—Barry indicted

grand jury early last year, and denied using drugs either at the Ramada or in the Virgin Islands with Lewis.

The perjury charge contends Barry lied about not using drugs at the Ramada Inn, lied about not seeing Lewis use drugs, and lied about not seeing others use drugs.

A misdemeanor conviction would not preclude Barry from remaining in power through the 10½ months remaining in this term or running again.

But under city law, Barry, a former civil rights activist, would be forced to resign if convicted of a felony and would not be allowed to regain the mayor's job in the future.

The single misdemeanor cocaine possession charge stemming from the Jan. 18 arrest carries a possible sentence of one year in jail and a $100,000 fine.

Barry's spokeswoman, Lurma Rackley, had no immediate comment on the indictment, nor did his attorney, R. Kenneth Mundy.

—Mandela

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release time the world waited. Finally the grayed- haired man came in full view to a cheering, tearful crowd not only in South Africa but in living rooms in every country.

South African President F.W. de Klerk set the stage Saturday when he announced that Mr. Mandela would be released at 8 a.m. EST but until he walked out of Victor Verster prison at 9:16 EST many didn't believe it.

For nearly three decades those who condemned South Africa and its racist and terrorist system better known as Apartheid, have called for Mr. Mandela's release. Although the world was quick to praise the Pretoria government's action many anti-Apartheid activist say the battle is far from over. Apartheid is still in place and there is still no democracy in that country.

Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica which led the fight against the South African government's treatment of Blacks and coloreds said releasing Mr. Mandela was not enough reason for the U.S. to drop sanctions against South Africa which were imposed in 1986. Congress passed the legislation after hundreds of organizations joined the protests outside the South African embassy in Washington.

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, Senator Barbara Mikulski and Attorney Elijah Cummings read the litany of the Bethel AME Church service saluting the release of South African freedom fighter, Nelson Mandela.

The AFRO polled several Baltimoreans concerning their response to the recent release of African National Congress (ANC) Leader, Nelson Mandela, who was imprisoned by the government of South Africa for over 27 years.

Roger Lyons, Director of the Baltimore Urban League said, "I think that it is great that the apartied regime of South Africa has released Nelson Mandela but I think that the release should be looked upon with cautious optimism.

"The mechanisms of apartied are still in place although Mandela is no longer in prison. It must be remembered that he has been in prison for 27 years. The world as it was when he was first incarcerated is a quite different one from the world we know today."

Dwight Pettit, Attorney, said, "I think the release of Nelson Mandela is a tremendous occasion. It is awesome when you think of the times that have transpired since he was imprisoned.

"Martin Luther King, Malcom X and Adam Clayton Powell were Black leaders of freedom movements that began after Mandela became a freedom fighter.

"These same leaders also died during the 27 years that Mandela spent in jail and with their deaths an entire span of Black history was played out that Mandela was not able to actively participate in but was nevertheless responsible for activating.

"It is inspiring to know that Mandela went to prison espousing the same political ideas that he now still holds. During the entire ordeal of 27 years he would not be compromised."

City Councilman **Lawrence Bell,** said, "I am happy for his release (Mandela's) but I hope that it is a sign of positive development toward the dismantling of apartied in South Africa. I hope that the U.S. does not view Mandela's release as support for the removal of economic sanctions from South Africa.

"Those sanctions are still needed and will be as long as the racist regime that imprisoned Mandela is allowed to rule. I do not want Mandela's release to be seen as the reaching of the goal but a step toward the final goal of one man one vote for South Africa."

Rev. Daki Napata, Community Activist: "I am deeply touched and encouraged that Nelson Mandela has demonstrated the strong example of leadership that he has. It is quite a feat to stay committed to the principles of freedom for all of your countrymen when you have been persecuted for 27 years.

"That is more years than half of the population of South Africa is old. Under those circumstances a weaker leader would have been compromised. Mandela kept the faith at great cost to himself, his family, and the freedom struggle that continued during the time he was in jail."

—Chapman moves on

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man, the company has managed to become a huge success.

Rumors in the business community pointed to Chapman's possibly leaving the Baltimore area to continue to expand the firm. Chapman says that he may float around the country as needed, but will stay in Maryland as long as his business can flourish.

He wants to establish a nationwide branch network such as Merrill Lynch with an office in every major city.

Chapman's support structure not only lies in the Black businesses, but the investment community as a whole has accepted his company as legitimate, trustworthy, and sound as seen in his clientele which is split 50/50 - half Black, half White.

The first Black company to establish a mutual fund, Chapman is now awaiting to announce a new venture he is undertaking that he says, "will change the way Black business is done in this country."

The announcement about the major innovation for Blacks in the investment world is expected early next week.

—New head

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Carolyn are the parents of a son, Michael Jr., and daughters, Carla, 13 Arica, 9 and Melissa, 5.

While discussing his children Gaines proudly adds the fact that Michael Jr., attends the senior Gaines's alma mater, Polytechnic Institute.

Gaines said, "I know that by accepting this position I am stepping into some very large shoes left by Sam Daniels. I am up to the challenge presented to me to lead CEBO.

"We have an active board of directors and an aggressive, competent staff that will enable us to lead the way in economic development," said Gaines.

An ardent Christian, Gaines thanks God for the opportunity to lead CEBO into the 90's, saying, "I grew up in the church (he is a member of the Manna Bible Institute) and I know that my strength comes from there as well as the upbringing provided by my parents, William Sr., and Ruby Gaines."

Gaines said, "The church has supported minority community development for years. We intend to involve the church in critical development areas."

"CEBO provides assistance to minority businesses and individuals who would like to start a business or are looking to expand an existing business," said Mr. Gaines. "We are here to help minority businesses grow so that they will be in a position to employ more Baltimoreans.

"CEBO is in the process of matching business opportunities with resources to help small businesses become bigger and better. We need more success stories such as Parks Sausage and the Maxima Corporation," said Gaines.

In the communities where we have done most of our work it is important to focus assistance to small developers. We think that CEBO should be a key player in addressing opportunities for those communities. We hope to form partnerships with the City, non-profit groups.

—Del. Miller gets

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is of great concern to Del. Miller," said Liz Hawkins, an aide for the Delegate from the 25th District.

According to Hawkins, one of the few drawbacks in Miller not being on the Economic Affairs Committee which deals with the state's big insurance companies is that she won't be receiving a lot of PAC money.

"Del. Miller has never relied on that kind of money anyway, she prefers grass roots support."

In the past, many lawmakers have come under fire because of having huge war chest amassed because of money they received from various political action committees and high priced lobbyists who try to gain influence and votes.

Although she is happy, this still is not enough to satisfy the Prince Georges County NAACP who protested at the state capitol earlier this week.

Singing "We Shall Overcome," and chanting, "Free Prince Georges County" more than 200 activists converged on Annapolis Monday night in support of Del. Miller.

The Maryland State House was already packed with protesters who had come out to demonstrate on abortion and environmental issues, but the group of supporters seem to command the center of attention.

Prince Georges County NAACP leader Richard S. Brown read a petition which he later delivered to House Speaker Mitchell and said the situation is far from over.

"We will not be deterred by thinly veiled, albeit indirect, desecration of our heroes or ideals," Brown told reporters.

"If Del. Mitchell could allow Danny Boy to be sung on St. Patrick's Day then he could bend the rules to allow a song in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King."

The House Speaker has not commented on the situation this week but NAACP officials say they will continue to come to Annapolis until the situation is resolved.

While Del. Miller said she had no role in organizing the protest she said, "I wouldn't dare discourage it."

—Pres. Bush to meet

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step in developing communication between the Black press and the White House.

Mr. Oliver said, "I contacted President Bush suggesting both the idea for the meeting of Black publishers and a sketch of topics to be discussed that are of concern to the Black Press.

Ms. Kristin Clark Taylor, White House Press Officer said, "The meeting will get the ball rolling as far as communication between the publishers and the President. It will nurture the relationship with the media in general and the Black Press in particular.

"The publishers of several Black papers have been contacted.

Of those contacted we have received confirmations from The AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper of Baltimore, The Atlanta Daily World, the Citizen Newspaper group of Chicago, The Jacksonville Advocate Free Press, The Michigan Chronicle, The Philadelphia Tribute, the Amsterdam News and the Seattle Medium."

Taylor said, "The agenda for the meeting is not clearly defined because the president wanted to create an atmosphere where the publishers can bring up topics of their choosing. We hope that the meeting will be productive and of benefit to all who attend."

—KKK pickets Hq.

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building for approximately two hours. There were no incidents and no arrests.

The Saturday demonstration marks the third time racist have demonstrated outside the NAACP headquarters since the first of the year.

The NAACP headquarters in Baltimore has been literally flooded with hundreds of messages of support in the wake of a campaign of terror.

Already it has claimed the lives of an NAACP retained attorney and a federal judge, resulted in the narrow escape from death of an NAACP branch president, and caused property damage to NAACP headquarters and its southern regional office in Atlanta.

Strict security has been instituted at all NAACP offices across the country, and the national headquarters is now under 24-hour police surveillance following a demonstration at that site on New Year's Day by White supremacists who shouted support for the violent acts directed against the Association.

"We have no doubt that we have been singled out as targets by race haters who are opposed to our efforts on behalf of African-Americans.

"However, we do not intend to retreat one single inch and through our actions will continue to say no to racial terrorists," Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director, NAACP has declared.

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Three proud school participants watch Bunky the clown roll out the new Apple Computer for Roland Park Elementary School. (L to R) School principal Evelyn Beasley, Mayor Kurt Schmoke, and Jerrelle Francois associate Superintendent of Bureau of Instruction.

Really an apple a day for Roland Pk. Elementary

By Joy M. Tyler
AFRO Staff Reporter

An apple a day promotes education each day, at least in the Roland Park Elementary school.

In conjunction with students, parents and their local community the elementary school was awarded the first Apple computer in the Giant Foods "Apples for Students" contest.

The kids were the stars in Giant's effort to promote computer literacy and spark interest in finding new ways to promote learning. The school auditorium was filled with the entire school body eager to show the Mayor, principal Evelyn Beasley, teachers and parents that they were excited about learning with computers.

The computers were given in a grand ceremony with student bands performing for classmates and Giant clowns helping students unwrap their gift.

Students were able to win their first computer by saving and receiving blue register receipts from shoppers willing to contribute to the cause and turning them over to their Giant representative to tally up the win.

One neighbor of the school was so supportive that they donated over $900 in receipts to help the school.

Giant Foods has long been an advocate of supporting the communities' educational systems by granting millions of dollars in grants for students through programs such as "It's Academic," a television show running over some 15 years in the Baltimore, D.C., and Virginia areas to the sum of $1.2 million.

Barry Scher, vice president of public affairs explained that Giant created the program in answer to the President Bush message for private and business communities to start funding their educational systems instead of relying on scarce federal and state funds.

Mayor Schmoke proclaimed February 14th as Giant Foods Day in Baltimore, and from the look of enthusiasm on the faces of so many eager students, it won't be the last time you see the apple in their eyes.

James Henson new history group head

James E. Henson of Ellicott City has been elected to head the Maryland State Commission on Afro-American History and Culture.

James E. Henson

An ardent student of Black history and great nephew of Matthew Alexander Henson, the co-discoverer of the North Pole, James E. Henson was elected chairman of the organization by members of the nine-member board.

Mr. Henson, an attorney, serves as the Senior Assistant County Solicitor for Howard County, and was named by the Governor as a Commissioner for the Maryland history group in 1989.

In addition to the famed explorer (Matthew) who went to the North Pole in April, 1909 along with U.S. Navy Commander Robert E. Peary, the Henson family of greats includes Josiah Henson of Montgomery County.

He is the slave who published his memoirs in 1849. The account stirred Harriett Beecher Stowe to write Uncle **Tom's Cabin**, now considered a significant part of American literature.

The Hensons are further immortalized through the Matthew Henson State Park established through HB 789 as an historic spot in Rockville, Md. The occasion in May, 1989 witnessed over 300 Henson relatives and friends present.

—Balto. Co. first Black judge

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positions for Circuit Court judges with Black male judges filling six positions, and one Black female.

The story isn't much different in the District Court. Of the 23 slots, only five Black males fill the positions, and none are female.

One prominent Black lawyer, and former president of the monumental bar association, Dwight Pettit says that the number of Black judges serving on either court hasn't changed since he started in the system over 15 years.

"Those numbers have always been that way, and I've been concerned with the reasoning behind the lack of appointments by the governor," said Pettit.

"In the case of Baltimore City judges, the city's Black population in 65 percent and the court should reflect at least fifty percent of that. The appointments are being stonewalled."

"Maybe the governor hasn't appointed any other Blacks besides McCampbell because its not politically expedient for him to do so."

McCampbell couldn't offer any specific reason behind the lack of appointments to the courts. "I don't know why the numbers are that way, but the Monumental Bar association has attempted to encourage the governor to make more appointments for Blacks."

"The appointments should be done in consideration to the make up of the city and the governor should ask for a more diversified list of qualified candidates."

Although the list of district court judges is appointed by the governor, there Pettit explained that the people of Baltimore can change the makeup of the circuit court because they are elected officials.

"We can change the situation in the circuit court, but people need to vote. That's the only way any thing will change. The governor and others have consistently tried to get rid of the election of circuit judges.

That would eliminate the check and balance system of voting.

Black women sitting in judgeships is limited to only one woman in the state of Maryland who sits on the Circuit Court, Judge Mable Hubbard.

One Black woman who has made the nomination list three times and was overlooked, is Yvonne Holt-Stone, who is considered to be one of the best candidates for a judgeship.

Currently she serves as Master in Chancery (Circuit Court) for Baltimore City in which she hears juvenile cases from trespassing to murder up to age 18.

Holt-Stone has also been deciding and hearing cases in a judicial capacity since 1981; prosecutor in the District Court of Howard County for a year and a half.

"I am disappointed that I was not selected. However, I will continue to pursue my judicial aspirations. I am eager to serve the citizens of Baltimore as a District Court Judge."

The governor's office could not be reached for comment at press time.

After speaking with Black organizations directly involved with the low numbers of Black judges serving in the city and county positions, all noted that whatever the factors behind the slow process of being appointed, the governor is the only one who can answer why no significant changes have taken place.

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