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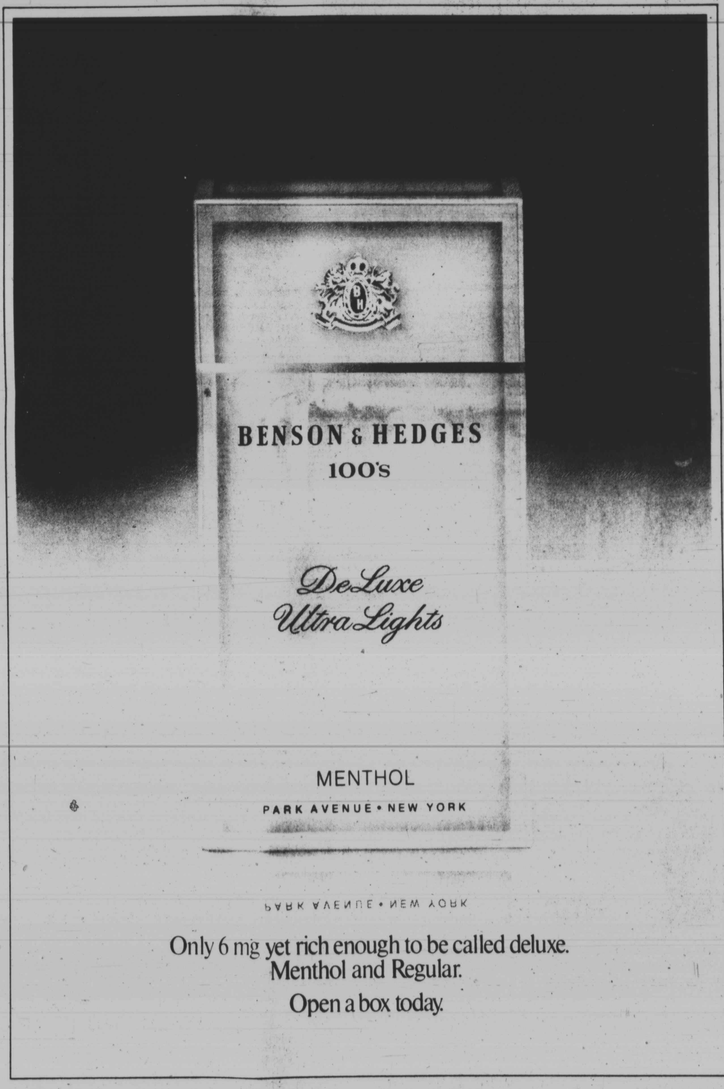

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Local NAFAD members capture four national awards

WINNING GARMENTS which garnered trophies for Baltimore Chapter members of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers during the NAFAD national convention competition held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 14-18 are worn by models (L to R): Curtis Kane, in Catherine Wooten's tweed men's fall suit; Candace Easterling, in Barbara Worsham's lilac mohair and angora dress; Andrea Bland (of Flair Studio) in Gloria Jennings' striped metallic ruffle back gown and Jon Love (pinch-hitter model of the AFRO's business office) in Jean Taylor's silk loungewear outfit.

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AWARD-WINNING DESIGNERS of Baltimore Chapter's NAFAD, who all got trophies were Barbara Worsham, who got second place for Ladies Dresses; Jean Taylor who garnered second place in Loungewear and Gloria Jennings, who walked away with first place for evening wear. Not pictured is Catherine Wooten, who won first place in suits category for her tweed men's suit.

"Image Makers in Fashion, Design and Business" was the theme for the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designer's (NAFAD) 33rd Annual Fashion Show and Convention which took place in Cleveland, Ohio, July 14 - 18.

National fashion consultant, Ms. Willie Ray of Chicago, IL. provided dynamic commentary for the show.

Baltimore designers were among the recipients of awards for their outstanding and original designs.

Gloria Jennings, secretary for Baltimore chapter, won First Place in the evening category for her elegantly designed pink, fuschia, and black striped metallic ruffle back gown.

First place in suits category was awarded to treasurer, Catherine Wooten, for her men's brown tweed fall suit.

Baltimore vice president, Jean Taylor was awarded Second Place in lounge for a casual red and black silk blend man's ensemble.

Second Place was awarded to Barbara Worsham, the Eastern Regional treasurer, for ladies' dresses, for her lilac mohair and angora dress with purple ultra suede trim and belt.

Also traveling from Baltimore was president of the Baltimore chapter, Nell Sheridan.

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Ken Johnson, Kurt Schmoke reception—A real winner

KURT SCHMOKE (second from L) candidate running against incumbent William Swisher in the race for State's Attorney, chats with (L to R): Marva Rigsby, special assistant to Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Robert Clay, Laurel contractor and Miss Hildegarde Frieman, during the reception hosted at Gatsbys, 1800 block N. Charles St., Tuesday, July 27, in honor of Schmoke and Kenneth L. Johnson, long-time Baltimore attorney, who is running for the Supreme Bench judgeship in the fall. The reception was hosted by Ms. Rigsby and "Bob" Clay, along with his wife Gerrietta.

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KENNETH L. JOHNSON (far right) candidate for Supreme Bench judgeship, raps with Sgt. Wendell France, president of the Vanguard Justice Society and Dr. Pat Schmoke, Kurt's wife.

By Pattie Hodges,
AFRO Women's Editor

Political fundraisers and receptions are no longer 'occasions' — They have become 'Frequent Happenings of the most well - performed kind.'

Such was the reception held at Gatsbys, 1817 N. Charles St., Tuesday, July 27, from 5 - 9 p.m. for Kenneth L. Johnson, a trial lawyer with 20 years of experience, who is running for a judgeship on Baltimore's Supreme Bench and Kurt Schmoke, brilliant federal prosecutor and lawyer with Piper and Marbury, who is campaigning vigorously to unseat incumbent State's Attorney William Swisher in the fall.

The affair, hosted by Laurel coniractor Robert "Bob" Clay, his wife, Gerrietta, and Marva Rigsby, special assistant to Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, attracted a capacity crowd to the club's Billie Holiday Room, a crowd which included many other candidates for this fall's election.

For the palate, there was a delectable hot Trinidadian chicken dish prepared by Marva (who hails from Trinidad), fresh fruit and cocktails.

Special highlights of the evening included songs done by local vocalist Jedda Queen, by Charles Arnetta, and vocalist Shirley Baker (both singers have super voices); a startling dramatic one - man, three - act skit which fiercely pointed up why black people should vote, done by Attorney Al Gilly (electrifying) and a fashion show, coordinated by Laura Austin and Gerrietta Clay, and moderated by Ms. Austin.

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ENJOYING THE CONVIVIALITY during the reception are (L to R): Adam Van Landingham, of the NAACP; Dwayne Watkins, a Rodney Orange campaign worker and Rodney Orange, candidate for the House of Delegates, 39th D.

Partyline

Pulliam family traces its roots back to 1831

By Pattie Hodges,
AFRO Women's Editor

This is the season when family reunions abound in Charm City. One of the most interesting and heartwarming of these family fests was the first family reunion of the Pulliam family — a clan whose roots have been traced back to 1831 to Chase City, VA.

Family members gathered at the Holiday Inn Belmont Saturday, July 10, at 7 p.m. (after a day of touring the inner harbor and a luncheon which featured Parren J. Mitchell as special guest) for a scrumptous sit - down dinner, vibrant greetings and reminiscences, and a program rich in emotion and family history.

They had come from Illinois, Colorado, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, and Virginia, as well as Baltimore. Emcee for the occasion was Daniel Comegys Jr., assistant director for Cultural Arts in Baltimore.

Greetings were extended by his mother, Mrs. Alice Comegys. The Mayor's Proclamation, declaring July 10 as 'Pulliam Family Day in Baltimore' was read by Mrs. Flossie Johnson, and grace rendered by Dr. Alfred Vaughn, pastor, Grace Memorial Church.

Daniel Jr., who is also a world - renowned singer, sang "Without A Song," his rich voice thrilling all, accompanied by his wife, Dr. Daphne Harrison Comegys, accomplished pianist and music instructor at the University of MD.

An original poem "The Seed" was done by Lloyd Hamm, followed by the family singing of "Hello Pulliams" to the tune of "Hello Dolly," and the Occasion, also done by Mrs. Flossie Johnson.

Dr. Daphne Comegys, who had done family research in the national archives in Washington, DC., gave historical data on the family tree.

She had traced the family's roots back to 1831, to ancestor Gloster Pulliam, born a freedman in Mecklenburg County, VA.

Gloster, during his lifetime had married three times and had three sets of children, thereby creating a family tree with three - pronged branches.

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MR. AND MRS. WESLEY N. SHELTON smile happily during the recent celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary at their Cedric Rd. home.