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Wilbourn: Widen U.S. 29 to 4 lanes in park

By DAVE MARINO-NACHISON
JM Staff Writer

For county Supervisor Edgar S. Wilbourn, R-Gainesville, there's a simple solution to U.S. Route 29 congestion in the Manassas National Battlefield Park: widen the road to four lanes.

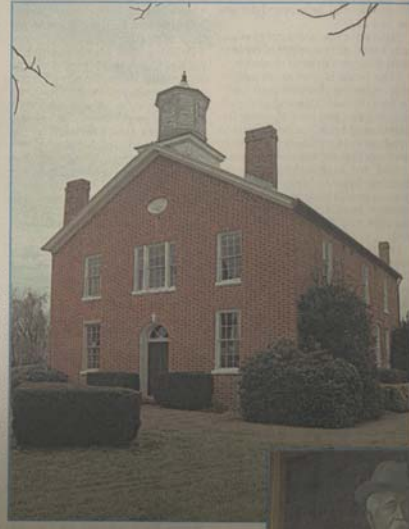
The problem is, the Virginia Department of Transportation is studying doing the opposite — closing the road to through-traffic — and the U.S. National Park Service is unlikely to support any action that would affect battlefield land.

"If [U.S. 29] was four lanes, we wouldn't be standing here," said Wilbourn to some Catharpin residents at Monday night's informational meeting for the Route 29 corridor study held by VDOT at Mountain View Elementary School in Gainesville.

Wilbourn believes that doubling the road's size could also improve safety conditions at the accident-prone intersection of Route 29 and Va. Route 234 in the battlefield.

The Gainesville supervisor's suggestion wasn't on any of VDOT's study maps, and about 150 county residents came to the school's gymnasium to express concerns about the options VDOT is considering.

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Back to the future

Old courthouse in Brentsville headed for restoration



Journal Messenger Photos by Harold W. Miller

Brentsville's historic courthouse, above left, constructed in 1822, is a candidate for a large-scale restoration that would recreate the building to resemble an 18th-century scene. Prince William County Park Authority Principal Planner Elizabeth S. Via, above, explains the restorations. Gazing sternly over the scene in Brentsville's 19th-century courthouse, left, is a portrait of Edwin Nelson, clerk of the county's courts from 1887 to 1911.

We're looking to the south of the battlefield as the preferred placement, said Martha Hendley, the Catharpin resident who is president of the group Citizens Against Roads for Developers.

Hendley and her group support an alignment that would run along the southernmost border of the battlefield — and would, in fact, touch on what some might have considered a sacred cow in crossing some small sections of battlefield land, the only alignment in which any park grounds would be affected.

The CARD alignment would run near Interstate 66, noted CARD member and Catharpin resident Linda Bonson. "Let's keep it near the main roads," she said, to mediate community impacts.

Although he may support widening Route 29, Wilbourn was not optimistic that such an outcome was likely.

Only one alignment "has a chance of surviving this thing," Wilbourn said, because much of it is already in the county's comprehensive plan. That alignment would run from U.S. 29 just west of the North Fork of Lake Manassas to the alignment for Artemus Road Extended — a planned road which might run along northwestern edge of the battlefield — before meeting up with the currently nonexistent Tri-County Parkway, which would reconnect with Route 29 on the park's eastern edge.

Although the comprehensive plan review task force recommended elimination of Artemus Road Extended at a recent meeting,

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Inside the two-story red brick building, the chilly echoing chamber that was once Prince William's county seat seems to pine for the deliberations and decisions that once inhabited the structure from 1822 until the county relocated its headquarters to Manassas in 1893.

While the building was used for years after the move — as a school, mattress factory and meeting place — it has been basically vacant for about four years, according to county park authority planner Elizabeth S. Via. Now, a group of county residents has banded together to bring new life to the old building.

Armed with the support of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, won by unanimous vote Jan. 21, the Friends of the Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre will have to wait until the summer to hear about its application for \$725,000 in federal funds to remodel three buildings into a historic village.

"The park authority's interest is to see these structures saved," said Via, "but we can't do it alone," which is why the resident group's assistance is so welcome.

The application will be sent to the Virginia Department of Transportation today. Friends Chairwoman Joan Cunard said last week, VDOT reviews the application, then sends it on to the U.S. Department of Transportation if it passes muster.

Now, Cunard said, "We sit and wait."

"Over the years," the park authority-owned complex "has been kind of neglected, in a sense," said county supervisor L. Ben Thompson, R-Brentsville. "We have made some progress."

"Our immediate objective is to stabilize and prevent deterioration," said Thompson, and the historic village is a "long-term vision."

Eventually, "We would like to take it back



to an 1820s courthouse," said Via. "It's a very ambitious project."

What Via and others are visualizing would be a recreation of the original facility, where prisoners were brought in from the red-brick jail to the courthouse's south side to face the judge's dais, set against an imposing wall now beset by peeling plaster.

To the north side sits a white, early-20th-century one-room schoolhouse, where a brick building similar to the jail used to house the court clerk's offices.

The project would likely require the services of a historian who could provide an idea of the courthouse's layout, as well as that of the grounds, which Via said likely had a stock and a gallows — and now is home to a small soccer field and picnic tables.

While the acquisition of the funds is crucial to the project, Cunard said, just as important will be a positive reaction from the Brentsville residents who live near the courthouse complex.

"We really want to listen to the citizens of Brentsville to get their input," said Cunard. "I want to hear their concerns up front... I'm trying to make this a win-win situation for everybody."

Thompson is confident that renovating the structures won't be aesthetically or socially disruptive to Brentsville residents. "Anything that's done there will be in keeping with the

tradition of the village," he said. Brentsville residents have been supportive of the project, said county Historical Commission Chairwoman Betty Duley. "They're delighted to have it," she said. "I see nothing that can be controversial."

In keeping with a commitment to public information, the park authority will hold public hearings and meetings in the spring to introduce and discuss its plans for the site, Via said.

"We hope it can be a truly historic center," said committee vice chairman Gerald P. McMahon, a Manassas resident, of the three buildings.

The jail is now being used for a ranger station, while the schoolhouse is an office for park authority landscape maintenance staff. The courthouse is the only building not presently in use, Via said, having been basically empty — save some tables, chairs

and an imposing portrait of Edwin Clark, a former clerk of the county's courts from 1887 to 1911 — for about four years.

"This is something fine to start with," McMahon said of the site. "This is a fascinating story."

The board showed further support of the courthouse group at its Jan. 7 meeting, when it approved nearly \$13,000 in county funding for the committee's efforts. Most of that money will be used for maintenance on the

buildings, while a smaller portion will go toward an application by the group for state nonprofit status, Cunard said.

The federal funds would come from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, the same source that is funding renovations to Washington Street in Haymarket. The Brentsville project will include the removal of the Lucasville Road Bridge over Broad Run and replacing the bridge north of the courthouse over Broad Run.

"It's very competitive," said Cunard, who estimated that the state receives between \$6 and \$8 million for ISTEA projects, and it gets \$25 to \$40 million worth of requests.

"It's rare that this goes through on the first try," said Cunard, "but it's also very rare to have three buildings that are standing that are just perfect for restoring."

"We're always hopeful," said Thompson. "There's a lot of talented people in that group... They did put together a very professional-looking application."

The project is not completely dependent on the grant, said Cunard, but without federal funding intensive fund-raising efforts.

Duley had warm words for Thompson, who has been extremely supportive of Cunard's group. "He truly cares," said Duley of Thompson. "He's interested, and he's very proud of the project."

The board's endorsement came Jan. 22 and has been joined by similar stamps of approval

"Our immediate objective is to stabilize and prevent deterioration."

**L. Ben Thompson
Brentsville supervisor**

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Racial attack probe results set for release today

By **BETH GREEN**
JM Staff Writer

Results of police and school investigations into an alleged racial attack on a Jewish Brentsville District High School student will be released this afternoon.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Clay Richardson will discuss his office's exploration of the incident with the family today, said Walter Carter, a representative of the Prince William County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It is not yet known if the state's attorney's office will press charges.

Carter has been working with the Nokesville family since the Jan. 2 incident, when another student struck their child in the head with a basketball during gym class, causing serious head injuries.

The youth suffered a concussion and had to be hospitalized, missing three weeks of school. The family requested

that police examine the case in addition to the school officials' exploration.

The investigation from the school could reveal if the injury was accidental or intentional, said principal George Clark in an earlier interview. Schools Superintendent Edward L. Kelly received the report yesterday.

"I have the report and will draw some conclusions about what to do," Kelly said.

The family claims the student hit their child on purpose because the youth is Jewish, and this is the latest in a long history of abuses the youth has suffered at the school.

When the mother approached school officials earlier about her son's problems, they did not react, she said.

"They listened, but they didn't hear. They all put it down as a child's game and growing up and it was really hate and Klansmen," the mother said.

The family has created a list of incidents, which they gave to the school and

police. The list includes such acts as students stealing their child's lunch money and star of David, shouting racist slurs, threatening to shoot or beat the youth up and holding the youth upside down with his head in a toilet full of feces. Police and school officials are checking the validity of the list, Clark said earlier.

The youth said he at first did not think the incidents were racially motivated, but then began believing that they were. The youth said he was scared to go back to school.

"I know something will happen again," the youth said.

Along with the NAACP, groups such as the Anti-Defamation League and Citizens of Faith Against Discrimination have joined the Nokesville family's claims of racial hatred in the community.

Carter said his group is compiling information to show that minority students have left Brentsville District High School and enrolled in other county schools to escape racist attacks.

"It's not a Jewish issue. All minorities are affected and threatened," Carter said. "It is a pattern that biracial, minority parents leave," the Nokesville mother agreed.

Carter referred to an Oct. 30, 1995, incident when racial slurs were spray-painted on the school and in the road in front of the school.

"When a billboard-sized message is painted across the school, when [minority] witnesses such as these know of these infractions, it is clear that a reduction in the minority population is coming," Carter said.

Other community groups say racist problems not only exist in Brentsville but across the county.

"White Christian America does not understand the pain and abuse that people of color and people of different races experience," said Illana Naluz, founder of Citizens of Faith Against Discrimination,

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Community Notebook

Wednesday

Homeless Services Network
Council will meet at 9 a.m. at the McCoart Building.

Parent Appreciation Day will be held at All Saints Catholic School today. Open house for parents and lunch with students will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Planning For Retirement, a brown bag lunch workshop sponsored by the PWC Office for Women will be held at noon in the McCoart Building. Reservations: 792-661.

Manassas Community Choral will hold open rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Manassas. 361-7800.

Thursday

Comprehensive Plan Task Force will have their final meeting at 7 p.m. at the McCoart Building to approve the final plan.

Friday

Workshop on Adolescent Depression and Treatment will be held at 7 p.m. at the McCoart Building. Sponsored by the Office on Youth and the Youth Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Saturday

Ice Skating and Pizza Party sponsored by the Association for Retarded Citizens will be held for disabled teens and young adults. The pizza party will start at 2:30 p.m. at the Muriel Humphrey Center in Woodbridge and ice skating will follow at the Prince William Ice Forum from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person. Reservations: 670-4800.

Ground Hog Supper sponsored by the Manassas Host Lions Club will be held from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at Marsteller Middle School. Cost for adults is \$3, children 12 and under are \$1.50.

Monday

Public forum on juvenile crime and gang activity will be held by the Prince William Police Department at 7:30 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building in Dale City.

Club meeting will be held Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the NOVEC Building on Lomond Drive in Manassas. The topic will be photography at the White House.

PRTC will meet Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the PRTC Building in Woodbridge.

PWC Community Policy and Management Team will meet Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. at the McCoart Building.

GED Test will be offered Feb. 8 at the Prince William County School Administration Complex on Joplin Road. Cost is \$26. Registration: 791-7297.

Basic Literacy Tutor Training Workshop will be conducted for potential tutors Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dumfries United Methodist Church. There is a \$25 fee for materials. Registration: 670-5702.

PWC Board of County Supervisors will meet Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. at the McCoart Building.

PWC Crime Prevention Council Board meeting will be held Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Call for location: 792-6600.

PWC Historical Commission will meet Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. at the McCoart Building.

Youth Advisory Council will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the McCoart Building.

PWC Park Authority Board will meet Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Park Authority Building.

PWC Safe Kids Coalition will meet Feb. 13 at 9 a.m. Call for location: 792-6600.

Parkinson Disease Support Group Meeting will be held Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at Westover Baptist Church in Manassas. 594-3655.

Service Authority Board will meet Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Service Authority Office in Manassas.

Rock Around the Clock Oldies Dance will be held for disabled teens and adults Feb. 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Manassas Elks Lodge, 10501 Balls Ford Road. This event is sponsored by the Association for Retarded Citizens. Cost is \$4. Reservations: 670-4800.

Basic Literacy Tutor Training Workshop will be conducted for potential tutors Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dumfries United Methodist Church.

Area cable bills to go up in May

By COURTENAY P. HARRIS
JM Staff Writer

Cable bills will be higher for many greater Manassas residents starting May 1.

Prices for basic cable services from Jones Communications, excluding premium channels such as HBO and Showtime, will jump about 10 percent.

But those with basic service will no longer pay a \$1.95 scramble fee and will be able to save on movie channels and pay-per-view options with the new rates, Jones Communications General Manager Troy Fitzhugh announced at Monday's Manassas City Council meeting.

"In my judgment, it's a modest rate increase," said Manassas City Manager John G. Cartwright.

The change to the basic cable bill will be an annualized increase of about 1 percent, Fitzhugh said.

Greater Manassas customers who paid between \$11.27 and \$11.98 for bare-bones cable service will now pay \$15.78 a month.

But the Home Team Sports channel, which used to cost those who chose it \$9.95 a month, will now be free.

Basic service customers will no longer have to pay a \$1.95 fee for a box that now scrambles certain channels. Pay-per-view movies will drop from \$4.95 to \$3.95 in Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William County and premium channels will decrease about \$2 or \$6 depending on the package selected, Fitzhugh explained.

In addition, Manassas — which has a higher megahertz capacity and three more channels than Manassas

Park and Prince William County — is negotiating the loan of three channels back to Jones Communications. This would enable the company to realign channels, so the basic service and government broadcasts would fall on the dial between channels one and 23.

Right now, Manassas only broadcasts a total of 31 minutes of content on its four government channels.

"The word is that most people who cruise the channels start low," Cartwright said. Loaning channels back to Jones and reconfiguring the system might draw more viewers to broadcasts of City Council and other meetings that are televised, he said.

And by loaning government channels back to Jones, Manassas viewers would have access to a couple new ones, such as the history channel and ESPN2, Cartwright said.

Let the new options not be more home shopping channels, City Councilman J. Steven Randolph requested.

Jones is required by contract to carry certain shopping channels. But adding additional ones is not in the plans, Fitzhugh said.

"Our customers tell us enough is enough when it comes to shopping channels," he said.

But realigning the channels is necessary if Jones is going to unscramble the basic cable services and make all basic channels land between one and 23 on the dial, Fitzhugh said.

City council has a year to challenge the rate increase.

If Jones cannot defend it, the company may be have to reduce the rates again and refund customers, Cartwright said.

at the school was simply an exhaustion with transportation studies, as VDOT has been conducting two others — the Western Transportation Corridor Study and a railroad realignment study — in the western Prince William area as well as the Route 29 study.

"I just hope VDOT and all those [engineering] firms are not in secret consultation for another study for another road," said Catharpin resident Anthony B. Gill.

The cloud over unresolved VDOT studies complicates the county's

Obituaries

Thomas M. Belk

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Thomas Milburn Belk, president of Belk Stores Services Inc., died late Saturday at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. He was 71.

Belk, who was recuperating from gall bladder surgery, was baby-sitting his grandchildren at his home when he had a sudden attack.

Belk Stores spokesman Darrell Williams said he did not know the cause of death.

Belk was the youngest child of William Henry Belk, founder of Belk department stores. He served many years as president of the Charlotte-based corporation and the other Belk store corporations that operate department stores throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

The merchandising empire sprouted out of a store his father opened in Monroe 109 years ago.

Belk's father left the business to his children when he died in 1952, and Tom quickly became a leader.

Belk was remembered Sunday as a devoted father and husband, a consummate merchant, a dedicated Presbyterian and a tireless contributor to his community.

"He had an earnest and honest desire to give back to society. He never felt entitled. He was the humblest of persons," said Stuart Dickson, chairman of the executive committee at Ruddick Corp. and a friend for about 50 years.

The Belk family has suffered through feuds among the six heirs to William Henry Belk's fortune. The six have sued each other several times over the way Belk was being run, and the family often communicated through lawyers.

Through it all, friends say, Tom tried to hold things together.

"Tom was the one who was always there working for the business, and working with others and trying to understand people," said Paul Bell, a Charlotte trademark lawyer and a friend of Belk's since childhood. "He was more of a peacemaker who just wanted to get the job done."

Belk also was the chairman of The Belk Foundation, which has provided financial support to many educational institutions, hospitals and other charitable causes in the Carolinas and throughout the Southeast.

Belk held numerous business and civic leadership positions during his retailing career, including president

of Kansas City, Kans.; also surviving are six grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Lee Funeral Home, 8521 Sudley Road, where services will begin at 8 p.m. with Rev. Edwin P. Elliott officiating. Burial at Arlington National Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

Walter H. Berry Sr.

Walter Henry Berry Sr., 82, died Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997, at his home in Gainesville.

He was a World War II veteran. He is survived by three sons, Walter Berry Jr. of Washington, D.C., Andre Berry of Oxon Hill, Md., and Hiawatha Berry of Mitchellville, Md.; a stepson, Hobart Horton of Suitland, Md.; two stepdaughters, Elizabeth Robinson and Delores Weems, both of Washington, D.C.; and many other relatives and friends.

Friends will be received after 11 a.m. Thursday at Ames Funeral Home, 8914 Quarry Road, Manassas, where services will be held at noon with Rev. Ernest Davis presiding. Interment will be in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery in Gainesville.

Avinell W. Keen

Avinell Whitt Keen, 72, of Aberdeen, Md., died Sunday, Jan. 26, 1997, at Johns Hopkins Geriatrics Center in Baltimore.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil D. Keen.

She is survived by two sons, Leamon E. Wilson of Manassas and Jerry "Mike" Keen of Aberdeen; a daughter, Shirley "Sue" Garvey of Waverly Hall, Ga.; a sister, Gladys Barbee of Manassas; four brothers, Clyde Whitt of Nokesville, Noah Whitt of Winchester, Eugene Whitt and Raymond Whitt, both of Manassas; four grandchildren, Kelley Murphy, Misty Garvey, both of Waverly Hill, Leigh Ann Ross of Bristow and Duane Shifflett of Fredericksburg; and three great-grandchildren, Alexander Ross of Bristow, Daniel Shifflett and Dakota Shifflett, both of Fredericksburg.

Friends will be received Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Price Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas, where funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, with Rev. J. Ran-

Route 29

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Wilbourn noted that the task force's action was just a recommendation and suggested that the proposed elimination might be the work of some self-serving residents.

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Monday

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In the future...

PWC Commission of Aging will meet Feb. 4 at 9:45 a.m. at the Prince William County Senior Center in Manassas.

PWC Board of County Supervisors will meet Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. at the McCoart Building.

Board of Social Services will meet Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the McCoart Building.

Committee for Persons with Disabilities will meet Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the McCoart Building.

PWC Arts Council will meet Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Park Authority Building.

Teen Planning Forum will be held Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Chinn Park Regional Library. Sponsored by the Office on Youth.

PWC School Board will meet Feb. 5 at 7:15 p.m. at the School Board Building on Joplin Road.

PWC Planning Commission will meet Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the McCoart Building.

PWC Community Services Board will meet Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building in Woodbridge.

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All County Offices will be closed

Feb. 17 in observance of the Washington's Birthday holiday. PWC Board of County Supervisors will meet Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. at the McCoart Building.

PWC Fire and Rescue Association

will meet Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the McCoart Building.

Jail Board will meet Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.

at the Manassas Police Department.

PWC Planning Commission will meet Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

at the McCoart Building.

Community Services Board will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 20 at the Sudley North Administration Building.

PWC Commission for Women will meet Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

at the McCoart Building.

Manassas-Warrenton Camera Club meeting will be held Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

in the NOVEC Building on Lomond Drive in Manassas. It will be competition night and the category will be architecture.

Teen Night at Manassas Mall will be held Feb. 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Creating an Old Rose Garden is a workshop to be held at the Bull Run Regional Library Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. Members of the Ben Lomond Advisory Board who designed and planted the rose garden at the Ben Lomond Manor House will offer tips and suggestions. Registration: 792-4500.

Community Notebook is compiled by Jennifer Plant - 368-3101, ext. 116.

Listings include government, political and other non-entertainment community events for the coming week. Submit items by mail or fax to the Journal Messenger, 9009 Church St., Manassas VA 20110; FAX: 368-9017.

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Where the study goes now is probably up to the Park Service, according to VDOT project manager Phil Hopkins, as that agency will likely have to make the decision to advance the study if an alignment looks feasible.

Many of the lines on VDOT's study map — which represent 1,000-foot corridors — would be eliminated if the study moves on to the next stage, Hopkins said.

While CARD had a potential alignment for the road picked out, the sense from many of the residents

Police Beat

The Manassas City Police report the following:

• Police responded to an attempted burglary Friday at 6:34 a.m. after a woman at a residence in the 8600 block of Bruton Parish Circle reported a suspect trying to remove the screen from her master bedroom window.

After failing to get in through the screen window, the suspect, described as a white male, 16 to 18 years old, five feet 11 inches tall and approximately 160 pounds, fled on foot. He was wearing a baggy dark coat, according to police spokesman Marc J. Woolverton.

Four cars were broken into in the parking lot of the Manassas Racquet Club at 8709 Quarry Road between 6 and 7 p.m. Thursday. Woolverton said.

A 1993 GMC pickup had its rear window smashed and a checkbook with personal identification stolen. Another checkbook and a portable CD player were taken from a 1987 Honda four-door after the passenger-side window was broken. A 1991 Ford Escort also lost its passenger side window, and a checkbook with personal identification was taken. A purse was stolen from a 1989 Honda Civic after the passenger-side window was removed, Woolverton said.

—Seth Meixner

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Belk held numerous business and civic leadership positions during his retailing career, including president of the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry and chairman of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

He also helped to establish the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and was a major supporter and benefactor. He had served on the school's board of trustees and was board chairman from 1982-1984.

Belk, and his brother John, led Belk's growth from a discount merchandiser to the largest privately owned department store group in the nation, with 30,000 employees and 260 stores in 14 states. The Belk stores combine for more than \$2 billion in annual sales.

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Maurice C. Harmon

Maurice C. (Mike) Harmon, 88, of Haymarket, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 1997, at Marshall Manor Care Nursing Home following a stroke.

Harmon had a long a varied career. He spent more than 42 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, during which time he rose from survey work on a Mississippi River Hydrographic Survey Crew to the position of Deputy Engineer Comptroller in Washington, D.C. His time with the Corps was interrupted when he served as a naval officer during World War II and when he was assigned to the Joint Construction Agency in Paris, France.

He received numerous Department of the Army and Corps of Engineers awards, including those for exceptional civilian service and meritorious civilian service. His photograph hangs in the Corps of Engineer Gallery of Distinguished Employees.

Following his retirement from the federal government, he spent four years as a consultant to the Saudi Arabian government and nine years as a financial management consultant with the Gray International Corp. in Saudi Arabia and Indonesia.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Eva F. Harmon; four daughters, Julia H. Baughman of Alexandria, Janice H. Wyckoff of Wiesbaden, Germany, Joyce H. Hobbs of Gainesville, and Joan H. Baumann of Atlanta; two brothers, Howard E. Harmon of Omaha, Neb., and Robert H. Harmon of Hot Spring, Ark.; two sisters, Ruth E. Mott and Mae A. Harmon Edwards, both of

Brentsville

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also known as Unity in the Community. "Brentsville is a significant part of the problem, but not more so than others."

Nalor said that after a visit to the Brentsville Parent-Teacher Association, which occurred before this incident, the parents were very receptive and wanted to be involved in solutions to racial problems. This particular incident could be a solution to that problem.

"It is still not safe if we don't [solve the racist problems]. If we throw up barriers, we may protect him for two years, but not the community," Nalor said.

The Nokesville mother said her family believes the vast majority of Nokesville residents are not racist. "The people in Nokesville are not bad; they just don't want to acknowledge the problem. But a child can end up just as dead here as in D.C.," the mother said.

Courthouse

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from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the park authority board.

Those boards are just part of the growing entourage of support the project has, Cunard said, as her group's application will also be accompanied by letters from the county's historical commission, Historic Prince William and the county's genealogical society.

"It could be the most wonderful thing historically that's happened to this county in many many years," said Duley. "Great possibilities can evolve from this."

Cunard said she also hoped to get letters of support from area legislators — one from state Del. Harry J. Parrish was already in the fold on Friday, she said, with others on the way — along with other county supervisors.

Belk also was chairman of The Belk Foundation, which has provided financial support to many educational institutions, hospitals and other charitable causes in the Carolinas — and throughout the Southeast.

Belk held numerous business and civic leadership positions during his retailing career, including president of the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry and chairman of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

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Alexandra Jimenez

Alexandra Elizabeth Jimenez, infant daughter of Anthony James and Deborah Ann Jimenez of Warrenton, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1997, at Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church.

She is survived by her parents; her maternal grandparents, Wando and Kathleen Legg of Nokesville; her paternal grandparents, Antonio and Virginia Jimenez Jr. of San Antonio; her maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Legg of Brentwood, Va.; her paternal great-grandmother, Rosaura Vann of San Antonio; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Stonehill Memory Gardens, Manassas, with Rev. Michael Bazan officiating.

Expressions of sympathy make the form of donations to the Prince William Hospital Foundation, ICU Nursery, 8650 Sudley Road, Suite 411, Manassas, VA 20110, in memory of Alexandra Elizabeth Jimenez.

Arrangements by Price Funeral Home, Manassas.

Nelda C. Packer

Nelda Coverston Packer, 76, formerly of Manassas, died Dec. 10, 1996, in Milpitas, Calif.

She was born Jan. 19, 1920 in Manassas, the daughter of the late Walter L. and Florence E. Coverston. She attended Bennett and Osborn High School.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Edwin L. Packer Jr.; three sons, Edwin Leslie Packer III of Milpitas, Robert Packer and Terrence Packer, both of San Jose, Calif.; two sisters, Jean Reid of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Betty Davis of Florence, S.C.; and two brothers, Walter L. Coverston Jr. of Falls Church and Boyd J. Coverston of Acme, Pa.; and three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in Los Gatos, Calif.

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