

# Mandel seeking delegation control

Gov. Marvin Mandel is working behind the scenes to gain control of Maryland's delegation to this summer's Democratic National Convention.

Sources close to the governor said there is no clear strategy, but slates of "uncommitted" delegates will probably be run in each congressional district so they can be used as a lever of political power by Mandel.

Last week, the governor met with Democrats from across the state to explain Maryland's primary election laws and map strategy.

Those present included longtime allies of Mandel such as state Sens. Harry J. McGuirk, D-Balto. and Roy Staten, D-Baltimore, William L. "Little Willie" Adams and a number of politicians with less strong ties to the gubernatorial apronstrings.

The only local organization present was the Prince George County group headed by Senate President Steny H. Hoyer, and Peter F. O'Malley. Hoyer's group is laying out plans to run a slate of party regulars.

Under the state's primary laws, delegates elected to the convention May 18 are not bound by law to back any particular candidate, even though they may have been elected under one slate or another.

Candidates for delegates can run without indicating on the ballot any preference for a presidential hopeful. They can also have a specific presidential candidate's name placed after their own on the ballot if they are officially endorsed.

In 1972, a majority of the Maryland delegates were required to vote for George C. Wallace on at least the first ballot. That law has now been changed.

# Mental health

## Bill would ban such questions

Employment forms containing questions about an applicant's mental health discriminate against persons who have sought psychiatric counseling in the past, the Senate Economic Affairs Committee has been told.

"They're used more for discrimination than to get accurate information about a job seeker," Dr. William Arnold of the Maryland Psychiatric Association said during testimony Tuesday on SB 77 by Sen. Julian L. Lapides, D-Balt.

Arnold said that application questions "you ever been treated for mental illness?" are meaningless as questions about physical disabilities. Subjects are explored to a greater depth by personnel.

Lapides said his bill would only ban such questions on initial job applications, not later interviews and may have with a physician or medical professional.

The senator said...

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