—Crime

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Forceable entry burglary totaled 11,271. The entire burglary category increased 7.8 percent, with a comparison of last year's 12,211 figure to the 10,743 overall figure for the first 11 months of 1988.

Violent crimes increased by 3 percent and crimes in which property was damaged/stolen of concerned increased by 9 percent.

The Baltimore City Public School system has experienced a great deal of publicity concerning the number of crimes committed by students who often commit crimes on school property.Joseph Maddox, Chief of Police for Baltimore City Schools says: "The statistics on school crime are reflective of the national norm and indicate that Baltimore is consistent other large cities."

City schools reported a total of 151 common assaults, 136 of these cases have been cleared, 108 of this number were assaults against students, 34 against the faculty and school staff, 9 were against school police.

Assault with a deadly weapon totaled 20 cases in the school system, 6 were with firearms and 16 of the entire caseload were resolved with the proper punitive measures taken by the school police.

School robbery and attempted robbery totaled 14 cases, of these 9 cases were resolved, 4 of which involved robberies that were committed with firearms. There are only 5 robbery cases which have not been solved, but Chief Maddox is confident that they will be resolved by the beginning of the year.

There were a total of 9 reported school sex offenses, 8 have been cleared. Rape or attempted rape accounted for 3 cases within the sex offense category.

Cases of student weapon possession totaled 31, all of which were cleared by the school police.

Drugs and crimes related to drugs accounted for 21 cases. There were 5 cases of distribution and drug sale. The remaining 16 cases were for the possession of drugs. All of these cases were investigated and cleared by the school police.

Baltimore city's total crime index comparison for the first 11 months of 1987-1988 indicate a 3.0 percent rise in the number of violent crimes. Violent crimes include murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Property crimes which include burglary, all larceny and automobile theft have risen 9 percent.

These crime index figures indicate a 7.7 percent crime increase for Baltimore. Both the City Police and the School police express concern that the crime index figures increase mean our city must take steps to reduce the rise of crime.

—Noel

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realized the responsibility of motherhood and stayed with her baby," Umansky said.

Arlene Jenkins, Baltimore City Police spokeswoman, said police still are searching for the unidentified woman.

Sue Fitzsimmons, of the Department of Social Services, said Baby Noel can remain in foster care from six months up until a year, depending upon when he is formally adopted.

Every child abandoned in the city is placed in foster care Fitzsimmons said.

Fitzsimmons said abandonment is a rare phenomenon.

"Abandoned babies do not happen too often. It just seems to happen around the holidays," Fitzsimmons said. "I'm not sure why."

Umansky said Baby Noel probably had not developed a bond with his mother.

"He's just getting used to the idea of being alive and being touched. I'm not sure if there was any bonding with his mother," said Umansky.

Umansky said the hospital had not taken additional precautions to prevent another abandonment, because the hospital already has a 24-hour security system that does not admit anyone to the maternity building without a pass. Baby Noel is the hospital's first abandoned baby.

—Officers assume

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grenadiers, cannoneers and horsemen.

The military—soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen and Coast Guardsmen—will work under the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee to give military concerts, provide marching units, drill teams and marching bands; man cannon salute batteries and make sure celebrities get to the right places on time.

The men in order of authority according to Col. Ben Waller, director of public affairs, are:

1. The Hon. John W. Shannon, who was appointed assistant secretary of the Army for Installation and Logistics on Dec. 7, 1985 by President Reagan. He has been charged by Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci to plan, organize and executive the military participation in all inaugural activities.

Shannon, a native of Louisville, Ky., is a graduate of Central State College in Wilberforce, Ohio and Shippensburg State College where he earned his master of science degree. As part of his regular duties, he serves as the interface between the D.C. National Guard, the Department of the Army and the D.C. Government.

2. Maj. Gen. Donald C. Hilbert, chairman of the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He is commanding general of the U.S. Military District of Washington.

3.Brig. Gen. Julius F. Johnson, director, Joint Staff of Armed Forces for the Inaugural Committee. He is a graduate of Lincoln University where he earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He has seen service in Korea, Vietnam and Germany.

4. Col. George Hudgens, U.S. Army Chief of Staff who has been in the service for 25 years and formerly was inspector general, Department of the Army, Inspector General Agency. He is a graduate of Arkansas Tech University and Shippensburg State University.

5. Col. Ben. Waller, U.S. Army director of public affairs who was formerly chief of public affairs in Korea for the United Nations Command, the Combined Forces command, the U.S. Forces Korea and the 8th U.S. Army.

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BG JULIUS F. JOHNSON, Director Joint Staff, Armed Forces Inaugural Committee.

MG DONALD C. HILBERT, Chairman, Armed Forces Inaugural Committee.

Other key players are Col. David Hancock, U.S. Marine Corps director, operations; Col. David H. Longley, U.S. Army director, logistics; Col. LaMar H. Murphy, Jr., U.S. Army director, communications; Col. Newton I. Carpenter, Jr. U.S. Air Force director, liaison office; Col. Stuart B. Travis, U.S. Army director,personnel; Capt. William F. Hewell, U.S. Coast Guard director, security; Capt. Lloyd P. Amborn, U.S.Navy director, military assistance and protocol.

The Presidential Inaugural Committee—whose formal name is the American Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural Committee- was formed about a week after the general election.

This committee is staffed by 400 volunteers and is directly responsible to the president-elect. This committee plans, organizes and executes all official inaugural activities. Co-chairmen are Percy Korth and Bobby Holt. Executive director is Stephen Studdert.

This committee — supported by the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee — will control everything except the Swearing-in Ceremony at the Capitol and the Departure ceremony by outgoing President Reagan. These latter two ceremonies are conducted by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies chaired by Sen. Wendell Ford (D. Ky) and the White House staff..

Under the Presidential Inaugural Committee are subgroups like the Afro-American Committee, co-chaired by Thaddeus Garrett, Jr., Melvin L. Bradley and Willie L. Leftwich; the Asian Committee, the Jewish Committee, the Hispanic Committee and committees for youth and veterans.

Others on the Joint Congressional Committee are Sen. Robert Byrd (D.W.Va), Sen. Ted Steven (R. Alaska), Rep. James Wright (D. Texas), Rep. Thomas Foley (D. Wash.) and Rep. Robert Michel (R. Ill).

—Winds wreak havoc

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Cold air traveling west from the Appalachian Mountains in West Virginia and Western Maryland "shot in right behind an extremely warm area" in the Baltimore-Washington area, the forecaster said.

Comeaux said across the region, winds gusted between 50 and 60 miles per hour, tearing roofs off homes, downing power lines and trees, and causing traffic on the highway and at the airport to temporarily stop.

"I don't think anybody was expecting it to gust to 70 mph when we first saw it coming," Comeaux said. "It's rare for this area to have gusts that high."

Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. spokesman Charles Franklin said as many as 110,000 homes were without power after the violent afternoon storm that lasted no more than 45 minutes.

"Flying debris" from nearby buildings under construction scuttled across subway tracks in Montgomery County, forcing Metro Transit Authority officials to shut down the Silver Spring station at the beginning of the evening rush hour, a subway spokeswoman said.

The strongest winds were recorded in Baltimore City. It also is where the roofs of seven houses in the 1300 block of North Central Ave. were blown away. About 20 children and adults were forced to take shelter elsewhere for the night, according to Baltimore housing inspector John Cole.

Cole also said a three-story vacant house collapsed at the corner of Brentwood Avenue and Chase Street. In the same block, the roof of a vacant house was strewn on a playground after the wind lifted it.

Other vacant houses collapsed at North Central Avenue and Biddle Street and 308 West Lanvale Street.

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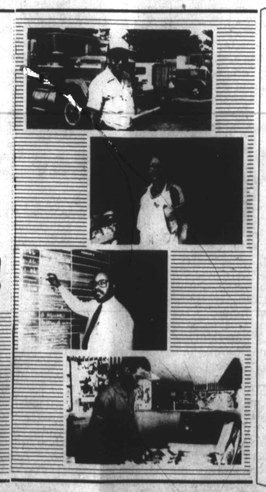

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City's new personnel chief has big plans

By Alisa Samuels
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Jesse E. Hoskins, the city's newest personnel director, has big plans for the department, including expanding non-traditional job opportunities for women in city government.

Hoskins, 42, started Dec. 1 and already he and his 67-member staff have started to outline recruitment programs to attract potential city workers.

Hoskins has decided to incorporate a 24-hour hotline into the department to inform citizens of available jobs.

The idea is something Hoskins used in Chicago, Ill. where he served as personnel commissioner.

In Chicago the department received 30,000 applications each year. After the job-hotline was implemented in 1985, the number of applications rocketed to 191,000 applications.

"We changed the way we were getting information out and what it did was it increased the number of applications we received," said Hoskins recently in his North Calvert Street office.

That kind of response is something Hoskins said he hopes will happen in Baltimore.

"We want to make sure the community has information. And we want to respond when they see something of interests," Hoskins said. "We want to make it as open and accessible as possible."

The pre-recorded hotline is still in its developmental stages.

Hoskins said he also plans to announce job openings in community newspapers, something he calls "outlet sources" for citizens to use to discover city jobs.

Another of Hoskins' new initiatives is to provide training to women in roles usually dominated by men.

Hoskins said he would like to target women who currently work in city government.

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke voiced his concern earlier this year about the lack of women in city government and on commissions.

Hoskins said he discussed his employment and skills based programs with representatives in the mayor's office and said they supported his ideas.

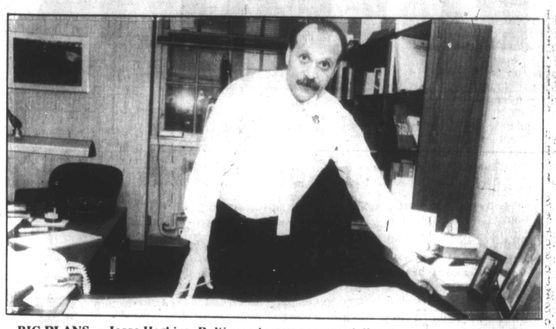
"I don't think I'll get any resistance at all. I just need time to make a transition here," said Hoskins.

Of his new position in Balimore Hoskins said, "we want to be efficient and creditable."

"Customer service is our focus. We want to make sure the city departments we do serve and the public that visits us gets the kind of service they deserve."

Putting people first is something Hoskins said he learned from his father, Jesse James Hoskins and former Chicago mayor, Harold Washington, his former boss.

His father, a Chicago fireman, and Washington taught Hoskins the value of hard work and people.



BIG PLANS — Jesse Hoskins, Baltimore's new personnel director, arrived in town Dec. 1. Settling into his new job, he occupied a similar post in his native Chicago. Hoskins says he has big plans for his department.

"These are my two mentors. These are my favorite guys-my heroes," said Hoskins, a husband and father of a teen-aged daughter.

Hoskins said their influence have helped shape Hoskins'philosophy on management and government. A photograph of both men sit on Hoskins' office desk, now a Caton area resident.

Community Calendar

Multitude of events planned in honor of M. L. King, Jr.

Alumni breakfast

The Howard L. Cornish Alumni Chapter of Morgan State University will have its 4th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 7, 1989.

The event, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until 12:00 noon, will be held at The Forum (4210 Primrose Avenue).

Dr. Ruthe T. Sheffey, Professor of English at Morgan State University, will be the keynote speaker. During the King Breakfast, the Howard Cornish Chapter will honor Beatrice (Bea) Gaddy, James Gilliam and Harlow Fullwood.

The Breakfast will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and is to provide scholarships for deserving Morgan State University students. Please contact 789-9496 for additional information or to purchase tickets.

Open house

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Parents and Children, a Headstart Program sponsored by The Johns Hopkins Hospital and The Urban Services Agency, celebrating its 20th Anniversary, will have a Family Affair/Open House Saturday, Jan. 14, 1989, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m at 1600 Rutland Avenue.

For more information please contact Joyce W. Obey after 5:30 p.m. at 367-8688.

Jubilee Day

The Annual Jubilee Day Celebration program will be Saturday, Jan. 7, 1989, 1:00 p.m at the Douglass Memorial Community Church, Madison and Lafayette Streets.

Jubilee Day in Maryland is part of a nationwide celebration which has taken place for the past 121 years, in response to the Emancipation Proclamation issued by Abraham Lincoln in 1862.

All black organizations and black Marylanders are encouraged to participate. All funds raised during this activity will be distributed among different branches of the NAACP.

Youth rally

A prayer breakfast, a youth rally and a massive celebration featuring choirs, local officials and clergy is planned for Jan. 14, 1989 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The event is sponsored by a coalition including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the AFL-CIO along with Associated Black Charities and the Centennial-Caroline Street United Methodist Church, where events will take place.

The free prayer breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. The youth rally is scheduled from 1 until 4 p.m. It is for young people and will feature marching bands. The evening celebration begins at 7 p.m.

Guest speakers at the church, at 1029 East Monument Street, will be Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, participant in the Birmingham demonstrations of 1963; Rev. Bernard Lee, former King assistant; Rev. Randel Osburn, executive director of the National SCLC; Dr. Henry Silva, national vice president, SCLC; Ernie Grecco, president, Baltimore Labor Council and Thomas Rappanotti, director of Union 67 AFSCME.

For more information, call Centennial-Caroline Street United Methodist Church at 276-3079.

Library friends meet

To support the services offered patrons of the Enoch Pratt Free Library Branch on Reisterstown Road and Kenshaw Avenue, a group of community volunteers and neighborhood association activists have formed Friends of Branch Thirty-One.

One of only two branches open on Sundays, and in manager Vincent Steadman's words, "the busiest in the Pratt system," the Reisterstown Road Branch is slated for renovation in late spring of 1989.

It also begins the New Year with a $10,000 gift from the citywide Friends of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Inc., an independent agency from the Pratt, which is a department of city government. These funds will expand the reference collection.

The next meeting of Friends of Branch 31 on Sunday, January 22 at 3 p.m. in the community room of the Reisterstown Road Branch will focus on access to services and the young adult reader. Refreshments served.

Mr. Steadman notes that the loan period for new books has been extended from 14 to 21 days.

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