State takeover of nursing homes urged

ANNAPOLIS Sen. Harry McGuirk says the state should protect residents of nursing homes by assuming operation of homes wyich are demonstrated to be grossly mismanaged and lacking in proper health care.

McGuirk, D - Baltimore, told the Senate finance committee his bill to allow state takeover of badly run nursing homes would protect elderly or sick people from nursing homes that present a danger to their health or safety.

Under the bill, a fund to pay for state operation of badly run nursing homes would to deposit surety bonds with the state equal to the cost of running their homes for three months.

McGuirk said the need for the bill was demonstrated by the Federal Hill Nursing Home in Baltimore, which is under court order to upgrade its care of residents under threat of license revocation.

The bill, which is co - sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Rosalie Abrams, D - Baltimore, would authorize the state Department of Health and Mental Hyciene to assume control of nursing homes that cannot meet financial obligations, demonstrate gross neglegence or are abandoned or bankrupt.

The nursing home management would have up to three months to solve the problems before the state relocates the residents in other facilities.

Malcolm Rodman, director of the Health Facilities Association of Maryland, opposed the bill, saying the fund paid for by surety bonds would put many nursing homes in "financial jeopardy" so that the few bad homes could be improved.

"This is an overreaction, possibly hysteria, to the problem at one south Baltimore nursing home (Federal Hill)," he said.

William Dorrill, administrator of the Health Department's federally funded projects in the division of licensing and certification, said conditions at the Federal Hill Nursing Home in south Baltimore have deteriorated to such a condition that the state determined it should be closed rather than continue to operate without major improvements.

He said residents were not receiving adequate food and medication and medical records were not well - kept.

"This facility is just poorly managed, quite frankly," Dorrill said.

Dorrill said state takeover would not be a common practice if the bill becomes law. In the past seven years, there have been only three instances in which state takeover of nursing homes would have been warranted, he said.

Proposed parking ban still in limbo

A proposal to ban commuter parking in Baltimore neighborhoods is still in limbo after nine months of study.

Mayor William Donald Schaefer, who last May proposed a city-wide plan to restrict commuter parking, said he is not pushing a revised bill.

The new proposal would allow specific neighborhoods to petition the city to restrict parking in those areas. Residents would receive permits to allow them unlimited parking.

But Schaefer and City Council President Walter Orlinsky said the proposed bill would create confusion by not setting a standard city-wide parking policy. More study of the problem is needed, they said.

"I am not pushing the bill," Schaefer said. "I haven't pushed it. The solution is going to have to be on an individual basis, clearly thought out, not emotionally manufactured," he said.

"You're going to need a card to find out which kind of restricted parking area you are in," Orlinsky said.

The parking problem is well - known to neighbors of Memorial Stadium, who have difficulty finding parking spaces during baseball and football games.

Neighbors of Loyola College and the Johns Hopkins University must compete for parking spaces with commuter students who drive to class.

Parking problems in Oakenshawe, near the Stadium and Union Memorial Hospital, prompted city officials last March to experiment with requiring non - residents to buy a $10 parking permit. Parking is restricted to two hours for non - holders of permits. Schaefer said the experiment, which he proposed, has worked.

Other Baltimore communities want to benefit from Oakenshawe's success. The city - wide parking plan debate is in response to this pressure.

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Residency rule unconstitutional

Rinaldi runs for mayor

Former Assistant School Superintendent Robert T. Rinaldi became the first person to file as a candidate for Mayor.

Rinaldi, who headed the special education division until he was fired several months ago, filed his papers Thursday after a federal court judge ruled that the city's 10 year residency role was unconstitutional.

A federal judge ruled last Thursday that the city's 10 - year residency requirement for mayoral candidates is unconstitutional, allowing former Assistant School Superintendent Robert T. Rinaldi to run for mayor.

U.S. District Judge Alexander Harvey II found that the requirement violates the 1st and 14th amendments of the Constitution.

Rinaldi filed suit Jan. 27 against three city elections board members because they told him his application for the mayor's race was unacceptable because Rinaldi had lived in the city only six years. He asked the court to declare the requirement unconstitutional and to enjoin the board from enforcing it.

The city was not a party to the suit, but the state Attorney General's office offered to defend board members David J. Preller, Percy Davis and Marshall W. Jones.

Attorney General Steve Sachs said after Harvey's decision that the state would not take the case further.

"This office cannot defend a clearly unconstitutional law. To prolong the litigation would unnecessarily burden all litigants and waste valuable tax dollars," he said.

City seeks delay on jail overcrowding

The city says it needs six additional months to end overcrowding in the city jail.

Assistant City Solicitor William Hughes has petitioned U.S. District Judge Frank Kaufman for a six month extension, until January, 1980, to meet an agreement to end double - celling of inmates at the facility.

The current deadline for the city to stop putting two inmates in cells designed for one is July 13, 1979.

John Machen, an attorney for inmates, said last Thursday he will oppose the extension. He said he plans to file an opposing petition with Kaufman soon.

When the case against the city went to trial in November, 1977, the jail's housed 2,100 inmates. The jail population dropped to 1,200 in July of that year and now is 1,225.

The city said it plans to build or renovate two work - release centers in the community to add 100 beds, renovate the jail's old kitchen area to provide another 100 to 300 beds, and increase services at the pretrial level that may divert another 100 prisoners from the jail.

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Town meeting planned

Cold Spring, Wabash area residents to be surveyed

Residents of West Baltimore near the future Cold Spring lane rapid transit station will be surveyed to determine the type of development they would like in the two block area adjacent to the station of Cold Spring Lane and Wabash Avenue.

The survey will kick off an intense community planning process which will culminate in a three - day "charrette" (or town meeting) March 23-25.

The charrette will be co-chaired by Anthony W. Robinson and Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings.

Delegate Rawlings said the charrette will be a very important opportunity for the communities around the Cold Spring Transit Station to shape their future.

"The right kind of development near the station could be very beneficial to residents of the area," he said. "It is essential that any proposal put forth have the full backing of the area's communities."

The survey will be administered by phone and door-to-door in the areas represented by the Ashburton, Bar-Belle-Field, Callaway-Garrison, Dolfield and East Arlington Neighborhood Associations.

Among the questions asked in the survey are:

—"What do you think of the Dolfield shopping area?"

—"Do you feel there is a traffic problem in your area?"

—"How often did you or your family use Kendrick's Recreation Center?"

—"What library did you use?"

The Charrette Steering Committee will use the results of the survey in preparing the agenda for the March charrette.

Funded by a $3,470 grant from the Maryland Endowment for the Humanities and $3,530 from the city, the charrette will bring together community residents, area business people, planners and representatives of city and state government.

It is sponsored by the community in cooperation with the Baltimore City Planning Department and will be held at the Callaway Elementary School No. 251, 3701 Fernhill Ave.

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Maybe Don was right about Top Rank

I am one to neither eulogize nor criticize Don King . . . In my book, the highly vocal boxing promoter lines up in that "to - each - his - own, different - strokes - for - different - folks" category. It is my prerogative to take him or leave him, which is what I do more often than not.

For this reason, I listened but was not convinced when King accused Top Rank, Inc., of firing the fuse that torpedoed his U.S. Boxing Championships series two years ago . . . He said the whistle - blowing, which started investigations of alleged false ratings, kickbacks and unethical behavior by King's whole operation, were inspired by racism.

Top Rank, Inc., and its major domo, Bob Arum, were motivated by an urge to squeeze him out because they felt he was a threat to them . . . and because he is black.

But wait a minute

Blacks making money in other ways then by being boxed about inside the ring ropes, didn't jell with their attitudes, King complained.

At this desk, the complaints were hoiled upon as something between camouflage (of his own shortcomings) and sour grapes (over the other guy's success) . . . The people who oppose us are not always racists . . . Quite often, the label is applied because it is the easiest way to explain a black - white confrontation.

But recent developments have nudged in a suspicion that maybe Don was right.

More of a bigot

Arum, who foisted South African racist Kallie Knoetze upon the American public despite black protests last month, now plans a repeat performance for the Pretoria ex - cop . . . The aim is to match him with former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks in May, in either Las Vegas or Monaco.

SAM LACY: Sports A to Z

Knoetze, it will be remembered, was condemned by NAACP officials and the Rev. Jesse Jackson as "an enforcer" of South Africa's cruel apartheid system of government . . . It was admitted that Kallie shot a 15 - year- old black youth during racial demonstrations in his home jurisdiction last August, that he perjured himself in testimony in court, and that he sought a judge's agreement to suppress evidence against a white fellow-cop . . . all in connection with the oppressive activities against blacks.

What else?

Arum and his cronies — including Miami promoter Chris Dundee, brother of Muhammad Ali's and Sugar Ray Leonard's manager, Angelo Dundee — put on the Knoetze (versus Bill Sharkey) fight anyway . . . They insisted that Kallie had been convicted of no crime, that he had been found guilty only of a misdemeanor in the eyes of his local courts.

But who would expect that, in South Africa, shooting a black would be deemed anything more than a minor offense?

Arum and his cohorts may not agree with the NAACP, they may not agree with Jackson, and they may not agree with me . . . That is their right . . . It also is their right to go about their business of promoting boxing matches . . . But, they would go a long way toward placating their black fans if they desisted from forcing acceptance of an admitted racist.

Not Vegas, please

The NAACP, Jackson and the AFRO have no irreparable beef against South Africans, per se . . . We can live with Gary Player and Sally Little on the golf beat . . . with Frew McMillan, Bob Hewitt and Ilana Kloss in tennis . . . even with Gerrie Coetzee, another South African fighter being imported by Top Rank for U.S. exposure.

For none fits the mold of a pistol-packing derender of human degredation as does Knoetze.

If Arum wants to promote Kallie, and if Spinks wants to fight him, we have no objection to their doing so . . . But, let it be in Monaco, not in Las Vegas, please.

CIAA tournament picture

Pirates, Rams in spotlight

Eight Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association teams converge on Norfolk, Va., this week seeking the coveted title of 1978 - 79 CIAA tournament champion.

Play begins Thursday afternoon and concludes Saturday night at the Scope.

Although six other teams will be involved, pre - tourney calculations indicate that Hampton (Va.) Institute and Winston-Salem (NC) State-University will be survivors to the title bracket Saturday evening.

The Pirates clinched the Northern Division championship early last week, their first run of a CIAA crown in more than two decades.

The Rams, on the other hand, assured first place in the Southern Division a few days after the Buccaneer coup, and will be seeking to recapture the title they let get away after scoring in 1977.

Hampton, though devoid of a championship in recent years, came close last year, finishing second to Norfolk State's victory in the tournament finals. And the Pirates' followers are convinced that this is to be their year.

The other three teams in the Northern Division appear to be Norfolk State, Virginia Union and Virginia State in that order. Late developments could place St. Paul's and or Elizabeth City in the round of eight, but observers believe it is unlikely that the Tigers or the Vikings will replace any of the bottom three.

Winston - Salem's role as champion of the Southern group is a certainty.

Also clear are the positions of Fayetteville (NC) State, second; Virginia Union, third, and Virginia State fourth.

Norfolk State's presence in the tourney — despite its loss of the division crown to Hampton — should keep both the Pirates and the Winston-Salem Rams on their toes.

The Spartans have proved themselves to be reckoned with every year at tournament time.

Evidence of this is found in the fact that they have won six of the last eight tourney titles. And in the two events they lost, the Spartans were second ('78) and fourth ('77) . . . SAM LACY.

STUNNING THE IRISH — When N.C. State's Kenny Matthews (34) drove around Notre Dame's Stan Wilcox for deciding basket, it marked second time the Irish had been stunned by ACC team since being ranked No. 1. Two (weeks earlier, Maryland's Larry Gibson hit a last-second basket to down the defending national champions. N.C. State won, 53-52; Maryland won, 67-66.

Bits o' briefs

When the New York Giants decided on a new general manager the other day, they picked a real giant for the job . . . Former Baltimore city high school and pro coach George Young is 6 - 2 and about 240 pounds, give or take a few.

Our best recollection of Young, though, was when he suddenly turned to give the camer the back of his head when he saw AFRO photographer Henry Phillips focusing on him as he sat next to the AFRO sports editor at a City College luncheon.

Golfers, take heart

Week - enders who constantly search for golfing immortality via a hole - in - one, may be encouraged by the knowledge that 25,876 aces were registered in 1978, according to Golf Digest.

The magazine says odds for scoring a hole - in - one during an 18 - hole round are 10,732 to 1 for the average player, and 927 to 1 for a PGA tour golfer.

Pan-Am trials

Included in the U.S. Olympic Committee announcement on trial dates for the Pan - Am Games, commencing July 1 at San Juan, are those for the USA women's and men's basketball teams.

Women prospects will report April 1, at the University of Tennessee, and men candidates are expected at the University of Indiana, May 30 - 31.

Odd couple

Herman Frazier, member of the gold medal U.S. team in the 1976 Montreal Olympics, has dreams of an unique double in the 1980 Olympic Games.

He is working diligently on bobsled techniques in the hope of making the Lake Placid winter games in that sport, then plans to compete in the 400 meters and relay at the summer events in Moscow.

Long and short

Wilt Chamberlain, the most prolific scorer and rebounder in NFL history, joins tiny John McLendon in the group of seven awaiting induction in the Basketball Hall of Fame April 20.

Chamberlain is 7 - 3, McLendon, the super coach of 25 years, is 5 - 10. Others in the class are Ed Hickey, Sam Barry, Ray Meyer, Pete Newell and Jim Enright.

Won't risk NFL

Quarterback Eddie Smith, who guided Michigan State to a share of the Big Ten football title last year, has signed a contract with the Hamilton Tiger Cats of the Canadian Football League.

"Playing in the Canadian football league will give me the best opportunity to make more out of playing pro ball — and at quarterback — not only financially," Smith said. "Hopefully, I won't have to sit on the bench long."

Smith said the Canadian style "is more for me than the NFL."

Back-to-back

George Gervin of the san Antonio Spurs leads the National Basketball Association in scoring, with a scoring average of 29.6 points per game, and could become the first guard to win two scoring championships.

Centers and forwards dominated the scoring lead for 30 years, from the NBA's second season, when Max Zaslofsky led, until Dave Bing won the 1967 - 68 scoring title. Two years after Bing, Jerry West captured the title. Nate Archibald was the 1972 - 73 leader.

The 1976 - 77 season's leader was Pete Maravich, followed by Gervin last season.

Should he win it, George will have won in 1977 - 78 and 1978 - 79.

Week in BASKETBALL

COLLEGE SCHEDULE
Tuesday
Hampton at Howard (women)
Towson St. at Loyola
Delaware U. at Maryland (Women)
Lincoln at Eastern (women)
Loyola at Towson St. (women)
Southern at Xavier
Wednesday
Lincoln at Rutgers - Camden
Thursday
MEAC tourney of Greensboro
CIAA tourney at Norfolk
Coppin St. Mary's
S. Eastern at UDC (women)
Lincoln at Coppin State
Towson St. at Cheyney St.
SWAC tourney, Baton Rouge
Dillard at Texas College
Friday
MEAC tourney at Greensboro
CIAA tourney at Norfolk
Mary Washington at Bowie St.
Dillard at La College
SIAC tournament
SWAC tourney, Baton Rouge
Saturday
CIAA tourney at Norfolk
MEAC tourney at Greensboro
Coppin at Rutgers - Camden
Lincoln at UDC (women)
UMBC at Cheyney St.
SIAC tournament
SWAC tourney, Baton Rouge
Xavier at Rust
Monday
Howard at UDC (women)
NBA SCHEDULE
Tuesday
Phoenix at New York
Houston at Washington
Seattle at San Antonio
Portland at Chicago
Golden State at Los Angeles
Atlanta at Cleveland
Wednesday
Phoenix at New Jersey
Portland at Atlanta
Seattle at New Orleans
Indiana at Denver
Philadelphia at Detroit
Milwaukee at Kansas City
Boston at Golden State
Thursday
Kansas City at Cleveland
Friday
Portland at New Jersey
Seattle at Washington
Chicago at New Orleans
Phoenix at Kansas City
Indiana at Golden State
Boston at Los Angeles
Philadelphia at San Diego
Saturday
New Jersey at New York
Phoenix at Atlanta
New Orleans at Cleveland
Milwaukee at Denver
Sunday
New York at New Jersey
Golden State at Washington
Portland at Detroit
Houston at San Antonio
Cleveland at Chicago
Philadelphia at Denver
Seattle at Kansas City
Indiana at Los Angeles
Boston at San Diego

MEAC tourney thumbnail

Aggies loom as favorites

There is little doubt that North Carolina A and T will enter this weekend's Mid - Eastern Athletic Conference basketball tournament as the heavy favorite to win.

The 3 - day playoff commences Thursday afternoon at the Greensboro Memorial Coliseum and by Saturday night it should. figure that the Aggies will emerge as the conference's double champion.

A and T has wrapped up the visitation title already and, inasmuch as the Aggies will be surrounded by hometown fans — even in their opening day bye— their six contending entries will find times extremely rough.

The Carolinians finished the MEAC regular season with a 10 - 1 record, suffering a surprising, one - point loss to Howard in their next - to - last game.

As regular season winners, the A and T basketers draw a first - round bye since the league carries an uneven, seven - team roster.

Delaware State, Morgan, Howard, Maryland, Eastern Shore, North Carolina Central and South Carolina State occupied the other six spots in the standings in that order.

Unofficially, Delaware State was 7 - 4 at the finish, Morgan was 7 -4, but lost twice to Delaware, hence cannot claim second; Howard finished 5-7, Maryland, Eastern Shore wound up 4-7, NCC was 4-7 at the end and S.C. State closed at 3-10. . LACY.

Ali too busy for boxing

By Randy Minkoff
CHICAGO (UPI)

Muhammad Ali spends part of his free time these days sitting by a telephone in the downstairs entryway to his home, armed with a small black datebook and a pen.

What Ali is doing is making his own travel arrangements for personal speaking engagements, real estate deals and other business ventures, and a blossoming career in the movies.

It really isn't anything new for the heavyweight champion except — as he claims — it is a full - time occupation now that he is retiring.

Of course, Ali has said on many occasions he would retire only to get back in the ring. But there are some signs that Ali means business this time.

He weighs 240 pounds — about 30 pounds more than he would weigh if he planned to get back into the ring.

His datebook is filled through May, when he plans to formally announce his retirement.

He also seems more satisfied to quit boxing and training than at any time in the past.

"Okay, I'll be honest," Ali said in an interview at his ornate Southside house before embarking on his latest trip. "I've said before that I'm going to retire, and then I've changed my mind and accepted a deal to get me back into the ring.

"Maybe $20 million could get me back, but I'm at the weight I'm at now because I know I will be too hard to get it off and get back into the ring."

The bulk of Ali's time now is for traveling. He has been busy planning his current trip to Australia and New Zealand, and he has a desire to go to strife - torn Iran.

"I'm going to speak before 100,000 people, 100,000 people, down there," he said. "I'll go just about anywhere. I got a call from someone asking me to go to Iran. I'm the world's most famous person, and they want Ali to speak."

"Just look at this book, you can see the dates and how filled up they are," Ali said. "I'm so busy, I don't have any time to fight. How can I get any time to fight with a schedule like this?"

Ali likes making his own arrangements for many of his visits. He talks softly on the telephone to the various representatives and agents to which he must deal.

His book is filled up through April, but there are celebrity roasts, dinner engagements and speaking tours inked in during the October, November and December dates.

A FOOT IN YOUR FACE — Cedrick Hordges of South Carolina, puts best foot forward to intimidate Louis Orr of Syracuse. But Gamecock's technique was of no use, as Orangemen won Madison Square Garden tilt, 71-64.

Muhammad Ali
(telephone always close by