State archives looking for more room for valuable records

By EDWARD GUSTS | The Baltimore Sun

Archivists Edward C. Papenfuse, left, and Robert W. Schoeberlein look over records from Provident Hospital; the records are among the documents moved to a climate-controlled East Baltimore building after the state temporarily took over the city's archives.

Baltimore was in danger of losing many of its most precious documents several years ago.

A rented building near Druid Hill Park that was used to house the city's historic archives failed to meet even minimal standards for proper records storage. It was damp and mildly humid. It lacked air conditioning. The roof leaked. Water got onto the floor. Snakes crawled around the building. Few of the documents were in good condition. The roof leaked. Water got onto the floor. Snakes crawled around the building. Few of the documents were in good condition.

A brief moment in the life of William P. Carey 

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William P. Carey, 81, died Monday at a West Palm Beach, Fla., hospita

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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

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CLEANING BAY MEANS JOBS, GROUP SAYS: In a report to be released today, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation calls for $1.6 billion in new spending to improve water quality in the bay. The report's authors say the state should use current bond funds and a 2014 environmental bond to finance the plan.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

WINDY AND COLD

HIGH 18

LOW 32

Cloudy and cold Wednesday

SPORTS

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After months of campaigning and ever-changing polls, the GOP presidential race starts for real today in Iowa, where Republican candidates over which should challenge President Barack Obama in November's general election.

COVERAGE, NEWS?

BERNSTEIN HAS NEW CRIME STRATEGY

Prosecutors will be divided among city neighborhoods

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