—Little Tony's last day

"Tony," regarded by all who knew him as one of the sweetest little boys imaginable, was the innocent victim of what investigators, relatives and neighbors feel was escalating violence prompted by a teen - age boy's unrequited love for a girl.

Charged as an adult in the May 1 drowning of the 7 - year - old is Joseph Carroll "Junie" Nolan Jr., 14.

Also equally charged as an adult on all three crimes is the suspect's pal, Michael Glenn Evans, 16.

Police reports show the 14 - year - old suspect was barred from the dead child's home in the 3300 block Royce Ave. two months ago.

Since then, according to Tony's stepfather, a suspect piled on abuses against the family and did damage to the house and car.

In his Homicide Department investigation of the brutal killing of the youngster, Sgt. George Christian told the AFRO the attraction one of the suspects had for the dead child's sister is "naturally" a part of the probe.

Restricted by law while the case is pending, Sgt. Christian said he could not comment on "how far teenaged love can go."

Assistant States Attorney David Palmer told the AFRO, "It's a grotesque thing. I don't want to taint the case and cannot say but we have evidence the girl and boy had been close friends but he was barred by the stepfather. The girl didn't want to see him anymore.

"I lead investigations on over 200 murders a year but this one has brought more calls, black and white. The entire community, more than any other I have ever seen," Palmer said.

The dead child's stepfather, Willie Godfrey, was more definite about the teenagers' association.

Godfrey owns and operates Willie's Body and Fender Shop, 2828 W. Coldspring Lane. His wife is on the staff at Levindale Nursing Home.

When the AFRO visited his home Wednesday night, he said, "What do 14 - year - olds know about love? He kept after her, and I told him not to bother her or come around here anymore. He lives just a few doors away on this same street. He knew he was not to come to my house.

"About two months ago he started taking it out on us. I never dreamed he would take it out on little Tony like this.

"He knocked out a windshield each week on my van which took $400 to replace.

"I called the police and spoke to his parents. The parents kept saying it wasn't him. They paid me $65 for the windshields. The police said they couldn't do anything."

The stepfather and the dead child's mother, Mrs. Betty Godfrey, 35, married four years, sat in the bedroom of their comfortable home in tears as they told the AFRO of the last rites they had prepared for the 7 - year - old boy.

Mr. Godfrey asked the AFRO to thank the "entire city for the kindness expressed by so many in the family's hour of need."

"The family wants to give its thanks to the whole Baltimore community for its outpourings of support, help and sympathy upon the death of Tony," he said.

The slain youngster will lie in state in a white casket dressed in his tan Easter suit with long trousers, a tan shirt and a brown bow tie. Flowers from the family are a large broken heart of deep red roses and a casket spray of blue and white fresh blossoms.

Fondly known as Tony, the Edgecombe Elementary School first grader will be seen for the last time by schoolmates, his teacher, other members of the faculty and the principal.

His uncle, the Rev. Walter Godfrey, Newport News, Va., will give the eulogy and assist the church pastor, Rev. Hansley, at the church and gravesite.

Some 100 close kin of the mother and stepfather include the child's five brothers and sisters, three grandmothers, a grandfather, the 18 aunts and uncles and cousins. March Funeral Home is in charge.

The dead child was born Jan. 3, 1971 in Baltimore, the son of Mrs. Betty Godfrey and her first husband, Elmer Howe, who lives in Baltimore.

The happy child resided with his brothers and sisters and they went everywhere with the stepfather who dearly loved them.

Last summer they made frequent camping trips to neighboring states with the Namads Van Club, a group of 27 enthusiasts to which the stepfather belongs.

Tony liked skating, bike riding and TV sports, "anything the stepfather watched on TV." Neighbors describe him as a "lovable kid."

In addition to father, stepfather, mother and sister, Sharon, survivors include the other children, Gino, 9; Antinia, 10; Angelina, 5; Willitia, one year.

Also, grandmothers Mesdames Mary Blocker, Nashville, N.C.; Harriett Regan, Baltimore; Eugenia Godfrey, Elizabeth City, N.C.; grandfather, William Hurtt, Laurel, Md.; uncles and aunts and scores of cousins.

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—Accused teens

His body was found 12 hours later on a ledge in 30 feet of water in the abandoned quarry on Clipper Road near the Jones Falls Expressway.

Investigators say the youngster had been tied to a board and pushed into the water which at some points is 80 feet deep.

Police report that rocks and stones were thrown at the child as he struggled to stay afloat. Unsuccessful, he drowned. An autopsy report shows injuries to the face and cheek of undetermined cause.

Scuba divers found the child about 8:30 a.m. May 2. The search began around 6 p.m. May 1 after the mother, a registered nurse, received a phone call she said, "from Junie" saying, "If you want to see Tony again come up with $300."

The child's stepfather told the AFRO he and members of the family searched the neighborhood and the new house they had rented to move to this week. In checking the home he said he found a fire bomb had been exploded. The soda bottle had spread flames which burned the curtains, he stated.

Homicide police say the accused "Junie" was one of the suspects taken to the quarry May 2. While on the shore of the deep pit, one of the suspects became hysterical and kept screaming "I don't see him. I don't see him."

Assistant States Attorney Palmer said when he accompanied the suspects to appear before Judge Bell, the teenagers appeared to show no remorse or emotion.

He said, "With what my eyes saw, they seemed to be normal, nice looking, intelligent teens. They answered Judge Bell intelligently."

—Bowie prexy

Charles H. Foelber, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Bowie's governing board, introduced the educator as "a distinguished scholar and man of letters, an able administrator, and an individual who has impressed us with his firm determination to take those steps necessary to develop this institution to its full potential."

A graduate of Kentucky State College, Barfield holds a doctorate in educational administration from Miami University in Ohio.

He also holds a master's degree in educational administration and supervision and psychology and school guidance and counseling from the University of Kentucky and the University of Cincinnati respectively.

Barfield said the presidency of Bowie State is "both challenging and rewarding" but the college, like most universities in the country, "will be confronted with new and difficult issues in higher education — steady state, little or no growth in student enrollment, budgetary problems, and maintaining standards of academic excellence."

But he added despite these problems, "Bowie State College can and shall continue to progress with a proud heritage during my administration."

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—Common Pleas Court

According to Mrs. Tutman, the "bookkeeping department, which is the center of the present controversy, ran perfectly smoothly until April 1977 and the department has never had an accountant."

She states the trouble began in May 1977 when Carroll, "who is always telling everybody he knows nothing about bookkeeping began to make the decisions in that department that screwed up the workings of the department for months at a time."

Mrs. Tutman says, "Mr. Carroll really knows nothing of bookkeeping and accounting but is constantly making important decisions in the department that simply do not make good bookkeeping sense.

"Mr. Carroll decided instead to do battle with the auditors and tread water by blaming the problems of the department on his bookkeeper and a complicated system."

Mrs. Tutman explained that this is not intended as a list of all of Carroll's transgressions. These are simply those that have been raised recently in Carroll's public protesting of his innocence.

Mrs. Tutman claims she personally feels very frustrated that she and Carroll have reached this point in their relationship and she is sensitive to the necessity of an integrated clerk system.

"I am also sensitive to my own survival and the fact that loyalty is a trait that should go in both directions. At this late date the situation could possibly be saved, but I seriously doubt that Mr. Carroll could ever be brought to admit his wrongs in the face of a mountain of evidence," said Mrs. Tutman.

Sickle Cell Walk-a-thon

The Third annual Sickle Cell Anemia Walk - a - thon, sponsored by Black Youth in Action from Cecil and Hartford Counties, will be held on Sunday, May 7. Rain date will be May 14.

Registration for walkers will take place from 7 to 9 a.m. on the day of the walk at Hillsdale Elementary School, Edmund Street, Aberdeen.

ADVANCE "BANK-IN"

Members of the Advisory Board of Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association will hold a 'bank - in' at the branch office, 1405 E. Cold Spring Lane, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., **Saturday, May 6, 1978.**

All Advisory Board members are urged to attend and to bring with them new depositors or persons desiring to add to existing savings accounts. Photos and prizes during ceremony beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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UMES may get 13 new programs

A University of Maryland study committee has listed 13 programs that might be transferred to the predominantly black University of Maryland, Eastern Shore.

The list was revealed by Dr. William P. Hytche, UMES chancellor, and is part of a university study on expanded curriculum and enrollment at the campus.

According to the special 12 - member task force, whose official title is "the special task force to study the feasibility of relocating programs entirely or in part from one campus to another," the 13 programs are currently located in the five campuses on the university system.

They are: geology, business management, agricultural and extension education, poultry science, engineering technology, institution administration, special education, early childhood education, costume design, institute of applied agriculture, criminal justice and criminology, conservation and resource development — fisheries option and crafts.

Hytche emphasized the fact that the task force "was only charged with studying the feasibility of the transfers and before any programs or a portion of one can be moved, the university president and the board of regents must first approve the action. Then the matter must go before the State Board for Higher Education."

He did say he felt sure that some transfers will be made and anticipated some of the new programs may begin as early as September 1979.

Hytche indicated he felt that additional studies prior to implementation "were inevitable" because of objections to the transfers in some cases.

"I want to stress, however, he said, "that the report clearly states that students enrolled in programs scheduled for transfer will have the option to complete their course work at the campus where they were admitted and that faculty and staff members not wishing to move will be offered alternated matters requiring attention."

The committee was appointed by Dr. Wilson Elkins, University president, Feb. 2 from within the university at the request of the board of regents.

It was intended, according to Elkins, as the first of several steps to study the total university and to be used to help increase "the diversity, effectiveness and efficiency of all campuses."

Federal employee wins discrimination suit

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) illegally violated the rights of Albert Billingslea, according to a ruling issued Tuesday by the Federal District Court for the district of Maryland.

The court ruled that the federal agency retaliated against him by not promoting him from a GS - 14 to a GS - 15 in 1975 due to his filing of an equal employment opportunity grievance in 1974.

"The court believes that had the plaintiff never filed his EEO charges, he would have been selected for this position," Chief Judge Northrop said in his 30 page opinion.

"He was the most logical candidate, since he had the working experience in that area, and had accepted a grade reduction from GS - 15 to GS - 14 for selection to his detail in the CHP division.

"Under the merit promotion plan and the division's affirmative action plan, it seems clear that plaintiff was the most likely candidate.

The agency was ordered to promote Billingslea with back pay effective October 17, 1975 to a GS - 15. Attorney's fees and costs were awarded to his lawyer, A. Dwight Pettit.

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Social security benefits for police cadets

The Board of Estimates approved a plan that would place certain city workers under the social security retirement plan.

The unanimous decision made by the five - member panel Wednesday calls for all city meter maids, linemen and police cadets to be placed under the Employees Retirement System of the State of Maryland, Division of Social Security.

The plan was recommended by Charles L. Benton, director of the city's finance department.

Benton had made the request to the board last week after he was told by state officials that linemen, meter maids and police cadets are civilian employees and "therefore must be covered by social security."

He said the city pays the retroactive social security cost for the group of city workers. He requested in March the city not try to recover the amounts from the linemen, meter maids and police cadets currently employed in the city.

He added: "Since police cadets are not sworn in until they attain the age of 21, I further recommend that all police cadets who will not reach their 21st birthday by July 1, 1978 be transferred to the Employees Retirement System until they are sworn in and have the authority to arrest."

Party set for Douglass

Del. John Douglass, rated among the "most effective state representatives" by Baltimore Magazine, will be honored in a fundraising cocktail hour for his re - election Sunday, May 7, 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Mondawmin Mall.

Those attending the affair, sponsored by the Friends of John Douglass, are expected to hear Douglass reaffirm his reason for re - election. At the same time, a capacity audience will get more details concerning his yet un - announced candidacy for Baltimore City Comptroller.

Sands wants new voters

If Douglas B. Sands, a candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates, is successful, state residents could automatically renew their voter registration by filing the annual state income tax returns.

His plan would restore all of those voters who are still residing in the state of Maryland. Sands said that most of the 58,000 voters who have been dropped from the rolls will not renew their registration this year.

"Americans have always cherished that old slogan 'Taxation without representation is tyranny.' It happens to be a true statement," Sand said at a press conference held this week in his campaign headquarters.

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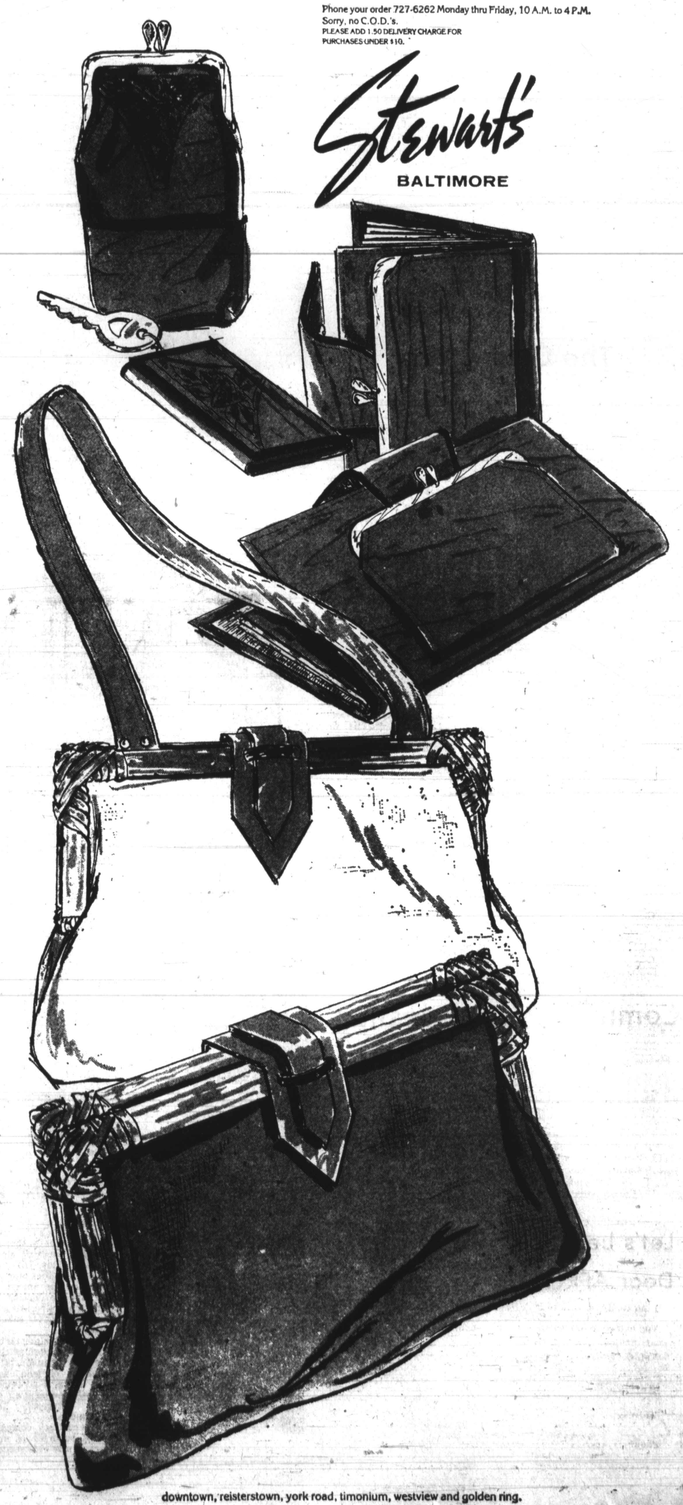

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