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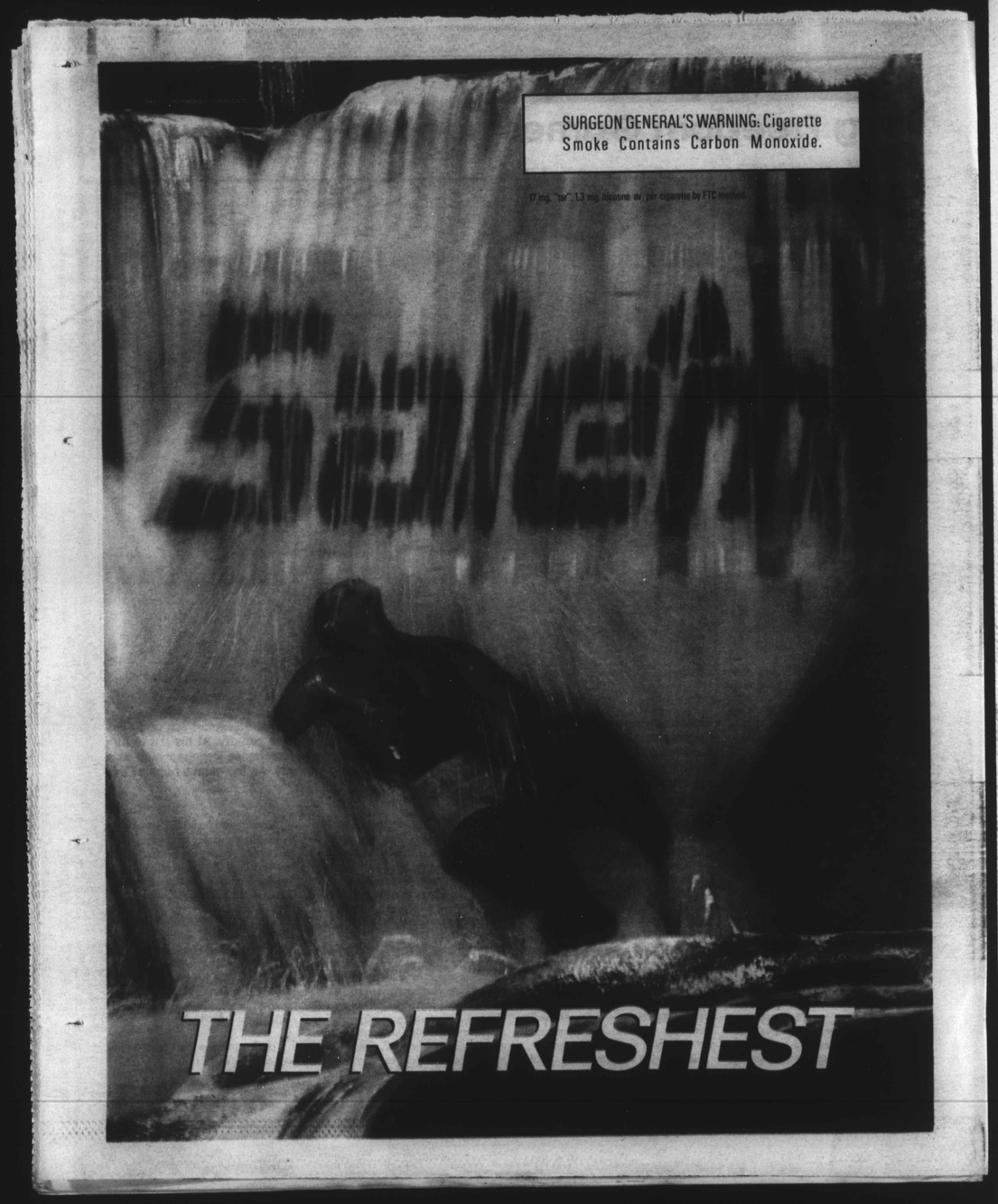

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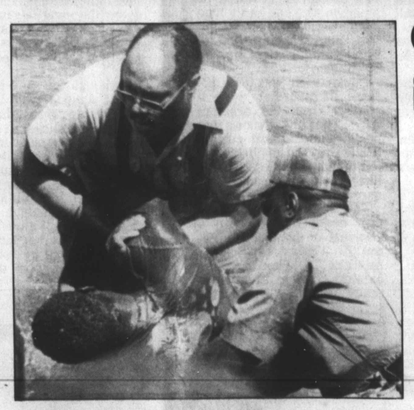
City worker drowns in Druid Park lake



DEATH AT THE PARK — Police pull the body of Dondi E. Moore from the Druid Park Reservoir after a small boat he and another city employee were using, capsized.

By Ejike Obineme
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A Baltimore City employee, Dondi E. Moore of the 2900 block of Keyworth Ave., drowned yesterday in Druid Reservoir, when the boat he and another city employee were working with capsized.

The 27-year-old Moore was putting out copper sulphate into the reservoir with Harry Goldberg when the incident occurred. Copper sulphate is the chemical that controls the growth of algae.

Two City Police Officers, Paul Renaud, 34, and Lewis Stotler, Jr., 30 were at the Flower Garden area of the Druid Hill Park when a citizen drove up and informed them that a boat had overturned and people were yelling for help.

Renaud said when they got there, they saw the overturned boat, with one man hanging to the back of the boat. The man was later identified as 54-year-old Goldberg.

The police officers said they yelled to the man to hang on and he yelled back that he was going to drown. At that time the officers called for an additional rescue team, and knowing that it would take a little time in coming, they decided to do something about it.

The two officers then took off their uniforms and swam to the overturned boat. As he was being rescued, Goldberg

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Hopkins doctor cites alarming AIDS rate

By Alicia Benjamin
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A study of inner-city emergency patients at the Johns Hopkins Hospital shows a high rate of unrecognized AIDS virus infection which reinforces the need for emergency room personnel to wear protective garments.

The study, published in this month's New England Journal of medicine, found that of the 2,302 emergency patients who were anonymously screened, 5.2 percent or 119 of them were infected with the human immunodeficiency virus.

They found that only 27 of the patients infected with the AIDS virus had known infections, while 92 infections were unrecognized.

Black men in the study aged 30 to 34 had the highest rate of HIV infection — 11.4 percent.

Overall, the study found an infection rate of 5.8 percent among black men, 3.9 percent among black women, 1.7 percent among white women and 1.5 percent among white men.

Dr. Gabor Kelen, director of medical research in the Hopkins Department of Emergency Medicine, published the NEJM article along with three Hopkins collegues.

Kelen suggested the rate of HIV infection among black men and women was high because of the high incidence of intravenous drug use among blacks in inner city Baltimore and heterosexual transmission of the virus among blacks.

"Black women over the last few years are becoming more infected with the virus,"

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Fiery Farrakhan talks with AFRO

by Jeanette Gibson
AFRO Correspondent

Judaism as a "dirty" religion, the merits of Tawana Brawley case and black failure to patronize the black-owned Palladium banquet facility were some of the myriad themes discussed by fiery Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan during a brief visit to Baltimore last weekend.

Clarifying reports that Farrakhan called Judaism a 'gutter' or 'dirty' religion, Farrakhan said at a later interview, "I was referring to the practice of the people. What you profess is not your religion; what you practice is your religion. "The statement according to Farrakhan was, "Your religion is not what you preach; any people that profess God and practice the opposite are professing a dirty religion."

"The Palestinians were in Palestine and the Jews were covetous. By the UN (United Nations) partitioning Palestine, the Jew got a state This was not the Messiah doing this. This was the UN. I said that their practices and their dealings with the Palestinians were practices of a dirty religion," Farrakhan said.

Describing the Jewish religion as dirty would make

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Louis Farrakhan

Wall of pride, wall of shame?

By Maxine Williams
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A mural stands on the corner of N. Carey and Cumberland Streets, situated in a playground surrounded by broken glass, an old basketball court, and spurts of grass breaking through the cracks of cement. The mural is known as the Wall of Pride in West Baltimore inner-city.

Erected twelve years ago, it pictures larger-than-life images of some great and famous black Americans. However, due to bad weather over the years and lack of up keep, the paint is chipping and fading away.

Past the drab colors and graffiti, you can see Billie Holiday singing away. But her once dominant presence is fading like the music of her era. Then there is Joe Louis. Once a great heavyweight champ, he now looks more like a featherweight.

Refurbishing the wall has received ambivalent emotions from some of the residents in the community.

An elderly man was asked how he felt about the restoration of the wall. He responded with tired eyes, "I really don't care."

But on asking a group of young men in the play ground, one responded with more enthusiasm.

"Yeah, I think it would be a great idea," said one youth.

Despite the mixed emotions, plans are going forward to redo and restore the pride back to West Baltimore.

Ella Johnson, director of the Sandtown Winchester Improvement Association, is spearheading the project.

"A fund raiser will be held on July 9, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. The whole community will be involved," said Johnson.

"The fundraiser will be part of 4.5 million dollar groundbreaking ceremony for the old Douglass High School site at Carey and Baker. It will be turned into a housing project with 100 units. Mayor Schmoke and council members from the fourth district will be on hand."

There will be lots of food, rides and live entertainment, featuring, several bands and singers.

A special plaque will be dedicated to the memory of officer Edwood Brown, who originated the mural as part of the boys league.

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WALL OF SHAME? — The Wall of Pride is in desperate need of repair.

Superintendent selection leaves school board members simmering

Meldon S. Hollis

By Jill P. Carter
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If some school board members are annoyed by the way Richard C. Hunter was named Superintendent of Baltimore City Public Schools, the vote taken at Thursday night's school board meeting may tell the tale.

It has been reported that when the board gave School Board President Meldon S. Hollis, Jr., permission to negotiate with two finalists, University of N.C. professor Richard C. Hunter and Jerome B. Jones, Superintendent of Schools in St. Louis, MO., they were later shocked to find Hollis holding a press conference announcing Hunter as the chosen one.

Hunter is expected to arrive in Baltimore Aug. 1 to begin carrying out the terms of his three-year contract as city school superintendent.

Hunter is said to have secured only one vote (that of board president, Meldon S. Hollis, Jr.) after his interview

Richard Hunter

with the school board. Once Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke informed the board that he backed Hunter, the vote jumped from in favor of Hunter to a majority, accord-

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