(AFRO Photo by Paul Greene)

CHARLES DUGGER leads a group of demonstrators demanding a grand jury investigation into the death of Booker T. Jones.

—Booker Jones family

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Josephine Jackson, personally visited the offices of the Baltimore Police Commissioner, Governor Schaefer, Mayor Schmoke, Congressman Kweisi Mfume and the State's Attorneys office with a letter demanding a grand jury investigation of the case.

The questions asked by Mrs. Jackson include:

Was it really necessary to kill the young man?

Did he (Jones) try to surrender?

Was the incident racially motivated?

Was the order given to kill first and ask questions later?

Mrs. Jackson ends her letter with a inquiry concerning the truth to a rumor she heard about another suspect wanted in connection with the death. She wants to know what happened to a suspect allegedly seen by the sister of one of the slain children in the Glen Burnie area of the killings and described as having a red beard and wearing cowboy boots.

Mrs. Jackson says, "If the police want Baltimore citizens to respect their authority then they must maintain their professionalism in any and every situation."

While Josephine Jackson was distributing her letter of complaint to elected officials, a group organized by Rev. Daki Napata and Charles Dugger was picketing outside the Mitchell courthouse office of the State's Attorney .

Displaying placards with slogans asking what steps will be taken by State's Attorney, Stuart O. Simms in regard to the shooting, Rev. Napata told the AFRO, "We cannot let this matter die, we are demanding some answers to our questions about the slaying of Booker Tony Jones."

Following his group's demonstration in front of the courthouse the picket line was moved to City Hall. Napata said, "All of the city's officials need to answer to what happened, not just the State's Attorney.

"This way none of them can make the claim made by police department spokesperson Dennis Hill, who told the public that no formal complaint has been made, in what I consider to be the execution of Booker T. Jones," said Rev. Napata.

—How to file

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the call and assigns an officer and a number to the case.

The officer will take sworn statements regarding the time, date and location of the alleged incident as well as the involvement of the complaint.

"It amounts to a dozen or so lines of information," Sgt. Carroll said. "The truth is all it takes. It is not that difficult."

The documents are then notarized and assigned a place on the schedule for further investigation.

"Maryland State Law requires the investigation begin within 90 days," said Sgt. Roger Carroll, spokesman for the Internal Investigation Division.

Once begun other factors may delay the investigation from being completed quickly, Sgt. Carroll added. It has taken anywhere from "three weeks to a year. It may have to wait on the outcome of a court case. There is no average time."

If a party interested in filing a complaint does not feel comfortable approaching the Police Department to file a complaint, Sgt. Carroll says they can call I.I.D. and can receive a list of city agencies which will act as a go-between.

But regardless of where the complaint is initiated it is still referred back to the I.I.D. for investigation.

"It all filters back here," Sgt. Carroll said. The only excessive force charges not handled by the 20 staff members of I.I.D. routinely assigned to such cases are criminal charges brought against a police officer through the City States Attorney's office.

TO FILE A COMPLAINT

Contact the Internal Investigation Division (I.I.D.) of the Baltimore City Police Department at 396-2300.

Obtain the proper form, either through I.I.D. or a list of city agencies obtained from I.I.D. complete the form, have it notarized and returned to the place of origin.

An I.I.D. officer will contact you and arrange for a follow up interview in which a sworn statement will be taken and either recorded at that time or at a subsequent interview.

The officer who conducts the interview will be the contact persorf for that case until it is completed.

No information regarding the progress of the investigation will be made public until it is completed.

No information regarding the investigation will be given over the telephone.

There is no average length for investigations. They can take anywhere from three weeks to a year or longer if the investigation is awaiting the outcome of a related court trial.

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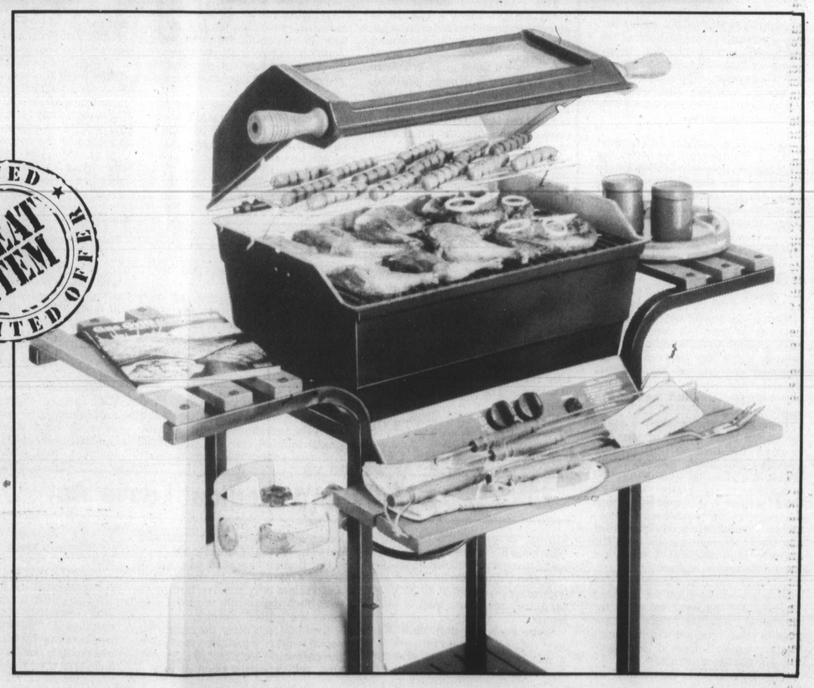

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George H. Murphy Homes, the scene of Raymond Toulson's death. The arrow indicates where the unknown object struck the ninth floor balcony dislodging the cement slab that killed the 12-year-old.

—Hit by concrete

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He lived with his mother, Deborah Bernard at the Murphy Homes hi-rise.

"This whole building is falling apart, people throw things from their balconies all the time," said Bernard.

There are several indications of visible structural damage to the building and indeed while the AFRO talked with Deborah Bernard and some of Raymond's other relatives, someone threw a bottle off of one of the balconies. Luckily it did not kill anyone.

A few months ago, an entire section of one of the walls of the same building collapsed. Fortunately again no one was killed.

A security guard at the building, says that they have seen tenants throw trash, televisions, even a sofa and a refrigerator off of their balconies.

The guard who was not on duty at the time of young Toulson's death, also said that management is guilty of neglect as far as rendering services to tenants and affecting repairs to the building.

Raymond's cousin, Serita Bafley, says that the night of the incident, she called for an ambulance three times and one did not arrive for 20-25 minutes.

She also said that people were throwing objects off of their balconies until three o'clock in the morning the night her cousin was killed.

Bailey does not believe that Raymond, who was a student at Booker T. Washington Middle School, was the victim of a deliberate murder attempt.

"He was always a good little boy, he did well in school and in sports," said Bailey.

City police believe that an object was thrown from the 13th or 14th floor of the Murphy Homes building and the object struck a ninth floor balcony.

The police suspect that the impact of the unknown object caused the three-foot-long concrete slab to be dislodged, striking and killing Toulson.

The case is being treated as a homicide and an investigation is currently being conducted.

The funeral for Raymond Toulson took place Thursday night at Simmons Memorial Baptist Church.

The younger Toulson will be buried next to his father Herman Toulson, at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery in Laurel, MD.

Navy Band concert

The U.S. Navy Band will present free concerts during the month of June. On the Friday, the 9th, The Commodores (jazz ensemble) will appear at the National Air and Space Museum, 7th and Independence Ave., SW at 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 11 at 3 p.m. The Navy Band Chamber Ensemble and soloist will appear in the Renwick Gallery. Monday, June 12 at 8 p.m. the full band will appear on the West Terrace of the U. S. Capitol.

In a crisis

Schools dispatch experts

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This year the city school system has felt the impact of pain and pathos.

Drug related shootings, student rapes, teacher rapes, young people killed in traffic accidents. It's been a school year filled with suffering and anguish for many.

Tragedy can paralyze an entire school, even an entire community. The advent of tragedy creates the need for healing and coping.

Sara Gray is the Coordinator of Guidance Services of Baltimore City Public Schools and she heads the Crisis Intervention Team as a volunteer.

Gray works with about 50 other counselors and social workers, who work with the team on a volunteer basis, in addition to their regular duties in the school system.

The need for a crisis intervention team was realized in 1986, when an elementary school student was beaten to death by her mother's boyfriend.

"Everyone in the school, staff, students and parents, was calling for help and they had nowhere to go," explains Gray.

The team was officially put into place when tragedy struck an east side middle school in 1987.

At that time the crisis intervention team was made up of Sara Gray and her support staff at the borad of education.Gray recalls that when her team was called upon, they initially froze.

"The kids just wanted to talk. We were there to help them cope with the situation," states Gray.

After their work was done, they all had lunch at a restaurant and were essentially debriefed about the entire situation.

"We talked about why they froze and we discussed their reactions to the work we had just done," recalls Gray.

Discussing the crisis, getting students to open up is a primary function of the team. It's also necessary for the team to let go of any emotions that they experience during the course of their work.

For the most part, the crisis volunteers call upon the training they receive in their professional disciplines. However they have received additional training from outside consultants.

The Crisis Intervention Team also has worked with the California Unified Police District and the Prince Georges County Suicide Prevention team.

One of the tasks of the team is to define the crisis. Their methods for combating a crisis must be flexible enough to accomodate the broad spectrum of dilemmas.

From the death of a teacher to even the death of a pet, which could be especially traumatic to younger students in particular.

Gray calls for the creation of a separate, specialized team whoes only function would be crisis intervention.

"With society's ills, the drug culture, shootings, AIDS, the need is definetly there. The need is great enough for a separate entity," says Gray.

Gray continued, "I'm here as an advocate for kids and however I can help, I intend to do that."

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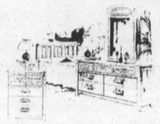

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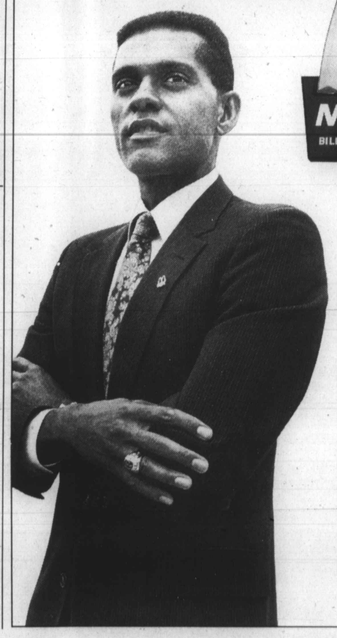

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