

## ling of discipline

"We believe we have acted properly, and we will continue to act properly," said Sgt. Mark Howes, the chief's assistant.

Sergeant Ballam had been the subject of an Internal Affairs investigation in April. In May, he was interviewed by Internal Affairs investigators and admitted having sex with the informant once.

Thomas A. Pavlinic, Sergeant

Ballam's lawyer, said that under the state Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights, Lieutenant Snow was required to recommend some type of punishment, which the officer could accept or reject. If the officer rejects the punishment, a trial board is convened.

The suit contends that Sergeant

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## Schaefer remap victory is upheld

### 5 city-county seats created

By Norris P. West  
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The Maryland Court of Appeals yesterday approved Gov. William Donald Schaefer's 1990 redistricting legislation, which created five senatorial districts that Baltimore County must share with Baltimore.

The state's highest court voted 5-2 to uphold a Feb. 4 decision by a special court master declaring the law valid.

Another review of the legislation is pending in federal court.

While a spokeswoman for the governor praised the court's approval of the city-county districts, a legislator who challenged the plan said that the law gives the city too much political power while diluting Baltimore County's strength in the General Assembly.

"The court truly had to go out of its way to say this was constitutional," said Del. Richard Rynd, a Baltimore County Democrat. "There was absolutely no regard for jurisdictional lines. As Baltimore City continues to lose population, they're going to come farther into Baltimore County to save the seat of another senator."

Mr. Rynd said that he will decide whether to seek a federal court review of the Court of Appeals' ruling. Under the redistricting law, he would be forced to compete with Del. Theodore Levin for the same legislative seat.

Page Boines, a spokeswoman for the governor, said the court's approval of the city-county districts was a key victory for communities that share common interests. She said the court's decision vindicated the governor's redistricting plan.

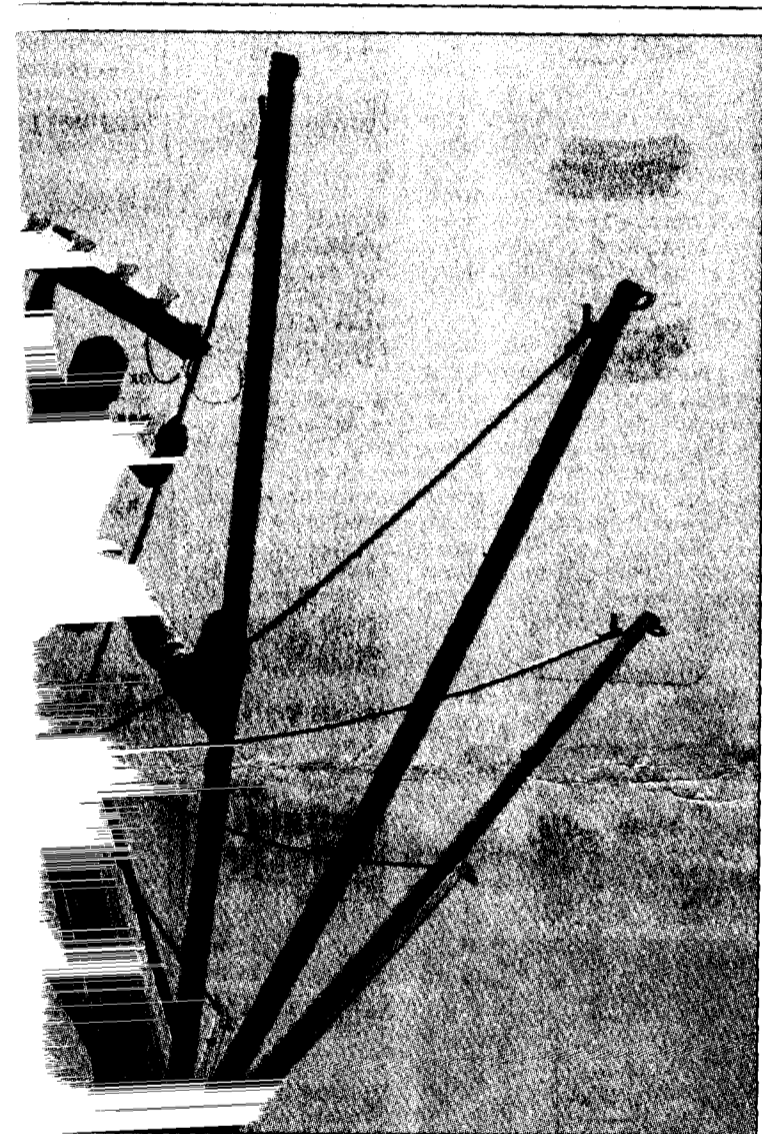
"The governor felt like he had proposed a balanced plan for legislative redistricting, taking into account shifts in population and coming up with as fair a plan as possible," Ms. Boines said.

The measure was drafted by the governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee and went into effect on Feb. 21, 1992, after the General Assembly failed to amend the governor's plan or pass an alternative law of its own.

The opinion, written by Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy, expressed reluctance to approve the shared districts. It warned that the shared districts come "perilously close to running afoul" of the Maryland Constitution but may have been necessary to create a new minority district.

Judge Murphy said that repre-

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on the structural spokes as he sets up the "Kiddie Swing" ride. Midway will be open from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, with the fair's 112th year — beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday and running the fair is \$3 and free for children under the age of 12.

## id battery in brawl

### ed to death

way through the locked front and began beating up Troy Hammond, 32, and his friend James a 36-year-old maintenance Mr. Paone said.

Pope was pushed into a china cabinet with a glass front and cut his arm near the biceps.

cut severed Mr. Pope's brachial artery, according to a police report he bled to death within 15 minutes — before paramedics ar-

rived and despite Mr. Hammond's attempts to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation, according to a police report.

Palmer and the Thomas brothers were initially charged with manslaughter by Annapolis police.

But Mr. Paone said he agreed to accept pleas to assault and battery because of conflicting accounts about the fight and what amounted to insufficient evidence to prove manslaughter.

Judge Raymond G. Thieme Jr. set sentencing for Oct. 22.

# COURT

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representatives from the city-county districts may face conflicts when dealing with matters that benefit one jurisdiction at the expense of the other and he expressed regret that one district splits a tight-knit Jewish community. But he said that the breaches do not "manifestly" harm the county.

"Of the five districts which cross the border, two favor the city, two favor the county, and the fifth, though it may favor the city, is subdivided to assure that the county controls at least one delegate," the opinion said.

A dissenting opinion filed by Judge John C. Eldridge and joined by Judge Robert M. Bell stressed the historical importance of jurisdictional boundaries in shaping local laws. The dissent objected strenuously to the breached lines.

"This court should not hold valid a plan which unabashedly flouts the Maryland Constitution by failing to give the high regard to the boundaries of political subdivisions which is due," Judge Eldridge said in dissent, which said the law violated the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitu-



1990 PHOTO

**Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy wrote the opinion.**

tion.

The court's majority brushed aside seven other arguments against the districts.

Opponents claimed that the governor's advisory committee did not give state residents enough notice of public hearings to enable them to participate in discussions and did not adequately describe what the new districts would look like.

The legislation, they said, created



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**Del. Richard Rynd criticized the Court of Appeals' finding.**

districts that were not geographically compact, violated the First Amendment and the Voting Rights Act, disregarded jurisdictional boundaries, created districts with wide disparities in population and gerrymandered areas in favor of incumbents.

Del. Dana Lee Dembrow, D-Montgomery, one of those challenging the legislation, said that he will have to "just live with" a scheme that he believes is unfair to his county.

and a dress fund-raiser. She was known for the crafts and candies she made for church benefits, and was an accomplished seamstress who specialized in making garments and banners for religious services.

She was an ardent supporter of the Daughters of Charity and worked to benefit the retired members of the religious order of nuns.

The 1937 graduate of Seton received training as a licensed practical nurse at Jenkins Memorial Hospital. She then went to work at Seton as the school nurse, retiring in 1978.

For 47 years, she was a member of SS. Philip and James Roman Catholic Church, 2801 N. Charles St. in Baltimore, where a Mass of Christian burial was to be celebrated at 9 a.m. today.

Survivors include three sisters, Grace L. McGill of Overlea, Lillian M. Miller of Towson and Annabelle V. Bahr of Baltimore; and a brother, Donald J. Michael of Chesapeake City.

## John Bradford Crowe Terminal manager

John Bradford Crowe, a terminal manager for the Johnson Transfer Trucking Co., died Friday of cancer at the Veterans Medical Center at Fort Howard.

The 48-year-old Vietnam War veteran and resident of Glen Burnie worked at the company 18 years. He had worked earlier as a truck driver.

more than 10 years. She was married to Burnie; and a sister, R. lace of Pasadena.

## Annis 'Ann' I Skated profession

Annis "Ann" Freid, a professional roller skater, died Sunday at Anne Arundel Center in Annapolis. She

The former Annis Anson skated professionally. In 1963, she married S. who was also a professional

The Baltimore native member of the Faith Church in Gambrills where she was an accordionist.

According to Jo Knudsen, friend, she was also a well-known inspiration who spoke frequently at women's clubs.

A service was to be held at 1:45 p.m. today at the Veterans Cemetery chapel.

A memorial service will be held at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at St. Ann's Community Church, Route 1, Waugh Chapel Road.

In addition to her husband, she was survived by her mother, Mrs. Hullett of Millersville.

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