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Downs gets rights to bet parlor

But there could be some problems ahead

By Kathie Kinrade
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The Illinois Racing Board reversed a previous decision Saturday morning to give the Quad-City Downs exclusive rights to a betting parlor in Peoria, but the decision may have some legal stumbling blocks.

Quad-City Downs President and part-owner Frank McFarland said he was not surprised at the decision to award the Peoria betting parlor to the Downs, effectively revoking a license previously awarded to Balmoral in Peoria.

"We thought we'd get it done and well," McFarland said.

The board previously had decided to allow two parlors in Peoria and had awarded the Downs and the Balmoral track in Cairo, Ill., licenses to open parlors there.

When the Racing Board voted to put the Downs in a competitive, two-parlor situation in Peoria, Ladbroke Racing Corp., a multi-billion British conglomerate, still had a live offer to buy \$5 million.

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LINKING IT UP — PGA veteran Kermit Zarley lines up a putt during the third round of the Harder's Golf Classic Saturday. Zarley matched par Saturday and finished the day 10 strokes behind leader Gil Morgan. (QUAD-CITY TIMES Photo by Greg Bell)

Harder's Golf Classic swings into final round

Dr. Gil Morgan swung into the lead of the Harder's Golf Classic at Oakwood Country Club in Galesburg Saturday, shooting a 65 in the third round.

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The president speaks out

Reagan asks more aid for Contra cause . . .

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan on Saturday sought to take advantage of what he sees as increased public support for the Nicaraguan rebels and called on Congress to give the Contras more aid.

"Some tell me that the people in this country just don't care about the freedom fighters. But I don't think that's true. The more people know about the Sandinista Communists, the more they support the freedom fighters," Reagan said in his weekly radio address.

"We have seen support grow dramatically as the American people learn the facts about Nicaragua," Reagan added in his five-minute talk, delivered from Camp David, Md., although the White House has not yet formally put its request to Congress, spokesman Martin Pitzwiler said on Tuesday the administration is considering increasing its request for aid to the rebels from \$106 million in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 to a larger amount over 16 months. This would extend the aid two months into the next administration.



Reagan White

... And hails virtues of 'Snow White'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, saluting the 50th anniversary of animated feature films, hailed "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" on Saturday as a milestone in America's artistic history.

Reagan, in a proclamation released by the White House, said the nation should be grateful for an art form "that brings to the screen such magic and lasting vitality."

The president, a former actor, also praised such animated films as embodying "fundamental values of good over evil, courage, and decency that so many Americans cherish."

Car hits, kills boy bicyclist in 3 a.m. accident on I-80

A 12-year-old East Moline boy died Saturday morning when a car hit his bicycle on Illinois Route 5, one-tenth of a mile west of U.S. Interstate 80, Illinois State Police said.

Randall L. Schwartz, 74, 20th St., East Moline, was pronounced dead at 3:10 a.m. by Acting Rock Island County Coroner Richard Schwartz.



Schwartz

Verbeck. Schwartz, with his sister and a friend, was riding his bike eastbound in the westbound lane when his bike was struck by a car driven by John Carlson, 20, 717 17th Ave., East Moline, authorities said.

Police said the boy and his sister had left the house without their parents' knowledge. The accident was under investigation Saturday, but no charges were pending, officials said. A reconstruction officer was working at the scene.

Malpractice damages drive away Iowa obstetricians

By Tom Davidson
QUAD-CITY TIMES
Des Moines bureau

SOMETIMES, late at night, the worries set in. Dawn Simons and her husband, Scott, worry about finding a doctor to deliver their baby.

The child, their second, is due Jan. 12. The closest obstetrician to their home in Hampton, Iowa, is 30 miles away in Mason City.

But all six obstetricians there say they may not deliver any more babies after Jan. 1. Their malpractice insurance rates are just too high.

"It's kind of scary," Mrs. Simons says. Ray Haman worries too. His 14-year-old daughter is in a wheelchair and can't talk because of a doctor's mistake during a relatively simple procedure.

Her medical bills are approaching \$600,000 and

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Q-C escapes brunt of dilemma, but . . .

On the surface, the problems with medical malpractice insurance may not appear to be as serious in the Quad-Cities as they are in other parts of the country.

After all, you can still find a physician to deliver a baby, or to take tricky neurosurgery cases, right?

The answer seems to be "yes, but . . ."

"The problem here is the same as it is all over Iowa," says Jim Koch, executive director of the Medical Society of Scott and Rock Island Counties.

Koch said more than a dozen Quad-City physicians have dropped riskier parts of their practice, such as obstetrics, because of climbing insurance costs.

"So far, there's no shortage of physicians willing to deliver babies," he says. But he says he won't know what will happen if Iowa's largest malpractice insurer, the St. Paul Fire and Marine Casualty Co., is granted the 47 percent rate

U.S. braces for strikes in the gulf

Navy to escort reflagged Kuwait tankers

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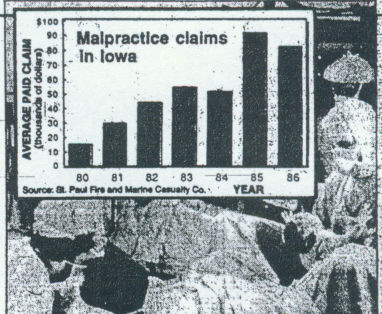
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Hashemi Rafsanjani

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increase it has requested from state regulators.

The same situation faces Illinois physicians, too — St. Paul's rate increases have been as much as 67 percent in one year in Illinois.

The Illinois General Assembly appeared primed for a potentially bitter fight over malpractice reform legislation this year, but the battle was defused by a tempo-

rary trove.

Physicians and their backers agreed to drop a bill that would have imposed limits on some damages in exchange for renewal until changes of the state's medical regulatory law and limits on the amount of time parents may wait.

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Today we're hot and numb with high in the mid 90's. Winds will be from the south at 10-20 mph.

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