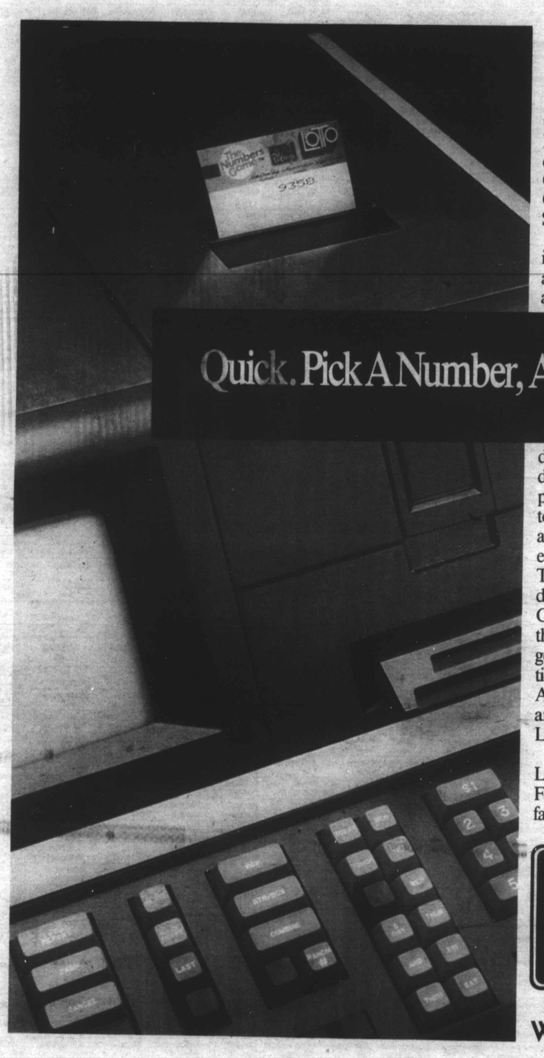

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## ORIOLES ARE SOLD:

# Black investors shut out

By Sam Lacy
AFRO Sports Editor

The Orioles were sold Tuesday.

And black Baltimore is furious.

Furious because the heirs of the late owner Edward Bennett Williams rushed through a deal that blocked a valid attempt to establish majority black control.

Former owner Jerold Hoffberger was poised to close the deal but was shut out only hours before he was to attend what he was reportedly led to believe would be the final negotiation.

In the wake of the announcement, Hoffberger disclosed that the group he had put together would have produced an indelible mark in history.

Black participants would have held 51 percent of the stock, a feat never before accomplished in professional sports.

Prepared to place on the table was cash money totalling an estimated $40 million. The team was purchased by the white consortium for $70 million.

Included among the participants were Ray Haysbert, of Parks Sausage Co.; Jim McLean, travel agency owner; Bruce Lewellyn, Coca-Cola franchise owner.

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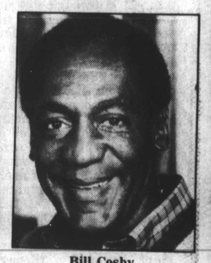
Raymond Haysbert

Otis Warren



Bill Cosby

A few of the would-be black investors.

## Blacks outraged:

# Racist game a big hit in the nation's capital

By Robyn-Denise Yourse
AFRO City Editor

WASHINGTON

What began as a routine Christmas shopping trip for Cherrel Christian and her sister soon ended in anger and disgust — when the two women spied a novelty game which ridicules black Americans in a toy store at the District's posh Georgetown Park Mall.

"I was appalled, I just couldn't believe it," said Christian of the 'Home Rulette' game, the new trinket that parody s the District's elected officials, black institutions and citizens.

Conceived, copyrighted and manufactured by the Sensitivity Group, Inc., the game has become a hot holiday gift item with a retail price of $29.95, and through a disclaimer at the end of the instruction book asserts "we have tried our level best to be equal opportunity bigots."

"Yes, we hate most everybody," the disclaimer said. "Chinks, Honkeys, Cripples, Spics, Wasps, Micks, Nazis, Negroes, men and women. If you feel that you or your group has not been properly slighted, you may file a complaint with the DC government."

"To accomplish this, jus' go to the DC Department of Space Alien rights and stand in line. Not only will you be interviewed by the Press, you can be assured of a prompt response from de Government not to exceed thirty three years excluding Martin Luther King days. Dats right, you jus' file a complaint. Dey'll do de rest."

Christian, a former resident of Anacostia and a nurse at Georgetown University

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# Flaming car victim rites this Sunday

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Reporter

Sunday December 11, at 4:30 p.m. the Simmons Memorial Baptist Church at Pennsylvania and Cumberland Sts. will host funeral services for Trina Cazette Carter, 21.

Monday was Trina's day off from her sales job at the Best warehouse on Security Blvd. She wanted to spend her time with a few of her friends. She thought it would be nice for them to drive over and spend some time with another friend of theirs.

They never made it to the house of their friend. Louis Pearl volunteered to be the driver for his buddies, so they all piled in the car and began their trip.

When their car reached Liberty Heights and Hilton St., it collided with the automobile of Dwiney Louis Chambers ,61, causing it to overturn and at the same time sending the car over the median cement strip.

In the process of colliding with the cement median strip the car's gasoline tank was punctured, leaving it vulnerable to catching fire if any spark came in contact with the escaping gasoline.

The three other occupants of the car were able to safely leave the car just as it caught fire. Just as they struggled to help Trina get out of the car it suddenly became engulfed

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Trina Cazette Carter

## The City Hall tree

Florence V. Hargrove

### It's her responsibility

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

For the past 12 years, Florence V. Hargrove has helped fill City Hall with the joys of Christmas.

On Tuesday, like in the past, Hargrove was picking and placing precious ornaments on the 20-foot Christmas tree that tinsels in the government building's rotunda.

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# Clergy organizing against area stores

Many major retail advertisers take the black consumer for granted. In fact in a recent *Washington Post* article, a spokesperson for a large retail chain admitted that they do not advertise in ethnic papers.

"This is ridiculous," a group of influential local ministers lamented, when told of the typical response black newspapers get when they approach some companies for advertisements.

"We need to form a strategy for letting our people know they shouldn't be so willing to spend their dollars in stores that have no respect for the black market."

Thus conversations have begun with ministers, representing many of the largest black congregations in Baltimore, and the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers to determine ways that the black community can become more sensitized to specific examples of economic injustice.

"We need to raise the consciousness level of our people," said the Rev. Walter Thomas, pastor of New Psalmist Baptist Church.

"We must show local retailers that blacks understand the power of the dollar and also understand that they

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# Suspended from school: what should a parent do?

By Jill P. Carter
AFRO Staff Writer

Thirteen-year old Sharice Rogers has spent the past eight school days at home. While her classmates have been working out drill problems, completing classwork and home assignments, and spending six hours a day learning under supervision, Sharice has been watching soap operas, game shows, and talk shows.

She is on what is termed a proposed suspension from Lemmel Middle School where she is repeating the 7th grade. She failed last year because she had "too many disciplinary removals," she and her mother, Valerie Gaither, were told.

"I know that Sharice is not perfect, and that she has done wrong in the past, but that is no reason for her to miss out on all of her education, Ms. Gaither said. "Because of this latest incident, it could be 30 days before she is back in school and I don't see how that is any type of rehabilitation."

Sharice Rogers has been suspended or placed on disciplinary removal four times this school year. Last year she was suspended about 12 times, her mother recalled.

Sharice was one of 1,883 students suspended from Baltimore City Public Schools during the 1987-88 school year, and one of 149 students suspended more than one time that year.

Unlike some of the other suspended students, she has a mother who is at home during the day, so there is someone around to supervise her activities.

"I make sure that she spends at least one hour a day doing some type of school work even if I have to search the house for something educational," Ms. Gaither said. "If I were not at home, she would be in the streets, but I don't let her go outside."

Valerie Gaither is concerned that her daughter's frequent suspensions are unfounded and that an accusatory finger is automatically pointed at Sharice whenever there is trouble. She is more concerned that the excessive time spent away from school is doing more harm than good.

"Sharice likes school and she wants to be there," her mother said. "It is just

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