



PARK CHATTER

The *Capital* asked shoppers at Severna Park Mall this question yesterday:

What do you think of Severna Park schools?



"I guess they're fine, it's been a long time since I had anyone in school."

Mary Hubbard
Severna Park



"You can socialize pretty well there and get a quality education too."

Ethan Grayson
Severna Park



"I think the kids are rich and the teachers don't really care."

John Davidson
Severna Park



"From what I understand they're excellent, that's one reason I moved here."

Janet Leister
Severna Park



"I'm very satisfied with them. We chose public schools instead of a parochial school."

Hope Hatch
Severna Park



"They're OK. My daughter doesn't like Severna Park High School, she thinks the kids are unfriendly."

Kathy O'Malley
Severna Park



"I think they're excellent. I've had three teen-agers graduate from Severna Park High School, and I'm real pleased."

Karen Prengaman
Severna Park



"I like it. I got a very good education for college."

Patricia Denice
Severna Park



"We've been very pleased with the Severna Park schools. We have a daughter that went from first all the way through."

Judith Ulrich
Severna Park



"I was always very satisfied with the schools, although sometimes I thought they were overcrowded."

Mary Finergy
Arnold

Added traffic prompts request

New landing path for BWI?

By CYNTHIA SMITH
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The number of landing aircraft flying over Severna Park has doubled in two years, a Severna Park resident told the Baltimore-Washington International Airport noise advisory committee Thursday.

In 1985, 33 percent of the landing planes used runway 33 Left, which passes over communities such as Rugby Hall, Round Bay and Chartwell, said Ingrid Baldwin, quoting figures from BWI's Master Plan Update published earlier this year. Runway 33 Left, which runs northwest-southeast, is used more for landings than takeoffs.

Current numbers show that planes land on that runway 62 percent of the time, according to data distributed by BWI, Mrs. Baldwin said.

And the total number of planes passing through the airport jumped by 1,988 in the last recorded year, from 283,024 in 1985 to 285,012 in 1986, said airport

spokeswoman Mary E. Hope.

Mrs. Baldwin lives on the Severn River just south of Rugby Hall. In the past year, planes have been flying more frequently over the river near her house, she and her neighbors say.

Regina Dwyer, the Severna Park representative on the committee, lives in Chartwell, and said that she too has noticed the increased frequency of planes in the area.

The noise advisory committee meets monthly to discuss a new noise zone and abatement plan being prepared for BWI by a consulting firm. The committee consists of airport and airline officials, representatives from communities that are affected by airport noise and members of the Massachusetts-based consulting firm Harris, Miller, Miller & Hanson.

Mrs. Baldwin suggested to the committee that planes fly over Ritchie Highway instead of the Severn River.

"That would absorb the noise."

Airport officials would have to do detailed studies before they could change the landing course, said Robert Rosscoe, assistant air traffic manager.

"Where does the final approach course lie? If it's over the Severn River, then under today's technology that's what the requirement is to reach the runway," Rosscoe said after the meeting.

A few weeks ago, BWI monitored noise over Mrs. Baldwin's house for about a week, she said. The results showed some noise peaks equal to the level found in the noise zone around the airport.

Severna Park, which lies between five and 10 miles from the airport, is not in the noise zone. Mrs. Baldwin's house is about seven miles from the end of the runway, she said.

Landing planes must begin lining up with the runway 10 to nine miles away, an airport official said. For that

reason, they cannot avoid that area of the Severn.

Since Mrs. Baldwin's house is on the tranquil Severn, the noise from the planes sounds louder than it otherwise would, she said.

The results from the monitoring study will be added to other data the airport is collecting for the noise abatement plan, said Bob Talpert, manager of the BWI noise office, after the meeting.

The airport frequently monitors noise in the noise zone, and occasionally studies noise in the outlying areas, Talpert said.

One member of the committee suggested that the airport seriously consider Severna Park's requests and suggestions concerning noise abatement.

"You're going to get a lot of political pressure from there," said Ernest C. Michaelson, representative from the Timber Ridge Improvement Association.



BELGIAN FIELD hockey players, from left, Isabelle Relik, France Nonoyer, Valerie Dick, Tanja Raemakers, Marianne Schaefer and Valerie Mommens enjoy themselves Friday night at the Orioles game.

WHOLE NEW BALL GAME

Visiting Belgian field hockey team discovers American baseball

By ALAN WIDMANN
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BALTIMORE — The Belgian girls' face lit up as "Thank God I'm a Country Boy" blasted through the speakers. Nearly 26,000 Americans were rising from their seats.

"It's over?" she hazarded.

Not quite, she was told. It's the seventh-inning stretch. A ballgame is not over until, as the wise man observed, "it's over."

"Ah!" she nodded.

"No-o-o-o," she sighed.

Down the aisle, Xavier Gonzales was just realizing why the American girls wouldn't talk with him.

It's not that he was Mexican, but that

they weren't Americans. Most of them couldn't talk with him.

Recent Annapolis field hockey coach Brooke Wallace was deep in both popcorn and plans to move Down Under with her new Australian husband.

Her Severn counterpart, sister Ann, was just back from leading a team through New Zealand. She had piloted the school van up from Severna Park, and was trying to keep an eye on everybody.

The Baltimore Bird danced madly on a surfboard. The crowd boomed a young girl who muffed a pop foul. Everybody did "The Wave."

And shots off the bats of Ray Knight, Eddie Murray and Cal Ripken went arcing into the night, sped on their way by choruses of oohs from young Belgians.

Upper level, Section 35, Memorial Stadium: just another \$3 Night on 33rd Street.

Tania and her teammates from Brussels' Green Devils Hockey Club were having themselves a ball.

Sure, puzzled glances were exchanged and more than one Gallic shrug was shrugged over what transpired on the field.

The 15-to-18-year-old Belgian field hockey players had been told they would see a baseball game pitting the hometown heroes, *Les Orioles*, against the bad guys, *Les Anges de California*.

This much they understood. The intricacies of the game were something else — but never mind.

The carnival atmosphere went over

big, and the home runs in Baltimore's 9-3 victory were fun and easy to appreciate.

It was a welcome change from back home. There the big-time sport is soccer, a deadly serious business — sometimes, literally so.

The only "down" note was struck by uncooperative beer vendors.

So, resigned to a teetotaling evening, the Green Devils sipped ice cream, puffed cigarettes, sang their fight song and la-la'd "Stars and Stripes Forever" as they observed the oddities of America at leisure.

Here since Aug. 18, they had taken time out from bombing a series of local high school teams.

The visit was in reciprocity for last

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Ground-breaking for hike-bike trail tonight

County Executive James Lighthizer and other officials will break ground tonight on the Severna Park section of the hike-and-bike trail along the old Baltimore & Annapolis Railroad bed. The public is invited.

Also during the ceremony, the Annapolis Striders, an organized running group, will give the county nearly \$5,000 for trail amenities such as benches and garden plantings. The money is from the proceeds of the Annapolis 10-Mile Run.

County Councilwoman Carol B. Baker, D-Severna Park, and Recreation and Parks Director Joe McCann will also attend the ground-breaking ceremony, being held near the intersection of Evergreen Road and Baltimore & Annapolis Boulevard,

across from the old depot.

The Severna Park section of the trail will be constructed in two parts. The first 1.1-mile stretch from Robinson Road to Round Bay Road will be completed this fall.

Construction on the second part will begin in the spring. It will run 2.6 miles from Earleigh Heights Road to Robinson Road and from Round Bay Road to Jones Station Road.

The trail is complete between Dorsey Road and Harundale Mall.

The 14-mile county project is scheduled to be finished in late 1990. It will connect Glen Burnie with Annapolis, from Dorsey Road to the Route 450 crossing of the Severn River.

UP AND COMING

GARDENING CLASSES

Fall gardening classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 10 and 22 at the Severna Park Branch of the public library, 45 McKinsey Road. The classes are sponsored by the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service.

No registration is required for the free classes. For information, call 787-6757.

USED BOOK COLLECTION

The Severna Park Branch of the American Association of University Women will collect used books from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 12 at two locations.

Donations will be accepted at the Safety parking lot at Benfield and Jumpers Hole roads, and at the rear entrance to the Severna Park Mall at Ritchie Highway and McKinsey Road.

Used books for children and adults,

games, puzzles, records and sheet music are needed for the association's 15th annual used book sale, which will be held Nov. 5-7 at Shaivitz Furniture Store on Ritchie Highway in Arnold.

The last collection before the sale will be Oct. 10. Proceeds are used for a local scholarship and national fellowships.

For information, call Barbara Callahan, chairman, at 721-4535, or Lynn Hapchuk, association president, at 544-5133.

FLEA MART

The Ladies of Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus 3414 will hold a flea mart from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 12, rain or shine, at the Columbian Center, 335 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park.

For information on table rentals at \$10 each, call Claire, 766-5212; Kay, 544-1491; or Leslie, 766-7290.