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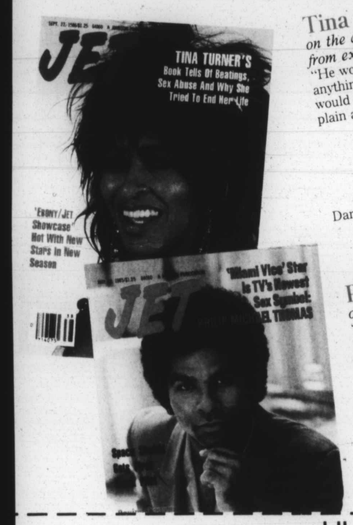
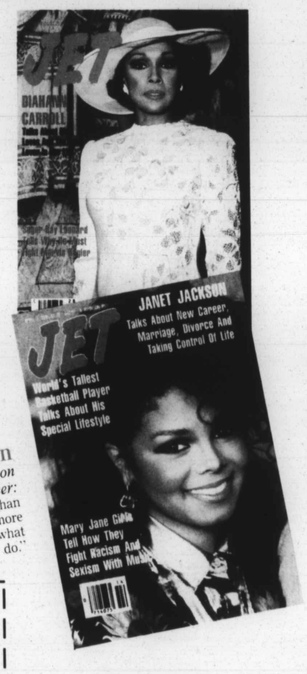



**Tina Turner**
*on the abuse she took from ex-husband Ike:*
"He would beat me with shoes, shoe trees, anything that was handy. And then he would have sex with me. It was torture, plain and simple."

**Diahann Carroll**
*on her current love interest:*
"My regret is that I did not meet Vic Damone years ago. I am going to work my damnedest to keep him for the rest of my life."

**Philip Michael Thomas**
*on his "Miami Vice" sex appeal:*
"I could take advantage of thousands of women, but I don't think in those terms. There's more to Philip Michael Thomas than meets the eye."

**Janet Jackson**
*on the new direction of her career:*
"I'm more serious about my career than I have ever been. I'm just taking more control of my life — and doing what I want to do."

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# Ex Shake and Bake chief indicted

By Roz Hamlett

The guardian of the city's financial stake in the Shake and Bake Family Fun Center was indicted by a grand jury Thursday, Nov. 13, on charges of theft and defrauding the city government of $79,827.25.

Five separate indictments containing two counts each of theft of more than $300 were brought against Anthony Dease, 46, who allegedly stole money between January, 1985 and September, 1986, while employed as the director of Neighborhood Recreation Inc., the group formed by the city to oversee the troubled finances of the center.

Dease was forced to resign after Chris Delaporte, city Recreation and Parks director, announced last September that more than $15,000 in cash receipts was missing from the center, located at 1601 Pennsylvania Ave.

Arrested at noon last Friday at a newly opened clothing store, "Totally Male," in the 2200 block of Monument St., Dease was employed there as the manager.

But the owner who only identified himself as "Mr. White" said he was aware of Dease's circumstances with the center when he hired him, but "it did not make a difference."

The indictments charge that Dease used a variety of schemes to siphon off money for his personal use:

•used bogus invoices to submit false reasons for items purchased with city funds to generate money for his use

•made unauthorized withdrawals of cash from revenue earned through bowling and skating at the fun center

•used a contract scheme where fees paid by outside organizations for the rental use of the skating hall were diverted from the center's funds for his own personal use

But Patricia Jessamy, the city prosecuting attorney, said that Dease's alleged theft did not suggest any widespread corruption within city government.

Jessamy, who also heads the State's Attorney's Economics Crimes Unit, stated further that city government is a large employer and without statistics in hand, she estimated that crimes of this magnitude are just as prevalent in private industry.

Dease is currently out on bail, but could not be reached for comment; however, his arraignment hearing is scheduled before Circuit Court Judge Edgar Silver on Dec. 10.

He was hired at the

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INMATES, GUARDS CLAIM

# Levitt gets special handling

## Study raps Schaefer's policies

Since the 1970s, a number of federal programs to aid the poor in Baltimore were mismanaged by people politically connected to the administration of Mayor William Donald Schaefer, according to a report released by the Brookings Institution in Washington.

Paul E. Peterson, director of governmental studies at the institution and co-author of the report, said the administration of federal programs in Baltimore has been by people with political connections more often than professionals with commitments to social policy.

"This means the programs have been less effective," Peterson told the AFRO in an interview.

He said housing and education in Baltimore were two areas most

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Superstar Stevie Wonder was welcomed to Baltimore Thursday by City Council president and soon-to-be-mayor Clarence DuBurns at City Hall. Wonder was given a key to the city and spoke bout the dangers of drugs.

## Color TV, unlimited phone calls blasted

By Roz Hamlett

Guards and inmates at the Maryland Correctional Diagnostic Classification Center claim that Jeffrey Levitt, convicted embezzler of Old Court Savings and Loan funds, is receiving preferential red carpet treatment at the facility.

Serving out a 34-year sentence, Levitt was returned to the Greenmount Avenue center last Monday after a brief stint at the Maryland Correctional Facility in Jessup.

However, resentments run deep because Levitt has been classified as a cadre worker, which is a special status reserved for those with three years and under left to serve on their sentences. Accor-

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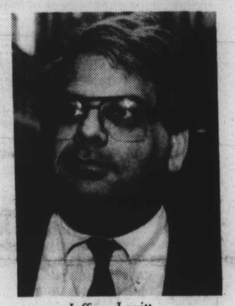

Jeffrey Levitt

## Du Burns tells his side of life

By Manotti L. Jenkins

Despite his objections to the use of the title, Clarence Du Burns is a little more than a month away from officially becoming Baltimore's "first black mayor;" a fact that is just as real as the recurrence of the four seasons.

Nevertheless, the racial adjective before the title he will acquire when William Donald Schaefer is sworn in as governor, seems to both him as much as it would bother Americans if winter remained year round.

"Nobody said anything about the first Irish mayor or the first Italian mayor. I refer to myself as the mayor of Baltimore who happens to be black. I think it sounds better," proclaimed the confident, candid politician during an informal talk with the AFRO in his City Council chambers this week.

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## School observes Education Week

By Paula J. Wagner

Public education is alive and well and living in Baltimore, as was exhibited by the Mt. Royal Elementary/Middle School this week in observance of American Education Week, which ends Friday.

A host of activities were planned for the celebration which included staff, parents and a community luncheon. Articulation Day is planned for Friday morning.

Thursday was Career Awareness Day where some 30 or so invited professionals stressed the importance of education.

Students at Mt. Royal, an impressive bunch, listened keenly to speakers who represented various crafts and professions. These professionals spoke about jobs, responsibilities and in particular, the benefits of their educational struggle. Students were quick with questions, the foremost being, "How much money do you make?"

But many youngsters were curious about the law and were anxious for Judge Paul Smith to hear and respond to their questions.

"If someone was shoplifting, what would you do?" asked Cheryl

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## Caucus and Schaefer negotiating truce

By R. B. Jones

For the first time since the Legislative Black Caucus and the incoming Schaefer Administration came into conflict over the removal of Del. Larry Young, D.-39 from his chairmanship of the House Environmental Matters Committee, the two sides are negotiating in earnest according to sources in the General Assembly.

During the last week chairman of the Caucus Sen. Decatur Trotter, D.-24, has met directly with Governor-elect Schaefer and his favored candidate for Speaker of the House of Delegates, Del. Clayton Mitchell.

Proposals and counter - proposals are being made and sources indicate that Young will be offered the position of Speaker Pro Tem,

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## What happens to the expelled student?

A group of parents working out of the Ray of Hope Baptist Church and Fort Worthington Elementary School in East Baltimore are planning to bring to the public's attention what they term 'unfair' treatment of a portion of city school students.

Expelled students, said Mrs. Zatella Giles, a member of the group that is still in its developing stages, are not being properly addressed by school authorities, and her organization plans to bring this neglect to the public.

"The school board is breaking the law by putting underaged students out on the streets," Mrs. Giles charged.

Mrs. Rosa Dowdy, a member of this group whose 13-year-old daughter was reinstated last Friday after a two-month expulsion for carrying a pen knife to school, charged school officials with callousness in the treatment of her daughter.

According to Mrs. Dowdy her daughter, Crystal, was sharpening her pencil with a small pen knife she carried with other novelties on her key chain.

Crystal was adhering to her teacher's request that students not sharpen pencils in his class, according to Mrs. Dowdy, who said she instructed her daughter to follow her teachers' directions.

Crystal, who had only been in this particular middle school for three weeks, was suspended on Sept. 7 and expelled a month later for carrying a weapon. After fur-

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## Hard-working man shot in an alley

By Roz Hamlett

Pleasant Wilkes was a hard-working man, who put three kids through college on his salary earned while working at Bethlehem Steel for 30 years, but all his diligent effort did not immunize him against senseless violence.

Last week, Wilkes was gunned down behind his Wabash Ave. home in West Baltimore for no apparent reason, Wednesday, Nov. 12.

City police arrived on the scene to find Wilkes slumped over in the front seat of his car and dead from a bullet wound to the forehead, police have no motive.

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## How our City Council vacancies are filled

The only formal procedure to fill a vacancy on the Baltimore City Council is for the council to vote someone in, according to Harry Loleas, an executive assistant in the office of the Council President.

Beyond that vote, 10 of them are needed, those interested in applying for such a vacancy can choose two routes — traditional or non-traditional.

"A person can be nominated by any member of the city council to fill a vacancy," Loleas said. "However, a tradition exists when there is a vacancy that the remaining members of the district delegation make a recommendation."

In this instance, Agnes Welch of the Fourth Councilmanic District will make the recommendation. The council, based on tradition, "will fill the seat based on that recommendation," Loleas said.

Mrs. Welch has said she has been approached by several people.

"Her recommendation, by tradition, will carry the most weight," Loleas said.

No vacancies exist yet, even though there has been a lot of

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## Mitchell is considering Jeffries for his seat

**Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles profiling announced interim candidates for the City Council's Fourth District.**

By P.A. Tatum

John D. Jeffries was the only name City Councilman Michael B. Mitchell mentioned when he spoke of a replacement for his Fourth District City Council seat.

Mitchell recently was elected State Senator from the 39th Legislative District. He will have to leave the council seat he has occupied since 1975 when he takes the new office oath in

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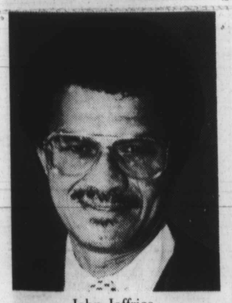

John Jeffries

## POLITICS '87

By Roz Hamlett
and P. A. Tatum

BISHOP ROBINSON for mayor? Word on the street has it the Baltimore City Police Commissioner plans a bid at the city's top job and has the backing of some big money folks.

When the AFRO asked Commissioner Robinson whether he would be running in next year's mayoral campaign, he smiled his charming smile and said unequivocably, "No."

"I'm not interested in politics," he said. "I'm the police commissioner, and I will continue to be commissioner until 1990, after that, I don't know. Besides, I like being commissioner."

**WALTER DEAN**

WALTER DEAN, former 41st Legislative District state delegate, said he has heard about his making a run for the City Council next year.

People were talking about his bid for the Fifth Councilmanic District at a recent City Council meeting. Dean admitted he has

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