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Panel limited by lack of willing participants

By SETH MELIKNER
of the Journal Messenger

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney John V. Notarianni thought more people would want to serve on a resident panel charged with interpreting the community's decency standard.

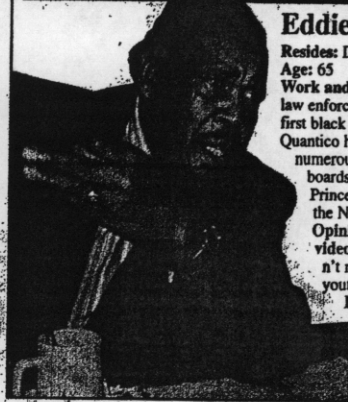
But of the large pool of people recommended to him by select community leaders as potentially fair and knowledgeable panelists, only 12 agreed to spend a

day watching six adult movies to determine whether any of these violated the decency standard.

"We had so many people say 'no' that we just went with everybody who said, 'yes,'" Notarianni said Friday. "Many people said they just didn't want to see that kind of stuff, or many times men who said yes would call back to say they talked with their wives and now couldn't [serve on the panel]."

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COMMUNITY STANDARDS PANEL MEMBER



Eddie Stallworth

Resides: Dumfries
Age: 65
Work and public service: retired law enforcement officer (was the first black police officer in Quantico history); served on numerous community service boards; current president of Prince William Chapter of the NAACP
Opinion after watching videos: "Dirt like that doesn't need to be in our youths' hands."

Final decision: Tapes were unacceptable and violated community standards.

Tom Clark/MJM

Assembled by Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney John V. Notarianni, the 12-member panel watched selected pornographic films and was asked to decide whether they violated the community standard. The panel concluded the video stores in question were dealing in obscene videos.

an 50 people led a Planning Commission public session Tuesday about Land Use Comprehensive

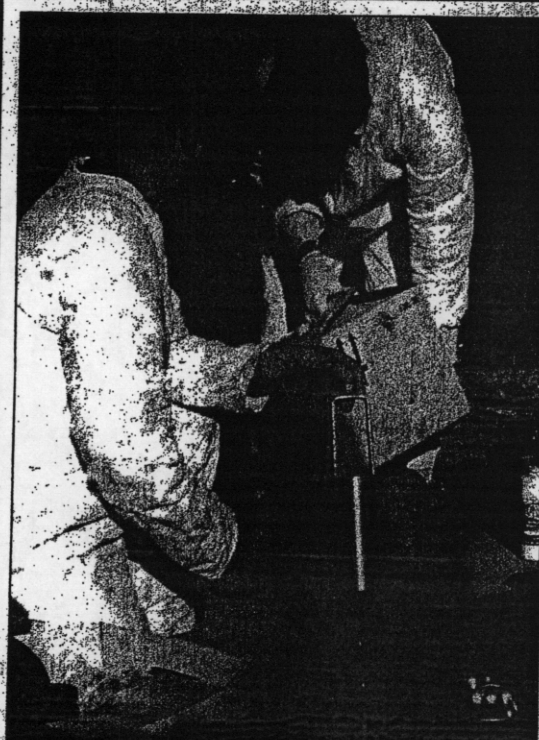
prehensive Plan, held every five years to show the county people concerned about were trying to extend. The proposed plan, if passed, will increase densities in semi-rural areas to prevent sewer service from being extended without justification.

Some citizens who are in favor of not extending sewer services, but others feel that densities in order to support what already exist. "You have to keep densities from extending sewer service," said Jeanne in Catharpin. "If densities do not extend the sewer service, it has already been extended enough people to be reasonable."

The Commission of Planning wanted deniered. "I think it is a good idea to cut down on the number of people," she said. She also said letting developments dictate how sewer service will be extended.

the best managing

Cronan, a resident of Old Church Road, is about to build a new house. He wants to keep the sewer service from coming out of the sewer system. He spoke at the Commission meeting on the Sewer and Land Use Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan on



Above, Ken Wright and George Horrah, workers from Dynamac Corp., take samples to test the accuracy of previous sampling at Quantico. The two are contracted to ensure other agencies involved in hazardous waste remediation are producing accurate test results.

Hazardous waste

Quantico

Marine

Corps

base

faces

reality

of toxic

trash

By MARNIE EISENSTADT
of the Journal Messenger

The land looks out onto the Potomac River, a scenic island only a hundred yards from its edge. The ground is newly seeded and covered with hay. Across a narrow street is a row of warehouses, to the right an airfield. People bustle down the sidewalks of Russell Street, green coats wrapped around them to protect against the

slight nip of fall.

"I'd like to make it into a golf course," says Chuck Grimm with a laugh. Grimm works in the Installation Restoration Program at Quantico. "I mean, look at the view," he says, throwing his arm out to emphasize the closeness of the

Potomac River.

But behind him is a part of the scene that might discourage golf and just about anything else from occurring on the hay-scattered land. Backing up the vista is a chain link fence tacked with signs that reads, "Danger Keep Out."

This is because the ground below the freshly dug earth was home to dangerous chemical

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Newly thatched and seeded land looks out onto the Potomac River. The picturesque vista is a hazardous waste site on the National Priorities List.

Photos by Marnie Eisenstadt/Manassas Journal Messenger

Recreating history in Brentsville

County, resident group join preservation forces

By MARNIE EISENSTADT
of the Journal Messenger

Twenty-seven acres, a courthouse, 11 houses, three churches, a tavern, two barns, a garage, three chicken coops, a wash house, a smoke house, servants' quarters and a vacant cottage. If the year was 1835, this is all that would exist in Brentsville.

Although it is 1997, the district and county would like to throw back the hands of time to create a historic core. And on Tuesday at the Prince William Board of County Supervisors' meeting, a significant step will be taken towards going back in time.

The board is expected to approve the formation of a historic trust, which will be in charge of planning the restoration of the village center. The trust will have representatives from the Friends of the Brentsville Courthouse Historical Centre, the county Planning Office and the Park Authority.

"This will provide a real focal point for people who have different ideas," said Rick Lawson, acting director of the Planning Office. Lawson said organizing the trust helped the three groups, which all have different ideas for the historic center, to get over those differences and work together.

"It will allow things to get done that probably would not have gotten

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area charities, the funds coming from the estate of Lloyd and Mae Van Horn who were long-time residents of the Haymarket area.

... Stonewall Jackson High School's star softball pitcher Samantha Russian, who has agreed to attend the University of South Carolina on a full four-year scholarship.

... The Bull Run Troubadours, who will present their annual concert today for the enjoyment of area barber-shop music lovers. Part of the proceeds go to the awarding of scholarships and helping children with speech difficulties.

... Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville, which is hosting a "Miracle of Lights" to benefit Children's Hospital and the Easter Seals Children's Centers. Over 200,000 lights in animated displays will illuminate the park and delight visitors.

... Area businesses, organizations and individuals who are contributing to help finance on the 52nd annual Greater Manassas Christmas Parade on Dec. 6. Supporters of the parade must raise about \$15,000 to put it on each year.

... Bert Hatcher, who helped raise \$1,000 for the Prince William United Way at a dinner featuring former Washington Redskins.

Losers ...

... Relic hunters who come into parks, such as Manassas National Battlefield Park, with their metal detectors and shovels and dig holes looking for bullets and other artifacts, taking away from the history of the parks.

... People who "adopt" pets and then fail to treat them properly, such as a case in court this week where a Manassas Park man was found guilty of mistreating the rabbits he was keeping in his home.

... Hunters who don't get proper training before heading into the woods, possibly hurting themselves or others with their guns.

... Motorists who fail to slow down when the weather turns wintry, making the highways dangerous.

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Donna Walters, left, from the Virginia Cooperative Extension demonstrated Thursday night how to make a low fat dip for holiday dinners. Among other topics covered at the class in Bull Run Regional Library were holiday food preparation and food safety.

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In the end Notarianni ended up with a 12-member panel that was split evenly between men and women.

That panel, meant to be a fair representation of the community, said that all six adult movies did violate the community's decency standard. Their decision led to the indictment of three local video stores, Video Connection, Video Palace and Manassas Video Club, charged with renting or selling the allegedly obscene movies.

Eddie Stallworth, the only panel member to break a seven-month silence and speak about his experiences as part of Notarianni's obscenity investigation, told the Manassas Journal Messenger Thursday that he thought prosecutors had created as fair a panel as possible from prominent county residents.

Aside from Stallworth, little is known about the panel's backgrounds except that one member was a local attorney who has worked with the ACLU in the past. Stallworth said he was the only black member of his group which was made up of five women of

varying ages.

But critics of Notarianni's panel say that it isn't the panel membership that bothers them.

"The [panel] members really become secondary to the process," said Mary Bauer, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer who is representing one of the three local video stores indicted on obscenity charges. "How were they chosen? None of us at this point can determine whether or not the process was appropriate."

That process, according to Notarianni, started when he asked several people to submit lists of potential panelists.

"I wanted people who were familiar with the community to nominate people who were familiar with the community," Notarianni said.

Those asked to submit lists included Circuit Court Clerk David Mabie, state Del. David G. Brickley, D-Dale City, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge James Robeson, former Manassas mayor John Weber and several area lawyers, Notarianni said.

Stallworth, who is president of the county's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was nominated by Dumfries Town Councilman Mel Bray, according to Notarianni.

None of the panel members

were law enforcement officers, elected officials or clergy members, Notarianni said. Nor were they public figures in any way.

"Stallworth is as close to a public figure as you're going to get," he said of the 65-year-old panelist, who has served on several county boards and is a leader in the black community.

But both Bauer and Manassas Video Club General Manager John Kenney claim that the panel still drew from an exclusive crowd of people.

"All of these people probably had some sort of involvement in groups that would oppose what MVC does," Kenney said Friday. "Community standards are not defined by [prominent organizations]. They're just one segment of the population."

Kenney said he had a list of several thousand supporters of his adult video store and asked why none of these people were picked to be on the panel.

In the face of MVC's legal troubles, Kenney said sales have increased nearly 40 percent over last year, indicating wider public support for adult materials than perhaps critics anticipated.

"But I don't have any more faith. We'll get a jury we can't win against," Kenney said. "We know they've stacked the deck against us."

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done otherwise," Lawson said.

The portions of the historic center that will be restored include the courthouse, several inns and some of the churches. Lawson said the county now has the original street map, which will enable the trust to conceptualize what the area looked like

back in 1835.

But not everyone who owns historic property will necessarily want it to be restored. "Some of the land is privately owned; we don't know what the private owners will want to do. Maybe the private landowner won't want to participate," said Debra Karnes, a planner in the planning office.

L. Ben Thompson, Republican Brentsville Supervisor.

said the historic trust is bringing the different factions together. "Everyone is now in agreement that we need a new plan," Thompson said. The historic center is expected to bring tourism to Brentsville.

But what the plan will be, how long it will take and how much it will cost is uncertain. "The overall project could extend beyond 10 years," Lawson said.

NEW CROSS SP

The Prince William Cross is sponsoring Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. Location is the Manassas. There will be a display of crafts to please everyone. Free admission, and music. Call 361-1111.

Supervisors

The Virginia Association of Supervisors officers.

Prince William Supervisor Neabsco, is the immediate past president. Supervisors Hild Caddigan, R-Dumfries, is on the board of directors.

ON THE AG

Monday

Manassas City Council will hold public hearing at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. Prince William Zoning Appeal at 2 p.m. in the Building.

Tuesday

Prince William County Super meet at 2 p.m. in the McCing. Airport Board will meet at 7 p.m. Architectural Board will meet at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Old Town Business Association will meet at 7 a.m. GTS Task Force at 3 p.m. Fire and Rescue will meet at 7 p.m. in the McCoart Jail Board will meet at 7 p.m. at the Manassas Police Department, Fairview Ave., 1. Human Rights Commission will meet at 7 p.m. in the McCoart Prince William Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m.