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**QUICK LOOK**

**Suspects arraigned**

The two 19-year-old Dale City men suspected of robbing a Woodbridge man at an automated teller machine Saturday were ordered held in jail Tuesday in lieu of \$200,000 bail.

Prince William County General District Court Judge William R. Murphy set March 18 as the preliminary hearing date for the charges against Richard McCollough and James Griffin, who are being held at the Prince William-Mansness Adult Detention Center.

The two were captured Sunday, along with a 16-year-old Woodbridge boy, after they were involved in a hit-and-run accident. Griffin and McCollough are charged with armed robbery, grand larceny auto, use of a firearm in the commission of a crime.

**Group: Hands off Haymarket home**

By BENNIE SCARTON JR., JM Assistant Editor

A group of Haymarket residents are staging an all-out fight to stop what they believe is an unwanted changing of the town's character.

The Payne Property Preservation Committee is leading the battle to save the historic Payne home across from Haymarket town Hall.

"The main reason we are opposed to this rezoning," Committee chairman Michael Kyle said in an interview this week, "is we do not want to see another historic house and property destroyed."

The Payne house, he said, was built in the 1800's as a summer resort. "It is a very beautiful Victorian home," he said.

The town has been trying to purchase the property to restore the house and grounds as a museum and park for the entire town to use. The estimated price is about \$500,000.

Kyle said Donald Costello, owner of Century Star Co., Inc., in Haymarket, has purchased the property and applied to the town to rezone it from residential to business.

"With this application Costello has said he wants to use the house for an undetermined period of time as offices," Kyle said, "and

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Built around 1882 as a summer home, the Payne House in Haymarket is the center of a battle between a buyer who wants to turn it into an office building and a preservation committee that wants to retain it in its present form. (Bennie Scarton Jr., Journal Messenger)

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## Haymarket: House is issue

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then build a business park around the house, complete with a fine restaurant, retail stores and guest lodging.  
"Now all this sounds very nice but unfortunately, Costello has yet to commit to any of this so we can only guess his real intentions for the property. Maybe a truck stop. This is allowed on B-2 lots."  
Costello could not be contacted for comment Tuesday.  
"We believe a better location for Costello's project, whatever it may be, would be the property next to Sheets Gas Station," Kyle said. "It is currently vacant under bankruptcy, and an eyesore."  
"We say to Costello, 'Make that lot pretty, not one that already is beautiful.'"  
Both sides will have a chance to debate the issue when it comes up at a public hearing during a meeting of the Haymarket Town Council on March 4 at 7 p.m.  
Sarah Turner, chairman of the Haymarket Historic Commission, also opposes the property change and is fearful that it could lead to tearing down the structure.  
"Costello's plans would change the entire character of the town, and we don't want that," she said this week.  
Turner, too, urges residents of the town to attend the hearing and protest the proposed rezoning that she says "threatens the preservation of this beautiful Victorian home now on the property."  
She added that the town has lost several historic structures through

lack of preservation ordinances. "We have been fighting the demolition of this home for the two years, the destruction of which will damage the character and historic value of the town."  
The Payne House was built around 1882 as a summer home and named after a prominent town doctor. It is on a piece of property on the edge of town that, opponents of the rezoning change say, forms a beautifully shaded green buffer between the heart of the historical properties and the industrial area to the west along Va. 55.  
Turner says the town code states that any structure more than 100 years old is deemed historic and therefore should not be torn down.

Members of the committee say Costello has told them that he purchased the house with plans to use it as an office, but said that if it is not economically feasible to keep the house on the property, he will allow the town to move it.  
"I don't think that Costello, a non-resident, has the best interests of Haymarket in mind at all," Kyle said. "I just don't want to see another Victorian house go the way of the bulldozer."  
"I'm tired of seeing Haymarket pieced out to be developed into trashy looking businesses and no thought to the preservation of our rich historical past. Let's stop it now. Let's send a message to the state: We are ready and open for business, but hands off our historical treasures."

couldn't take anymore," Watson said. He went to his mother's home on the night of the murder to tell her about his missing car.  
Watson said Norris told him his mother wasn't paying attention to him, so he killed her.  
Watson testified that during his first interview with Norris, he noticed that the defendant was acting rather odd. "I was very leery of him," the detective said. "His facial

judge could be asked to consider ordering his release from custody. "Ultimately it rests in the judge's hands," Morrisette said.  
Prince William County police Detective David C. Watson, the only witness in the 30-minute trial, testified that on the night of June 8, 1994, Norris entered the Garfield police station and told officers that he had just killed his mother.  
Watson said the body of Jeanette

he had turned himself in to police and confessed to the murder. "I think it was a very compassionate decision by the Commonwealth to agree to this disposition," Morrisette said after the trial.  
After Hoss announced his acceptance of the insanity plea, Norris said, "Thank you, your honor."  
Norris, who will not again face charges in connection with his mother's death, will be transferred

## Second rape reported north of Manassas

BY DENNIS FISHER  
JM Staff Writer

Prince William County police are investigating the second rape of a woman in her home reported in a week in an area north of Manassas. Police spokesman Officer Kim Chinn said it is not clear yet if the two attacks are related. "We always

compare (the suspects' methods) and descriptions on any outstanding cases like this," Chinn said. "I don't know what evidence we'll find later on down the road that might help us."  
A 23-year-old Manassas woman reported to police that she was raped early Monday in her apartment in the 10000 block of Gambrell

Drive in a development west of Sudley Road and north of Lomond Drive. The victim was sleeping at approximately 6:15 a.m. when a man entered the apartment through an unlocked window.  
Police say the suspect pulled a blanket over the victim's face and raped her. She was later unable to provide a description of the suspect.

## Obituaries

### James Walker

James E. "Happy" Walker, 54, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 1996 at Roanoke Community Hospital.  
He was an Air Force veteran and a former member of Manassas Baptist Church and a former Scoutmaster of Troop 11.  
Survivors include two sons, Charles Walker of Lexington Park, Md.; and Joseph Walker of Waldorf, Md.; two daughters, Krista Walker Craft of Roanoke, Va. and Katherine Walker of Waldorf; one sister, Valerie Bird of Hurricane, W. Va.; one grandchild, Caleb Timothy Craft.

sister, Ruth Bowman.  
Survivors include one son, Christopher Kiger of Winston-Salem, N.C.; three grandchildren, Zack and Jessica Kiger of Winston-Salem, and David Johnson of North Wilkesboro, N.C.; three brothers, John Paul Kiger Jr. of Manassas, Robert B. Kiger of East Bend, N.C. and Earl Kiger of Winston-Salem; and one sister, Helen Byrd of Wilmington, N.C.  
The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Hayworth-Walker Silas Creek Chapel in Winston-Salem.  
Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Crestview Memorial Park in Rural Hall, N.C., with the Rev. Charles MackMurry residing.

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bond set at  
Bond was set Tuesday at \$15,000 for Keith Cornell Joseph, the former counselor at the Prince William County Juvenile Emergency Shelter Home accused of fondling the buttocks of a 16-year-old girl at the home.  
Joseph, 37, was arraigned Tuesday in Prince William County General District Court.  
He is being held at the Prince William-Mannassas Adult Detention Center.  
Joseph is also charged with four counts of contributing to the delin-

### Jack Breeden

Jack Noble Breeden, 54, of Manassas, died Monday, Feb. 19, 1996 at Reston Hospital Center in Reston. He was employed by Color Craft of Virginia and was a member of Coal Run Lodge.  
Survivors include his wife, Trula I. Breeden; one daughter, Tina S.

Arrangements are by Ames Funeral Home, Inc., 8914 Quarry Road, Manassas.

Eva M. Bratcher, 87, of Warrenton,

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A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the American

Warrenton,