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Mrs. Maryland 1986

HOPEFUL — Smiling Danita Xavier of Silver Spring, MD. is in Las Vegas, Nevada this week where she will complete in the Mrs. America Pageant. Her outfit was designed by Chloe Vaughan, and her outfit is modelled after a racecourse jockey's. One of her sponsors in the competition is the Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore. Danita lives in Montgomery County with her husband and two children, a daughter and a stepson. She is a professional model, and serves as executive director of the John Casablancas Modeling Agency of Takoma, MD.

A. DWIGHT PETTIT TO TEST:

Political campaign signs, are they constitutional?

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

A city lawyer has made good on a promise to test a newly enacted law restricting the use of political campaign signs by taking the matter to court.

The civil action suit and a motion requesting a temporary restraining order were filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court.

Local officials have argued that the city ordinance is necessary to address a cosmetic problem caused when the signs create unwanted litter.

The court documents were filed by A. Dwight Pettit, a Congressional candidate, on behalf of himself and his wife, Barbara. Named as defendants are Mayor William D. Schaefer and the City Council.

The Pettits want the court to impose a temporary restraining order which would prevent local officials from enforcing the law that regulates the useage of the political campaign signs, or lawn signs as they are commonly referred to, until a permanent legal ruling can be made.

In conjunction with that action, the plaintiffs in their lawsuit are asking the court to declare the bill which prompted the new law, (876) and its companion ordinance (618) in violation of both the U.S. and Maryland Constitutions.

The lawsuit alleges that the ordinance violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution which guarantee free speech and equal protection under the law.

It further requests the court "to enjoin the defendants and all persons in active concert . . . from enforcing or engaging in activities in the enforcement of . . . Bill 618", according to court papers.

The Pettits cite a number of deficiencies with the ordinance. They charge that it discriminates against political candidates who have limited campaign finances

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SEN. DECATUR W. TROTTER
new Black Caucus head

Decatur Trotter elected new Black Caucus head

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

ANNAPOLIS — State Senator Decatur W. "Bucky" Trotter of Glenarden, Prince Georges County was elected by unanimous vote April 1 to succeed Delegate Elijah Cummings as head of the Legislative Black Caucus. He will serve one year.

The meeting was held at 8:30 a.m. in the City Delegation Room on the third floor of Lowe House with 17 members of the Caucus present.

Caucus membership is composed of the five Maryland Senators and 18 members of the House of Delegates.

Sen. Trotter's name came to the floor by recommendation of the Caucus Selection Committee composed of Sen. Clarence M. Blount, Sen. Nathan Irby and Delegates Sylvanius Woods, Ruth Kirk and Ralph Hughes.

The recommendation read by Sen. Blount recalled Sen. Trotter's role in Maryland politics which he said "no one else can exceed."

Trotter, 54, has served as mayor of the Glenarden all-black town of 8,000 persons; member of the City Council, Orphans Court judge as well as member of the Maryland House of Delegates four years.

Sen. Trotter was elected senator to succeed Sen. Tommie Broadwater in 1983.

Sen. Blount revealed Trotter's role of powerful leadership on the Budget and Taxation Committee in the renaissance of the city of Baltimore.

Stating, "It is time for Prince Georges County again," Sen. Blount recalled it was Prince Georges Del. Arthur King who organized the Legislative Black Caucus in 1970.

Sen. Trotter told the AFRO Wednesday that his greatest contribution, one of which he is most proud, is his founding of the Maryland 10%-Set-Aside in 1978 making $300 million available to minority businesses.

In turn Sen. Trotter obtained enabling legislation for Prince Georges County to develop a 30% Set-Aside Program.

Under Mayor Trotter, old homes were torn down and new ones built in Glenarden. New Senior Citizens residences and the Glenarden Library were built in 1975.

Prince Georges County has a high per capita income and is known as one of the affluent Maryland counties with homes in the $150,000 to $160,000 bracket. "And we are still building," Sen. Trotter adds, "since I have become a senator."

Another great accomplishment is his committee bringing about the change of the old highway, George Palmer Highway, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Highway.

The road of 7.6 miles runs from Seat Pleasant through Glenarden to Glendale, Md.

NEW THRUST IN MAY

Sen. Trotter discloses that the Black Caucus program he will initiate in May, this year, includes two important measures:

(1) The Black Caucus will be expanded to include all of Maryland's black elected officials.

Explaining briefly the purpose, Sen. Trotter told the AFRO the group will not endorse candidates for state offices but will call each one in to review qualifications and see "what each one will do for our people."

(2) Sen. Trotter states that the new Black Caucus under his ad-

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POLITICS '86

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

It is likely that a white candidate could pull off a major political upset and waltz off with the Democratic nomination in the primary race for Congress in the Seventh District?

"It's highly, highly impossible because it would have to be a white candidate who could get black and white votes. He or she would have to turnout 100 percent of the white vote in order to get 20 percent of the vote in the district," according to Rev. St. George Crosse who is expected to announce that he will be a candidate for that seat very soon.

A. Dwight Pettit, an announced political challenger in the seventh, says the possibility may not be all that remote. "I think it's very likely, but you would have to have six, seven, eight or ten viable black candidates running to split up the vote.

"People with political prominence like say Jackie McLean or Clarence (Mitchell) . . . then it could happen. But if it came to that it would be up to the candidates to come together and choose three or four candidates to run or conduct a poll to determine the top vote getters, and we agree to live by it," Pettit said.

Crosse says that with too many black candidates running "a white candidate could come in and win" if they were someone with ties to a black political organization.

Another factor that could hurt particularly with a crowded candidate field, is a low voter turnout.

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Arthur Evans, Jr. dies after shooting

By Brion M. Tyson
AFRO Staff Writer

Early this week, the son of an AFRO newspaper deliveryman was gunned down in an East Baltimore alley. His cousin, who accompanied him was found near the scene also a victim of the shooting.

Although the area where the incident occurred is known for its drug traffic, no motive has been determined. As the gunmen remain at large, police have not

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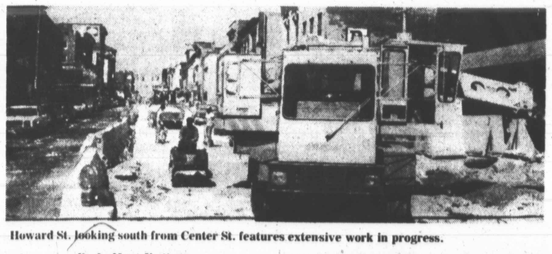
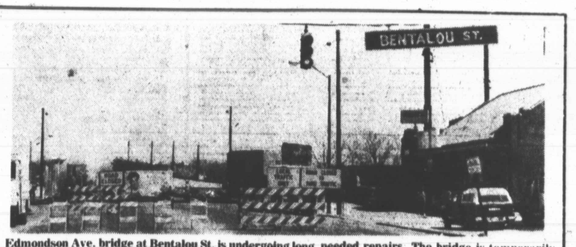


Howard St. looking south from Center St. features extensive work in progress.



Edmondson Ave. bridge at Bentalou St. is undergoing long needed repairs. The bridge is temporarily closed.

By LaMont X. Curry
AFRO Staff Writer

Coupled with the advent of spring in these modern times, is the emergence of heavy duty equipment on the streets of Baltimore City to repair damage done to the streets by "Ole Man Winter."

As traffic jams and pedestrians twist ankles on the chunks of debris that litter said sites, the AFRO ventured on a fact finding investigation to share with readers — "the deal" with some of the construction, especially on Howard Street and Edmondson Avenue.

Richard Trainor, the director of the Office of Transportation for the City of Baltimore, said April 1 means the beginning of a lot of resurfacing and road construction.

"The Winter stops concreting and blacktopping because of ground freezing.

"The Spring means repairing the damages done by the weather," he said.

Trainor described Howard Street as one of the oldest in the city. It therefore has water, gas, telephone lines under its surface, he said.

The construction on Howard Street near the Lexington Street Pedestrian Way (Hutzler Building) will be finished by the end of the year.

The design of the project is to place a heavy concrete slab over the railroad tunnel under the street he said.

Further up the street (Center Street) is a waterline relocation effort. The design is to replace the entire street.

The Edmondson Avenue project near Bentalou Street, is a reconstruction/resurfacing job to repair the bridge, which is in bad shape.

"The worst is over," he said.

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