—Hoopla and gloom

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pointed to positions in the new governor's administration.

Victor Williams, a black state employee, said he originally supported former Attorney General Stephen Sachs in his bid for governor because a Sach's victory would've meant "Parren (Mitchell) going to Annapolis (as lieutenant governor)."

But it was Schaefer who won 82 percent of the vote against Del. Thomas J. Mooney, his Republican challenger from Prince George's County.

A Schaefer aide said Mooney had called Schaefer headquarters about 10 a.m. Tuesday and arranged a time to make the concession speech. it was that king of non-race.

Meanwhile, the Swing Central band played on. And Kevin McGill, another black in the crowd, said he hoped Schaefer would be able to do for Maryland some of the things he did for Baltimore.

At exactly 8:25 p.m., Mooney read his concession statement —the way he'd agreed to do earlier in the day.

It was that kind of night.

Mikulski pleases her crowd

By Paula J. Wagner
AFRO Staff Writer

Barbara Mikulski's supporters, confident and enthusiastic, gathered around a large television set to watch the voting returns in the elaborately designed Power Plant, Tuesday night.

Amidst red, white and blue banners, stars and balloons, tightly packed groups nibbled and sipped, and engaged in intermittent chit chat.

At 10:05 p.m. Mikulski carried an overall 66 percent of the votes, Chavez 34 percent, and no one seemed the least bit surprised.

Occasionally one of Mikulski's campaign workers came to the microphone to announce vote counts of particular jurisdictions and boosted the crowd's enthusiasm with 'Winner's' words.

Senator Troy Brailey, D-40th, who was one among many in the crowded entertainment complex said Mikulski gave her opponent, Linda Chavez, 'a good old fashioned whipping.'

Brailey also predicted Mikulski would be effective in the U.S. Senate in bringing needed money to Baltimore City for social programs.

Also present were members of the Sikh, Northern Indian community, a group of about 800 families who reside primarily in Montgomery County.

Spokesperson, Rajwant Singh, said the community, comprised of mostly engineers and doctors, raised $5,000 to benefit the Mikulski campaign.

At about 10:20 p.m. Barbara Mikulski, newly-elected U.S. Senator, of Maryland was greeted with cheers as she stepped into her victory party where her presence was mandated.

Dignity at Sitting Judges

By Roz Hamlett and P.A. Tatum
AFRO Staff Writers

The smell of seasoned, just-fried chicken drifted gently through the air of the downstairs meeting room of Faith Presbyterian Church Tuesday night where Baltimore's seven sitting judges of the Circuit Court celebrated their victory.

The mood was relaxed and homey. Compared to the artificial bright and brittleness of some of the other political gatherings, the atmosphere was wholesome. The judges arrived early in the evening to shake hands and smile. Instead of the customary receiving line, the judges shed their formality and moved easily about the mid-sized room.

A series of long tables covered with white tablecloths were arranged dead center in the room, laden with the most delicious food. Aproned volunteers bustled in and out of the kitchen carrying platters of food that beckoned the more than 60 percent to sample the delectable wares.

There were fresh baked tins of homemade lasagne, green salad, pasta salad, juicy red apples and plump grapes, cheeses and crackers, tiny squares of sweets--cheesecake, brownie chip, cupcakes and apple cider to drink.

Well-behaved children playing and grownups laughing and talking all added up to a thoroughly refreshing evening. The only real hint this gathering was not an after church service gathering were the two portable television sets, placed on a counter just inside the door, where small groups strained to hear the latest election tallies.

Judge Hilary Caplan, studying results placed before him by enthusiastic volunteers and friends, told the AFRO it was too early to tell how the race would go. It was shortly after 9 p.m.

Moments later, he was swallowed up by a clearly jubilant crowd. There was much handshaking and hugging as the seven, Hilary D. Caplan, Kathleen O'Ferrall Friedman, Clifton Gordy, Mable Houze Hubbard, David Mitchell, David Ross and Melvin Steinberg successfully turned back their challenger, District Court Judge Robert Gerstung.

Judge Mitchell waved, smiled and looked happy. Modestly he said, "I think it went well."

One of the judge's goals was to have workers at every precinct polling place.

"We tried for coverage at every polling place in the city," Mitchell said, "I think we did pretty well. In general, we were at the key places and that one thing will be key for us."

Judge Gordy expressed relief that three black judges, who were thought to be in jeopardy were successful in retaining their seats on the Circuit Court.

Dressed nattily in a low slung felt hat, Judge Hubbard arrived at 9:30 p.m. She was greeted with a big hug from Gordy.

Victory was sweet that night in Northeast Baltimore as well wishers and volunteers of Baltimore's Seven Sitting Judges celebrated with style and dignity and tons of good food.

But all hope does not seem lost when a 12-year-old named Rodney hurries over to Reason with his face glowing and announces in an excited voice that he wants to be a police officer when he grows up because he likes "taking up" for his younger brother.

"If I can get him a school diploma before the drug dealers give their diploma, I can win him over to my side," says Reason. However, most project kids drop out of school at early ages to sell drugs.

Even two-year olds can be seen up and down the streets, at any time of the day or night, dressed in the same clothing for days at a time, without parental supervision.

"I tell kids that if they stay in school and bring me a diploma, I can almost guarantee a job as a police cadet," says Reason, but so far no one has taken him up on the offer.

Because of his strong sense of wanting to protect people, Reason says that as long as there are drugs in the projects, he will continue to work there.

"People have a right to walk the streets and not have the junkies and the dealers to bother them. There are good people down in the projects that need police," he says.

—On patrol

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"You tell him, that if he bothers you one more time, I will lock him up," says Off. Reason with a slight smile in his voice. But he becomes serious when he talks about the neglected children typical of the projects.

Remembering back to the time that he once lived in the "highrises," he says, "I wish that I was able to get to the kids before the drug dealers and the players get to them, unfortunately they have no role models and all they want are sweatsuits, Maxima's and goldchains."

FYI

My Sisters' Place, D.C.'s oldest shelter for battered women and their children, is offering an 18-hour volunteer training course during the month of November.

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By the way...

By Joe Black

In my youthful days it was impressed upon me that, "If at first you don't succeed, then try, try again." A recent statement by Education Secretary William J. Bennett made me think of that old cliche. For those of you who missed the newspaper article, bear with me as I quote:

"I'm not from the huffy-puffy school," Bennett said in an interview with *The Times'* Washington Bureau. "I think you should use anything that's not illegal or immoral to get students to learn."

As an example, he said, "If one can use Black English to give students an appreciation of literature and proper English usage, — fine. I don't care. It's just like anything else."

An example of Black English is, "He be tired," instead of, "He is tired." Some linguists say that Black English is a legitimate language, while many educators contend it is slang whose use in classrooms handicaps students.

I agree with the educators. My friends, this is the same ol' game that they tried to "lay on us" in 1979. If we, Black adults, fall into the "trap" of allowing schools to encourage our youths to accept Black English, then we, too, are guilty of telling them that they are less than, not equal to, other Americans. The quality of their preparation will restrict them to all of the low-echelon jobs. Who will hire you as a manager when you apply for a job saying: "I need some 'bread' and the dude said I could get a 'gig' here"?

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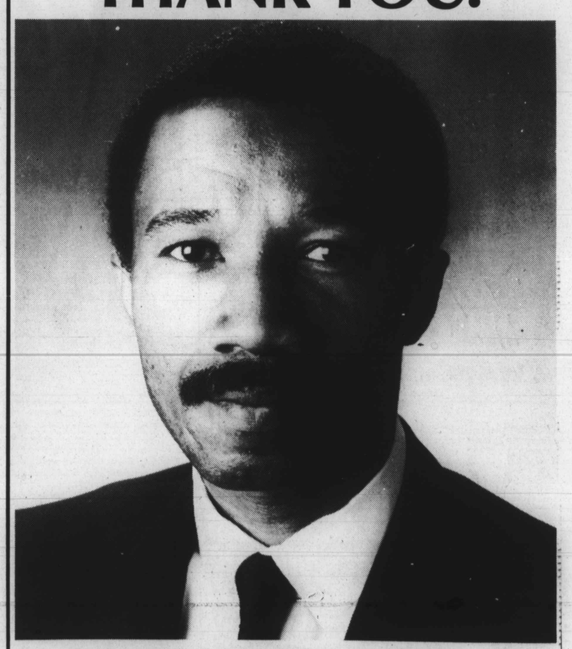

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Democrats get back Senate

Black Caucus increases its ranks

The all-Democratic Congressional Black Caucus will see a number of new faces in the 100th Congress — including the first black Mississippi has sent to Congress since Reconstruction.

All of the 19 members of the Congressional Black Caucus seeking re-election won easily or appeared headed for victory, and the size of the caucus — if early morning trends today continue — will grow by two as four new members come to Capitol Hill.

The most stunning win was Democrat Mike Espy, who ousted Republican Rep. Webb Franklin in Mississippi.

Espy was joined by longtime civil rights activist John Lewis, who handily won the Georgia House seat vacated by Rep. Wyche Fowler, D-Ga., who was elected to the Senate.

In Maryland, Kweisi Mfume won the seat vacated by one of the most respected members of the black caucus, Rep. Parren Mitchell. In New York, Floyd Flake who won the Democratic primary against Rep. Alton Waldon, also a black, easily turned aside his Republican opponent.

Republicans had hoped to make some inroads with black voters, especially after a poll showed that black commitment to the Democratic party was softening.

But an exit poll showed that nationally, the Republicans could count on no more than 10 percent of the black vote and their most visible symbol — the campaign of black Democrat-turned-Republican William Lucas in the Michigan governor's race — fared poorly.

But Lucas, running against incumbent Democratic Gov. James Blanchard won just over 30 percent of the vote.

Los Angeles' Mayor Tom Bradley was also beaten badly by incumbent Republican Gov. George Deukmejian.

Other black Republicans, seeking House seats in Ohio, Arkansas, Illinois and Maryland, also were turned back by black voters.

GOP efforts to win blacks back to the party of Abraham Lincoln were marred by reports a Republican "ballot security" program aimed at removing ineligible voters from the polls was targeted primarily at precincts with large black populations.

The revelations may have increased black turnout — put nationally at about 10 percent of the voters — in two critical states, Louisiana and North Carolina.

In Louisiana, blacks represented 21 percent of the total vote and 89 percent voted Democratic, and in North Carolina, 14 percent of the voters were black, with 95 percent supporting Democratic candidates, the network said.

Meanwhile Democrats are basking in the glow at recapturing control of the Senate for the first time since 1980, ravaging Republicans in a coast-to-coast landslide.

Democrats, thanks to the black caucus, also held their iron-fisted control of the House, even picking up a small handful of new seats, but Republicans made major inroads into the Democrats' 34-16 edge among governors.

In the finale to what was probably the bitterest campaign of the year, veteran Democratic Sen. Alan Cranston, the top GOP target, defeated moderate Republican Rep. Ed Zschau in California.

In the sole outstanding Senate race, Democrat Kent Conrad, North Dakota's tax commissioner, held the barest of margins over freshman GOP Sen. Mark Andrews.

With 94 percent of the vote reporting, Conrad had 136,912 votes to 134-584 for Andrews, giving the challenger a lead of slightly less than 1 percent, and the slender edge could mean a recount. North Dakota law requires a runner-up to be within one-half of 1 percent behind the winner and as the race stood at 8:45 a.m. EST, no recount would be required.

If Conrad wins, Democrats would have a 55-45 Senate majority, dramatically reversing and exceeding the Republicans' 53-47 majority.

The Democrats' Senate victory took off in the South and swept like brushfire through the Plains states and into the West.

In an unexpected show of strength, the Democrats ousted Republican freshmen in Florida, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama and picked up the open seat in Maryland, held by the Republicans for the last 18 years.

They marched through the Midwest, picking up South Dakota, then toppled the GOP in Washington and Nevada, where President Reagan campaigned heavily and where Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., put his prestige on the line.

Since May 1985, the start of the 1986 election cycle, Reagan campaigned in 18 states for 18 GOP Senate candidates. Of those, 12 lost, including longshot candidates in Maryland and Illinois. A Reagan appearance last week in Idaho probably helped prevent the loss of another seat, held by Sen. Steve Symms.

SWEET VICTORY — Yazzo City, Miss. attorney Mike Espy throws his arms up in victory after scoring a stunning defeat over two term incumbent, Republican Rep. Webb Franklin. Espy will serve as Mississippi's first black congressman since Reconstruction and increases the ranks of the black Caucus to 23 members.

—No surprise

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His Jesse Helms-style, mudpit, rightwing GOP campaign, which saw him trying to imply that Mfume was afraid to take a urine test for drugs and trying to besmirch Mfume's moral character by bringing up some children Mfume sired without benefit of wedlock, turned a black community that was suspicious of Crosse into one that was outwardly hostile.

Kweisi Mfume won every precinct in the 7th District. In some black precincts Crosse lost by 200 to 1. The 10th Ward 4th Precinct showed a vote of 238 for Mfume and 0 for Crosse.

Across the 7th District, Crosse was not just beaten, he was stomped, compacted into a little ball and kicked around the gutter. Wherever one looked, Crosse was being trounced. In Baltimore City, Mfume won 68,785 votes to Crosse's 7,583. In Baltimore County Mfume won 9,153 to 4,096 for Crosse.

Overall, Mfume rubbed Crosse's face in the dirt by a tally of 77,938 for Mfume to 11,679 for Crosse. Even in neighborhoods where Crosse might have expected to do well, he lost. In Guilford, a bastion of privilege and therefore likely to be receptive to Crosse's GOP message, Mfume won 580 to 385.

In Hampden, a place not normally known to be receptive to people of African descent, let along candidates with African names, Mfume won 1,758 to 911.

Mfume's victory transcended the old East-West Schism that is often talked about in black Baltimore politics. In the Panway-Walbrook neighborhood, Mfume beat Crosse 2,332 to 70. In Middle East Baltimore Mfume beat Crosse 3,347 to 515.

Mfume won 75% of the vote overall to 11% for Crosse. Among black voters Mfume won 85% to Crosse's 5%. Among white voters, Mfume beat Crosse 51% to 21%.

However one looks at the election results in the 7th Congressional District, St. George Crosse was given a mandate to retire from electoral politics.

His rejection was total. Despite bitter and self-deluding statements made by Crosse in an election night television appearance that the AFRO and the other media cost him the election and that he would still be a factor to reckon with in upcoming 7th District races, St. George Crosse has so alienated voters in the 7th Congressional District that the only election he could possibly win is for a ride out of town on a rail on 95 going south.

The across-the-board popularity of Kweisi Mfume could make him an elected official with longevity and the kind of popularity that will make him one of the real power brokers in this city and state.

The reelection of Sitting Judges is usually a white gloves and tea party affair unless there is a strong black challenger to stir things up in Baltimore.

Despite the low voter turnout in the city (43.4) overall, 35.9% for blacks, 52.5% for whites and 58.6% Jews) black voters rose to the challenge of retaining the three black Sitting Judges, Clifton Gordon Mabel Houze Hubbard and David M. Mitchell.

The low interest in the primary resulted in a Republican challenger Robert Gerstung getting on the November ballot. He beat out Judge Hubbard on the GOP side, but the black voters rallied behind the more aggressive general election campaign strategy of the Sitting Judges and in many neighborhoods black voters single shot for the black judges which cancelled out the single shooting for Gerstung in white areas such as the 47th Legislative District where Sen. Joseph Bonvegna was a strong Gerstung supporter. He also carried Steinberg on his ballot and his efforts along with some others made the race tighter than the 20,000 vote winning margin would indicate.

Judge Gordy trailed in nonblack voting areas but consistently placed third in predominantly black precincts. Black voters showed that they are reaching a new level of sophistication.

In an election with very little to offer in the way of competitive races, black voters were careful to ensure a black election victory for all three black Sitting Judges.

This election was one that laid the groundwork for further black empowerment in the 1988 election.

Flu experts predict Mid-Atlantic epidemic

(UPI) — A particularly nasty strain of influenza making its way to the United States is expected to hit the mid-Atlantic region this winter, a Johns Hopkins flu expert said recently.

Dr. Mary Lou Clements, an expert in the School of Public Health, said this year's flu season could be a bad one, putting between 35 million and 70 million Americans into bed with achy bones, runny noses and nausea.

"We expect Type A flu, the most serious strain, to arrive in the mid-Atlantic region by December and perhaps earlier in Alaska and Texas," Clements said. "Based on what's happening now in Australia, South America, and parts of Asia, this could be a bad flu season."

Clements, who directs the school's Center for Immunization Research, said scientists can forecast the arrival of flu bugs by monitoring international centers that identify local bouts of the illness.

"Predictions of the coming of Type A influenza are based on reports from the Southern Hemisphere, which is in its winter season," she said.

"Children and adults should be vaccinated to avoid pneumonia and severe respiratory complications that are dangerous, she said. The deaths of between 10,000 and 30,000 Americans each year are directly blamed on the flu," Clements said.

"Particularly at risk of contracting the flu virus are senior citizens, and people with heart disease, asthma, diabetes, kidney disorders or cancer," she said.

Flu viruses are sometimes transmitted from international travelers who infect passengers on airlines, researchers said. Researchers also said migrating birds play some role in carrying viruses across geographical areas.

In another development, researchers said a nose drop with a one-tenth of a teaspoon of a new, live virus vaccine can provide protection against the flu.

Hopkins scientists said Wednesday preliminary studies show that low doses of the vaccine stimulate the production of flu anti-bodies.

Clement said live vaccines, rather than the so-called killed virus vaccine, may fight the flu better because it provides superior immunity in the nose and throat where flu viruses make contact.

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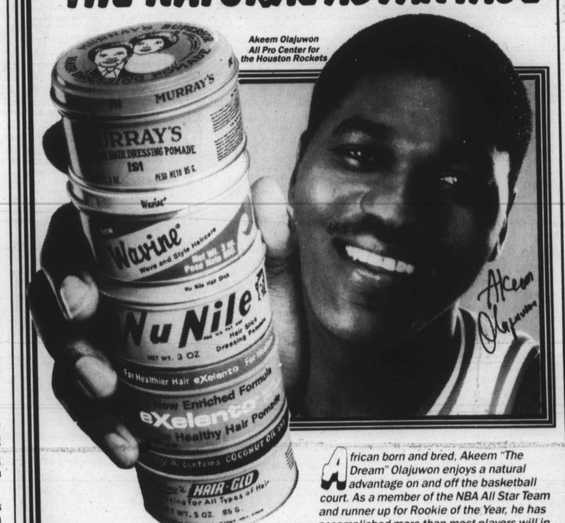

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