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City may take man to court

Historic mill center of property battle

By TANIA ANDERSON

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Manassas city officials thought they were giving Brian Mannix an offer he couldn't refuse. But he did refuse it and now officials may find themselves in court. Soon.

Officials offered the Prince William County resident almost \$30,000 for use of an acre of his property, which may be flooded as the level of Lake Manassas rises.

But Mannix demanded \$125,000 for use of the land, which includes what he claims is one of the last historic mills in the county, according to Bendall.

"I cannot in clear conscious approach the City Council and ask them to pay five times the value of the appraised value of the land," Bendall said. "Now we need a court to tell us what the value is."

A letter from the city arrived at Mannix' house last week giving him 10 days to accept a final offer from the city for the land. On Friday that grace period will be over and city officials say they will try to secure the easement.

But Mannix, who is a

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FOR RE-ELECTION

ANNOUNCEMENT: Lucy Beauchamp, Manassas City School Board's Chairman-at-Large, left, made an official announcement Tuesday afternoon declaring her candidacy for the 1999 School Board Elections. Approximately 30 residents were at the campaign kick-off held at Buckhall Fire Station to show their support for the chairman who has held the seat for the past three years.

Beauchamp, the regional director of the National Wildlife Federation, has served on the School Board for the past seven years. Elected, this will be Beauchamp's third year on the School Board and her second year as its elected chairman.

Beauchamp said she was proud of her accomplishments over the years, but feels there is still much to be done.

"I will continue to lead the board into sound decisions based solely on the needs of the community and what is best for the almost 10,000 students in Prince William County," she said.

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MILL

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member of the Society of Preservation of Old Mills, said he's holding his ground to protect his piece of history.

"This would give them permission to store water and cause flooding on our property," he said. "It puts the lake inside an old mill that I own. And it may be the last standing mill in Prince William County."

Bendall said if Mannix does not accept the city's offer to allow flood easements on his property by the end of the day Friday, he will come to the Manassas City Council with a resolution to bring the matter to Circuit Court.

Mannix has lived in the historic town of Buckland for 13 years with his wife and two children.

The rare remains of the mill, which Mannix is working to restore, sit on the property near the boundary of the

proposed easement.

He wants to protect the mill from Lake Manassas' rising waters. The water level of the lake, which supplies the drinking water for Manassas and Manassas Park residents and portions of the county, rose about five feet earlier this year when the city installed a bladder at the top of the dam.

City officials started approaching the residents living along Buckland Mill Road in April 1997 with plans of the flood easements and monetary offers for their troubles.

Bendall said the city has made offers ranging between \$50,000 and promises of septic tank installations on some properties. The total amount of compensation has been about \$150,000, Bendall said. All of the property owners have complied with the city's request except for Mannix and one other property owner.

"This is taking extremely long," Bendall said.

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CUSTODY

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body in a shallow grave in a heavily wooded lot in Manassas.

It wasn't until Manassas Park Police — working with the FBI — stepped up their search for Lisa Moore early

this year that James Moore led investigators to the grave.

Moore, whose family members say was probably overcome by guilt, confessed to the murder Jan. 13 to Manassas Park detectives, according to authorities.

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has, however, tried it on himself after customers asked him what the effects were.

"I touched myself the other day on the leg and it hurt like the dickens," he said. "It was three days ago and I still have the marks."

According to a catalog that explains Creasy's products, a three- to five-second blast from a stun gun delivers a "high voltage, low amperage shock, causing loss of balance and muscle control, confusion and disorientation. Full recovery takes about five to 10 minutes, and there is no permanent damage."

Sgt. Rick Arrington, crime prevention officer for the

Va. Festival of the

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list of four Pulitzer Prize Book Awards recipients annual Virginia Festival. The festival, which opens with book signings and readings, will feature Festival director Suzanne York City looking for authors to participate in the festival. She offers, said festival spokeswoman.

"We do go after people coming to us," she said.

The opening ceremony will feature National Book Award winner, whose books include Virginia first lady Roxanne Luncheon Friday.

Judge gives off-

HAMPTON — A judge shooting into an occupied house Wednesday in the case of a man accused in a partial man critically wounded.

But General District Judge found no probable cause for unlawful wounding, to

The judge set May 11 for the ruling on the case. The stunned Commonwealth declined to say whether it would seek an indictment.

Joseph Armento, 34, a former police training agent, and five other officers were suspended following a Jan. 11 shooting at a parking lot. Police said two men were injured and one man displayed as guilty. The DEA group outside

Officer charged

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