



McDonough students Angie Vogliano, Joe Toder and Robin Markley are happy they may get to go on a trip to London despite the Board of Education's decision not to sanction a similar school excursion.

Photo by John Gatski

Trips cut

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terrorist incidents occur. "It hasn't gotten any worse recently," he added.

Senior Robin Markley said Europe seems safe right now, and she just wants to go and enjoy herself.

Dr. Loretta Webb, the board's assistant superintendent for instruction, said, "It is not a good time to go" to Europe, but parents can still send children on their own if they wish.

McDonough English teacher Barbara Musselman said the London trip will probably still go off since 20 students and six adults are still signed up to go. They plan to join another group that a travel agency has arranged.

Other school-board-sanctioned trips abroad that

have gone off as planned included one by 61 La Plata High School students to the Bahamas last month. Lackey High School students are also going to Montreal, Canada in two weeks.

Bloom said though some school boards are even canceling student trips to Washington, D.C., he is not going to go that far.

"I can't say we're not worried," he said. "But you can't stop living (because of terrorist threats). 'Life goes on.'"

Bloom said recently he went into Washington during the day, and it looked as though school trips were as popular as ever.

"There were school buses everywhere," he said.

Commissioners approve local share of county library budget

By Suzanne White
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LA PLATA — County bookworms will get the best reading material money can buy now that the commissioners have tentatively agreed to give the library \$495,908 in local funds.

The library's total funding request for FY 87 was \$740,328. The board's local funding represents a 19.4 increase over the present operating figure.

Tuesday members of the Board of Library Trustees appealed to the commissioners to fund two top priorities, their \$142,000 book budget and a \$11,155 request for a substitute, full-time position. The commissioners put \$137,000 toward the book plan, and the position will be funded, also.

The position would be county-wide. The library said its branches are open 57 hours a week with a minimum staff to assist patrons. A rotating employee is needed to fill in when staff members are ill or in training classes.

Kitty Hurrey, director of Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, told the commissioners that P.D. Brown Library does not have enough books. She said \$25,000 is needed to "beef up that collection and the reference collection that is gone out of date."

Hurrey said the Waldorf branch has cut back its number of magazines. Best sellers are being rented rather than purchased, and when a Stephen King book hits the market, Hurrey said 30 people want it the first week.

A fact sheet with figures were presented to the commissioners. Circulation at P.D. Brown jumped from 7,237 in March 1985 to 9,185 for the same month this year. Reference requests went from 250 to 490 in one year. Registration, however, went down, from 180 to 157, in March 1986.

A "Get it off your chest" log book is on the counter at each branch. "Every other comment is, 'When are you going to get some more books in this library?'" said Hurrey, adding the La Plata branch had 63 such comments from children.

Airpark

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dustry heads.

"I asked where does an airport fit in?" he continued. "They said, 'a 10 or 11.'"

Dedman also agreed that the airpark could be a financial burden and that it would generate more traffic into the town, which is one of biggest problems it now faces.

Dedman, like Turner, said the environmental impact will be major despite EDC's consultant report that said it would be negligible.

Jerry Dedman, a five-year councilman and a Republican county commissioners' aspirant, said he is dead set against an airpark because the drawbacks outweigh the advantages.

He disputed EDC's claim that an industrial airpark is a major criteria for attracting industry.

"Around Christmas, I had the opportunity to speak to heads of corporations. I asked them what criteria they use in locating an industry," he explained.

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Eckman said he does not believe the airpark will have a "whole lot of affect on the town."

He said that in the early stages of site selection, council members thought at one point the airstrip would be located on the south side of Rosewick Road and put flight paths over La Plata High School and the Board of Education headquarters.

"I told (EDC head) Ray Tilghman ... that we would have to take