—Flaming car victim

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in a violent burst of flames instantly killing Trina Carter.

Onlookers immediately summoned the Fire Department, whose nearest station house was only a few blocks away at Woodbrook and Reisterstown Rds.

Fire Department spokesman, Captain Patrick Flynn recalls hearing the call come in over the radio, "I heard the call come in saying respond to accident at Liberty Heights and Hilton Sts., car (is) completely inflamed."

Captain Flynn recalls the exact time of the call, saying, "The call came in at 11:01 a.m., at 11:05 engine #4 and medic unit #15 were at the scene. Another engine was requested at 11:13 and it was at the scene by 11:17."

The quick response time of the fire engines was due to a combination of alertness and good training of the engine company officers as well as the presence of the M.O.D.A.T. computer which is on the dashboard of every engine and departmental car. The letters in M.O.D.A.T. stand for Mobile Operation Data Terminal.

All calls to the Fire Department come through M.O.D.A.T. terminals and are relayed to the communication system in the Fire Department Headquarters at 401 E. Lexington St. and the engine company nearest the fire.

Although the response time in this case was less than five minutes, the Fire Department's equipment and personnel were unable to prevent the tragedy of Trina Carter's death.

Captain Flynn commented on the unusual circumstances involved in this fire saying: This type of fire is an extremely rare occurrence, a fire of this nature must have perfect conditions in order to start and kill in such a short time. The fire would need the right mixture of oxygen and gasoline along with a very high ignition point.

Linda Bradford doesn't want to think about why her daughter had to be the one to die in such an unusual accident, instead she wants Trina's friends to remember her the way they saw her last — happy and carefree.

Trina grew up in Baltimore City and graduated from Fairmount Hill High School in 1985. She lived in the 1600 block of Retreat St. with her mother, Linda Bradford an employee of the Golden Arm Restaurant on York Rd. and stepfather Ronald Bradford, an employee at Rosewood State Hospital.

Trina's mother Linda says, "Trina hadn't settled into dating any one boy in particular, she had several boyfriends both the social kind and the romantic kind."

Now Trina's friends and coworkers are paying their condolences to the family, Mrs. Bradford says she has not had any real time to be alone and think about the shock of Trina's death.

"Trina grew up attending church. She came to Simmons after her original church burned down, Simmons is in our neighorhood and Trina and the family have known most of the members all of our lives. Trina had insurance, so the financial part of having a funeral will not be a burden to us. We know the church will provide a good funeral service for Trina."

Rasul Muhammad to speak

A special benefit program for the Nation of Islam's National Center Drive takes place Sunday, December 11, at 2 p.m. at the Palladium, 2900 Liberty Heights Avenue. Speaker will be the son of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Brother Rasul Muhammad of Chicago.

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—Blacks outraged

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Hospital said she was particularly appalled at the game's reference of her old neighborhood as "And accost 'um", and grew insulted by the moment as she peered through the window of the Card and Party Shop in Georgetown Park.

"When I first looked at it through the window, I decided to go inside to take a closer look, and I told the clerk that I found the game offensive — both racially and sexually," Christian said. "But he told me he didn't think it was that bad, and told me to take it home to see."

According to Card and Party Shop manager Sarah Lineberger, "Home Rulette 's cover design is misleading because its supposed to be a political satire game, but it pokes fun at everybody down the board. I can understand though, why some people would be offended.

"At first I had slight reservations about selling the game," said Lineberger who reports that sales have been relatively brisk.

Christian, however, along with other blacks had a different view on the game's content. A few of "Home Rulettes" more racist material includes:

* A depiction of a white man cooking in a pot as two black men look on, under the caption "South African Embassy"

* The protest organized by Union Temple Baptist Church against a Korean carryout owner accused of pulling a gun on a black patron is referred to as the "Union Pimple Baptist Church Bash Chinks Project."

* The United Negro College Fund is called "the United Nubian College Fund", while the National Education Association was dubbed the "National Excretory Association."

* "Wrong ANC. What you thought was a meeting of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission turns out to be a meeting of the African National Congress. Pay $25,000 for our hospitalization after you get burned for participating in a necklacing."

* "Publisher William Regardie of Regardie's magazine has called for: a) the repeal of home rule; b) the importation of Pik Botha to manage the problem; c) sentencing of Marion Barry to a drug rehabilitation program for 99 years; d) all of the above."

* "Farrahkan-Jackson Syndrome. Prosecute Jews demonstrating in front of the Soviet Embassy. Don't prosecute 'Community' folk demonstrating in front of the South African Embassy. Collect $30,000 from the Soviets.

* "The Sambo Sabbatical. Learn the native arts business while working at a store and at the same time collecting sick leave from the city."

* "Ribs will be next . Skyrocketing watermelon prices threaten to destabilize your base in the community. Come up with a watermelon subsidy plan and have Feds pay for it. Pocket $15,000."

* "Almost 30 percent of the inhabitants of this facility were discovered missing during a surprise check: a) Martin Luther King Day Care Center; b) Lorton Prison; c) Nat Turner Adult Down Syndrome Clinic; d) Oak Hill Maximum Security Youth Detention Center."

In addition, "Home Rulette " also denounces the District's predominately black institutions of higher learning — Howard University and UDC — and advises those seeking degrees to go to Saint Elizabeth's Hospital to "get an extra $25,000 on your next caper."

"One reason why this game is being marketed in Georgetown is because of the large white contingent who think the DC government and its citizens are out of control because they're black," said Christian. "They would love to see DC under the control of whites so that it could be run properly.

"During the past eight years that Reagan has been in the White House people have become more comfortable expressing racist feelings for things they used to keep to themselves like forming white student unions on college campuses, and by saying those seeking affirmative action are getting jobs they are not qualified for."

Linda Thurston of the Partisan Defense Committee — a newly formed group which has become a watchdog against racism — agrees with Christian.

"Racially motivated violence has been on the rise in the sense of more demonstrations and especially a link-up of the young, storm-trooper Skinhead organization.

"And I expect that Bush will continue the same policies because he is of the same party," said Thurston. "We know that the KKK endorsed Reagan, and Bush had a lot of Nazi friends in his organization who had to retire for PR purposes."

"All of these racially motivated incidents are caused because the White House gives the green light to these actions."

Alexander Swan

Funeral services for Alexander Swan were held 1:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Nutter Funeral Home, Inc. on Gwynn Falls Parkway. He died Oct. 30 at the Maryland General Hospital.

Mr. Swan, 82, of Dillwyn, Va. worked at Bethlehem Steel Corp. for 38 years.

He was married to Anna Swan.

He is survived by his sons, Charles and Ronald Swan; grandchildren, Simone and Charles Jr.; great grandson, Ian; brother, John W. Swan; daughter-in-law, Sharon Swan; sister-in-law, Josephine DeLeon; and a host of friends and relatives.

—Clergy to support

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should not spend it in places that do not support them."

According to the December issue of *Black Enterprise* Magazine, "the number of black households is growing more rapidly than the total number of households in the general population.

The Census Bureau reports that the median income of black married-couple families grew from $9,721 to $31,949 between 1970 and 1986 while the median income for white married-income families increased from $12,543 to $38,972.

The report further states that the median income of black dual-income families grew by 6.2 percent between 1985 and 1986 while white dual-income families' income increased by only 3.8 percent.

In 1988, the total money income for black Americans will top the $200 billion mark, and will approach $250 billion by the end of 1989.

Yet, many advertisers "ignore our psychographics and refuse to use black newspapers to advertise those products where we have extremely high usage," said Don Roberts, General Manager of Amalgamated Publishers, Inc., a New York based firm that represents more than 80 black newspapers nationwide.

"We even have problems getting appointments with some companies. Their standard response is "we have your market, so why should be bother advertising."

Meetings will continue with Rev. Thomas and other local ministers to develop and implement an action plan, said Frances Draper, AFRO president.

"Economic justice includes more than advertising dollars for black newspapers. It's about self-esteem and the strengthening of our community."

Beginning this week, the AFRO will publish lists of businesses that have been supportive through their advertising dollars.

"We strongly urge our readers to support these businesses," said Jake Oliver, publisher of the AFRO. "It's important that we send a clear message that blacks cannot continue to be ignored or taken for granted."

Support these retailers: Charlie Rudo, Custom-Showroom, Ecuador Hats, Hecht Company, Lordhill Tailoring;

Merry-Go-Round, Pick and Pay, Rapid Stationary, Rite Aid, Sa'Joy Shoes;

Sears, Southland/7-11 stores, Susie's Out, Giant, Superfresh.

—Suspended

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possible she was messing up for so long it is what they have come to expect. I think some teachers like to use her as an example to others," Mrs. Gaither said.

"We have been working closely with her this year, changing some rules in our house because we don't want her to wind up in a bad situation," she said. "I know my daughter has changed for the better. Even some of her teachers have told me that they have seen an improvement," Ms. Gaither added.

She said she is trying to get her daughter transferred to another school because of the stigma which may be attached to her at Lemmel, but that the transfer request is frozen in lieu of the current suspension.

Sharice Rogers was sent home from school, Tuesday, Nov. 29. Her mother found out, Wednesday, December 7, that it would be at least 10 days before she could have an appointment for an appeal which may or may not result in the child returning to school. It is possible that by the time the suspension is resolved, Sharice could have missed 20 days or more of school.

"It is impossible for a child to be out of school 30 days on a suspension without being given an opportunity to return," according to Helen Patterson, coordinator, Office of Special Pupil Services.

A suspension can last from 5 to 45 days. When a child is suspended, the parent and child are interviewed by a suspension specialist, Patterson explained.

If a parent does not show up for two scheduled appointments, the case is referred to the court if a child is under 16.

The second letter requesting an appointment is certified, Patterson said.

When a child is expelled from school, he cannot return to a regular school program. But a parent can appeal the expulsion within 10 days.

Some home teaching is provided for elementary and middle school students who are expelled. Last school year, 289 children were expelled from school; sixty-seven elementary students, 138 middle school students, and 84 senior high school students.

Some Department of Education employees recognize that the current suspension/expulsion programs are not ideal. With the drop-out rate nearing 50 percent, they see the problems with putting kids out who are already at risk of dropping out.

The Office of Special Pupil Services plans to make proposals to ammend the current system to school superintendent, Richard C. Hunter, at the next school board meeting, Thursday night, according to sources.

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Elementary school uniforms: the idea is working

WALKING AND WORKING TOGETHER — Some wear uniforms to school everyday and some don't — but matter what they wear, students at Eutaw Marshburn take pride in their school.

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

Thirty years ago a little boy cried in the second grade, and again in the third grade because he had only two pairs of pants and two shirts to wear to school. The tears fell harder when he was unable to get a Boy Scout uniform. But, his parents helped him to dry the tears and realize that learning is more important than clothes.

Del. Elijah E. Cummings (Dist. 39) was the little boy who cried, but now he is the legislator who pledges that every child attending school in his district who wants a school uniform will have one.

"Not having stylish clothes added extra tension to my life and it interfered with my learning processes," Del. Cummings said.

"If uniforms are a tool that will help our children matriculate through school successfully, I will spend my own money to see that they have them."

Cummings donated $1,250 to Eutaw-Marshburn Elementary School for kids' uniforms this year. But, his commitment to the cause may be challenged next year. School Superintendent Richard C. Hunter recommended, last week, that all elementary schools adopt a school uniform policy by the 1990-91 school year.

Eutaw-Marshburn Elementary, a school that takes pride in itself, began wearing uniforms this year. Blue and gold are the colors and the entire school uniformly wears blue and gold-students to principle. As one of the first to adopt uniforms and, with almost half of the students wearing them everyday, Eutaw-Marshburn is also one of the first to feel the effects.

"I like wearing a uniform because nobody can call you a name because they have the same thing on as you," said 5th grader Novena Noaks. "I like them because you don't have trouble picking out your clothes in the morning," said another 5th grader. Other students said they like wearing uniforms because they prevent fights, save their parents money, and represent their school.

Almost half of the students at Eutaw-Marshburn wear uniforms to school everyday. The administration is so supportive that they instituted a payment plan for parents who have difficulty buying them.

"We're in the business of building self-esteem, and there has been a noticeable difference since the uniforms," said Louise Smith, principal of Eutaw-Marshburn elementary school. "As you can see, our school is orderly, you would never know we have amost 800 people in this building," Smith said strutting down the hall in her navy blue skirt, Gold blouse, and gold and blue scarf.

"Our attitudes are such that every day is dress up day."

Anyone concerned that uniforms will be impossible to attain for some students because of cost will have a touch time getting that view past Delegate Cummings and Ms. Smith.

"Uniforms are $33 each," Cummings said. There are parents who are spending more than $33 for one pair of pants. I know because I am a parent.

Still efforts are being made to make school uniforms affordable. Raymond Bennett, president of the Public School Uniform Project has made arrangements with some companies to manufacture uniforms to be sold at an inexpensive price. An agreement has been made with G&G that the schools will buy their uniforms as long as they hire its people, or people affiliated with schools through the community. Bennett said the company will probably be used to supply all the uniforms to elementary schools next year.

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—City Hall tree

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Close to 30 sets of 50-stringed white lights circle the tree with figurines of birds, baskets, gold bows and tiny apples. And 40 yellow poinsettias curl at its bottom.

"I love my job," the 36-year-old maintenance worker said.

Hargrove and a team of maintenance workers converged five days to set the towering and puffy tree up.

A Baltimore couple, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Viscardi donated the $400 (approximately) tree to the city said city curator Jeanne March Davis.

Garland's Gardens arranged for the donation.

The tree was finished late Tuesday.

Getting the tree inside the city building was no easy task, however.

Hargrove and crewman Charles H. Riemer remembered.

On Dec. 2 the crew, after carrying the tree off a truck, had difficulty getting the tree in the building's tightly-fit foyer the two said.

After struggling for a while, the crew did manage to carry the large tree inside and then lift the tree over the rotunda and set it upright.

"We set it up and raised the branches to make the tree look full," said Hargrove.

Hargrove said the non-artificial tree and last year's tree were the biggest in City Hall's history.

Gov. William D. Schaefer started the tradition of placing Christmas trees in City Hall's rotunda said Davis. A tree sits outside City Hall, too.

"In the past, not much was done, except for a small tree that was placed in the ceremonial room," Davis said.

"It was low-key," until Schaefer made changes said the curator.

Davis decided nature would be this year's Christmas tree theme.

Much of her childhood Yuletide memories and personal views of what Christmas means are woven in to the tree.

Christmas is "a time to appreciate nature and its bounty, rather than emphasize Santa Claus," Davis explained.

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