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New 'NO ROT' Committee's Aim: Improving Truro

By Jim Bergstrom

The ad hoc committee for improving the overall appearance of Truro, an outgrowth of the September 1989 general membership meeting, is off and running. It's now called "NO ROT," which stands for the New Organization for the Revitalization of Truro. (If you live in the Washington area and are on a committee, you have to have an acronym.)

Committee members are Jim and Catherine Bergstrom, Marj Bridgman, Evan Kwerel, Brooke Mahlstedt, George Coshov (who is also chairman of the Architectural Control Committee), George Philipps and Joe Tranchini.

At the NO ROT Committee's first meeting on February 19, many ideas surfaced based on Joe Tranchini's "25 Starter Ideas for Neighborhood Improvement" published in the November 1989 issue of Truro Trails. The main concern of this committee is to maintain the value of our collective and individual property by improving the appearance of almost everything in Truro. This will require the action and support of all homeowners and tenants in doing whatever is necessary in their respective areas.

The NO ROT Committee does not view its objective as something that will terminate after a month or two; it is an ongoing project with no stop date. The committee's "action" flyer--a sort of "honey-do" list--will be distributed with the April issue of Truro Trails.

Of immediate concern is the condition of our streets. In response to an inquiry by a committee member, Jerry Nicely of the Virginia Department of Transportation said that the VDOT will patch Truro's streets in March, sweep them before April 15, and slurry-seal most of the streets sometime later in the spring. The VDOT will inform us of

the exact dates of the sweeping and paving so that residents can move their cars off the streets.

Mr. Nicely also offered to speak to interested Truro residents about two programs to help citizens help the VDOT do a better job of maintaining the streets, storm sewers and sidewalks in the community. The first is a mapping project, in which citizens of a community provide the VDOT with a map showing potholes, clogged storm sewers, and other needed repairs and maintenance. The second is an "adopt a highway" project, where citizens take the responsibility for collecting litter from the streets in the community and the VDOT removes the collected trash.

As you can see, we're on our way. We hope that all in Truro will do their part to support NO ROT.

If any community members have comments or suggestions, please pass them to any of the committee members listed above.

1990 THA ASSESSMENTS DUE MARCH 15

The 1990 Truro Homes Association assessment of \$75 is due by March 15, Donna Alexander, record keeper, reminds homeowners. Late payments are subject to a 10% penalty.

THE COVER

March is the first month of spring, right? Well--maybe, maybe not. With last December being extra cold, and January and February extra warm, it's hard to predict what March will be like. Since our forecasts are habitually wrong we're going with a cold-winter-blast cover this month in the hope that we'll continue to be wrong. If it's cold, blame us; if it's warm, give us the credit.

FROM THE BOARD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 1990

By Art Wells

The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association met at 8 p.m. on February 15, 1990, at the Truro Community Center. Present were John Brennan, Art Wells, Janice Armstrong, Mike McKinley and Keith Thomas. The agenda included a) some subjects discussed during the January general membership meeting, and b) new business.

Beginning with the general membership meeting matters, the following issues were taken up:

■ Middle school. During the general membership meeting, there was considerable discussion of the middle school concept and whether the board should take a THA position in the form of letters to appropriate Fairfax County officials. The consensus was that THA concerns should be based on a) the effects on sixth graders, and b) the paucity of implementation details (e.g., reasonably good cost estimates, boundary changes, overall community impacts, etc.). The middle school issue was discussed extensively by the board along the following lines:

1) The feedback from the actions already taken is the allegation that the Wakefield Forest Elementary School area appears to be expressing more concern than other communities in the affected areas (perhaps because this area seems to be out in front on the issue, as Wakefield Forest is a potential feeder). In any event, the THA needs to make its views known without antagonizing the school board.

2) It is difficult to establish a solid position in the absence of specifics.

3) There will be a meeting on March 1 at Wakefield Forest, spon-

sored by the PTA's Boundary Change Committee. It was noted that the February 7 meeting at the Truro Community Center was well attended, but poorly by THA members.

4) Although boundary changes are not technically at issue, since they have not been made (or at least publicly disclosed), realistically they are very much an issue with the parents of Wakefield Forest students and with THA homeowners in general. Approval of the middle school concept has cast a definite cloud of uncertainty over the Truro community; at this point it is a destabilizing factor rather than a cohesive community influence.

5) John Brennan said that after reading Sharon Bulova's January 22 letter, published in the February issue of Truro Trails, he wanted to discuss the matter further with her. Following that discussion, he intends to prepare a letter setting forth THA's concerns. This letter would be sent to both Sharon Bulova and Laura McDowell, Annandale District supervisor and School Board member, respectively, and perhaps to others.

■ TCC Identification procedures. There was considerable discussion by the board on how best to establish a reasonable identification system for use of TCC facilities.

1) The core issue is how to discourage non-TCC members from using the pool and courts without imposing an unduly heavy administrative requirement on the TCC staff and on members. Therefore, the board believes that a middle ground needs to be established which provides a reasonable balance between restricting entry by nonmembers without creating oppressive procedures affecting TCC members' use and enjoyment of the facilities (e.g., denying entrance to TCC youngsters who forget to bring their ID cards with them). The central focus must continue to be the maintenance of a family atmosphere at the TCC which

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provides members an ease of access while screening out nonmembers. In past years there has not been a positive ID/access system in effect.

2) Janice Armstrong reported the results of recent discussions she has had with companies in the ID business. A possible system would be individual picture ID cards made by a firm or through TCC purchase of the equipment (camera and plastic case processor). This and other alternatives will be taken up by the TCC Committee at its March 14 meeting. Janice will report its recommendations to the board.

3) The board concluded that the bottom line is that there is a need for an effective ID system, but not one that makes the TCC "family unfriendly."

■ Parkland maintenance. The board discussed at length the need for a stepped-up maintenance program for the parkland.

1) The central problem is that the Park Committee is really a committee of one--the chairman, Ron Olesch. Also, there has been a lack of volunteers for park activities, although some THA members do parkland maintenance in the vicinity of their homes. It is impossible for Ron to carry the increasing workload singlehandedly, nor should the community expect him to do so.

2) The board decided on the following steps to catch up on the maintenance backlog:

a) Develop and initiate an overall action plan. (In this regard, site surveys have already been made.)

b) Conduct a community spring cleanup (more on this in the April Truro Trails).

c) Refurbish and replace the entry signs (as adopted at the general membership meeting).

d) Check the erosion of creek

banks near the park paths, and the overall condition of these paths.

e) Examine tree removal requirements; set priorities and costs, recognizing that tree removal is expensive; and look into the replanting of barren areas.

3) John Brennan appointed Mike McKinley as the board's liaison with the Park Committee.

■ Ann Fitz Hugh Drive gate. John Brennan reported that a Truro resident has been hired to open and close this gate daily, which complies with the motion adopted at the general membership meeting.

Following completion of the carryover subjects, the board took up new business.

■ Clubhouse maintenance. Janice Armstrong reported that she had received several complaints from users about the cleanliness of the clubhouse. She has discussed this with Clearwater, the contractor for facilities management. In this regard, it is the users' responsibility to clean the clubhouse following completion of their activities. It is not now, nor has it been, the contractor's responsibility to come in the next day to clean the clubhouse. The facilities management contract requires a weekly checkup and routine maintenance. Janice described one instance where a user had left the clubhouse in a decidedly unclean state, affecting the activity of another user the following day. Owing to the high usage rate of the clubhouse, the board approved the following actions:

1) Purchase a vacuum sweeper to be available to both users and the contractor.

2) Advance the annual floor reconditioning maintenance; seek bids (\$1,200 budgeted) for three coats of polyurethane.

3) Draw up a set of instructions for users; increase the deposit for users to \$100; return the deposit

after a post-use check discloses that the facility has been properly cleaned up.

■ Baby pool furniture. Janice Armstrong provided photographs of proposed protective shade discs for the baby pool to be purchased within the \$3,000 approved for pool furniture. She plans to examine these discs and other possibilities before making final recommendations to the TCC Committee.

■ Future activities. John Brennan discussed the need to begin the re-baselining of Truro's Maintenance and Repair Master Plan. He informed the board that he and Donna Alexander planned to establish categories/criteria for retention of THA/TCC records. These listings will be the guidelines for sorting out the boxes of records stored in Ken Anderson's office. Art Wells reported that the 1989 audit would get underway in March.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at 8 p.m. on March 15, 1990, at the clubhouse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

CLASSIFIED

FOUND--At corner of Elizabeth Lane and Guinea Road: Eyeglasses, wire frame, in brown leather case. Call 250-9227.

BABYSITTER WANTED--I am looking for someone to babysit occasionally for our good-natured 1-year-old son, preferably an experienced mother. Please call Victoria at 978-9297.

NEED A BABYSITTER?--Dana Hammerschlag, 13 years old, experienced, \$3 per hour, \$4 per hour after midnight. Call 425-1940.

PET SITTER--Need a pet sitter if you're going out of town? Call Lora Hammerschlag, 11 years old, 425-1940. Will walk dogs, etc.

FOR SALE--Golf clubs, Jack Nicklaus CG-1800 pro line 1, 3 and 4 woods with head covers. Beautiful clubs, like new. All for \$95. Call 323-5334.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Bob and Valerie Sutter

Welcome, New Neighbors

HALPIN, J. Patrick (Pat) and Linda
4312 Ann Fitz High Drive
503-5473
Architect, Wisniewski Blair & Associates, Ltd. (Pat)
Registered Nurse, Virginia Heart Surgery Assn. (Linda)
Children: Ryan (1985)

ENQUIST-JOHNSON, Mona
JOHNSON, Gary
8700 Norfolk Avenue
425-5170
Naturalist, Fairfax County Park Authority (Mona)
Biologist, National Park Service (Gary)

TCC COMMITTEE

By Janice Armstrong (978-0429)

There will be a meeting of the committee on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Truro Community Center. The agenda includes:

- Guest passes and fees to the pool.
- Tennis court identification system.
- Pool identification system.
- Shade awning.
- Pool furniture.
- Room fans.

In April we will discuss parking lot lights and the summer schedules of the recreation groups.

LETTERS

Safety and Other Considerations

Here are some random thoughts on conditions in our community:

■ **Schisms in the Road.** A schism is not a giant pothole. A schism is what results when a Squirrel Changes HIS Mind. When you see a squirrel change course just as you're cruising down the road, don't hit the brakes! Although this is a humanitarian instinct, you won't change his chances for survival, but you may cause the car behind you to ram yours--while the squirrel is safely back on the grass.

■ **Pooper Scoopers.** Endorsing what Mary Dolan had to say last month about curbing dogs, let me add a thought about a simple means to keep your dog's calling cards off people's lawns. Just take along the plastic bag in which your newspaper is delivered when you exercise your dog. After he's done his thing, just slip the bag over your hand, scoop up the poop, invert the bag as you pull it off your hand, and place it in the next trash barrel. If you're squeemish, take along a small shovel to use in placing the deposit in the bag. In 14 years of observing dog walkers along Truro's trails, I've seen only one lady concerned enough to carry a pooper scooper on her daily rounds. How about you?

■ **Broken Bottles.** Neighbors, if your youngsters want to get smashed drinking booze in the park, that's their business (I guess), but when they smash the bottles on the Truro park trails, they create a hazard for all of us. Please ask them not to. Thanks.

--John Baer

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About That Increased Aircraft Noise

I've noticed an increase in aircraft noise in Truro over the past year. I believe that it has been

caused by a change in flight paths for National Airport or modifications in airport abatement procedures (e.g., reducing engine power when close to the airport and then increasing it over our area) in addition to an overall increase in airport traffic. I have not been able to verify this, however. Indeed, in a letter to me, the FAA denies that there has been any change in the traffic patterns for aircraft arriving or departing National Airport. Perhaps the increased noise is coming from aircraft arriving or departing Dulles, but that seems unlikely, given its distance.

Whatever the source of this problem, it is important that members of our community let our public officials know that we are unhappy about the noise. This is true even if it doesn't bother you, because the fact that aircraft noise annoys others could lower the value of your home.

Here are the government officials you may wish to write to or call about the increased aircraft noise in Truro:

Ms. Sharon Bulova
Fairfax Board of Supervisors
4414 Holborn Ave.
Annandale, VA 22003 (425-9300)

Hon. Stanford Parris
U.S. House of Representatives
2434 Rayburn House Building
Washington, DC 20515 (225-4376)

Mr. Trevis Markle
Metropolitan Council of Governments
Dept. of Environmental Programs
777 N. Capitol St., N.E., Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002 (962-3200)

Mr. Neal Phillips
Manager, Environmental Staff
Metropolitan Washington Airports
Authority
44 Canal Center Plaza
Alexandria, VA 22314

In addition to writing or calling these officials, you can also report the time and date of any

particularly loud aircraft to National Airport at 685-8020. Finally, you might wish to get in touch with Mr. Hank Harrison at 425-6838. He is a private citizen appointed by Sharon Bulova to the Airports Advisory Committee. I have spoken to him and he is quite concerned about the increased aircraft noise in our area.

Remember, the squeaking wheel gets the grease! So write or call to let our officials know we care.

--Evan Kwerel

SPORTS AND RECREATION

SWIM TEAM

By Alannah Coshow (425-6459) and Judith Rheinstrom (425-3315)

Truro is the top seed in Division VI this year, up from Division VIII last year. The other Division VI teams are Villa Aquatic, Camelot, High Point, Fox Hunt and Hiddenbrook. The Division VI coordinator is Lynne Alterman (applause, applause!), who is terrific.

We are also happy to announce that Rod McLallen, a former Truro Swordfish star, will be the head coach, and Mandy McMurray the assistant coach.

Here is a basic 1990 swim schedule:

- June 2--Referee and Starters Clinic, Tuckahoe, 8 a.m.
- June 9---Stroke and Turn Clinic, Annandale, 8 a.m.
- June 23--First A meet.
- June 30--Second A meet.
- July 7--Third A meet.
- July 11--Division Relay Carnivals.
- July 14--Fourth A meet.
- July 18--All-Star Relay Carnival.
- July 21--Fifth A meet.
- July 28--Individual Division Championship.
- August 4--Individual All-Star Meet.

We are planning on ordering different swim suits this year, due to the many complaints about the poor quality of last year's suits. Made by Hind, the new model is called "Eclipse" and is the same bright blue (compatible with last year's) with black, scarlet and white print design and full front lining. It's a jazzy suit!

Are there any new families out there that are interested in the swim team? It's a wonderful way to meet new friends. We have lots of parties during the season, and swim practice is held every morning, Monday through Friday, so it's good exercise. And parents also help at the swim meets. Don't hesitate to call us.

ATTENTION, LADIES TENNIS PLAYERS

The Truro Ladies Tennis Team needs a new captain! Because of other commitments, I am anxious to turn over the organizational duties to one or two of the other capable members of the team. So if we are going to field an NVTL team this year, we need someone as soon as possible to volunteer to be captain.

In order to determine which division to enter, we need an exact count of how many women will be available to play on a weekly basis. Matches are played from mid-May through mid-July. Please call me at 978-2657 (after 3 p.m.) or drop a note in my mailbox (4406 Ossian Hall Lane) telling me your tennis plans for the spring and summer. We need this count by March 10. If you were on the team last year and can't play this year, we need to know that, too. If you are new to Truro and are interested in team play, we welcome you. Please call me for further information.

We're looking forward to some fun tennis this year!

--Lynne Alterman

REFLECTIONS

MILLARD FILLMORE WAS MY KIND OF GUY

By Barbara Holland
(A Condensation from Smithsonian)

I spend a lot of time thinking about Millard Fillmore and you don't. I can tell. There you sit, musing about Jefferson and Lincoln and Bush, and ignoring Millard completely. It's his name, I suppose. You think if you'd known a kid named Millard Fillmore in school he wouldn't have been a barrel of laughs, but you're just guessing.

Well, maybe you can identify with George Washington, put yourself in his shoes and so on, but I can't. Millard Fillmore was more my kind of guy, a president I can really relate to.

Millard was memorable for being wrong. The only right thing he did was get born in a log cabin like Jackson, Taylor, Buchanan, Lincoln and Garfield. Cynics think it was all the same log cabin, rented out for the occasion to ambitious mothers by a real estate entrepreneur. This is probably not true.

His family apprenticed him to a wool carder. This was much nastier than it sounds, and the wrong thing to be. By the time he showed up for his first day of school he was a big boy, 19 years old, and fell in love with the teacher. He bought his freedom and married her. (This wasn't exactly a classical education, but remember he could card wool, too. Can you?)

He got excited about politics around 1827 and joined the Anti-Mason Party. He went to the New York State Assembly as an Anti-Mason, which was wrong, of course, and then to Congress as a Whig. In 1848 the Whigs were peering around for a vice presidential sort to run with Zachary Taylor, and their eye lit on Millard, who looked smarter

than he was. When Taylor perished tragically from cholera, Millard turned out to be president. This gave him more chances to be wrong. He gave the wrong answer to the slavery question, mumbling that the southern states should answer it themselves and maybe the Civil War wouldn't happen. He tried to enforce the Fugitive Slave Act. This was not only wrong, it was impossible.

His most memorable idea was the opening up of world trade. He sent Commodore Perry and two frigates to persuade the Japanese to do their shopping at our stores. Millard thought that after a few rounds of "argument and persuasion" from the frigates the Japanese would eventually wind up with an island full of Chevrolets and RCA record players, and we'd wind up with a vault full of yen.

His other international venture was about Peruvian guano, the stuff deposited by seabirds on rocks and off-shore islands and park benches. Millard made a deal with the Peruvians that we'd pay for the guano instead of just taking it. The guano market collapsed temporarily, so poor Millard didn't even go down in history as the Guano President.

He bought a new stove for the White House, and even that was wrong. The cook said it was too complicated, and went right on using the open fireplace and getting ashes in the soup.

The Whigs decided he was the wrong president and refused to nominate him in 1852. So Millard ran for president on the Know-Nothing ticket in 1856, wrong as ever, and carried Maryland. After that he went away to live in Buffalo, and as far as anyone knows was happy as a clam there, and nobody noticed he was wrong.

Now will you think about Millard Fillmore? Not all day, of course, but sometimes? Every time you mail your gloves, for instance, and try to put your hands in your letters.



After Tiananmen Square

By Barbara Jones
(Third in a Series)

From Beijing, we flew to Yichang for a three-day cruise up the Yangtze River to Chongqing on the Great Wall, a Mississippi-style river boat. After being lifted up through a set of locks, we headed upstream through spectacular gorges right out of ancient Chinese paintings--the Gorge of the Cow, Gorge of the Ox's Liver and the Horse's Lung, Shadow Play Gorge and others with equally appropriate names.

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Part-way up the Yangtze River, we switched to a smaller canal boat for a side trip up the Daning River to see the Lesser Three Gorges: Dragon Gate, Misty and Vivid Green. This trip has been offered only since 1985, so not many Americans had yet made it. The current was swift, the channel narrow. Our helmsman was aided by two men up forward equipped with long poles to keep us away from the shoals. We stopped long enough to gather some of the distinctively marked pebbles that make up the shoals. The village kids collect and sell them--from shallow bowls of water to enhance their markings.

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Back on the Yangtze, we passed Silver Nest Shoal, Double Eagle Rock, Horse Cave, Returning Tiger Cave, Sleeping Dragon Cave, Sky-Kissing Precipice, the Buddhist Temple--all names of rock formations. Along the way we spotted square holes cut in the face of the cliffs, 25 or 30 feet above the river level. These were 2,000-year-old works into which poles had been fixed to support a plank walkway on which soldiers and others could walk along the river, whose banks were too steep to negotiate otherwise. A short stretch had been rebuilt for the benefit of tourists.

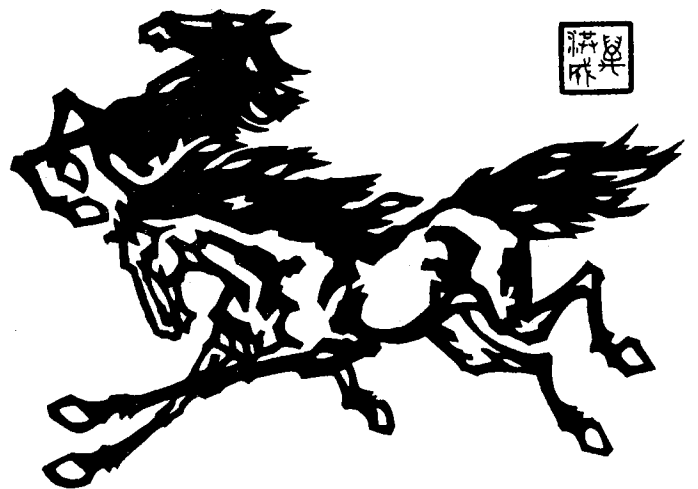
Then south to Guilin, where we spent a few hours chugging down the Li River in a small boat and marveling at the spectacular view of karsts--those tall, slender rock formations so familiar in Chinese art. In the process, our boat went aground, careened into a stone embankment and damaged its propeller. While we Americans sang "Michael, Row Your Boat Ashore" and other appropriate songs, to the astonishment of our Chinese and Japanese tourist friends, the bent propeller was hammered back into shape and we chugged on. Later we watched cormorant fishermen poling their rafts (made of five large bamboo poles lashed together) with up to a half-dozen cormorants per raft trained to do the fishing.

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Early on our last morning in China, we joined a group of men and women who were doing slow-motion aerobics to disco music. Later they switched to Chinese music for their traditional tai-chi exercises, followed by western-style dancing. We were invited to dance, and we did. Tracking down nearby bird-songs, we discovered caged "spectacled laughing thrushes" getting their morning air while their owners exercised.

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It was exhilarating to be able to interact with the people, especially away from the big cities. The



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school children all said "hello," adults smiled, babies-in-arms waved and threw kisses, an old snaggle-toothed man selling deep-fried pastries of some sort insisted that I try one, the crowds laughed at our attempts to speak Chinese. We had brought along candies to give to the kiddies; once when we peeked in on a wedding at our hotel, several little boys came up and gave us candy--long, slim chocolate bars called "CHOCOLATE wedding." Empathy flowed constantly.



Our last stop was Hong Kong, which I had visited some years earlier. But what a change time had wrought! Wonderful architecture, spectacular new buildings, (in one case designed to be dismantled and moved when control of the colony shifts to China in 1997), bright artistic neon signs. We toured Victoria Peak, had a sampan ride through the harbor where the boat people live, and of course shopped. Chinese friends in Hong Kong wine and dined us and taught us the subway and bus system. Here the Buddhist temple full of worshippers lighting incense, burning prayer papers and lining up to have their fortunes told was quite different from the Jade Buddha temple we saw in Shanghai.



Considering that we saw only what the government wanted us to see, the experience was wonderfully memorable. We were asked by students if we knew what had happened in June. The "student rebellion" was mentioned often by our guides, two of whom had been in Tiananmen Square not long before the massacre. Free enterprise was evident everywhere, from the hawkers to the very prosperous farmers. There was plenty of food, and it was delicious, despite what we had heard to the contrary. People were well dressed. The country is still not stable, and I'd not go there as a casual member of a package tour. But our group had planned its trip for two years, and most of the members had traveled together before.

Three Missing Miles

By T. Homer Aargh

For quite a while now--five, six months, I suppose--I've been driving west on I-66 to Gainesville every week or so. And all that time I've been wondering about those two green and white mileage signs.

Mebbe you've seen 'em. The first one says:

Manassas.....9
Gainesville.....12

Three miles later, right about Centreville, the second one says:

Manassas.....9
Gainesville.....9

Well, now, I didn't go very far in school, but I could sure tell something was wrong. Everybody knows that Gainesville doesn't sit right on top of Manassas. Somehow, three miles got lost somewhere.

Finally I got it figured out. I looked at that second sign real close, and decided that the little number panel after Manassas was on upside down. The "9" needed to be turned over to make it a "6". And I just knew somebody from the Highway Department would be along to fix it pretty soon, it being so obvious.

Well, several months went by and it was still wrong. Then I got this great idea: I'd be a good, upstanding citizen and fix it myself. Save the taxpayers some money, y'know. So next time I was by that way I stopped, got out my screwdriver, and turned the panel around. Made the "9" into a "6".

I was just finishing up, feeling real good and proud of myself, when I turned around and there was this great big state cop, wearing one of those funny stiff hats that make 'em look so stern. He asked what was I doing, and I told him. That's a no-no, meddling around with public property like that, he said. "But I am the public," I told him. "Part of it, anyway."

Don't matter, he said. I argued a little more, but when he reached for his ticket book and pen and asked did I wanna tell it to a judge, I decided I didn't. So he told me to fix the sign back the way it was before and move on.

"But it's a lie," I said.

"Don't matter," he said. "Isn't your business."

So, anyway, the sign still says it's the same distance to Manassas as it is to Gainesville, which we all know is a lie. But I figure if I know that, probably most everyone else does, too, so what difference does it make?

Still, mebbe I ought to write to Dr. Gridlock or somebody. Be a good citizen, y'know. At least the doc wouldn't give me a ticket.

Would he?

Dollars and Sense

By Donna Alexander
Record Keeper

This is to inform everyone that the THA and TCC bills have been mailed. If you have not received a copy of either bill, please advise this office. Also, for those who are leasing their TCC memberships, please understand that there are

TCC LEASE INFORMATION AND FORM

Members not wishing to use the Truro Community Center this year may arrange to have the TCC lease the memberships for the 1990-91 season. The TCC member wishing to do so must send the TCC user fee (\$260) along with the request.

Upon leasing the membership, a \$25 lease fee will be deducted from the TCC user fee and the remainder reimbursed to the owner (pro-rated if necessary). In addition these requests must be in by April 1, 1990, in order to complete the leasing process by May 1, 1990. A drawing will take place, as last

year, on April 1, 1990, in the afternoon or early evening. If you wish to be present during the drawing, please call me at 978-0859 to make arrangements.

It should be understood that requesting the TCC to lease the membership does not release the member from his/her obligation to pay the TCC user fee if the membership cannot be leased. Should you wish to lease your membership, please fill out the form below and mail it to the Truro Community Center, 4146 Elizabeth Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

TO: Donna Alexander, Record Keeper
TCC/4146 Elizabeth Lane
Annandale, Virginia 22003

Date: _____

Please Print: _____
(Full Name)

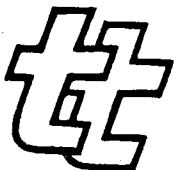
(Street) (City/State/Zip Code)

I request that the Truro Homes Association arrange to lease my TCC membership for the May 1, 1990, to April 30, 1991, season. I understand that I remain responsible for the TCC user fee if the association is unable to lease my membership. I also understand that if the membership is leased, I and my family members will no longer be able to use the TCC facilities (i.e., pool, tennis courts and basketball court) for the 1990-91 season.

400 TCC members and that billing is done automatically; therefore, if you have already returned the lease form with your check, please disregard the TCC bill. The drawing for leasing memberships still will be held on April 1.

For those of you who rent your property or have only a name on your check, please include the property address to make crediting your account go smoothly. Also, if the name on the check differs from that on the address label you received, please include the label with your check, and advise if our file should be changed. For those with two different last names, one is chosen for record keeping purposes, so please use this name on all correspondence.

If there are any questions regarding the THA or TCC, please call me at the office telephone number (978-0859). The machine will take a message if I'm not there. Please leave your name and daytime phone number, and I'll return your call as soon as possible. Many thanks.



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Sharp-eyed readers of the Washington Post's letters to the editor may have spotted one from a Truro resident last month. In the Post's February 12 edition, Michael Kristula of 4224 Elizabeth Lane took issue with an earlier comment by Writer Jim Hoagland on "how faint the U.S. imprint is" on the historic transition in Eastern Europe. Not so, wrote Michael, a retired foreign service officer with the U.S. Information Service; he maintained that the U.S. imprint was indeed rather "indelible," not faint at all.



Towns and cities located on or astride state lines frequently wind

up with cutesy names derived from the two adjoining states. Probably the best known example of this is Texarkana. Others, gleaned from a U.S. road atlas during a lull recently, are Kenvir, Kanarado, Florida, Tenna, Marydel, Delmar, Monida, Texico, Virgilina, Arkoma, Texhoma, Texola, Texark and Uvada. Someone missed a golden opportunity, however, when the Four Corners site in the southwest--the only place where four states meet--was named; they could have called it Conmutaz.

FROM THE EDITOR

Travelers' Alert

A word to the wise: Never, never take a cruise on a vessel on which Barbara Jones and Carol Snitzer are booked together. In November 1984, this duo sailed to England on the QE2; the ship broke down and found itself adrift off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. In November 1989 they cruised on the Li River in China (see page 8); their boat went aground, hit a stone embankment and damaged its propeller. For them it was fun. For the rest of you, forewarned is forearmed.

Where Are Our Graduates Going?

I need someone to write our annual article on who's graduating from high school and where they're going next year. Any volunteers?

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