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Friends, supporters honor Mary Conaway

Nearly 200 friends, supporters and church members of Saundra Banks attended a lawn reception July 25, in her honor.

The three-hour reception was in the 4300 block of Groveland Ave., where Elizabeth Brock, Elizabeth Newton and Myrna Scott were chairpersons.

Ms. Banks,34, has served as the clerk of Court of Common Pleas for nearly four years and is now seeking re-election. As clerk, her office is responsible for issuing all licenses required by the city of Baltimore.

Speaking of the lawn reception, Mrs. Banks said, "All I had to do was to attend the reception. I was not worried with the selling of tickets or preparing the food. I just walked around and talked with everyone. Many of the people I did not know."

Mrs. Banks, a former school teacher spends her evenings doing door to door campaigning in neigborhoods in the city with Rep. Parren J. Mitchell.

Among politicians seen at the reception were Kurt Schmoke, a candidate for the State's Attorney of Baltimore City, Del. Margaret Murphy, Kenneth Johnson, a candidate for Baltimore city Supreme Bench and Tony Fulton, a candidate for the House of Delegates 40th district.

Mrs. Banks said she has found citizens to be extremely receptive to her candidacy. "People come to my house to pick up literature and bumper stickers," said Mrs. Banks.

She has received support for the 41st district, Rep. Parren Mitchell, Del. Larry Young, Sen. Verda Welcome, Del. Troy Brailey, Douglass-Du Burns Team, Joseph Chester, Vulcan Blazers, Baptist Ministers of Baltimore and Vicinity and several other organizations.

CANDIDATES — Kenneth L. Johnson, who is running for the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, right, stands beside another candidate, Mary Conaway, who is seeking the Register of Wills position.

FASHIONS displayed at Mrs. Conaway's affair were by Kenny Alexander of Star Fashions, and the models pictured wore outfits from 3-D Designers.

Irby, Douglass Senate race is quiet, so far

It was expected to be a very lively, heated race, but so far, things have been relatively quiet as City Councilman Nathan Irby seeks the 45th legislative seat now occupied by two-term incumbent Sen. Robert Douglass.

Irby announced his candidacy on May 7, saying Douglass has failed his constituency on several fronts and has not provided for future leadership to represent the community.

He said troubles between him and members of the Eastside Democratic Organization, of which he, Douglass, and City Council vice president Clarence Du Burns at one point all were members, came to a head last summer in a dispute over the management of the Eastside Medical Plan.

Irby could not be reached for comment at AFRO presstime, but Art Williams, his campaign manager, had a few comments about the race.

Williams said strategy for the Irby campaign is "simply to hit them hard."

"We're going to do a whole traditional type of campaign. We're looking forward to a debate with the incumbent, but it's not something we will initiate," Williams said.

He also said there is a feeling in the community such a debate would be a heated one.

Douglass and Burns could not be reached for comment at AFRO presstime.

One of the issues Irby will be addressing during the campaign is Douglass's perceived anti-labor stance by some labor officials. Williams said. Since the 45th district is predominately blue collar, Douglass is expected to have a better record in Annapolis where labor is concerned," he said.

Nathan Irby

Sen. Robert Douglass

Because Douglass and Irby once were political allies and their association dates back years, many thought Irby would be soothed and brought back into the fold, Williams said.

He said the two men know alot about each other, but the Irby campaign does not intend to get involved with a bunch of negativism about Bob Douglass.

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State Senator Julian L. Lapides, D-44th, recently announced the formation of the city's first integrated legislative ticket, since Maryland adopted the one-senator, three delegates district system.

The newly redistricted 44th district is the only of the city's nine legislative districts that is racially balanced.

Running with Lapides, a four-term incumbent, is Curtis Anderson, a former WMAR-TV newsman, Fred Broccolino and three-term incumbent Del. Frank Robey.

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Come meet the candidates for city-wide office at the New Frontier of Faith Baptist Church, Beaumont Ave. and the Alameda, Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call Ervin McDaniel at 435-1869.

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July 16 marked the deadline for candidates who had filed for elections this year to remove their names from the Sept 14 primary ballot.

J. Michael Curtis, a former pro football player and \ Dallas Merrell, no longer are in the race for U.S senator, Republican primary.

Baltimore County Del. William P. Rush withdrew from his district \ race, as did Prince Georges State Sen. Mary Conroy.

Four of the 14 House of Delegates candidates running in the Northeast \ 43rd district withdrew. They include former Delegates Anthony DeAngelo and Joseph W. Lanasa, Robert J. Birrane, Jr. and Robert K. Wittman.

Candidate s night draws large crowd

Candidates running for city and state offices and their campaign workers turned out in force at a candidate's night Tuesday sponsored by the Soul Shack Restaurant at Lexington Market.

However, a few of the candidates expressed disappointment that while they attended, the citizens they had hoped

Elijah Cummings

Kenneth Bryant

to meet were few in number.

The night was called a success, even with the lack of citizens in attendance, by Soul Shack co-owner Kenneth Bryant. He told the AFRO he was pleased by the turnout and he hoped the event would be the beginning of a series of political events at the restaurant.

Before the activities began at 7:30 p.m., restaurant co-owner Glendora Cox and crew worked to decorate it in

Ruth Kirk

festive white and red colors, complete with baloons.

The evening was marked by much laughter, conversation and some hard campaigning by the lively, colorful crowd, as they beat their own drums, literally, to get elected.

On hand was 40th legislative district House of Delegates candidate Mary B. Adams. She wore a drum made from a hat box and pointed to her young campaign workers who circled the room with placards heralding Mrs. Adams.

Other 40th district political hopefuls were House candidates Ralph Hughes and Christine Moore. Seeking State Central Committee slots from that district at the Soul Shack were June Thorne and Shelton Stewart.

Rodney Orange, whose supporters wore bright orange-colored T-shirts, candidate for the House from the 39th legislative district was among the crowd.

Shirley Fisher, Ned Graham, Leslie Howard, Vincent O. Leggett and Agnes Welch.

Dean said his team is having a "Political Rent Party," at the Walbrook Shopping Center, 3433 Clifton Ave., tonight, Friday, from 6 until 11 p.m.

Del. Wendell Phillips, D-41st, told the AFRO he ran as an independent last election, but said he joined Blount's ticket this time out as a gesture to promote re-unification and healing in the black community.

Rev. Phillips said he was concerned that the 41st district not be divided like the 40th district, which is fielding three tickets of candidates vying for the same offices.

Also on hand from the 41st district was House hopeful Craig Newton.

Edith Hare, a House candidate from the newly redistricted 44th legislative district, was present to distribute her campaign literature with a smile.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas candidate Saundra Banks also was busying passing out leaflets and brochures.

Supreme Bench of Baltimore City candidate Kenneth Johnson was among the crowd. He arrived late after attending an affair honoring him and state's attorney candidate Kurt Schmoke at Gatsby's.

Among the white candidates who attended the Soul Shack's candidate's night were Supreme Bench judges John Carroll Byrnes and James Perrott. Supreme Bench hopeful Stephen Miles also, was there.

Miles and Johnson could be seen huddled in a corner deep in conversation.

Bill Marker, a House

Del. Wendell Phillips

Edith Hare

candidate from the 39th district, attended.

Gilbert O. Derrenberger, a candidate for Baltimore City sheriff, came with a group of his gaily attired supporters Lawrence Freeman, who is vying for Congressman Parren Mitchell's 7th District Congressional seat, passed out literature with the help of one of his supporters.

About an hour after the event began, the candidates were given a chance to introduce themselves during brief appearances on stage. James Abraham was the moderator. He repeatedly and good naturedly asked the candidates to be brief.

200 attend lawn reception for Saundra Banks

The Millard Tawes College Center at Coppin State College was the scene of an evening of cocktails, fashions and music sponsored by "Friends of Mary Conaway," recently in an effort to raise funds for the educator — vocalist who could become Baltimore's first woman Register of Wills.

Among the more than 200 guests were liberally sprinkled other candidates for other offices, who will be asking for voters in the September primary.

They include Kenneth Johnson, candidate for Supreme Bench judge; Michael Scales, for 39th district state central committee; Roberta Gaines, for 39th district delegate; Carlton Douglass, 39th district state central committee; Irvin Conway, 39th district delegate and Tessa Hill, 42nd district state central committee.

Also standing in for incumbent 39th district delegate Larry Young was his mother, Mabel Payne. Delegates Walter Dean and Frank M. Conaway, the candidate's husband, completed the roster of incumbents.

During a brief program, Conaway made a pitch for renewed, increased registration among voters and for political organization endorsements.

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Saundra Banks

Designers. Music was by Lewis Wicks.

Betty Jo Dorsey is chairperson for the Conaway Fundraising effort; Raymond Haysbert is the campaign manager.

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Jobless benefits to be extended

Enabling law expected to pass in Assembly today

A special session of the General Assembly met today, Friday, to enact emergency legislation to aid about 11,000 Marylanders who lost their unemployment benefits because of recent federal action.

Among the concerned groups which have been pressuring Gov. Harry Hughes and other state officials and legislators to address the problem has been the United Committee of Unemployed People (UCUP).

The group was formed more than two weeks ago when the cutoffs were announced. One of its founders and an unemployed factory worker, who has been laid off since last November is Kwazi Nkrumah.

Nkrumah said the purpose of the group is to try "to organize the unemployed into a constituency.

"Joblessness in Maryland has reached crisis proportions with no relief in sight," he said.

UCUP is demanding that Hughes declare a state of emergency regarding the massive unemployment situation in Maryland and the extension of unemployment benefits for as long as they are needed.

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RAPPING — Kurt Schmoke, candidate for state's attorney, top left, behind his campaign, to the young people of Park Heights, Schmoke recently proposed changes in the city's juvenile justice system to prevent young people in our community from becoming negatively embroiled with the law. Pictured with Schmoke are Vernon, Bond, 16, William Carr, 16, Spencer Hack, 16, David Parham, 17, and Ronald Marshall 14. See story below

Kurt Schmoke offers plan to reduce juvenile crime

Calling for "dramatic changes" in the juvenile justice system, Kurt Schmoke, candidate for the Democratic nomination for state's attorney, criticized the present juvenile justice system for failing to make a lasting impression upon those juveniles it is supposed to rehabilitate, often resulting in young offenders "graduating to adult crime."

Speaking before the St. James Youth Development Criminal Justice Workshop, Schmoke proposed that the process of determining the disposition of a case before it is heard, commonly referred to as plea bargaining in criminal court, be ended in juvenile court, that each juvenile found delinquent be punished and that adequate facilities be built to carry out those punishments, and that full-time judges and experienced assistant state's attorneys become part of the juvenile justice process to eliminate the "appearance of second-class justice."

"When the outcome of a case is decided by the prosecutor and the public defender before the juvenile even arrives for a hearing, it tells young offenders that the criminal justice process is just a game of 'Let's Make a Deal'," Schmoke told the youth participating in the workshop Wednesday. Such 'plea bargaining' in juvenile court often gives young offenders the impression that the justice process takes only a few minutes and can be manipulated to his advantage, the former federal prosecutor said.

"Much more can be done within existing resources to assure that every adjudicated delinquent, even first offenders, receive some punishment," Schmoke, who worked for the Harvard Center for Criminal Justice said.

Schmoke noted juveniles often receive no punishment until their ninth or 10th offense, and criticized the present practice of 'all or nothing' punishment, saying that the state's attorney's office does not offer the judge a sufficient number of punishment options.

More juveniles should be assigned to community service work and the Maryland Training School and forestry camps should be expanded, Schmoke said. He noted that, because of overcrowding, the average stay in the

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4 dead in small, but deadly dope war

A prison escapee who was serving 25 years for murder, was one of four men killed this week in two double shootings in West Baltimore.

Police said there is a possibility the shootings were drug related and no arrest had been made at AFRO presstime.

The four dead men are Andre McDougal, 19, of the 1300 block of Argyle Ave., Charles Green, 24, of the 1400 block Mountmor Ct., James Anthony McDougal, 24, of

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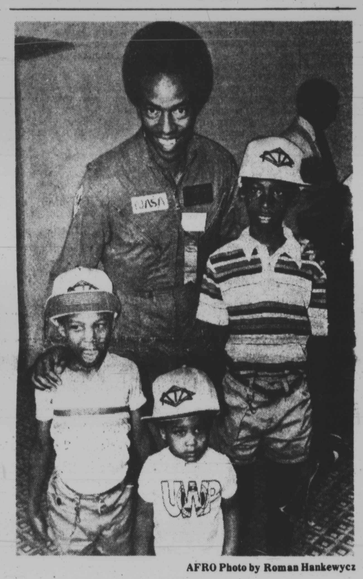

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FUTURE ASTRONAUTS? — Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford Jr., the country's first black astronaut poses with, from left to right, Ivan Williamson, 5, Eli Williamson, 23 months, and Ian Williamson, 9, at the National Technical Association's conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The boys are the sons of NTA president Willard Williamson. Bluford attended the conference as a speaker and forum leader.

Black astronaut visits technical convention

The nation's first black astronaut to go on a space mission, Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford, is one of the several stars in the technical community which drew black engineers, architects, technicians and scientists to the 54th Annual National Technical Association Convention this week at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

"Let's do it ourselves: in science and technology" was the theme of the nation's oldest black technical association in the country, as they convened to discuss how they can use their skills to challenge the day to day problems of the black community.

Congressman Parren Mitchell (D-7th) was the guest speaker for the Celebration Banquet, Wednesday, Aug. 4.

Other technical VIP's headlining the week's events were: Dr. John B. Slaughter, Director of the National Science Foundation, recently named Chancellor of the University of Maryland-College Park, gave the opening keynote address Tuesday, Aug. 3. Dr. Slaughter is one of the few blacks to head a major campus of a state university system;

Dr. Joan S. Wallace, Administrator of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Office of International Cooperation and Development, spoke at the auxiliary breakfast Thursday, Aug. 4. Dr. Wallace is the highest ranking black woman ever to serve in the Department of Agriculture;

Dr. Samuel P. Massie, Chairman, Department of Chemistry, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, who took the spotlight as guest speaker at the Awards Dinner, Friday, Aug. 6.

Bluford will be a mission specialist for the three-day flight on the orbiter Challenger next summer. Bluford is one of four black astronauts at NASA, but is the first ever to be chosen for a space flight. The others are: Major Charles F. Bolden, Lt. Col. Frederick D. Gregory, and Dr. Ronald E. McNair.

Major Robert Henry Lawrence was the first black astronaut to complete training at NASA, but was killed in a plane crash at Edwards Air Force base in California in 1967.

Bluford was in town earlier this week to encourage young blacks to pursue science careers, inform the press of his flight, and was accessible to some 300 science students at the Career Opportunity Fair.

One of the highlights of the NTA Convention, the Career Opportunity Fair attracted 34

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Ike Dixon, independent this time out, but not by choice

Del. Isaiah "Ike" Dixon Jr., who is seeking re-election to the House of Delegates, told the AFRO he has yet to learn why he was dumped from the Clarence Mitchell III-Larry Young 39th legislative district team.

Isaiah "Ike" Dixon Jr.

However, Mitchell and Young both told the AFRO Dixon knows why he no longer is on the ticket. According to Mitchell he walked away from the ticket almost four years ago.

Dixon said earlier this year, he met with Sen. Mitchell to form a ticket. Then he went out of town and when he returned, Dixon said he learned from a second hand source he was not on the Mitchell-Young team, a spot reserved for him in past elections.

"I really don't know why I am not on the ticket, he said. "But I'd like to know."

Mitchell, however, disagrees with Dixon about Dixon's spot on the team.

"He was never dumped from the ticket. He walked away from out ticket after the primary election in 1978 and declared he was independent of the team we put together," he said.

Mitchell said when Dixon walked away, he also had not fulfilled his "financial obligations" to the ticket, which included money to pay for political printing, campaign headquarter fees and other campaign expenses each team member had agreed to pay.

A delegate 16 years, Dixon said he is seeking his fifth term and this time out, he is running as an independent.

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