—Death in classroom

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Police reveal the stabbing took place at 10 a.m., Nov. 27, in classroom 225 at Robert Poole Junior High School, 1300 W. 36th St., when the two students became involved in a fight over a bottle of perfume.

Donna collapsed in the doorway of her classroom and was bleeding from the neck, throat and nose.

Dr. Bert F. Morton, a medical examiner, said Donna apparently bled to death.

Neighbors and classmates of Donna described her as a "happy teenager who loved to sing."

She was an eighth grade student and won a trophy last year for her participation on the school volleyball team.

Donna loved to crochet, sew and was often seen running to the store for senior citizens in her neighborhood.

She was an active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, 22nd and Greenmount Ave. where last rites will be held Friday.

In addition to her sister, Donna is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Annie) Diggs, a sister, Pandora, two brothers, Edward and Michael Diggs; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Diggs.

"She was quiet until she went to Robert Poole School and met the wrong crowd," said the grandmother of a 13-year-old girl held in the Monday death of classmate Donna Diggs, also 13.

With a quiver in her voice, Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver told the AFRO, "My granddaughter got everything she needed and sometimes too much, but yet she wanted to associate with older girls."

Due to Mrs. Oliver's health, her grandchild was living in a foster home in the 1400 block Eden St.

The teenager had lived with her grandmother in the 2200 block Guilford Ave., until August when a decision was made in Juvenile Court to place her in a foster home.

After the Monday slaying of Donna, the AFRO talked to the accused girl's foster mother, who said very coldly over the phone, "I don't know anything about it, don't want to know and don't call."

A 13-year-old Robert Poole Junior High School student has been charged with being delinquent by allegedly killing Donna, her eighth-grade classmate.

The teenager is now being held at the Maryland Children's Center on Woodbourne Ave., for 21 days.

She will be given psychiatric and psychological tests and will return to Juvenile Court in 21 days.

When she returns, the state will decide if it wants to seek a waiver of jurisdiction from the Juvenile Court in order to prosecute her as an adult.

The youth has no juvenile record.

"I attended Ebenezer Baptist Church and so did my grandchild, who formerly was a member of the choir. We always did things to make her happy," said Mrs. Oliver, grandmother of the accused teen.

As a grandmother, who loves her granddaughter, Mrs. Oliver is still concerned about her granddaughter and wants to know what will happen to her.

She told the AFRO she had not heard from the court and first learned of the tragedy from her grandson who "ran home from school and told her what had happened.

"The first person to tell me about Donna was my other grandchild, not the police," said Mrs. Oliver.

Donna Diggs

Angela A. Dandridge

—Found dead in 'house of horror'

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No one knows if Mark died from exposure, abuse, violence or had been sick.

Police report there was no heat or electricity in the house. Most of the windows were cracked. The ceilings were falling in.

The mother, a juvenile, 17, is reported to be staying in a shelter home along with her other sisters and brothers, following Mark's death.

Mrs. Lillie Brown, grandmother of Marj, is now staying with a sister and the AFRO was not able to contact her at presstime.

Elickson Funeral Home, 1129 N. Caroline St., was appointed by the legal resources department of the Department of Social Services to handle last rites.

Miss Victoria Brown, 18, who assisted her younger sister in making arrangements for last rites told the AFRO, "My sisters and brothers had to share the bed because we only had two beds.

"I want to see my family live together and not in a shelter home."

Mrs. Brown is quoted as telling the police she last saw Mark on Nov. 26 around 9:30 p.m. when he went to sleep. She stated he was being treated by Dr. Reed of the 2500 block Greenmount Ave., for a skin rash and she did not know of any other illness.

Michael Brown, 11, Mark's uncle, called his mother on Nov. 27 around 9:20 a.m. when he carried Mark to her bedroom because he could not get him to wake up.

Police state the other children said they attempted to wake Mark up, who was sleeping on the floor with Michael.

After police found the house unfit for habitation, the Department of Social Services placed the mother and her children in the Century Hotel at Charles Street and Mount Royal Ave.

Jim Wienholt, Social Services supervisor, was reluctant to release information concerning the family stating it was "personal."

But the question remains, how did little Mark die? Why was this unfit dwelling still in use?

There are larger issues having to do with the city's responsibility, neglect of property and of children.

"Even knowing all these answers won't bring this little kid back," said an investigator concerned with the case. "That's the really horrible thing about this tragedy."

—Housing official

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Dandridge, who has been charged with homicide, is employed as an environmental counselor for Self Help Housing, a federally funded program geared to aid citizens in housing problems and picking up bulk trash.

The young couple had only been married one year.

Police reveal the couple had been arguing and quote their 9-year-old daughter as saying she heard a loud noise in their bedroom.

Mrs. Dandridge is a 1972 Northwestern Senior High School graduate and was formerly employed as a clerk at the district court at 211 East Madison St.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Dec. 2 at New Greater Church of God Apostolic Church, 12 S. Stockton St.

Mrs. Dandridge is survived by two daughters, Sharnell and Sharniece Dandridge; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel (Dorothy) Alexander, seven brothers, Nathaniel, Edward, Robert, Leroy, Obray and Julius Alexander; three sisters, Mrs. Barbara Mosley, Miss Cynthia Alexander and Miss Asemath Alexander.

Slain man found in house

A 36-year-man was found beaten to death early Thursday in a burning rowhouse on Bruce Street.

Police tentatively identified the man as Theodore Hatcher of the 1300 block N. Bruce St.

Reports stated police believe the victim's killer beat Hatcher over the head with a hammer, then started the fire in the basement which spread to the first floor before firemen brought it under control about 3 a.m.

Firefighters said the suspected weapon was lying near his body.

—300 more police

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As it stands now the Baltimore Police Department is 14 percent black. The department has 3,243 members, 2,774 of them white, 469 black.

Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, director of the Freedom House Job Crusade, commended Pomerleau and urged young women as well as young men, who are 21 years old, with a high school diploma, and in good health, to consider making the police department a career.

Freedom House officials said they receive two or three complaints of police brutality a day though they report only white policemen are involved. Freedom House said its records did not indicate that mistreatment complaints included black police.

Pomerleau also announced that nine of the 20 police agents promoted this week are black. These are officers who have college degrees and better.

Police job applications are available at Freedom House, 1239 Druid Hill Ave., as well as at the AFRO-AMERICAN and the Civil Service Commission.

The applications must be filed with the Civil Service Commission, 111 N. Calvert St., Old Post Office, first floor, by Friday, Dec. 9, 1977. Pomerleau said the Civil Service Commission has simplified the written examination to eliminate racial and cultural bias. The examination will be held on Dec. 15, 1977.

Members of the Freedom House delegation besides Mrs. Mitchell are, John R. Peters, Freedom House president; George C. Lottier, treasurer, and Dr. John R. Bryant, finance chairman.

—Dockworkers back

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The dock workers, members of the International Longshoreman's Association Local 333, went back to their jobs after local president Garris McFadden said he would obey the court order handed down by Judge Joseph H. Young late Wednesday.

A hearing on a preliminary injunction filed by shippers is scheduled for Dec. 8.

The members of Local 333 carried out the one day wildcat strike on orders from McFadden, who said the dockworkers should stay home since most of them rejected the three year master contract ratified Tuesday.

The longshoremen in Local 333 rejected the contract two to one because they were dissatisfied with the guaranteed annual income provision in the contract designed to protect longshoremen displaced by automation.

McFadden contends since his local turned down the contract they should not be bound by it.

He has made several appeals to Thomas W. Gleason, the Longshoreman Association president, to intervene in the matter.

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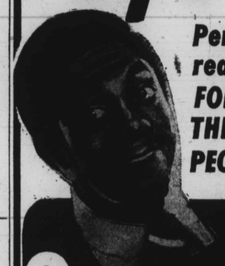

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Q. Is Frank Conaway of Ashburton Insurance running for or at least thinking about running for any office? C.D., Balto.

A. Conway is running for the House of Delegates in 1979 although he has not filed the papers. He has already started his fund raising campaign.

Q. The rain has created a lot of problems in my area and I'd like to know where to go for help? D.B. Balto.

A. Call the Department of Public Works at 539-5151. They'll be able to help you.

Q. I want to get a food permit. Who can help me? K. R. Balto.

A. Call 396-3787 for information on how to obtain a food permit.

Frank Conaway

Q. I'd like to donate some clothes and food to the needy for Christmas but I don't know where to go here in Baltimore. Can you help me? W. K. Balto.

A. The AFRO has a campaign called Mrs. Santa every year. There is also Goodwill Industries, Santa Claus Anonymous, the Red Cross and the Mayor's Office of Special Projects which sets up boxes in libraries around the city. Any of these groups will be more than happy to take your donation.

Got a question about Baltimore or Baltimoreans, ask us. We'll give it our best shot or tell you who could possibly be of further aid.

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CANCER — June 21 to July 22 — To receive love you must be willing to give love. Do some nice things for others. There are a variety of opportunities for benevolence. A telephone call, a small gift, preparing dinner are only a few small favors you can give.

LEO — July 23 to Aug. 22 — If you have an automobile, have it checked thoroughly and put into good operating condition, not only from the standpoint of safety, but for economy as well.

VIRGO — Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 — You now feel better than you've felt in a long time. You can stay that way by embarking on a health program with proper diet and exercise.

LIBRA — Sept. 23 to Oct. 22 — Romance is favored. Your current relationship is revived or someone new comes into your life. Either way, happiness abounds.

SCORPIO — Oct. 23 to Nov. 22 — You can look forward to an enjoyable holiday season if you plan activities. A wide variety of events will be taking place. You have only to choose those you feel you might enjoy most.

SAGITTARIUS — Nov. 23 to Dec. 22 — Take time to be alone. Restructure your thinking if you want to become better organized. You must be willing to make some sacrifice to achieve the goals you have set your sights on.

CAPRICORN — Dec. 23 to Jan. 19 — Stop trying to do all the work and carry all the responsibility alone. You have every right to expect others to do their share. Stand up for your rights.

CITY STATISTICS

Court docket

Rape — Grover Reid, Jr., guilty, 20 years imprisonment.

Burglary — Grover Reid, Jr., guilty, 20 years imprisonment to run concurrent.

Day House Breaking — Johnny Ray Clifton, guilty, 6 years imprisonment, suspended, 5 years probation.

Assault With Intent To Murder — Elliott Ray — nolle prosequi.

Robbery With Deadly Weapon — Albert L. Wamsley, Charles E. McCoy, Jr., held sub curia pending presentence report.

Larceny — Charles E. McCoy, Jr., nolle prosequi.

Murder — James Luke, held sub curia.

Burglary — Darrell Peterson, guilty, 7 years imprisonment, 5 years suspended, 5 years probation, suspended.

Narcotics Violation—James T. Walker, guilty, 18 months imprisonment, suspended, 3 years probation suspended.

Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — Andrea B. Sampson, plea of guilty 3rd count, 5 years imprisonment, 4 years suspended, 4 years probation suspended.

Larceny—Melvin Fenner, nolle prosequi.

Assault With Intent To Rob — Richard Wilson, guilty, held sub curia pending pre-sentence report.

Indecent Exposure — Richard Wilson, not guilty.

Trespassing — Richard Wilson, stet.

Accessory After The Fact — Andrea B. Sampson, nolle prosequi.

Rape — Robert B. Vaughn, 8 years imprisonment suspended, 5 years probation suspended, $500.00 fine.

Narcotics Violation — James E. Schweiger, not guilty; Michael L. Smith, 8 years probation.

Forgery — Cora E. Barnes, guilty 3rd count, 5 years imprisonment.

Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — Gerald Gee, guilty 1st count, 10 years imprisonment; Samuel Grier, guilty 1st count; Lonnie Grier, guilty 1st count, held sub curia, as to each.

Robbery — Gerald H. Gee, guilty 1st count, 10 years imprisonment.

Narcotics Violation — Fay L. Fields, held sub curia.

Assault With Intent To Murder — Hilliary Cotton, guilty, held sub curia pending pre-sentence report.

Divorces filed

Barbara Ann Richmond vs. Nathan Allan; Richmond; Richard Strahman vs. Wendy L. Strahiman;

Lynnadine Curry vs. clarence S. Curry; Rachael A. Drumheller vs. Allen Neal Drumheller;

Lucille R. Jonnson vs. Lee A. Johnson; Patricia Alice Dinkio vs. Anthony Paul Dinkio; Robert Rose Jr. vs. Eloise G. Rose;

Deborah Anthony vs. William Anthony; Reginald M. Lane Jr. vs. Nellie Lane; Donna Ann Strine vs. Donald Wayne Strine; Cynthia Luciene Cowan vs. Floyd Lee Cowan;

Annie Pearl Davis vs. Noah Lee Davis;

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Divorces granted

Odessa Harris from Clifton Harris; Martha C. Estes from Eddie T. Estes Sr.; Larry Banks from Grace Banks; Venita C. Digos from Arthur Diggs Jr.;

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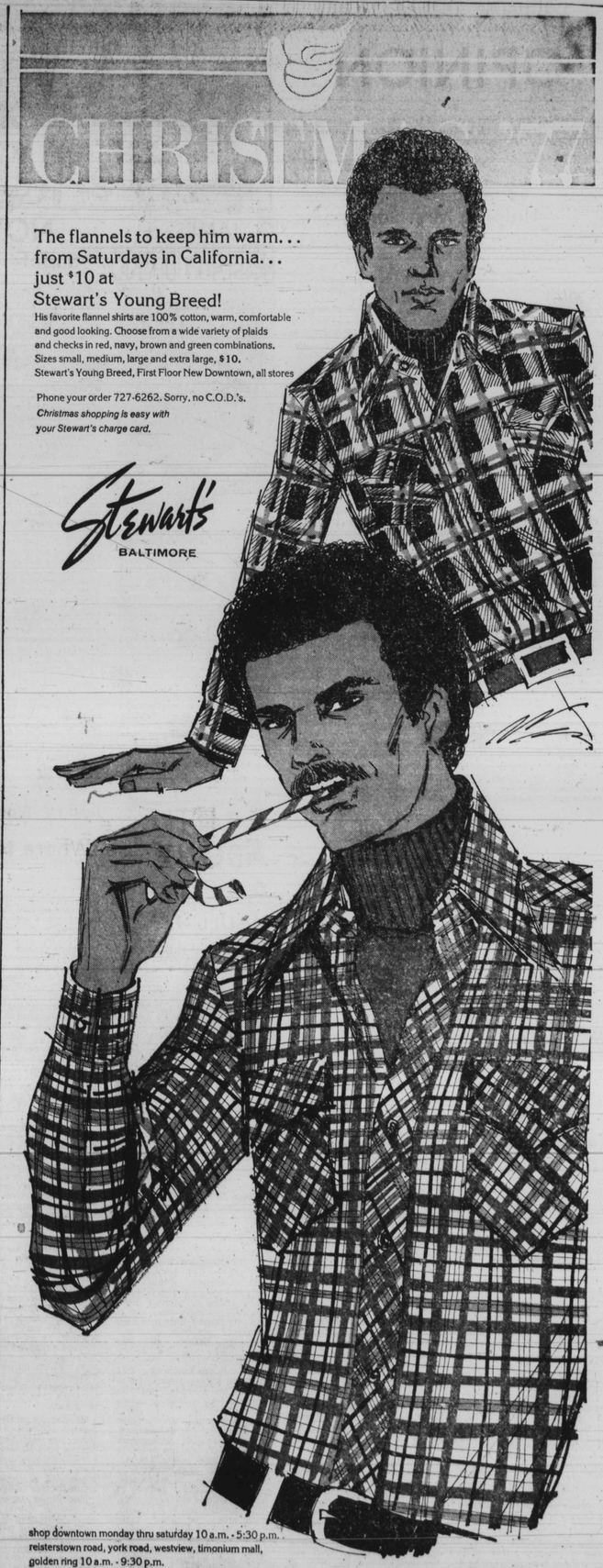

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