—Zanani Mandela

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answering letters she receives from people all over the world, counseling community activists, working in her profession as a social worker and caring for her daughter, Zindzi's two children as well as other neighborhood children who have found a home with a woman who "loves to take care of children," according to her daughter.

"Soweto has changed since I've lived there," she said. As a child she recalls many times her mother being dragged away and hauled into prison, leaving her and sister, Zindzi, with relatives and friends and sometimes alone.

Childhood memories also included strict isolation. "It isn't like it is now," she said in a matter-of-fact tone. "People didn't want their children to play with us when we were little . . . I don't ever remember living as a family with a mother and father and so on . . ."

Before her Soweto departure in 1969, Zanani remembers the gangster control of the township. But things have changed since then, according to Zanani who said the recent media coverage of black on black crimes in Soweto is very exaggerated. "Black people in Soweto "are now untied more than ever before," she said.

Zanani's view of Soweto today is a would-be safe, communal place, where neighbors work together and trust each other. The horror of the township, as told by Zanani, is from the soldiers who are known to break into the homes of residents, killing people at random because of some situation or another.

She cited the recent rent strike in last November by Soweto residents who refused to continue to pay high cost rent. "Soldiers," Zanani said, "broke into their homes at one and two o'clock in the morning, killing people at random."

"They killed some friends of ours," she said, still in her matter of fact tone.

Her tone changed however, as she spoke of the South African government referring to her parents as "terrorists."

"If my mother and father are terrorists," she said, "why don't they give them passports to leave South Africa and go where they want to?" And she questioned the regime's trust in figures such as chiefs, Gatsha Buthelezi and Zanani's cousin, Kaizer Motanzima, whom she sternly referred to as "puppets!"

She was two years old when her father, Nelson Mandela, founder and leader of the banned African National Congress, was imprisoned. "He's like a stranger," she admitted. "I was too young to remember him as a father."

However, she visits him about two or three times a year. Last July was the last time she saw him, she said. He is currently still in isolation in a prison hospital in Capetown, where her sister Zindzi is studying law at the University of Capetown.

"It's so expensive," she said, to take the 36-hour drive from Soweto to Capetown, and so she and her sister give most of the visits to their mother.

Zindzi, Zanani admits, is much more political than she. "Zindzi doesn't plan to leave South Africa," she said. Although she had applied for a passport but was denied.

Zanani is a citizen of Swaziland and is not under the rule of the South African government, although her travel arrangements are by means of the South African International airport in Johannesburg.

"I don't believe they will bother me," she said, "because of the Nkomati Accord, an agreement that South Africa has with Swaziland, very much like its agreement with Mozambique.

Zanani said the Accord which dictates Swaziland's non involvement in S.A. affairs, was signed about a year before Mozambique's President, Samora Machel died late last year.

She is confident about her father's release and said she is not afraid for her mother who is protected by those she is surrounded by and is carried on by her faith.

"I like it, Swaziland," Zanani said. "No one cares what your name is . . . there is no apartheid there," she said.

In Swaziland Zanani works as an accountant in a financial firm. Her husband is manager of the Central Bank of Swaziland.

AFRO Photo by Paul A. Greene

Zenani Dlamini, Nelson and Winnie Mandela's daughter addressed a packed audience at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

—Ila Butler

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is known as "Jim."

A superseding indictment includes all charges of a preceding indictment and adds new charges and people.

Hart, 28, of the 12,000 block of Tarragon Rd. in Reisterstown, was arrested at his home Wednesday afternoon by FBI agents and Baltimore City police officers assigned to the federal Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Hart was charged with conspiracy to distribute heroin and with two counts of using the telephone to conduct drug-dealing activities. The government has requested he be detained without bond.

In yesterday's indictment, Charles Butler also was charged with conducting a continuing criminal enterprise, conspiracy to import heroin, conspiracy to distribute heroin.

Other charges included three counts of importation of heroin, four counts of possession with intent to distribute heroin, three counts of investing of illicit drug profits and four counts of tax evasion.

The indictment also seeks the forfeiture of certain financial interests of Charles Butler related to two businesses: Nature's Secrets, Inc. of Columbia and G. Street Express of Washington, D.C.

U.S. Attorney Wilcox said the superseding indictment was a result of a continuing investigation conducted by various law enforcement agencies.—P. A. TATUM

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—NAACP head

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not using them."

Born and reared in Baltimore City, Rev. Wright believes that by boycotting white businesses during Black History Month and by reducing the credit card dependency, bleaks will be able to save money and develop economically.

"We are one of the largest consumers in this country and the ninth largest in the world. We spent $250 billion in 1984 and 1985 with a large portion of it going for french fries, hamburgers, liquor and the lottery. We must control our dollar and master where it is spent and how."

Rev. Wright is a disciple of Marcus Garvey and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

His small church office is decorated with religious books, plaques, and a picture of Dr. King on the wall. He also wears a button with a picture of Dr. King on his suit lapel.

"I think his (Dr. King) ministry said we have been oppressed long enough. I think his ministry is what I believe in and it had an impact on my life."

During the 90 minute interview, the Howard County minister said he wants the organization to get involved in education for black youths, better and affordable housing and increased membership.

"According to a recent survey, 75 percent of the black males in high schools will drop out before graduation," Rev. Wright said.

"There is a need for more black guidance counselors on the junior and senior high school level, who could relate and help the black students who are having the problems, and help them stay in school."

"We must instill in youngsters not just be an average student and get into other things besides baseball, basketball and football.

Also on his agenda for his two-year term, Rev. Wright wants something done about the housing shortage in Baltimore City and housing and plumbing problems that exist on the Eastern Shore, Western and Southern Maryland.

The 24 state chapters and membership as a whole throughout the country has dropped over the years, making it harder for the nation's oldest civil-rights organization to raise money.

"If you don't have the members, you don't have the money. In order to get new members you have to show interest and concern and give a service.

"The national office got to get back to the basics and that is Civil Rights. They got to get involved in the problems of all blacks. You are going to see some changes here."

—New members

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Del. Ulysses Currie, who has a constituent base in District 25, and one lawmaker from the 26th district, Del. Gloria Lawlah also began their tenure in office.

But more than the formalities of the day, opening day on Wednesday was a day for family and friends to revel in pride.

A small room off the main chamber had been transformed into a temporary daycare center, where several mothers soothed crying impatient babies. Several tots sat on the floor amusing themselves with puzzles and games, while former governor Marvin Mandel looked on.

Inside the main chamber, House Speaker R. Clayton Mitchell expounded upon the legislature's independent role in state affairs, reminding the politicians that they were there "to serve the people of Maryland."

Fulton, a member of the city delegation said he was very "excited and ready to go."

Already familiar with legislative procedure from 12 years experience as a lobbyist for the Maryland Association of Residential Facilities for Youth said the difference now is that he is on the inside."

After Gov.-elect Schaefer assumes office next Wednesday, Jan. 21, the assembly faces a variety of issues of which some key concerns for the Legislative Black Caucus will be education and health issues.

Already introduced before the House Appropriations Committee, is a bill requiring the Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop a temporary housing relocation program for lead poisoning victims and the subsequent creation of a Lead Poisoning Relocation Assistance Fund.

The committee will consider whether a state debt of $1,000,000 will be paid to the fund to assist in the relocation of victims of lead poisoning.

The Judicial Proceedings Committee in the Senate has begun work on a bill which will require that the State Lottery Agency record information on all those people owing child support payments.

This bill would authorize that lottery prizes in excess of $600 be paid to the Child Support Enforcement Administration, up to the amount owed.

—Protest

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based on racial and economic basis," Mrs. Willis said in her letter. "The three libraries targeted for closing include Library No. 5, are in predominantly poor and black neighborhoods."

Joseph Kendell, a 1st Councilmanic District resident, told the AFRO he attended a Wednesday morning meeting about the library at School No. 101.

Among those present were local NAACP official George Buntin and Anthony Armstrong, an aide to Mayor-designate Clarence "Du" Burns.

"Personally, I think the issue is class not race," he said. Kendall said another real issue is access to data.

"To take the library out of these areas is ludicrous. It's the biggest tool people have to combat ignorance and poverty."

Library officials announced in November they would close five library branches because they were underused by the communities. With the closings and the funds saved, it was explained, existing branches and the services being offered could be strengthened.

—Protest rally

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and other media workers discussed with Rev. Thomas whether the article should have been run and what readership it was aimed at.

Rev. Thomas raised the question of what blacks are in management positions which enable them to tell other executives that such a series was wrong and ill-timed.

Councilman McFadden raised another issue that drew enthusiastic applause from the crowd. "You don't see this kind of coverage of Jews, Italians or Irish, only us."

Rev. Thomas added, "Little Melvin is not at the top of the dope trade; there are people above him, but you don't see five-part series about those people."

The protest ended with words of inspiration from McFadden, Thomas and Mrs. Bryant, the singing of "We Shall Overcome" and Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday" for Dr. King.

The protesters also vowed to picket the Sun in even greater numbers Sunday at 2 p.m. after the churches ended their 11 a.m. services.

—Politics '87

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questioned. Jefferies is the directing business representative for the District Lodge No. 12 of the International Association of Machinists, AFL-CIO.

Another name which has surfaced lately is Irvin Conway, 47. A petition with about 1,000 names supporting his candidacy for the seat recently wa submitted to Mrs. Welch.

Conway, who works for the city, served as Shelton Stewart's campaign manager in Stewart's successful bid for Baltimore City Sheriff last month.

Mrs. Welch said candidates interested in the positions should call her at 396-4815. They will be notified in writing to attend a one-hour interview and to submit their resume.

Based upon that information, the advisory committee will select four candidates for a final screening. Mrs. Welch said she would be present only for that final screening.

No one is said to have an inside track for the seats. Some of the earlier announced candidates may actually have hurt their chances to be named to the city council, according to a source familiar with the district's politics.

Many of those who had expressed an interest several months ago, no longer are considering it seriously after learning of the work involved, how much a council person is paid and if being named will affect their present and more lucrative positions, the source said.

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68,000 families have asked for heating bill assistance

During the first 13 weeks of the Maryland Energy Assistance Program, more than 68,000 low-income families have applied for assistance. In Baltimore City alone, approximately 30,000 families have applied. Statewide, $16.4 million of the $25.9 million allocated for MEAP benefits has been spent, and according to the Department of Human Resources, there are sufficient funds remaining to enable MEAP to meet its projections to serve 93,000 low-income households during this heating season.

"MEAP is running very smoothly this year, and we anticipate prompt service to 93,000 low-income households across the state," said Ruth Massinga, secretary of the Department of Human Resources.

In an effort to reach more of the potentially eligible families, roomers and boarders as well as homeless and battered spouse shelters are again eligible to apply for energy assistance.

"I would also like to encourage families who live in remote areas or who are homebound due to a handicap to contact the local agency administering MEAP in their area to arrange for an application to be taken in their home," said Secretary Massinga.

All MEAP eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for the Winter Heating Protection Plan which will enable households to pay a minimum amount each month to keep their gas and electric service turned on.

The average household MEAP benefit is $278 for energy assistance. In addition, weatherization assistance averaging $1,000 per household may be provided to eligible applicants.

Eligibility for MEAP is established at 150 percent of the federal poverty level. For example, a family of four persons with a gross monthly income of not more than $1,375 may be eligible for assistance.

Low-income families are encouraged to apply at the local agency administering the MEAP.

Try USA if you need prompt help with winter fuel bills

For several weeks, the Urban Services Agency's Maryland Energy Assistance Program has been receiving 1800 weekly applications. Another 1,800 to 2,000 are expected by the end of the year. Realistic projections show that, by March 31, USA will reach its goal of servicing 43,500 households. Some multi-purpose and senior centers, and Urban Services Centers, over 30 locations in all, are participating. Applicants should go to the center nearest them.

Eligibility depends mainly on the family income. There are 75 oil vendors, along with the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, and to any certified vendor. However, they are encouraged to shop for the best price. Prices of all vendors are submitted weekly. Applicants can review the list prior to purchase.

Original funds appropriated for energy assistance totaled $11.8 million. The average MEAP grant ranges from $250 to $275 per family. Funding comes from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, channeled through the State Department of Human Resources. Baltimore represents approximately 50 percent of the total state spending for this program.

The purpose of MEAP is to help provide, or cut the cost of fuel to low-income families. It is not geared, primarily, to avoid a "cut-off" of heat. However, up to 100 gallons of oil can be provided pending final application processing. Normally, after an application is taken, processing takes four to five workdays. When the oil vendor receives his check, delivery is made within another 72-hour period.

At the option of the applicant, weatherization assistance can be requested, and the applicant can also join the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's Winter Heating Protection Plan. Fifteen thousand applicants have signed up for this program, which averts costly turn-offs.

The Urban Services Agency has 56 full-time workers directly engaged in the Maryland at 1114 N. Mount St. A hotpline is maintained for ready information and referral. Call 396-5555. An outreach program services "shut-ins." Baltimore City residents may apply until March 31.

Academic excellence grants available at CCB

Many people are aware of the federal financial aid programs designed to supplement the costs of going to college. Some of these programs — Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Guaranteed Students Loans — have helped students attend college who otherwise would not be able to afford it. Thousands of college scholarships are also awarded nationally each year to entering college students who show promise of academic success based on their prior schooling and experience.

This year, through the support of Baltimore City, the Community College of Baltimore is offering an extensive $250,000 scholarship program primarily for residents of Baltimore City. Foremost among these scholarships are awards for academic achievement and for academic excellence. Criteria for the programs vary.

In addition, CCB has established a number of other categories for entering students to qualify for scholarship awards, including councilmanic scholarships and scholarships awarded through the Baltimore City Public Schools. Scholarships are also awarded through each of the ten CCB academic departments.

Some scholarships are offered to recent high school graduates; others are available to transfer students, GED recipients, and students who have been out of school for a long time. Because CCB scholarships are based on merit and not on financial need, students often are eligible for need-based programs in addition to their scholarship awards.

Many scholarships in all categories are available for entering students for the spring semester. For further information on the CCB scholarship program, call 396-0390.

Was this a case of child abduction or car theft?

A curious case of child abduction or car abduction, police are not sure which, occurred recently when a four-month-old baby, sitting in the front seat of his father's car, disappeared for almost four hours.

Derrick Garris, the child, was left in his father's car in the 5000 block Park Heights while Edward Garris, 41, got change for a dollar at a nearby store, police said.

Garris, who had left the key in the ignition, returned to find both car and baby missing.

After almost four hours, police found the car with the child on Gunther Avenue after a resident in the area reported he had seen the child sitting unattended in the front seat.

According to police, baby Garris was taken to the Francis Scott Key Medical Center for observation and was later released. Presently, there are no suspects in the case, and police said they are not sure whether the motive was abduction or car theft.

Elsewhere, in Worcester County, a 38 year - old man was charged in his estranged wife's death, after police discovered her body in a car outside the Snow Hill police station early Saturday morning.

Police said the victim, Mrs. Diana Johnson, 32, had been shot in the head. Her husband, John Johnson, was charged with murder and assault and battery, after he was apprehended by police at the station.

Johnson was taken to Peninsula General Hospital, where he was treated for cuts and bruises on his hands and arms. After his release from the hospital, he was arrested by police.

According to the authorities, Mrs. Johnson has been assaulted by a man at the Twin Tower Motel in Pocomoke, where she was staying and then taken to the police station by car.

Police said that her attacker then broke into an empty building and notified police.

When police arrived, they discovered the woman's body inside the car and the suspect inside the building. The woman had apparently suffered a fatal wound to the head, but the exact cause of her death is pending the results of an autopsy.

Maryland News Briefs

Panel asks judge pay hike

ANNAPOLIS (UPI) — An independent commission has recommended the state's 219 judges get salary increases of between 13 percent and 23 percent, which would cost the state nearly $3 million.

The seven member Maryland Judicial Compensation Commission said low wages are hurting the quality of judges Maryland is able to attract.

Currently the state's 89 district judges earn $59,500, but would receive raises of more than $13,000 under the recommendations, which must be approved by the General Assembly.

PSC allows pay phone competition

(UPI) — Maryland's Public Service Commission has opened up the pay-telephone business to competition.

The PSC has given final approval to a plan allowing other concerns to compete with Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. in owning and operating pay phones. C&P currently operates about 27,000 coin-operated phones in Maryland.

Under the competition plan, coin phone owners will be required to charge more than C&P for local calls, 25 cents, and in-state toll calls. They also will have to pay C&P $16.20 per month for a telephone line and an additional 10 cents for each call.

About 40 states have taken action similar to Maryland's to encourage competition in the pay-phone industry.

Schaefer bids farewell to Cabinet

(UPI) — Mayor William Schaefer said goodbye to members of his cabinet during the last cabinet meeting in his 15-year term as mayor.

Marion Pines, head of the Neighborhood Progress Administration, called the farewell gathering "a four-Kleenex Cabinet meeting."

Schaefer said he felt very emotional about saying goodbye Tuesday because he had worked with some of those attending for 30 years.

City Council President Clarence "Du" Burns will take over for Schaefer when he is sworn in as governor Jan. 21.

Murry's food stamp ban is upheld

(UPI) — A federal judge has upheld a ban that prohibited a Murry's Steaks store in the city from accepting food stamps.

The East Coast meat chain lost federal food stamp eligibility at one of its Baltimore stores last year after the store manager was convicted of illicit trafficking in food stamps.

U.S. District Judge Frederic Smalkin dismissed Murry's complaint against the U.S. Agriculture Department Tuesday.

Smalkin said federal law clearly mandates revocation of food stamp eligibility at stores involved in only one violation of regulations.

The judge also ruled that Murry's failed to take all precautions it could to prevent employees from trafficking in illicit food stamps.

Lawyers for Murry's said they will appeal the revocation to the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond.

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