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 "They've got so much money they don't know what to do with it,"
 he said of the Pallottines.

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Public review pressed

A PTA-oriented group, whose request for a public hearing on county school Superintendent Edward J. Anderson's reappointment was denied, is continuing its campaign for a public review. In a letter to the school board president, the committee chairman suggested areas in the which the public could comment. The story is on Page 13.

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the people in Hillsmere, and sent them maps of the new route, but they chose not to use it. So be it."

Gibson says he has received several complaints from Hillsmere residents since notices of the intended cutback were posted in buses last week, particularly from families whose children ride the bus daily to St. Mary's School.

The Hillsmere Shores-Riva bus makes eight trips a day from downtown Annapolis to Hillsmere Shores and out Forest Drive to the county health office and other government offices off Riva Road, where it turns around and heads in town along West Street.

When the service is cut off, Hillsmere Shores residents will have to catch the bus at the Forest Drive-Forest Hills Avenue intersection.



Photos by Tom Darden

IN THE CLOSE QUARTERS of the specially-equipped heart attack ambulance, cardiac technicians Meade, center, and Goodman, right, show how drugs would be administered intravenously while Jones serves as a patient during a trial run. The ambulance has been serving heart attack victims in the Annapolis area since Christmas.

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Fair taxes local delegates' big goal

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Keeping taxes down and making them fairer head the list of local legislators' goals for the General Assembly session which opened last week.

Almost half the county's 16-member delegation said in interviews last week they intend to concentrate their efforts this session on preventing a tax increase, limiting state spending or adopting income and property tax reforms.

Most of the others said pushing pet bills or projects will dominate their time.

Del. Donald L. Rosenshine,

D-Annapolis, said his chief goal this year is simply "stopping slots".

Fighting a major tax increase is not expected to be too difficult this year. Although most state officials agree that an increase in the state income or sales tax will be necessary within the next two years, Gov. Marvin Mandel wants to put it off and the legislature is expected to agree.

Nevertheless, Dels. Harold F. Bachman and John J. Fallon, both Pasadena Democrats, said keeping state taxes at their present rate will be their greatest concern of the session.

Sens. John A. Cade, R-Severna Park, and Alfred R. Lipin, D-Glen Burnie, and Del. Robert R. Neall, R-Davidsonville, said they will be working to reduce or eliminate the need for future tax increases through wiser state spending.

"I would like to see some improvement in the budget process by identifying what our priorities are and then cutting from the bottom of the list when we run short of money," Cade said.

"The best thing we can do about our tax problem is to use the money we are spending for

capital projects in a way that will promote economic development," said Lipin, who is chairman of the joint Capital Budget Committee. "That will be my primary goal for the session."

Neall said that his seat on the House Appropriations Committee will give him a good chance to try to fight unnecessary state spending.

"I guess the best thing I can do for my constituents is to see that Anne Arundel County doesn't get more than its share of the cuts we have to make," Neall said.

The prospects for getting any

meaningful tax reforms enacted this session are dim because of a desire among General Assembly leaders to adopt reforms at the same time a tax increase is passed, probably next year.

But, Sen. Edward T. Hall, R-Prince Frederick, is hoping to relieve the property tax burden on homeowners by sponsoring a bill which would freeze assessments at the purchase price of the property.

"We simply can't let assessments keep rising with the market value," Hall said. "People just can't afford these

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huge increases every year."

Sen. Jerome F. Connell, D-Glen Burnie, wants to eliminate the residential property tax entirely in favor of a higher personal income tax.

"There's a bill in to eliminate the property tax in Baltimore County which I'm going to be watching closely," Connell said. "If there's enough support for it, I'm going to get Anne Arundel County included."

The legislature voted to eliminate the property tax in Baltimore County two years ago, but the bill was vetoed by Mandel. The governor said at the time that such a drastic change in the tax system for a single county would cause constitutional problems.

Rosenshine will not be alone in his battle to prevent slot machine gambling from becoming legal in the county again. Several other members of the delegation said they are also prepared to fight a slots bill expected to be introduced by Connell and Bachman.

Patricia L. Aiken, D-Saefern, said watching the progress of a consultant's study of patient care at Crownsville Hospital Center will be her first concern this year. Although unrelated to legislation this session, the

study was ordered by Mandel at the request of the county delegation.

Fighting for bills which would give Annapolis a greater share of the county's boat slip tax and cigarette tax money is Annapolis Del. Elmer F. Hagner's primary goal again this year.

Delegation Chairman Tyrus S. Athey, D-Jessup, said his main interest this session will be pushing his bill to require elementary school students to pass reading tests before they can be promoted.

"I'm going to be putting all my eggs in one basket," said Del. Michael J. Wagner, D-Ferndale. "That's my bill to raise the drinking age back to 21.

"I don't think it's going to pass," Wagner said, "but I believe in it and I'm going to fight like hell."

A state law allowing 18-year-olds to

"I guess if there's one thing I'd like to see this session it's continued-cooperation between

the delegation members," said Del. William J. Helms, D-Severna Park. "We really worked well together last year and it's going to be more important to stay together this

year with all the money problems we face."

Dels. Franklin A. Thomason, D-Linthicum, and Thomas A. Rymer, D-Huntington, could not be reached for comment.

Soviets may curtail purchases of grain

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union may import less grain over the next five years if the Russians reduce livestock inventories and tighten their belts, an Agriculture Department analyst said today.

David M. Schoonover, of the department's Economic Research Service, cautioned, however, that much will depend on whether the Soviet Union will have normal weather and good grain harvests so that it can rebuild depleted stockpiles.

"But then weather is rarely normal," Schoonover said.

"Actual trade is likely to continue to be greatly affected by weather, at least during the next several years."

The analysis, based on Russia's announced new five-year economic plan for 1976-1980, was in a weekly issue of "Foreign Agriculture" published today by the department.

During the four years prior to 1975-1976, the Soviet Union imported an average of about 12 million metric tons a year of all grains from all foreign sources.



Movie Times

CIRCLE: "JAWS" (PG)

Weekdays: 7:10-9:15

Weekends: 1:00-3:05-5:10-7:10-9:15

PLAYHOUSE:

"FLESH GORDON" (R)

&

"GROOVETUBE" (R)

"Groove Tube" 1:15-3:45-6:15-8:45

"Flesh Gordon" 2:55-5:25-8:00

PIAZA: "LUCKY LADY" (PG)

Weekdays: 7:10-9:15