Guest, 22, drowns in swimming pool at Greenspring Ave. birthday party

Police say the man was in a bar when Floyd Ligens and a friend invited him to attend the party

A tragedy hit guests of what police claim was a birthday party at a rented house on the grounds of the Mercantile Club, 4800 block Greenspring Ave. shortly after midnight Tuesday when one of the guests was found drowned in the club pool.

Police records show Amos Lee Wilson, 22, 2900 block Poplar Terrace, was fished out from under the water at 12:15 a.m. after he and another man were invited to the party by Charles Hines, 35.

Mr. Hines rents the Mercantile Club house with his wife, Mrs. Bernice Hines, 27, an employee of the club.

Mr. Wilson, whose body remains unclaimed at the city morgue, was pronounced dead on the scene. Police state he was wearing green underwear.

AFRO learned Thursday the party was not in the Hines' home. However, Mrs. Hines' uncle, Floyd Ligens actually had a party elsewhere and later stopped by with a couple of friends among whom was Mr. Wilson.

Mrs. Hines told the AFRO, "My uncle didn't know Mr. Wilson. My uncle said his friend invited him." Mr. Ligens could not be reached for comment.

She explained further, "My uncle had called earlier in the day and asked if he could stop by. He brought all those people with him from his party. It was his birthday, and we didn't bother to know all of them."

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This, however, conflicts with police records which state Mr. Hines and Mr. Ligens invited the victim and another man to the party from a bar at Howard and Madison Sts. where the two had been to buy liquor for Mr. Ligens' birthday party

Police said Mr. Hines told them sometime after they arrived in his house the whereabouts of Mr. Wilson, who was shooting pool in the basement, could not be traced.

A search party found his body, according to police, in the south end of the pool near two diving boards. All efforts to resuscitate him after he was fished out onto the deck failed, police state.

Mrs. Hines told the AFRO she was surprised by the drowning because it all happened so fast Mr. Wilson and the others arrived in the house at about 11:45 p.m. He was found drowned a few minutes after midnight, at about 12:05 a.m.

"They just got here. He was not drunk, and I don't know why he went down there, because it was sort of a chilly night," she further said.

According to her, the drowning alarm was sounded shortly after she and her son had come from the basement where they were shooting pool.

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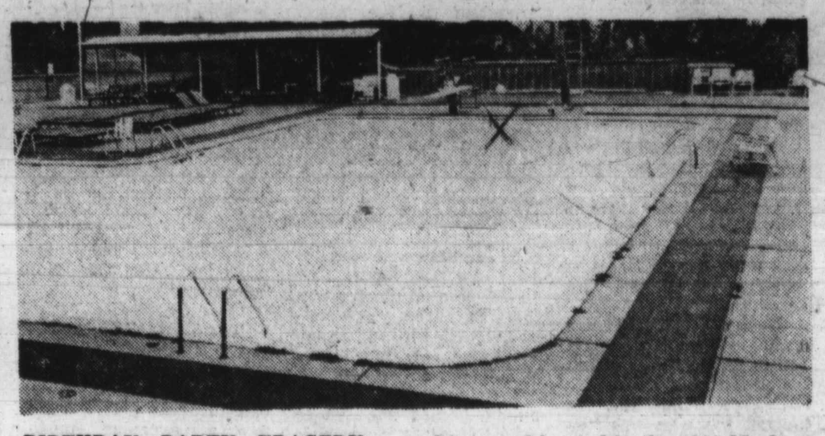
"I thought it was kind of a joke. I didn't know any of the guests and I couldn't tell if any of them was missing. I wonder why he went there."

Police reveal the man's clothing was found in a lounge chair at the shallow end of the pool.

The medical examiner has declared the drowning accidental, according to police.



BIRTHDAY PARTY TRAGEDY— Marked spot on concret bank shows where 22-year-old Amos Lee Wilson's body was found after he drowned in a pool located in the 4800 block Greenspring Ave. during a party last Tuesday night.

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Marshall hits edict

JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL
a giant step backwards

WASHINGTON (UPI) Justice Thurgood Marshall, first black member of the Supreme Court, said today a majority opinion rejecting a Detroit area school busing plan was "a giant step backwards" in the court's 20-year record of eliminating school segregation.

"Our nation, I fear, will be ill-served by the court's refusal to remedy separate and unequal education, for unless our children begin to learn together, there is little hope that our people will ever learn to live to-

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$20 million impeachment bill comes from taxpayers' pockets

Staggering costs keep going up, could go beyond belief in a long, drawn-out process

PRESIDENT NIXON
a worried man?

The House Judiciary Committee resumed Thursday its historic debate on the impeachment of President Nixon with Democratic members seeking issues likely to draw the widest support for "high crimes and misdemeanors."

At AFRO presstime, the overwhelming sentiment of the committee, almost 2-1, was in favor of impeachment.

Among the 38 members of the bi-partisan panel are, Representatives John Conyers, D-Mich., Barbara Jordan, D-Texas, and Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.

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Estimates run as high as $20 million on the final cost to taxpayers for the eventual declaration of charges and impeachment of President Nixon.

Unofficial counts show that some $2 million has been spent by the committee on this latest portion of its inquiry alone, the second such procedure in the history of the nation.

A reported $6 million has been expended in printing costs and untold man hours lost, in addition to an estimated $6 million spent by the U.S. Justice Department.

As yet, the costs of an expected lengthy Senate trial on impeachment have not been added to the already staggering subtotal.

Part of the unknown costs, however, the costs of a team of some 50 private attorneys, is being defrayed by the President himself.

The impeachment process requires that the Senate sit as a jury. There is word that the Senate will act expeditiously, thereby ruling out a long and drawn-out trial.

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Rep. Conyers, an outspoken critic of the President, said Nixon was "a casualty of the Vietnam War," because he was trapped by his war policy and a desire to stay in office.

This led to spying and wiretapping "without equal in the history of the country," he declared.

"Millions of citizens are genuinely afraid that they may have in office a person who might entertain the notion of taking over the government of this country," Mr. Conyers said.

He called Nixon "A politician who has more effectively employed the politics of fear and division than any other in our time."

Impeachment is necessary, Mr. Conyers said, because "There is the very

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FEW UMBRELLAS were evident as the brief rains came Tuesday afternoon. Unless someone knows how to use the Indian Rain Dance effectively, umbrellas may become a passing fancy. Weather prophets say the remaining days of July hold little if any rain and the dry spell may continue into August.

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

AFRO readers want Nixon to get out

By Bryan Holt

All Baltimore citizens surveyed by the AFRO feel that President Nixon should be impeached; 80 per cent feel that he will be.

On-the-street interviews resulted in these replies:

Mrs. Marie Hudgins, 58, 100 block Mt. Olivet Lane, housewife: "I think he'll

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Mandel names Bundy

JAMES L. BUNDY

Governor Mandel announced at a Thursday press conference the appointment of Assistant Attorney General James L. Bundy and Delegate Alan M. Resnick to the District Court of Baltimore.

Both Messrs. Bundy and Resnick were recommended by the Judicial Selection Commission. They will fill vacancies created by the elevation of Judge John R. Hargrove to the Supreme Bench and by the resignation of Benjamin L. Brown, who recently was appointed City Solicitor.

In another development, Mr. Mandel rejected allegations of "racism" raised against him by those who felt he passed over Dr. Theodore C. Patterson in naming a white person to the Baltimore County school board.

Mr. Mandel stood on his past record noting that

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AFRO Courthouse slate

The AFRO-AMERICAN endorses these city-wide candidates for Courthouse jobs in the Sept. 10, 1974 Primary Election.

Clerk of the Superior Court
CARROLL A. SMITH

Clerk of the Circuit Court
MAURICE (Hot Rod) HULBERT

Clerk of the Circuit Court No. 2
JULIUS HENSON

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas
PAUL L. CHESTER

Register of Wills
RODNEY LORENZO GRAVES

Clerk of the Criminal Court
MRS. BARBARA JEFFERSON

Clerk of the Baltimore City Court
ELMER O. HARRIS

Sheriff
BERTRAM DORSEY

AFRO picks 10 candidates for city-wide offices

The AFRO announces endorsement of a slate of 10 city-wide candidates before the withdrawal deadline July 26. The primary election is Sept. 10.

All are seeking election to Courthouse posts formerly held by whites only. One, Paul L. Chester, is running for reelection as clerk of the court of Common Pleas. He broke the color line four years ago when he was first elected.

Following a meeting held Wednesday at the AFRO offices, all of the candidates interviewed expressed gratitude for the early announcement.

As a group, the candidates confessed that bolstered by AFRO endorsements, the decision to continue their campaigns was made less difficult.

Selected for AFRO endorsement are:

Elmer O. Harris received the nod over Arthur

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Blount-Dean feud brewing?

DEL. WALTER R. DEAN says he was dropped from Sen. Clarence Blount's ticket because he refused to pay $1,500 plus other reasons. Thus a feud begins. What are the answers? (see story inside)

LOTTERY DRAWING
JULY 24
LOTTERY: 936025
MILLIONAIRE: 60541
JULY 25
$100,000 GAME: 644242
CAR BONUS: 687079

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Only 17 days left to register to VOTE in the Sept. 10 Primary. August 12 is the LAST DAY you can register. YOU can do so by mail. See details on page 5.

HISTORIC MOMENT IN BALTIMORE POLITICAL HISTORY — In a meeting held with city wide candidates, the AFRO announced its endorsements for the Sept. 10 Democratic Primary election. From left to right, Rodney Lorenzo Graves, candidate for Register of Willis; Julius Henson, candidate for clerk Circuit Court No. 2; Bertram Dorsey, candidate for sheriff; Mrs. Barbara Jefferson, candidate for clerk of the Criminal Court; Paul L. Chester, seeking re-election to his post of clerk of the Common Pleas; Elmer O. Harris, candidate for clerk of Baltimore City Court; Carroll A. Smith, clerk of the Superior Court; and Maurice (Hot Rod) Hulbert, candidate for clerk of Circuit Court No. 1. No announcement was made as to whether the group would form a city-wide slate. Also endorsed but not shown are Milton B. Allen, seeking re-election for States Attorney and Judge Benjamin Foreman, seeking to retain his appointed position as judge of the Orphans Court.

Aug. 15 deadline now for new deseg plan

By Bill Rhoden

It's back to the drawing board for School Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson and his research and planning team.

Earlier this week the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW) all but rejected a four-part school desegregation plan for Baltimore city and ordered school officials to revise and resubmit the plan by Aug. 15.

Although most School Board members predicted that HEW would reject the diluted plan when it was first submitted six weeks ago, Dr. Patterson hinted that Tuesday's decision could have gone either way.

"I was anxious and concerned that it had taken them (HEW) so long to respond," he said, "although I expected that we would have to negotiate some parts of the plan."

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As it turned out, however, the only part of the broad based plan HEW accepted is the part dealing with staff desegregation.

Peter Holmes, director of the Office of Civil Rights, told school officials that the elementary school plan was unacceptable because not enough pairings were

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AFRO salutes Mr. Beads, our carrier 21 years

The AFRO salutes Gerald Beads today as he celebrates his 32nd birthday.

Mr. Beads, 2203 Langley St., Mt. Winans, has served the AFRO in that area for 21 years and has won several AFRO Circulation Department citations and awards for reliability and faithful service.

Mr. Beads attends the Wayman AME Church where he is a member of the Ushers Board.