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during the first hour of their visit inside the park.  
The other employees stood by, waited in their ve-  
hicles or helped supervise the children. Two of the six  
said they were on leave, but the others were being  
paid by the city, according to city officials and the  
mayor's wife Elfi, who arranged the outing.  
Elfi Barry, who arrived at least 90 minutes after  
the children, said in an interview that she did not

about two dozen security officers and several aides  
who function as personal assistants. According to  
sources familiar with the family's activities, the Bar-  
rys use the security detail in part to perform some  
child care duties, run errands and transport family  
friends. When the mayor traveled to the Bahamas on  
two occasions last year, security officers entertained  
See BARRY, B5, Col. 1

visors Chairman Audrey Moore said  
yesterday that she will ask the  
county board Monday to tell Barry  
that Fairfax opposes adding the new  
beds at Lorton. She said she will  
also try to enlist local members of  
Congress in fighting the proposal.  
for the inmates at Central, said the  
mayor's prison plans would not af-  
fect his clients' principal goal to  
reduce crowding as soon as possi-  
ble.  
The inmates' motion, filed last  
See LOERTON, B4, Col. 2

# William Center Foes Pin Hopes on Environmental Concerns

By John F. Harris  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Preservationists fighting the pro-  
posed William Center shopping mall  
next to Manassas National Battle-  
field Park called on the Army Corps  
of Engineers and the Environmental  
Protection Agency yesterday to  
halt the development because it  
could destroy legally protected wet-  
lands.

The issue opens a new line of at-  
tack that attorneys for the preser-  
vationists hope will block the giant  
commercial and residential complex  
in western Prince William County  
or delay it indefinitely.

Spokesmen for the EPA and the  
Army Engineers said their agencies  
will review the appeal, but declined  
further comment.

Harold Himmelman, an attorney  
for a coalition of preservationists  
and Civil War buffs fighting the  
mall, charged in letters to the two  
agencies that the Hazel/Peterson  
Cos. started work on William Cen-  
ter without proper review and per-  
mits.

There are, at least 50 acres of  
wetlands on the development site,

which is bisected by a stream  
known as Young's Branch. Himmel-  
man wrote. Construction would de-  
stroy beaver dams on the site,  
which also may be home to a rare  
plant, the small whorled pogonia,  
said the attorney for the Save the  
Battlefield Coalition.

"In short, this is not some aver-  
age, run-of-the-mill development  
site," Himmelman told Maj. Gen.  
Charles E. Williams, head of the  
North Atlantic Division of the Army  
Engineers. "It is a precious, envi-  
ronmentally sensitive, [historic] lo-  
cation adjacent to one of America's  
most treasured and hallowed  
grounds, grounds that we are sure  
have the same meaning to the U.S.  
Department of the Army as they do  
to millions of other citizens."

"EPA and the corps must not al-  
low construction activities to con-  
tinue for one more hour, let alone  
one more day," Himmelman added  
in his letter to EPA Administrator  
Lee Thomas.

The Corps of Engineers and the  
EPA have authority under the  
Clean Water Act to review all pro-  
jects involving waterways, and the

right to order work stopped on sites  
where wetlands are endangered,  
Himmelman said yesterday in an in-  
terview. The Save the Battlefield  
Coalition is seeking a meeting with  
the two agencies in the coming  
week.

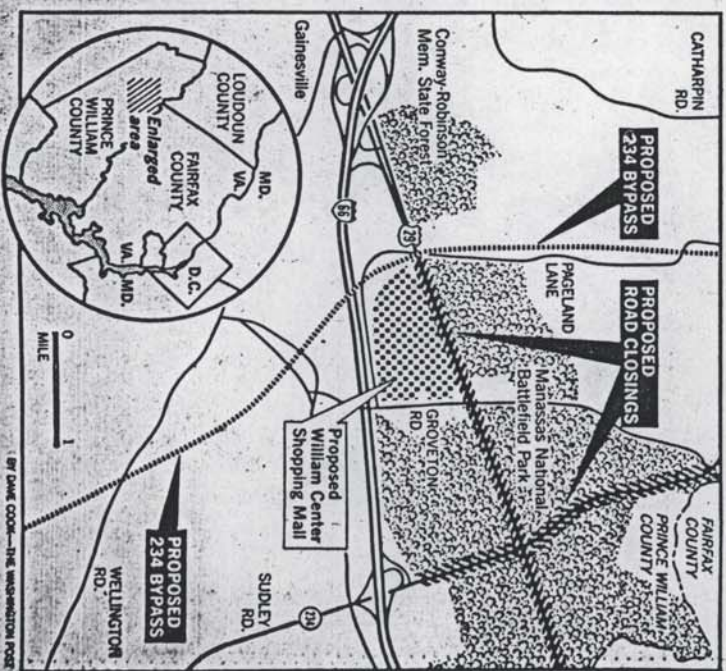
If the agencies do not act, Him-  
melman said in his letters, the pres-  
ervationists are prepared to press  
the wetlands issue in a lawsuit.

Lawyers for the preservationists  
have been searching for a legal ra-  
tionale with which to stop Hazel/Peterson in federal court. "This could  
be the hook," attorney Tersh Boas-  
berg said.

On another front, congressional  
proposals to purchase the 542-acre  
William Center site and add it to the  
national park will be the subject of  
House hearings next week.

Hazel/Peterson spokesman Rob-  
ert Kelly said the firm has no inten-  
tion of voluntarily stopping work on  
William Center in light of yester-  
day's letters.

"I don't know of any reason why  
we should stop work out there," he  
said. "Letters that threaten us with  
See PR WILLIAM, B3, Col. 1



## Search for Prassos Slayers Frustrates Howard Authorities

By Veronica T. Jennings  
Washington Post Staff Writer

This much seems undisputed:  
George Prassos was shot and killed  
in a struggle with a gunman at-  
tempting to rob his Ellcotte City  
restaurant last August.

But the search for the person or  
persons responsible for his death  
has turned out to be one of the

ments of the case still seem un-  
clear.

So far, the case has involved: a  
24-year-old man accused of helping  
kill his father—a prominent restau-  
rant owner—during the robbery; a  
20-year-old Howard Johnson wait-  
ress, who police said once told them  
she was the getaway driver but lat-  
er recanted; a former drug coun-  
selor who said police renege on

he said his staff has "been able to  
deal with each step as it happens."  
"This whole case has been unusu-  
al," said Richard P. O'Connor, the  
prosecutor in the Prassos case. "We  
haven't had one with this much pub-  
licity and such a well known victim  
in a long time."

The publicity led to the latest  
twist in the case. Yesterday, How-  
ard County Circuit Court Judge  
Robert F. Fischer issued a gag or-  
der barring attorneys, police and  
himself from talking to the media  
about the case. Prosecutors and  
defense attorneys, who had publicly  
traded accusations of grandstanding  
and twisting the facts, agreed to the

## D.C. Woman Gets 15 Years In Kidnaping of Thate Baby

By Keith Harrison  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Linda Faye Stancil, the District  
woman convicted of kidnaping 3-  
week-old Jeremiah Thate from his  
mother's hospital room last sum-  
mer, was sentenced yesterday in  
Prince George's Circuit Court to 15  
years in prison.

A tearful Stancil stood before  
Judge G.R. Hovey Johnson and

month of kidnaping, false imprison-  
ment and child abduction, offenses  
for which the 34-year-old woman  
could have served up to 30 years in  
prison. Johnson did sentence her to  
30 years, but suspended 15 years  
and placed her on probation for five  
years when she is released. She will  
be eligible for parole in about five years.  
Assistant State's Attorney Rob-  
ert Harvey Jr., who prosecuted the

...to earth as acidified rain, snow, fog or particles. Automobiles and power plants are considered the two leading sources of the oxides.

State and federal regulations have focused on controlling the flow of pollutants into the bay by regulating sewage treatment plants and agricultural runoff, and banning the use of phosphorous in laundry detergents.

"The introduction of nitrates into the natural cycle is changing the whole food chain," said Dorene Bolze of the National Audubon Society in Washington. "The EDF study points to another source not previously thought about."

Nitrates, which contain nitrogen, the basis for most fertilizers, flow into the bay and cause algae to multiply. As the mostly single-cell water plants gain dominion in the food chain, they use up the dissolved oxygen in the water. The clouding of the water by the algae then blocks sunlight, thus reducing photosynthesis.

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## Mall Opponents Change Tactics

PR. WILLIAM, From B1

this, that or the other thing, I don't think have any particular standing. We're not breaking the law."

Hazel/Peterson has been proceeding with work at the site, drawing the ire of some nearby residents who complained this week that a contractor was blasting dynamite under floodlights as late as 1:30 a.m.

"We don't understand why they're working so feverishly at night," said Irma Peterson, whose property adjoins William Center.

The explosions are part of a tunneling operation under I-66 near Rte. 234 that will connect sewer lines to William Center.

The contractor initially neglected to get permission for the late-night blasting, but has since done so, county fire officials said yesterday.

Hazel/Peterson launched a counteroffensive of its own this week, mailing literature about its plans for William Center to every household in the county and every member of Congress, Kelly said.

## CORRECTION

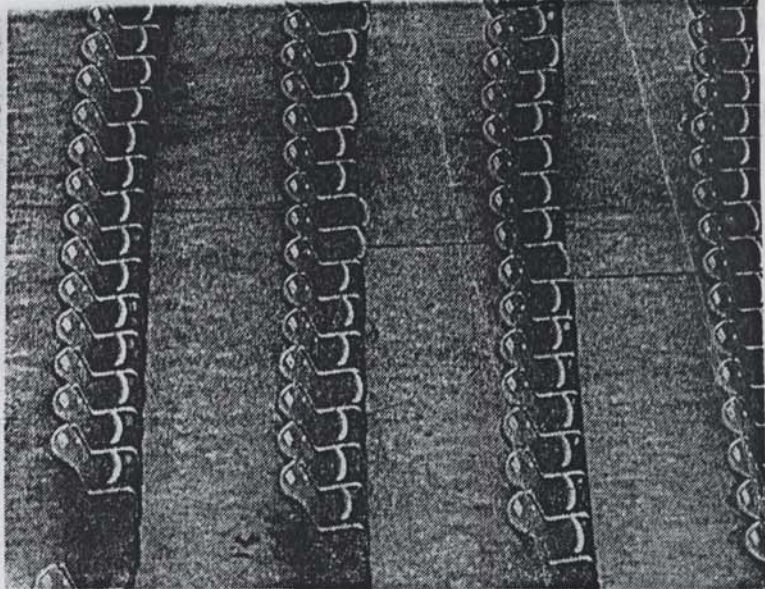
In our Washington Post Ad of Friday, June 17, 1988, there was an error stating that we offer weekly double coupons. This language is in error. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

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Coming Sunday, June 19

**Blair House: All the President's Guests**

After 3½ years and more than



RFK Stadium employee Gary Lighter pauses during a day of cement cleaning between the

## Barry Seeks Expansion at Lorton

LORTON, From B1

month with U.S. District Judge June L. Green, asks the judge to enforce a consent decree governing prisoner population at Central by ordering the District to comply with the limit of 1,125 inmates by July 1. If necessary, the motion said, the reduction should be accomplished by freeing inmates under a release program "that is consistent with sound penological practice."

Since March, Central's inmate population has surged, and the prison now holds about 1,400 in-

mates—not counting about 150 housed in the infirmary and in a separate modular unit. According to Pemberton and other lawyers for the inmates, it is the worst crowding in Central's history, and double-bunking has begun in several of the prison dormitories.

In the city's response, Cooke called the proposal to release inmates "dramatic and premature" and argued that the judge lacks the authority to do so. Cooke said that the Corrections Department "no longer has the ability to absorb substantial increases in its inmate population in any of its facilities."

**Starts Sunday, June 19**  
**A New 'Emerging Cities' Report**

## Civilization and The Suburbs

Tyson, Bethesda-Chevy Chase and other emerging cities: What can be done to make them less sterile and more diverse? Joel Garreau visited new towns from coast to coast to find out.

A two-part report, another installment in his occasional series on "The Emerging Cities of Washington," looks at the imperfect science of transforming subdivisions and cow pastures into cities.

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