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Mt. Olive Baptist power struggle erupts

Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont Avenue and Saratoga Street has been without a pastor since Nov. 26, 1982 when Bishop Leo Kato Ceasar died of a heart attack.

Members are concerned about who will become their next pastor. The Rev. Grailan Ceasar, son of the Bishop has been serving as co-pastor prior to his father's death and will continue to serve.

A meeting was held Jan. 16 at the church concerning the appointment of a new pastor.

Son wants to replace late Leo K. Ceasar

According to a copy of the church meeting minutes obtained by the AFRO, a motion was accepted by the members that Rev. Grailen Ceasar will serve as co-pastor on a "trial basis only for a period of no more than six months, until the board can come up with names for nomination to the pastorship."

The session was stormy, according to the church minutes, the Rev. Samuel Ray, pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church was present at the meeting and was asked to leave by Paul Leo because "neither his church nor Mount Olive are in the same conference and that no one was interested in anything he had to say and he had to leave because this was a meeting in-house." The minutes state that Rev. Ray left the church.

According to members and the church minutes, Rev. Ceasar tried to dismiss the church meeting but the congregation told him that they were not leaving but that perhaps he should go.

The minutes state that Rev. Ceasar "had someone call the police." Deacon James Williams chairman of the Deacon Board told the AFRO the majority of the members stood for what was right. He said, "I don't want to hurt anyone. I want to protect my church. I am determine to see justice is done."

Rev. Ceasar was not available for comment at AFRO presstime. However, his mother, Mrs. Leo

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AFRO Photo by Martin Evans

POETS' STREAK HITS — 46! — Dunbar High pushed its two - year winning streak to 46 games with a 91 - 44 home court victory against crosstown rival Carver Tuesday afternoon. The Poets are ranked as the number one basketball team in the country.

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GET YOUR VITAMIN C — At Lefty's Produce Company at the Lexington Mall, this man, who declined to be named, stocks shelves with oranges, tangerines, grapefruit and other fruits that may be helpful in warding off colds this flu season.

City school desegregation pace still slow

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

Nine years after the Health, Education and Welfare Department ordered the Baltimore City Public Schools to implement a school desegregation plan, the school system still is struggling to meet its guidelines.

The latest incident in the nine-year-old saga is a proposal submitted to the school board Thursday night authorizing the Feb. 2 transfer of 28 teachers to maintain the level of compliance with HEW's order.

The transfers, however, are meeting with opposition from the Baltimore Teachers Union, which said the transfers can wait until the beginning of the 1983-84 school year.

According to Dr. Anne Emery, a spokeswoman for the school system, HEW instructed Baltimore schools to come up with a desegregation plan on Feb. 4, 1974.

A task force was formed to study the matter and its proposals were adopted and implemented in September of 1974.

It was learned last September that 28 schools of the city's 183 schools are out of compliance with the desegregation plan's current guidelines.

The school's regional superintendents and its department of personnel worked out a plan to maintain the level of compliance and presented it at Thursday's school board meeting.

That meeting was in progress at AFRO presstime.

The plan calls for 17 of the disproportionate schools to be brought into compliance by Feb. 2, the remainder of the schools would be addressed in September.

The guidelines in question address the ratio of the teaching staff at Baltimore City schools which is supposed to be 70 to 30, - either black or white depending on the schools' neighborhoods.

Irene Dandridge, president of the Baltimore Teachers Union, told the AFRO that the union is against the plan. She said the union was working with school officials and is "hoping we can persuade them to wait until September" to start the transfers.

"I object to that (plan)," she said. "I don't want any teachers transferred at this time in the school year. I don't care if we are

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Teachers' union opposes staff transfer plan

Councilman Reeves still critical

Councilman Norman V.A. Reeves who was hospitalized in early January remains on the critical list at Provident Hospital.

Reeves underwent surgery to remove an intestinal obstruction on Friday, Jan. 7. Since that time he has been in the hospital's intensive care unit.

According to Reeves' surgeon, Dr. Edward Hunt, the fifth district councilman is experiencing some intestinal bleeding and heart irregularities.

Hunt further stated that Reeves is on a heart monitoring machine and it can not yet be determined when he will be removed from the intensive care unit.

Assembly postpones Ms. Conaway hearing

As soon as things settle down in Annapolis, an investigating subcommittee of the House of Delegates will begin its proceedings into th Baltimore City Register of Wills election.

Del. John Arnick, D-Baltimore County, is the special subcommittee head. He told the AFRO that a hearing scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 10, was postponed because the room the hearing was supposed to be in had already been reserved for another event.

Arnick said things in Annapolis have not returned to normal following opening day ceremonies and various swearing-ins of state officials.

He said he is unsure when the hearing will be rescheduled, but the five-member committee would meet Thursday or today, Friday, Jan. 21, to fix a date.

Arnick said he hopes the subcommittee will be finished with its business within a month. The subcommittee then will present a report to the full House of Delegates, which will take final action.

The subcommittee of the House Rules Committee was formed at the request of former register of wills Patrick Duffy and his attorney Paul Sandler.

It apparently is the continuation of a battle between Duffy and Mary Conaway, who won the post in the November general elections. Mrs. Conaway was sworn into office on Dec. 3.

The battle between Duffy and Mrs. Conaway apparently began last year when she challenged Duffy for that office.

Mrs. Conaway won the election after about 24,000 votes were found and added to her total several days after the Sept. 14 primary. The day after the election, Duffy was the apparent victor.

Duffy challenged Mrs. Conaway's election in court, contending she had violated state election laws by giving prospective voters food and

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$1 million awarded in accident case

A. Dwight Pettit

After three hours of deliberating, a Federal District Court in Columbia, Md., returned with a $1 million verdict on Jan. 18 for the five children of Earl F. Goodwin, who was killed instantly when hit by a Washington Metropolitan bus.

The family was represented by Baltimore Attorney A. Dwight Pettit.

Pettit told the AFRO the Washington, D. C. Metropolitan bus company wanted to settle the case out of court and offered the family $500,000.

However, with the advice of the family's attorney they decided to take the case to court. According

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Sam Sawyer nominated for Bd. of Elections

The city's Democratic Central Committee has selected the names of 8 individuals to be forwarded to Governor Harry Hughes for consideration for three positions on Baltimore's Board of Supervisors of Elections. Among those nominated only one man, Samuel Sawyer, an east Baltimorean, is black.

Sawyer, a 44 - year - old caseworker with the Baltimore Department of Social Services, was sponsored by State Senator Nathan Irby and Democratic Central Committeeman Titus Garnett. Sawyer, a resident in the 45th legislative district, is president of a local Democratic organization.

Election supervisors are responsible for overseeing voter registration, election tabulation, and other aspects of the election process. Sawyer said he would look forward to accepting an appointment to the two-year post.

"I think I have a keen view of what the political process is in Baltimore city, not only as a Democrat but as a member of the black race," Sawyer said. "I think my imput could help."

Sawyer's sponsors and other members of the black community view with concern the fact that from Baltimore's majority black population only one black has been selected by the Democratic party for the governor's consideration.

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Woman publisher turns TV reporter

Catherine Pugh, the 32-year-old publisher of the African-American News and World Report, a local weekly newspaper, apparently has given up active involvement in her publication to become a television reporter.

John Butte, news director for WMAR-TV, told the AFRO that Ms. Pugh was hired about two and one-half weeks ago and now is undergoing a "break-in" period.

According to an agreement between Ms. Pugh and the station, which is owned by the A.S. Abell Co. - owners of the Sunpapers, Ms. Pugh "has agreed to limit her involvement" with her newspaper.

"She doesn't have an active role in the paper," Butte said.

Ms. Pugh could not be reached for comment about her new role at AFRO presstime.

Butte said she has yet to go on air and is unsure when she will. Right now, Ms. Pugh is filling in around the station's newsroom to become familiar with its operations and is being assigned to cover news events such as City Council meetings and the Clinton Ellision - K-Mart court case.

When hired, Butte said Ms. Pugh indicated she wanted to be an "on air TV reporter." She still is without a job title and it is a possibility she may fill another newsroom position, he said.

Butte said past journalism experience is not always a criteria to be hired as a news reporter. He said basic requirements are that persons have a college degree, a knowledge of Baltimore and a committment to the city.

In Ms. Pugh's case, her knowledge of the city, her contacts in city government and with various organizations helped her win her new job, Butte said.

"This is not the first time that we've hired people in this area," he said.

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