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Crimes reported

Books taken

State Police troopers seek a couple who have reportedly taken \$5,000 worth of books from libraries in Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert counties, according to Ruth Bristow, State Police spokesperson. The suspects are described as a 35- to 40-year-old white man, about five-foot-seven to five-foot-eight, with sandy brown hair. He is reportedly heavy set and wears glasses. The other suspect is described as a heavy set, 35- to 40-year-old white woman, five-foot-seven to five-foot-eight, with dark hair.

The couple is often seen pushing an empty baby stroller, Bristow said. They reportedly check out a number of non-fiction books using a stolen Calvert County library card. Anyone with information, call 645-1500 or 843-1500.

Sludge forum put off

Sharpe

Nearly 100 county residents attending a hearing last week at the County Government Center auditorium were there to protest a proposed sludge storage plant at Mt. Victoria. Many were disappointed when the Charles County Board of Zoning Appeals put off the hearing until January to give both sides more time to prepare arguments.

Shouts of "Well, that's another hour wasted" and "If you think I won't be back, you're wrong" echoed through the auditorium as the disgruntled citizens noisily filed out of the cancelled hearing.

A petition opposing the plant was presented to the Charles County Commissioners last week with more than 1,200 names on it.



Stephanie Sharpe

Swap meet is family affair

Larry and Darlene Taylor, and son, Shelvie, spent Sunday browsing at the Marlboro Motorama Auto Swap Meet and Car Show at the Charles County Fairground. See related photos on page A-7.