

## Design Standards Urged

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half of 1997. Their draft includes suggestions of specific guidelines which could appear in a zoning ordinance designed to implement their proposals.

For landscaping the draft suggests planting of trees and shrubs between lots, open space, parking lot plantings and requirements to assure long-term survival of the required plants. For architectural and design standards the draft suggests traditional materials such as brick, wood stucco and materials with the appearance of natural matter. The ac-

tion suggests identifying a minimum roof pitch and that the buildings be designed around all sides instead of only a front facade.

"Realtors would like to see some standards on the highway," Planning Commissioner Shelby Guazzo said, echoing Goldbach's call for the standards. She additionally suggested air conditioning units on roofs should be hidden from view. Design standards should also specify lighting requirements, including height, illumination, spillover and the direction lighting is permitted.

Actions proposed for the writing of

design and performance standards for signs include working with scenic sign designations and the state, including efforts to reduce or eliminate excessive and redundant official highway signs while developing effective tourist-oriented direction signs.

Standards for new signs should specify materials, height, size, location and uniformity within commercial complexes.

## Prison Ordered

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then 15, gave birth to a child.

In closing arguments at the trial, St. Mary's Assistant State's Attorney Farrell Binder told jurors that a paternity test revealed a 99.75 percent probability that Young is the father of the girl's child.

Young's lawyer, Willard Broms of Leonardtown, countered that there was no showing of "reasonable fear" to support the rape charges, and that the case was motivated by the former girlfriend's anger over Young's encounters with other women. Concerning the paternity test, the lawyer said, a number of people could have the same genetic pattern as Young.

The judge merged Young's conviction of a fourth-degree sexual offense in the case with the third-degree offense, and a battery conviction in the case was suspended. The judge ordered that Young be given credit for 89 days spent in pretrial confinement.



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## Piles of Shoes

In order for the kids to enter the inflated play area at last week's summer camps field day at Dorsey Park, they had to remove their shoes. Eager to join in the fun, the youngsters left their footwear scattered across the lawn or heaped up in piles.

## Roberts Prepared to Manage Pax

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what the Navy has done to improve aircraft acquisition.

"The Navy has done a lot here, consolidating and doing what's right," he said. "Look here, right outside my office. There's the antisubmarine warfare development folks right there in the North Engineering Center. Right next door is the environmental test folks. Next door to them is the operational test folks. That's the whole spectrum right there."

Roberts believes that it will help the NAVAIR employees to work on an active air base where they can see some of the direct effects of their work.

He compared it to the new college graduates he used to hire when he was the manager of the V-22 program for NAVAIR. "I'd send them to Pax River for a week," he said. "They'd come down here and visit the different programs. Then I'd send them for a week aboard an aircraft carrier to understand the maritime environment."

"You can talk about it, but until you see it and live it, you don't really understand it," he said.

## Park Discussed

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ed Athletic fields included a grassy multi-purpose field as well as designated athletic facilities which could include regulation fields and courts. Natural areas included paved trails, horse trails, hiking and biking trails. It was specified that bike trails, if sought, would be limited to non-motorized bikes.

While marinas and motor boat rentals were dropped, debate regarding piers, boat landings and vehicle access remain. There was talk of a fishing pier off Town Point but also concerns that access to it from the land could be tricky because of prohibitions on altering wetlands.

The meeting began with board member Jane Sypher's terse questioning of fellow board member Kevin Harris about the weight to be

assigned hundreds of citizen surveys and public testimony regarding proposed park uses. Harris said the surveys should guide the board's opinions but should not be considered representative of a cross section of county opinion. Sypher continued to question where that public input would be considered in the development of the park.

Montague's categorization system worked from the 25 categories covered by 670 survey responses regarding the park. The board worked generally, listing each option and elaborating on some to include wider options such as an informal amphitheater such as members saw on a series of visits to parks in the region.

Discussion will continue on possible activities at the park at the board's next session in September.

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