do some more traveling and become more heavily involved in real estate development."

Zacks still owns Jeep Dogs, the campus-area gourmet hot dog stand on N. High Street. But that's closed, and Zacks is trying to sell it this summer.

MARSHALL MEMO - A bunch of folks who learned reading, writing and Rt. 23 got together for the first time last weekend.

The Central **Ohio** Alumni of Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., include Limited President Verna Gibson, attorney Ben Hale and Franklin County Mental Health Board publicist Pat Groseck, among about 100 others.

Prospective members can get information from Marshall's alumni office.

COOLING OFF - Mark Hartford wanted to thank you readers for coming through - again - for the Friends of the Homeless.

More than a dozen people responded to an item here last week about the need for a few used room air conditioners to relieve the sweltering heat at the E. Main Street shelter. Folks who didn't have air conditioners offered money to help pay for the electricity to run them.

Hartford said they kept four units. Those needing repair went to the Volunteers of America for fixing. The rest were offered to other shelters.

LIGHTS OUT - Linda Harris has burned the midnight oil at WXGT long enough.

92-X's overnight jockette is heading for Chicago, where she will wed former stationmate Joe Dawson and look for radio work in the Windy City. Dawson is a jock at WFYR.

Harris' replacement is John Zellner, who gets his big city break out of WQIO in Mt. Vernon.

CONEHEADS - Someone at the Dairy Queen on W. 5th Avenue knows how to get your attention.

"Scream until Daddy stops the car," says the sign out front.

That'll work.

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