State Money Woes Spell Trouble for Local Counties

By Linda Cicoira

Officials in Accomack and Northampton counties are bracing to balance the county’s fiscal 2010-11 budget, anticipating millions less in state money than is usually available.

While outgoing Gov. Timothy M. Kaine’s budget proposal significantly tightens the state’s money belt, Accomack Administrator Steve Miner warned the Board of Supervisors (in a memo he sent them in late December) that Gov.-Elect Bob McDonnell’s plan would be even more devastating.

“If the state has to find another two billion to cut from its budget without a tax increase,” Miner wrote, “prepare for much worse.”

Miner also explained, “That is roughly 10 percent of their overall budget. It appears that all the stimulus money was spent this year, with none left over for next.”

“Thank you, all my colleagues,” Gordy said. “I promise to do my very best. I feel with your cooperation, we will have a very successful year.” She said “communication” is the key. “I don’t want us to have any secrets and everyone to be equally informed … we are all equal.”

Gordy also announced that Rev. Donald Broad of Melfa will return as parliamentarian in 2010.

In a 6-3 vote, the supervisors chose District 8’s Donald Hart to serve as vice chairman. Last year’s chairman, Steve Mallette, and Supervisors Ron Wolff and Phil McCaleb were opposed. Supporting his nomination were Supervisors Gordy, Grayson Chesser, Jack Gray, Sandy Hart Mears and Wanda Thornton. Hart also voted in favor.

After the meeting, Mallette said he thought Hart wouldn’t have time to get the job done because of his regular job obligations. Wolff complained that Hart has (Continued on Page 2)
never voted in favor of a budget.

Gordy gave Hart a wrapped gift and read aloud a poem that Sheila Goodman, a county employee, wrote about him. It said Hart has been on the board since 1979, had served as chairman three times and vice chairman four times and just finished a stint as president of the Virginia Association of Counties. He had previously served as that panel’s secretary-treasurer and vice president.

The poem ended,

“Well Donald, you’ve done this job quite well.
Remain humble, remain faithful, and don’t let the head swell.
Job well done, the honor is well deserved
For you have been true to the Eastern Shore and the people you serve.”

Organizing for a new year, the supervisors set their meetings to begin at 5 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month in chambers in the Administration Building in Accomac. They will recess from 7 to 7:30 p.m. to eat supper and will continue to hold public hearings at 7:30 p.m. Work sessions will be conducted quarterly, also in chambers.

Public participation will be offered at the regular meetings. In the past, each speaker was given three minutes to have his or her say. Gray said that is not enough time and moved that the limit be increased to four minutes, with no one able to come back later. That motion passed 7-2, with Wolff and McCaleb opposed. Wolff was against the extra time during public hearings when large numbers of people want to speak.

The supervisors also agreed to give $40,000 to the Treasurer’s Office to help defray the costs of collecting delinquent personal property taxes. Those who do not pay will not have their car registrations renewed in the future. Finance Director Mike Mason said about $300,000 would be lost without the move.

Laura Belle Gordy will serve as chairwoman and Donald Hart will serve as vice chairman during this year’s term of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors.
Northampton Planners Consider Variety of Requests

By Ron West

Proposed zoning changes to the small hamlet of Bridgetown brought about a prolonged discussion by the Northampton County Planning Commission and members of the public during their first meeting of the new year.

In late 2009, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors hammered out a new Comprehensive Plan and what amounted to a new zoning ordinance. Bridgetown, which has two churches and fewer than a dozen homes, and is surrounded by farmland, was designated as a hamlet. As such, the residents are restricted from raising farm animals without seeking a minor special use permit.

Property owner David Head, who owns approximately 12 acres on the south edge of the hamlet, is seeking to have his property rezoned as agricultural so he can house farm animals. But a group of citizens who live in or near the hamlet and attend Shorter's Chapel, which is located in Bridgetown, oppose the rezoning, charging that it could result in unwanted farming practices near the church and restrictions should the church need to expand or rebuild.

Following nearly an hour of discussion, the Planning Commission moved to table the issue until additional information can be obtained.

County Planner Sandra Benson gave a preliminary briefing on a request to rezone property near Cheriton for the location of a new Hampton Inn. Speaking for Harmony Investments, Brooks Johnson noted that his company had been working for over a year to obtain approval to begin construction. Johnson said the zoning changes made by the county prevented construction of the hotel, which otherwise could have been up and running in 2010.

Commissioner Dave Kabler stated that placement of the hotel along Lankford Highway would be contrary to the county Comprehensive Plan, which discourages commercial growth except in or around towns. Kabler questioned why the hotel was not being placed in a town such as Cape Charles. Preliminary figures show that the hotel would have 25 employees and could bring over $200,000 in taxes and fees to the county annually.

The commissioners voted 6-1 (Kabler voting against), to recommend that the Board of Supervisors rezone the property to Town Edge - Commercial General, which would give a green light for the hotel to move forward.

The Planning Commission agreed to support a request by the Board of Supervisors to make a zoning map amendment regarding property owned by Charles and Jean Ames. The Ames property, located near the south end of Exmore at 11420 Oakland Dr., had been zoned industrial for a number of years, but was rezoned as Town Edge, which would have prevented the Ameses from continuing their business.

In other matters, the Planning Commission voted not to support a request by David Griffith to construct an icehouse for the sale of ice along Lankford Highway near the Cape Charles traffic signal. The commissioners sited issues of traffic and parking on the parcel.

In a final action of the evening, Martina Coker was elected vice chairwoman of the Planning Commission for 2010.

Bay Creek Will Use Treated Wastewater from Cape Charles

By Ron West

The Town of Cape Charles has moved forward with its plan to help eliminate harmful discharge into the Chesapeake Bay.

Town Consultant Bob Panek and Town Manager Heather Arco have announced the successful negotiation of an agreement between the Town of Cape Charles and Bay Creek. The agreement will enable treated water from the new wastewater treatment facility that is under construction to be used by Bay Creek for irrigation. By making use of the treated wastewater, Bay Creek will keep treated water from entering the bay and reduce its demand on fresh water from the Yorktown Aquifer.

According to Panek, the plant is on schedule and concrete will be poured this month. If all goes as planned, the new facility will open in 2011.

The town has been under an order from the state to reduce the amount of nitrates and phosphates discharged into the Chesapeake Bay.

While the sticker price for the new facility comes in at approximately $19 million, the town has been awarded grants and stimulus funds totaling about $14 million. Panek indicated that there is a chance that additional funds might be forthcoming, thus reducing the outstanding debt even more. As a bonus, Panek noted that the State Water Control Board has approved an application for a zero-interest loan to finance the balance of the project.

While the new facility will be built in Cape Charles, Panek and Arco both expressed hope that it might become part of a regional system that could expand to outlying areas of the county and possibly to Cheriton, should that town be interested.

First Baby of 2010

The first baby born in 2010 at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital was Brycen Jeremiah Joseph, born at 12:18 a.m. Jan. 1 to Ruth Joseph of Nassawadox.

A healthy baby boy weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 19 ¼ inches in length, Brycen went home with his mom on Jan. 3.
Cold Case

The boat ramp at Onancock Harbor is more suited for sleighs in recent days. Waterways up and down the Shore have frozen in the wake of the coldest sustained temperatures so far this winter.

By Ron West

On Wednesday, State Del. Lynwood Lewis and Sen. Ralph Northam conducted a town hall meeting in Cape Charles, the first of three scheduled for the Shore.

The purpose of the meetings was to update Shore citizens on topics that will likely be the focus of the upcoming General Assembly session in Richmond. Both representatives emphasized that Gov.-elect Bob McDonnell will likely be focused on transportation and budget issues.

Sen. Northam suggested that finding budgetary shifts might erode funds from law enforcement, health care, and/or education, all of which are currently under-funded.

Del. Lewis noted that the current budget was set at $77 billion two years ago, but was slashed $7 billion in 2009 to balance it. One suggestion being offered by Gov.-elect McDonnell is to privatize ABC stores, which would bring in an estimated $500 million, which McDonnell proposes be used to help fund transportation.

Del. Lewis and Sen. Northam discussed the proposal to initiate offshore drilling for oil. They said that while increased oil production could help ease America’s dependence on foreign oil, it would not put tax revenues into the pockets of Virginia as the taxes would go to Washington, D.C.

Area resident John Harlow urged Del. Lewis and Sen. Northam to work toward forcing farmers to plant cover crops as a way to prevent dust storms as have been seen this week. Harlow said the dust filled ditches and drains, preventing water from running off the roads during recent heavy rains. Much of the soil and its chemicals are ending up in waterways.

Sen. Northam responded that new environmental regulations at the federal level might help resolve this issue.

Dave Barbee pressed for support at the state level to curb some of the overfishing of menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay. According to Barbee, current state guidelines allow 109,020 metric tons of menhaden to be netted annually in Virginia, while Texas, home of Omega Protein which does most of the menhaden fishing in the bay, limits the catch to just over 14,000 metric tons. Barbee suggested that limiting menhaden fishing to coastal waters rather than the bay would allow the fish to filter the bay and thus improve water quality.

Sen. Northam pointed out that menhaden is the only fish in the bay that is not regulated by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), thus preventing it from placing restrictions on the catch.

Del. Lewis suggested that the menhaden industry has been able to prevent restrictions. He expressed the hope that the General Assembly will move forward with legislation that would place restrictions on the menhaden industry to ensure improvement of the bay’s health.

Regarding education, Sen. Northam, a pediatric neurologist, spoke of the need to move forward with Pre-K education as a way to better prepare students for school. He noted that part of that preparation includes better healthcare and nutrition for the children both at home and at school.

Yvonne Bagwell of Eastville urged both Del. Lewis and Sen. Northam to press for improvement to the healthcare industry in the state and, in particular, for residents of the Eastern Shore. Bagwell said a 24-hour healthcare facility or clinic would help prevent unnecessary trips to the Emergency Room.

Several people in the room concurred with Bagwell about the rising cost of healthcare as well as how best to insure keeping the hospital in Nassawadox.

Sen. Northam stated that the three legs of the healthcare issue are access to the system, quality of care and patient costs. He cited the need to limit healthcare-related lawsuits which drive up the cost of medicaid care and insurance premiums.

Both Del. Lewis and Sen. Northam urged those present to forward their views and concerns about upcoming legislation to them in Richmond.
Northampton ‘Dirty Water’ Meeting Jan. 20

A public input meeting to discuss drafting a water quality improvement plan for Northampton County stream segments on the state “dirty waters” list will be held in Eastville, Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. in the former circuit courtroom at 16404 Courthouse Rd. If county schools are closed that day for inclement weather, the meeting will be held Jan. 27 at the same time in the same location.

Portions of Cherrystone Inlet and Kings Creek are on Virginia’s list of impaired or “dirty” waters because they violate bacteria water quality standards for the production of edible and marketable shellfish.

Representatives from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will be on hand to outline a process to develop a bacteria reduction plan for the impaired shellfish growing areas. Local residents and stakeholders will learn how they can be part of the planning process.

In addition to the meeting, a comment period will run from Jan. 20 through Feb. 22.

The development of the bacteria reduction plan follows approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies that were done for Cherrystone Inlet and Kings Creek. The TMDL studies identified the sources of bacteria in the impaired watersheds.

The improvement plan will outline corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria, the actions’ associated costs and benefits, measurable goals and an implementation timeline. Corrective actions will address direct sources of bacteria entering state waters, as well as runoff of bacteria during storm events.

The meeting provides an opportunity for residents to develop a plan to preserve water resources, improve aquatic life, increase farm and shellfish production, and increase property values in the community.

For more information on the meeting or public comment process, contact Todd Herbert, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, at (757) 925-2319 or todd.herbert@dcr.virginia.gov

State Awards Northampton More Than $4,000 for PDR Program

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine has announced the distribution of $635,973 to nine Virginia localities, including Northampton County, to preserve farmland within their boundaries through local Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) programs.

PDR programs compensate landowners who permanently preserve their land by voluntarily placing a perpetual conservation easement on it.

For the FY 2010 allocation round, Northampton County received $4,391.22. Grant applicants had to report how much funding was available for their local PDR programs as of Oct. 23, 2009, and the state funds matched that amount up to $93,932.19.

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By Linda Cicoira

"Rain, rain, go away." Chincoteague wants to ... DRY OUT!

Residents there continued to complain to Town Council Monday about water from the 62+ inches of rain in 2009. In the end, Town Council agreed to hire a Norfolk engineering firm to help with stormwater management and designated the Horseshoe and Wayne Drive areas as a top priority.

"The water is landlocked and it has no place to go," said Karen Jarvis of nearby Ridge Road. "It's rainwater, not tide. The problem can no longer be something on the to do list."

Patsy Savage of Horseshoe Drive said her house was built in 1974 when "land was high and dry." She said the excess rain caused problems with septic tanks on Holly Ridge Road and sewage is running out. "If you have a crack in the waterline, then you're going to be sick," she said. "We've got to get rid of the water problems. There's water under houses causing mold. ... Maybe you all could do something to drain it. ... I'll have to have my house raised off the foundation."

Savage said ditches were supposed to be dug behind her house at Holly Ridge Trailer Park, but never were. "If they don't put a ditch back there, we'll be flooded more," she said.

Jody Andreatch has lived on the corner of Horseshoe and Ridge for three years. "My problem is I've had water underneath my house since July," she said. "You should see it now that it's ice and slush. It's a real issue for us that are living there."

On the recommendation of the town’s Public Works Director Harvey Spurlock and Town Manager Robert Ritter, Town Council voted to enter a three-year contract with Clark Nexsen Architects and Engineers. The firm will get $88 an hour and will be paid for individual jobs as the town approves them.

"Although each of the (six) firms interviewed were able to demonstrate a proficiency in storm water management, I recommend Clark Nexsen ... based upon a combination of factors; to include ... a demonstrated working relationship with State of Virginia regulatory agencies," said Spurlock.

"They will devise a stormwater management plan," the public works director continued. "We need to access this area and come up with a long-term solution. We will have a stormwater engineer asking for your input. "We fully anticipate that happening before the end of January."

Councilman John Howard admitted that drainage has "not been taken care of like it should have been" because other things took priority. "It takes so long to get anything done."

"I think there will be a time when we'll need pumping stations on the island," said a man in the audience who did not identify himself.

Councilman Terry Howard said the town needs “more ordinances on the books" to help solve the problem. “You fix it here, then somebody fills in and you have the same problem all over again," he commended Spurlock for working to get a professional to address the issue.

Larry Jarvis said, "Ridge Road is part of the problem" since its height causes water to run off to the surrounding areas. "All the culverts are blocked up." Spurlock said there is also a peak in the middle of Wayne Road, with no way to get the water over it. "We need to find a way to get it out of there," he said.

The council adopted a final draft of the comprehensive plan. The document can be viewed at http://www.chincoteague-va.gov/.

Chincoteague’s new planner, William (Bill) Neville, also was introduced. Neville said he studied the plan and concluded, “It provides all the tools to move forward.”

Jared Anderson, the town’s former planner who left several months ago to go to law school, developed the plan and attended the meeting to review minor changes in the draft.

In other action, Mayor Jack Tarr broke a tie vote of Town Council and defeated a proposal for the town to become a holder of an open space easement.

Vice Mayor John Jester, Councilwoman Ellen Richardson and Councilman John Howard were opposed. Councilwoman Nancy Conklin and Councilmen Terry Howard and Jim Frese favored the request from Ruth Lane of Cedar Drive on Piney Island.

Lane, who owns the property, said the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District agreed to monitor the property and report to the town. She wanted to preserve the trees and ponds and allow them to act as a buffer for the community. While she admitted she would get a break on the levy, Lane said the property would remain on the tax roll, unlike when land is given to a municipality.

She argued that there would be no cost to the town and it would eliminate the need for services there. The landowner would be responsible for the maintenance. Lane said the East Piney Island Community Association and her neighbors favored the proposal and that the City of Chesapeake had adopted a similar action.

“If we did it we'd be obligating the town forever," said Jester. "It could be a bad precedent. ... I just don't think it’s the role of the town."

"That's what you're doing with your zoning ordinance, enforcing something that will be in existence as long as the town is in existence," said David Rowan, Lane's lawyer. He further argued that the town Comprehensive Plan encourages open space.

“We've already accepted a lot of property," said Frese. "It's the same thing. ... I think it's a real benefit."

Town Attorney Jon Poulsom argued that the town wouldn’t own this parcel. "It just seems inconsistent to do this," Poulsom said. He complained that as written, the agreement would not allow downed trees to be removed. Lane later removed that stipulation.

"If 75 years from now, someone wanted to make their house bigger, they couldn't do it," said Jester. “Pines die. I don't think the town needs to be obligated forever.”

Lane said her tax incentive was minimal and as far as enforcing the open space far into the future, "It is hoped that you will enforce it ... open space is disappearing. Everyone has a use for every inch of land."

Council also approved application of a $75,400 Department of Rail & Public Transportation grant to operate a trolley service. Chincoteague committed to putting up $20,000 in matching funds. A breakdown of the expenses included $30,000 in salaries and $12,000 for rent and office services.
The 2010 session of the General Assembly begins on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at noon. There will be a State of the Commonwealth address by Virginia’s outgoing governor, Tim Kaine, as well as an address by Virginia’s new governor, Bob McDonnell, after he has been sworn in at his inauguration on Saturday, Jan. 16.

On Dec. 19, I was present for Gov. Kaine’s presentation of his proposed outgoing two-year budget before Committees of the Virginia General Assembly. Under Virginia’s budgetary framework, Gov. Kaine, although an outgoing governor, is required to present a two-year budget to the legislature. The incoming governor will essentially rewrite the outgoing governor’s proposed budget. Not a very efficient or common-sense process and Gov.-elect McDonnell has proposed shifting the writing of Virginia’s two-year budget from even-numbered years to odd-numbered years to make this process more efficient during transition from one governor to another. The details of this proposal need to be reviewed, but on the surface it certainly seems to make good sense.

Gov. Kaine’s budget was a dramatic way of dealing with Virginia’s significant continued shortfall. Never in Virginia’s budget history has it faced two back-to-back years of declining revenue. The great recession continues to take its toll on even the most fiscally sound of states, such as Virginia. We face a $3.5 billion shortfall over the next two years, this after Gov. Kaine has already trimmed $7 billion from Virginia’s last $77 billion two-year budget.

Gov. Kaine’s proposal closes that shortfall (Virginia is constitutionally prohibited from having a budget deficit) and involves additional cuts to the budget, including the very controversial cut of the car-tax relief program, which is a payment from the state to the localities, at $950 million per year, to make the localities whole from the car-tax cut instituted by Gov. Jim Gilmore several years ago. Gov. Kaine proposes to make the localities whole now by replacing the payment with money from a 1 percent increase in Virginia’s income tax. This would restore to the localities all sums that they would lose through cessation of the state’s payment of the car-tax relief money. As you can imagine, this proposal is extremely controversial and is unlikely to meet with much success, especially in the House of Delegates.

Gov.-elect McDonnell, who has already strongly signaled his opposition to Gov. Kaine’s budget, will certainly be faced with several very hard choices in regards to how he proposes to close this very significant budget shortfall. This session, an even-numbered budget writing year, is referred to as the “long session,” and it is very likely that it will be even longer this year.

Yesterday, I traveled to Annapolis, Md., for a one-day meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission. As you may know, there has been a significant move by the Administration in Washington and Congress, through the Environmental Protection Agency, to finally make meaningful progress toward restoring the Chesapeake Bay to health. While all Eastern Shoremen should be concerned about the health of the bay and welcome this new focus, we also should be very aware of what the provisions of legislation now before Congress could mean to agriculture in Virginia. While we will all may have to bear some additional burdens in order to restore the bay to health, we need to make sure that those burdens are based upon accurate and fair science and data and are distributed equally. Questionable data and assumptions are the fundamental underlying concern of many people in regards to the information used to determine requirements of the new law, which would be put in place should the legislation before Congress pass. This is very serious legislation with potentially significant ramifications and all of us should pay careful attention to the debate at the national level about how we proceed with restoring the bay to health.

The fall prior to the General Assembly Session is always busy, with a series of preparatory meetings with local governments, school boards, and constituents, as we attempt to prepare for the General Assembly session. This week, Sen. Ralph Northam and I had our series of annual Town Hall meetings. In addition, we customarily follow up in the spring with another round of Town Hall meetings to let folks know what transpired during the General Assembly. This, of course, is in addition to any other groups or organizations which request us to appear before them to discuss the General Assembly.

The General Assembly session will run from Jan. 13 through March 13. I hope to continue my practice of regular updates from Richmond during the session. As always, I can be reached while in Richmond by telephone (804)698-1000, by e-mail at Delllew@home.state.va.us, and by U.S. Postal Service at Del. Lynwood W. Lewis Jr., House of Delegates, P.O. Box 460, Richmond, VA 23218. In addition, we always welcome visitors from the Shore to Richmond. I have a new office assignment, Room 524 in the Virginia General Assembly Building, and my office will be glad to help with groups to coordinate and facilitate a visit to Richmond.

For the Commonwealth’s Attorney Office in Northampton, funds are expected to drop 9 percent or $17,782. Elimination of reimbursement for retirement and group life insurance premiums totals $27,514.

For the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office, a reduction of 22.5 percent in Compensation Board funding, or $40,392, is anticipated. Elimination of reimbursement for retirement and group life insurance premiums is estimated at $16,572.

For the treasurer, cuts for staff support positions total $29,617. The retirement and group life insurance premiums which would be lost total $12,073.

The Commissioner of the Revenue would lose funding for support positions totaling $32,442. About $12,600 in retirement and group life insurance premiums is expected to be lost.

The Regional Jail Fund would lose $370,356, which equals 12 corrections officers and an additional reduction in per diem funding of $112,351.

“There are proposed legislative language changes that would allow localities to require employees to pay 1% of salary as their share of the total contributions required for membership in the Virginia Retirement System in fiscal year 2011,” Nunez wrote. “Currently, the employer pays 100% of the employee-required share as well as the employee-required share.”

“In addition,” noted Nunez, “Governor Kaine is proposing to eliminate the Car Tax Relief payment which is used to offset some portion of the local car tax bills for the first $20,000 in value of personal vehicles. Northampton County receives $1,421,967, which enables us to provide tax relief of 58 percent up to the first $20,000 in value for the vehicle owner.”
Following are this year’s winners of Chincoteague’s Christmas Decoration Contest.

- Judges’ Choice: Jack and June Moyer, 6593 Church St.
- Most Festive: Connie Bailey, 6333 Church St.
- Most Illuminated: Dill Wilgus/Arlene, 4169 Ridge Rd.
- Most Traditional: Ricky and Mandy Betts, 6317 Church St.
- Honorable Mention: Barbara Kambarn, 4246 Ridge Rd.; Chester Williams, 6337 Anderton Ave.; and Ray Rosenberger, 7297 Sunset Dr.

On Dec. 16, the Woman’s Club of Cape Charles conducted a Christmas Decorating Contest for the homes and businesses in Cheriton and Cape Charles. Contest judges Addie and Elsa Feltes, Charles and Christine Tankard, Thomas Rosen and Gilbert Gregory drove through their appointed town to find the most original and creative decorations on houses and businesses. Following are the winners.

- In Cheriton, the winning residences were:
  - First prize - Bill and Ann Hayward Walker, 306 Bay St.
  - Second prize - Scott and Tammy Stiles, 542 Madison Ave.
  - Third prize - Karen and Matt Courtaway, 516 Madison Ave.

- In Cape Charles, the winning businesses were:
  - First prize - Cape Charles Coffee Company, 241 Mason Ave.
  - Second prize - Bad Girls Collective, 233 Mason Ave.
  - Third prize - Cape Charles Station, 211 Mason Ave.
  - Honorable Mention - Hubbard’s Home Center, 209 Mason Ave.

Tangier History Museum & Interpretive Cultural Center will serve as the starting point of the new National Park Service Star Spangled Banner Trail. The trail commemorates the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake Bay region. Tangier’s Fort Albion was the home of the British forces for the War of 1812 and housed 12,000 soldiers.

As part of the Start Spangled Trail, THMICC will help set up a Geocache site on Tangier. Send nominations for location of the site to THMICC@aol.com
Allison Walker Weds Brian Seal

The marriage of Allison Lee Walker to Brian Colby Seal took place Aug. 29, 2009, at Beale Memorial Baptist Church in Tappahannock, Va. Rev. David Donahue officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Darby of Assawoman and Mr. and Mrs. George C. Walker III of Hampton, Va. She is the granddaughter of Mary C. Sturgis of Eastville and the late Willis S. Sturgis, Janice W. Scott of Bayford and the late Julien A. Scott, and the late George C. Walker Jr., Marietta B. Darby of Assawoman and the late Robert C. Darby, Peggy F. Becouvarakis of Hampton and the late George T. Becouvarakis.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Seal of Tappahannock and the grandson of Rose Mae Brooks of Tappahannock, the late James Cecil Brooks, the late Richard F. Balderson Sr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Seal from Newtown, Va.

The matron of honor was Lynn Brankley, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Christy Northam, Jennifer Elliott, Kathryn Kellam and Whitney Sturgis. The flower girl was Sylvia Leshen.

Francis (Buddy) Seal was his son’s best man. Groomsmen were Justin Smith, Tyler Gill, Ben Woford and Ryan Durham.

Lindsay Harmon was the reader and Kathy Kellam served as mistress of ceremony.

The reception immediately followed the ceremony at St. Margaret’s School in Tappahannock.

The bride is employed by Clayton Homes. The groom is employed by Northern Neck Regional Jail.

After a honeymoon in Antigua, the couple resides in Tappahannock.

Jim Belote Retires

Jim Belote, who has served as agriculture extension agent for Accomack County for almost 34 years, retired from that post as of Dec. 31, accepting retirement so newer employees do not have to be laid off.

Belote said he plans “to stay on the farm just outside Onancock and hopefully reinvent our family farm, stay involved, work with some boards and engage in various other endeavors. … It has been my pleasure to serve the citizens of Accomack County and it has been a wonderful experience.”

Nyerah Hope Launder

Arcadia Middle School student Nyerah Hope has been recognized by the U.S. Achievement Academy as a National Honor Student.

The daughter of Lynette Hope and the granddaughter of Evelyn and Dorsey Hope, Nyerah participates in Delta Academy, Beta Club, DARE, dance, field hockey, Girl Scouts, and tennis.

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New Arrivals

• a son, born to Season S. and David F. Stiles of Painter Dec. 22
• a son, born to Ranasha Handy of New Church Dec. 23
• a daughter, born to Nicole Thorne and Cris Lewis of Onancock Dec. 26
• a daughter, born to Ashley and Brian Sawyer of Parksley Dec. 27
• a son, born to Araca and James Carpenter of Mears Dec. 28
• a daughter, born to Stephanie and Gary Mancuso of Exmore Dec. 29
• a daughter, born to Beverly and Fredrick Payne Sr. of Atlantic Dec. 29
• twin boys, born to Lucia and Gabriel Panuco of Eastville Dec. 28
• a son, born to Nancy and Diego Badillo of Painter Dec. 29
• a daughter, born to Jennifer and Richard Patrick of Greenbackville Dec. 30
• a daughter, born to Megan Bloxom and Mark Hickman of Wallops Island Dec. 31
Wattsville Resident Dies at Home

Mr. Alfred “Al” Smyth, 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010, at his home in Wattsville, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Sommerville, Mass., Mr. Smyth served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1954 and earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Suffolk University in Boston, Mass. He retired from Canada Dry Potomac Corporation, Silver Spring, Md., as vice president, and comptroller in 1991. He continued to work part-time as an auditor in the beverage industry until finally retiring in 2000.

His family and friends will miss his quick wit, beautiful singing voice, and charming Irish smile. He was runner, and he and his wife ran many marathons, including the Boston and Marine Corps marathons. Among his many hobbies were fishing, clamming, gardening and restoring antique trunks.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Irene; children, Sean Smyth (and wife, Karen), Bryan Smyth (and wife, Pam), Therese McMullan (and husband, Bryan), Brendan Smyth (and wife, Rhonda), Liam Smyth and Mary Rose Smyth; step-children, Sean Curran (and wife, Karen), Brian Curran (and wife, Michelle), Deirdre Harash (and husband, Scott); and 14 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Saint Andrews Catholic Church, Chincoteague Island, on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m., with interment to follow at the church columbarium.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Onancock, VA 23418; the Alzheimer’s Association, 6350 Center Dr., Norfolk, VA 23502-4107; or St. Andrew Church, 6288 Church St., Chincoteague, Va. 23336. Condolences may be made online at www.salverfh.com

Arrangements were made by Salyer Funeral Home, Chincoteague.

Pungoteague Resident Dies

Mrs. Eleanor A. Kriner, 76, of Pungoteague passed away at her residence Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010.

Born in Newport News, Va., she was the daughter of the late Ernest A. Christensen and Mary McCarthy. Her affiliations were Happy Joes’s and Eagles.

Mrs. Kriner was predeceased by her husband, John H. Kriner Jr. She is survived by her children, Mark Kriner and Charles Edward Kriner of Pungoteague; Mary Ellen Waltz of Martinsville, Ind., Beth Ann Collins of Chesapeake, Va., Lawrence Kriner of Washington, Pa., Curtis Lee Kriner of Las Vegas, Nev., and Michael Kriner of Bloomsberg, Pa.; and sister, Betty Scott of Helena, Mont. Survivors also include Kim Saunders; 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held today, Jan. 8, at Brady’s Funeral Home, 320 Church St., Danville, Pa., from 10 until 11 a.m. and a graveside service will be held at noon at All Saints Cemetery in Elysburg, Pa.

Contributions may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417, www.hpces.org or to Painter Voluntary Fire Company, Painter, VA 23420.

Local arrangements were made by Fox & Holston Funeral Home, Chincoteague.

Online condolences can be offered at www.foxfuneralhomes.com
A fairly common household disaster is flooding of the laundry area as the result of a split hose on a washing machine. Also vulnerable to a similar disaster is your car. A bulging radiator hose, carrying hot water (coolant) under pressure, can rupture.

Cooling system neglect is a principal reason for mechanical failure of a vehicle. In addition to the danger and inconvenience of a breakdown, the damage to the engine and transmission can add up to thousands of dollars. Discovering a leaking radiator or hose connection, a sticking thermostat or other cooling system component that’s on “borrowed time” can save the life of one’s engine.

To underscore the importance of proper care of the cooling system, the Car Council offers the following multiple-choice quiz. See how much you know about this vital engine system.

**Cooling System Quiz**

1. For maximum freeze protection, antifreeze mixture should be:
   a. half anti-freeze and half water;
   b. pure antifreeze;
   c. 70 percent anti-freeze, 30 percent water.

2. In the cooling system the thermostat:
   a. controls engine temperature;
   b. works the air conditioner;
   c. modulates the diodes.

3. A radiator cap is designed to:
   a. keep water from sloshing out of the radiator;
   b. keep the cooling system operating at a specified pressure;
   c. last indefinitely.

4. A broken drive belt can cause:
   a. overheating;
   b. loss of power steering;
   c. a dead battery.

5. Cooling systems on many cars today:
   a. have no water pump;
   b. never need to be flushed;
   c. are equipped with an electric fan on the radiator.

**Answers**

1. c. is correct, although a 50/50 solution is adequate for most climates, protecting to -34°F. Never use pure antifreeze. 2. a. is correct. A faulty thermostat, causing an engine to run too hot or too cold, can damage the engine. 3. b. is correct. And when replacing the cap, be sure to install the right one for your vehicle. Pressure recommendations vary. 4. Because all three functions are dependent upon the drive belt (or belts), all three answers are correct.
Deeds of Bargain & Sale

• From David and Thomas Lawrence and Elizabeth Rapp
  To Bonnie and David Lawrence
  Lots 9 and 10, Folly Creek
  For $182,000

• From Michael Real Estate Partnership, LLP
  To Eastern Shore Commercial Property, LLC

Two Tasley parcels
For $100,000

• From Eastern Shore Tractor Co. and Shore Ford Tractor, Inc.
  To John S. Kirkpatrick Jr.
  Revocable Trust
  Parcel near Accomac
  For $477,000

• From Kathryn Strautz
  To Arlene and Quentin Ruottinen
  Temperanceville parcel
  For $85,000

• From Henry Lee
  To Adrienne Bolten
  Lot 172, Unit 3, Trails End
  For $3,500

• From John and William Porter
  To Charlene and James Schroeder
  Lot 4, Quinby
  For $125,000

• From Gene and Stephanie Taylor
  To Jon and Lori Solberg
  Chincoteague property
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  To Charles and Ruth Reiter
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Marriage Licenses Issued

• Scott Andrew Landolt, 25, of Atlantic Beach, N.C., and Carla Michelle Leonard, 31, of Chincoteague
• Justin David Short, 27, and Lani Marie Sizemore, 23, both of Millville, Del.
• Darryl Lee Lilliston, 43, of Wachapreague and Jackie Lee Crockett, 31, of Onley
• Carl Thomas LaBella Jr., 50, and Cynthia Anne Murphy, 54, both of Onancock
  Daniel Wayne Bundick, 43, of Belle Haven and Laura Christian Woodall, 35, of Accomac
FRIDAY JAN. 8
★ 1:30-7 p.m. - Blood Drive - American Legion, Cheriton
★ 5-8 p.m. - Winter Fridays - Onancock School
★ 6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Family Life Center of Onancock Baptist Church, Market St. - includes a simple meal - $6/person or $10/family
★ 6:30 p.m. - Imani Leadership Course - Jerusalem Baptist Church, Templeville - 824-0178
★ 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts Cookie Program Kick-Off - Nandua Middle School, Onley
★ 7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★ 7 p.m. - NA meeting - Adventist Comm. Center, Exmore
★ 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Downing Methodist Church, Oak Hall
★ 7:30 p.m. - Texas Hold’em Tournament - Parksley VFC - 665-6977

WEDNESDAY JAN. 13
★ 7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sunrise Restaurant
★ 8 a.m.-noon - Farmers’ Market - Downtown Park, Main St., Chincoteague
★ 9-11:30 a.m. - Congressman Glenn C. Nye Representative Available - Cape Charles Town Office
★ 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Available - Northampton County Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
★ 9:30-11:30 a.m. - GED Class - Head Start Center, Accomac - 787-1760
★ 10 a.m. - Overeaters Anonymous mtg. - 710-3120
★ 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Congressman Glenn C. Nye Representative Available - Social Services Bldg., Eastville
★ 2 p.m. - E.S. Brain Injury Survivors Exercise & Support Group mtg. - Belle Haven - 442-9334
★ 5 p.m. - Eastern Shore Soil & Water Conservation District mtg. - Conference Room, USDA Service Center, Accomac
★ 7 p.m. - New Year Revival (Jan. 13-15) - A House of Prayer UMC, Bloxom - 665-4848
★ 7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Nassawadox

SUNDAY JAN. 10
★ 11 a.m. - Sight and Sound Ministry Presentation - Baptist Bible Church, Accomac - 757-710-3852
★ 2:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans’ Bldg., Main St., Onley
★ 3 p.m. - Songfest - First Baptist Church, Mappsville
★ 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley

MONDAY JAN. 11
★ 9 a.m. - Chincoteague Al-Anon mtg. - UMC Fellowship House
★ 9 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market Street UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
★ 9:30-11:30 a.m. - GED class - Head Start, Accomac - 787-1760
★ 10:30-11:30 a.m. - Moms In Touch Intl’ Prayer Group mtg. - Cape Charles Baptist Church
★ 5:15 p.m. - Friends of Northampton Memorial Library mtg. - library, Cape Charles
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
★ 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
★ 7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Franktown UMC Church

TUESDAY JAN. 12
★ 9 a.m. - Economic Development Authority mtg. - Terminal Conference Room, Accomack County Airport, Melfa
★ 10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock - 787-3900
★ 10 a.m. - AA mtg. - Assawoman UMC
★ noon-1:30 p.m. - Hospice Grief Support Program - Hospice Resource Center, Exmore - 787-3310
★ 1:15 p.m. - TOPS weigh-in (prgm. @ 5) - Belle Haven Presbyterian - 710-2588
★ 6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486
★ 6 p.m. - Onancock Lions Club mtg. - Sunrise Restaurant, Onley - 787-4278
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★ 6:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
★ 6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Classroom A-51, ESCC
★ 7 p.m. - E.S. Bird Club mtg. - Hermitage, Onancock - 757-336-1799
★ 7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Jerusalem Baptist, Temperenceville
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - smoke free - Cheriton VFC.
★ 7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon meeting - Atlantic UMC

THURSDAY JAN. 14
★ 9:30-11:30 a.m. - MOPS mtg. - Christ UMC, Chincoteague - 336-0664
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★ 5 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - Baptist Bible Church, Accomac
★ 6 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - CC Rescue Squad bldg., Cheriton
★ 6-7 p.m. - Liveit E.S. (weight loss support group) - Accomack-Northampton Pregnancy Ctr., Colonial Square, Belle Haven - 442-4438
★ 6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis of Chincoteague mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic
★ 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Trinity UMC, CC
★ 6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Classroom A-51, ESCC
★ 7 p.m. - Accomack County Airport Commission mtg. - Terminal Conference Room, Accomack County Airport, Melfa
★ 7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Painter Garrisons UMC
★ 7:30 p.m. - Renoir’s Ladies (lecture) - Arts Enter, Cape Charles - 331-2787

SATURDAY JAN. 9
★ 8 a.m.- noon - Farmer’s Market - Main St., Chincoteague
★ 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - $3 Bag Clearance - Pungoteague Community Church Self-Help Center
★ 9 a.m. - E.S. Conference of Baptist Clergy mtg. - Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Jenkins Bridge - 678-0955
★ 9 a.m. - Zumba Class - Sponsored by YMCA - Senior Center, Chincoteague - $5
★ noon - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
★ 6 p.m. - “The Beauty of Winter” Gallery Show - Stage Door Gallery, Cape Charles
★ 7 p.m. - Free Movie - “The Visitor” - at Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock - 787-1979
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.
★ 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
ANNOUNCING

When you moved away, a piece of our hearts left with you. A big birthday wish goes to our fine boy, Preston, at the age of 9.

Love You Always, Aunt Linda & Uncle Pop Howard

HELP WANTED

NURSERY LABORERS

Manor View Farms, Inc. in Monckton, Maryland seeks 10 Nursery Laborers to work March 1st to December 15th, 2010. Producers and prepare for market ornamental plants, shrubs, and trees in fields, container areas and environmentally-controlled structures, using hand tools and mechanical aids, such as mowers, tractors, clippers and shears, working as a member of a crew under close supervision of a supervisor or lead worker. Work hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hourly pay $9.42. May require working on Saturday. Work takes place outdoors in all types of weather. 1 Month experience required, in a tree and shrub nursery. Lift and carry up to 50 pounds. For non-commuters, housing and cooking facilities provided at no cost, and inbound travel and subsistence reimbursement if complete 50% of work contract. Employer guarantees to offer at least ¾ of total work hours of work period. Tools, supplies, and equipment provided at no cost. Pre-employment and random drug tests are required. Bring copy of this ad to Eastpoint Job Service Office, 7930 Eastern Blvd., Highlandtown, Maryland 21224 or to your nearest Job Service Office Maryland Reemployment No. MD0134262.

ANNOUNCING

Bldg. for Sale

SANFORD - 2,400 sq. ft. bldg. 6-7 yrs. old. Previously used for office, could be converted to large home or 2 apt's, $125,000. Owner will finance w/25% down + references, or rent to own. 336-374-5191 or 336-374-8578.

Land Wanted

ESTABLISHED FARMER is seeking additional grain land to rent. Looking to expand. Will guarantee 100% payment. Please call 757-894-1545.

Manufactured & Mobile Homes

'06 OAK CREST MOBILE HOME - 2 wider than reg. trailer 16’ wide x 70’. Excellent condition. 3BR, 2BA. All appliances, lge. slded in Maple Village, Parksley. Call for appt. before 8 a.m. $39,000. 665-1210.

SAVE THOUSANDS! - Turn Key package & furniture. Must see, to choose from. Call 302-846-9100.

RENT TO OWN - Mobile homes starting at $450/mo. (includes lot rent). New Mobile Home Park - VA 757-824-0315.

ELECTRIC CHAIR LIFT - goes into standard vehicle. $3,000 - 787-8870.

WHEELCHAIR - 2004 Breeze 510, parked, swing-out attachments include leg extensions & walker. $600 OBO. 442-3541.

MINK CAPE - originally $650. First $300, $300 takes it. Christmas present. Call 787-665-2420.

SILIGHTLY USED FURNITURE - Hunter green sectional couch/recliner/queen-sized bed/matching chair/side table & 2 end tables, rustic bedroom furniture, 3 TVs, one is 52-inch, window unit AC, home stereo system, 2 replacement windows, etc. 709-2123.

DINING ROOM TABLE w/6 upholstered chairs. Dark wood. Plus 2 leaves & custom pad for table. $500. 757-695-4238


CONTRACTORS’ SPECIAL - New pre-hung solid two-panel int. doors 3’@ 3/0 x 6’6” & 1 @ 2’6” x 6’6” All $540. List price $550 - $500 takes all 3. 302-312-1235.

SOFT SHELL CRABS - Cleaned and individually wrapped - $12 doz., 4 doz. $50. Call & leave msg. at 757-787-3040.

CATERPILLAR, 6 cyl. marine engine. Complete w. transmission and accessories, 6V180 ENG. Hear it run. $3,000 OBO. Call & leave msg. at 757-665-4420.

CHINA CLOSET w/3 doors, $200 - 1900s BLANKET CHEST - Floral carved top made from oak, w/ original pump organ, $500. ANTIQUE - Chairs & Tables - for sale - all glassware & milk glass. 787-3635.

2 SETS CLAMP TONGS - Alfred Dief-757-871-2223

COMMERCIAL DEEP PRYER, runs on propane. Pressurer 600, made by Henny Penny, currently used for chicken in one of used in Royal Farms Deli $1800. 732-513-4149.
'01 DODGE CONVERSION VAN 50,822 miles, pristine condition. Automatic, leather seats, cruise control, TV, VCR, CD, dual stereo w/headphones for all passengers, dual H/A system for front and rear. Seats 6, rear seat folds out into bed, plenty of space to walk around in. Ideal for family outings. $13,000 (757) 787-4175.

'97 FORD F150 pick-up. Rare find, 4x4. Excellent condition. $5,500. 757-894-9738.

'85 FORD F150 3-speed, runs great. Owned by James Sims. $2,000 OBO. Call 442-9247.

'97 CHEVY HHR, 2LT, red, 4 cyl 2.4L, new cond, many options, 23k mi, all power, sun roof, 5-Dr, premium sound system, leather seats. REDUCED to $13,000. 757-351-4227

REDUCED '95 CHEVY 3500 LONG BED DUALLY TRUCK. 454 engine, extended cab, leather, nice truck. $3,900 OBO. Call 757-709-0624

'00 DODGE RAM 1500 LARAMIE SLT V8 Magnum, loaded. 91,000 Miles, 4x4 tow pkg. Call for more detail. 757-789-7648 or 710-0608

'99 GMC Suburban - 4WD. Excellent cond. 156K miles. $10,000. 678-7727

'99 GMC Suburban - 4WD. Excellent condition. $5,500. 757-894-9738.

'89 JEEP COMANCHE pick-up. Rare find. 4x4. Excellent condition. $5,500. 757-894-9738.

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LEGAL ADVERTISING

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 09-569

vs.

MARGUERITE PALMER

RIVERFRONT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows:

All that parcel of land near Tasley, Accomack County, Virginia, bounded as follows: running southeast 214 ft.; southwest 64 ft.; northwest 214 ft.; northeast 64 ft. and designated as parcel no. 096B00500A00003.

standing in the name of Marguerite Palmer, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Marguerite Palmer, whose last known post office address is P.O. Box 237, Tasley, VA 23441.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 25, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 22nd day of December, 2009
Nancy Jo Revell, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757)898-7000
www.VATAIXSALE.com

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 09-253

vs.

ISAAC M. HANDSHAW

TOWN OF MELFA, VIRGINIA

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows:

All that parcel of land in Melfa, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot No. 4, Block C, “Hatton’s New Sub-Division West of Railroad” and designated as parcel no. 102B002C0000400.

standing in the name of Isaac M. Handshaw pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Isaac M. Handshaw whose last known post office address is 1406 Dover Court, Suffolk, VA 23434. It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 25, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

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LEGAL ADVERTISING (Cont')

VA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA vs.

ELMER H. TAYLOR, if living
MARGARET J. TAYLOR

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows:

All that parcel of land in New Church, Accomack County, Virginia: bounded North 75 ft. by road from New Church to Horntown; East 115 ft.; South 80 ft. by Johnson; West 115 ft. by John and designated as parcel no. 012A0000007600.

standing in the name of Elmer H. Taylor pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain whether Elmer H. Taylor is living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all of his heirs, devisees and successors in title; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last known post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Elmer H. Taylor; and that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Margaret J. Taylor whose last known post office address is P.O. Box 52, Bloxom, VA 23308.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 25, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 22nd day of December, 2009 Nancy Jo Revell, Deputy Clerk

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VA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA vs.

The heirs and devisees of THOMAS A. ALTOBELLI
CAPTAIN’S COVE GOLF AND YACHT CLUB, INC.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows:

All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia: Lot 345, Section 13, Captain’s Cove and designated as parcel no. 005A70100034500.

standing in the name of Thomas A. Altobelli, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of his heirs, devisees and successors in title of Thomas A. Altobelli; and that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last known post office addresses are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Thomas A. Altobelli.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 25, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 22nd day of December, 2009 Nancy Jo Revell, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

On February 8, 2010, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the County of Accomack, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes.

Brown, Mary
04200A000000100
Fisher, Earl C. & Betty R.
00500A000001600
Horsman, Karen Lee
0421A000004000
McMahon, Angela D.
005A0000007700
Pyrone, Acree, Jr.
10900A00002800

The owner of any property listed may redeem it at any time before the date of sale by paying accumulated taxes, penalties, interest and costs thereon at the law office listed below. The pro rata costs of publication hereunder shall become a part of the tax and together with all other costs, including reasonable attorney’s fees set by the court, shall be collected when payment is made whether or not court proceedings have been initiated.

DANA T. BUNDICK
TREASURER
ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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Work Session
The Town of Cheriton will hold a joint work session with the Town of Cape Charles on January 11, 2010 at 7:00pm located at the Cheriton Volunteer Fire Department. The joint session Cheriton Town Council will continue in work session for the Town of Cheriton.

Lakshmi Investments, Inc. Trading as Yianni’s Market & Deli
15508 Courthouse Road, Eastville
Northampton County, Virginia 23347
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCHEOIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer and Wine On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Ketan Patel, Owner
Pursuant to Decrees of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia entered in the cases specified herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on Thursday January 14, 2010, at the Accomack County Circuit Courthouse, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301 at 12:00 p.m., to-wit:

PARCEL A: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs RANDY ASHFORD
MAP NO. 029A10400005700
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 37, Unit IV, Sheet 1, Chincoteague Bay Trails End.

PARCEL B: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs RICHARD BENEDICT
MAP NO. 029A20300010400
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 104, Unit 3, Sheet 3, Chincoteague Bay Trails End.

PARCEL C: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs CHARLES V. CLARKSON
MAP NO. 030A52200001600
All that parcel of land at Chincoteague, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 16 on a plat of survey entitled, "Edward Lunn Tull Subdivision".

PARCEL D: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs EMMA CHARLOTTE CONNOR
MAP NO. 086D0A000003400
All that parcel of land in Greensville, Accomack County, Virginia, being 0.25 acre, more or less, bounded South by Lou Wharton; West by R.B. Wharton; East by a 16 ft. road and North by Mary Seymour.

PARCEL E: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs GEORGE CONQUEST
MAP NO. 078A20400003200
All that parcel of land near Parksley, Metompkin District, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 32 on a plat made by J.B. Gibb and recorded in Plat Book 6, page 93.

PARCEL F: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs GEORGE CONQUEST
MAP NO. 078A204000032A0
All that parcel of land being the Northwesterly 30 feet 6 inches of Lot 31, shown on a plat of survey made by J.B. Gibb and recorded in Plat Book 6, page 93.

PARCEL G: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs ALEXANDER GRAHAM
MAP NO. 005A90300010200
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 102, Section 16, Captain’s Cove.

PARCEL H: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs SAMUEL GREEN
MAP NO. 005A90100012300
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia being Lot 123, Section 18, Captain’s Cove.

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows:

Standing in the names of Harold Dickerson, Clarence Clifton Dickerson, Isaac Jackson Dickerson and Lenora Taylor, pursuant to Section 58.1-3865 et seq., of the Code of Virginia, and an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Clarence Clifton Dickerson, Isaac Jackson Dickerson, Lenora Taylor and Bessie Dickerson; and that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last known post office addresses are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Clarence Clifton Dickerson, Isaac Jackson Dickerson, Lenora Taylor and Bessie Dickerson.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 25, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 22nd day of December, 2009
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The County of Accomack, Virginia: Plaintiff
Civil Case No. 09-28

vs.

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The heirs and devisees of
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The heirs and devisees of
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COMMISSIONER’S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Decrees of the Circuit Court of the County of Northampton, Virginia entered in the cases specified herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at the Northampton County Circuit Courthouse, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347 at 12:00 p.m., to-wit:

PARCEL A: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs LEO BARTON ALLEN, III
MAP NO. 00090-09-BLK-00-009
All that parcel of land in the Town of Cape Charles, Capeville District, Northampton County, Virginia, known as Lot 9 on that plat entitled “SUBDIVISION OF PLANTATION POINTE OF BAY CREEK AT CAPE CHARLES – SECTION ONE, PARCEL F-2 AND LOTS 19 & 20, PHASE TWO (PLAT BOOK 31, PAGES 96-97 (PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 26) FOR BAY CREEK, L.L.C., TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES, CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA”, recorded in Plat Book 32, at pages 78, 79 and 80.

PARCEL B: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00-017
All that parcel of land near Bayview, Northampton County, Virginia, being shown as Lot 17 on a plat of survey entitled “SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY OF BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, INC., CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA” recorded in Plat Book 32, pages 84-87.

PARCEL C: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00-018
All that parcel of land near Bayview, Northampton County, Virginia, being shown as Lot 18 on a plat of survey entitled “SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY OF BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, INC., CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA” recorded in Plat Book 32, pages 84-87.

PARCEL D: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00-020
All that parcel of land near Bayview, Northampton County, Virginia, being shown as Lot 20 on a plat of survey entitled “SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY OF BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, INC., CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA” recorded in Plat Book 32, pages 84-87.

PARCEL E: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs MURRAY DONALD
MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00-021
All that parcel of land near Bayview, Northampton County, Virginia, being shown as Lot 21 on a plat of survey entitled “SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY OF BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, INC., CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA” recorded in Plat Book 32, pages 84-87.

PARCEL F: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00-028
All that parcel of land near Bayview, Northampton County, Virginia, being shown as Lot 28 on a plat of survey entitled “SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY OF BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, INC., CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA” recorded in Plat Book 32, pages 84-87.

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PARCEL H: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
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PARCEL I: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00-031
All that parcel of land near Bayview, Northampton County, Virginia, being shown as Lot 31 on a plat of survey entitled “SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY OF BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, INC., CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA” recorded in Plat Book 32, pages 84-87.

PARCEL J: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00-032
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PARCEL K: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
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PARCEL L: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00-034
All that parcel of land near Bayview, Northampton County, Virginia, being shown as Lot 34 on a plat of survey entitled “SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY OF BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, INC., CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA” recorded in Plat Book 32, pages 84-87.

PARCEL M: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
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PARCEL N: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00-036
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PARCEL O: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00-037
All that parcel of land near Bayview, Northampton County, Virginia, being shown as Lot 37 on a plat of survey entitled “SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY OF BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, INC., CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA” recorded in Plat Book 32, pages 84-87.

PARCEL P: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MAP NO. 00084-07-BLK-00-038
All that parcel of land near Bayview, Northampton County, Virginia, being shown as Lot 38 on a plat of survey entitled “SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY OF BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, INC., CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA” recorded in Plat Book 32, pages 84-87.

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By Bill Massey

About a month ago, I heard from my congressman, Glenn Nye, through a mass mailing. He was just letting me know he was standing up for all the veterans in our district and doing all kinds of things for them, like making sure they get all the benefits to which they are entitled, and things like that.

And, this was fine with me, if for no other reason, isn’t it supposed to be that way? Just like, aren’t we supposed to take care of our senior citizens, provide health care and decent education and housing, fight terrorism, and keep strong banks, and ... Well, I’ll stop there, but you can fill in the rest because we all have things we feel are important for the federal government to handle. I mean, can we handle these monumental, weighty issues on an individual basis?

Me, I don’t know. But I do know I have to save and provide for my own family’s bills, and that’s not getting any easier. For the last 18 months or so — and for most of the people I know — there’s been too much of a month remaining for the amount of money left to get there.

And this is no fun because you have to find new ways to skrimp and save and do without.

But, what about our federal government? They just seem to keep spending and spending. At least, this is what it looks like to me; and call me unpatriotic, if you like, but I don’t think this is fair. Does this mean I want to cut veterans’ benefits, or kids’ school lunches, or seniors’ subsidized housing, or anything else which so many people hold near and dear, and really depend on?

Again, I don’t know, though I definitely wouldn’t want to cut anybody.

But, Congressman Nye’s mass mailing really got me thinking: No matter how noble the purpose and promise, how long can we keep giving things away and going further into debt before we have nothing left to give away? It seems we spend more and more on our federal government all the time and it gets worse instead of better.

I don’t like worrying about these kinds of things. And, maybe things are starting to get better. After all, they say it’s the stock market that drives the next six months’ economic forecast, and the market has been going up, so maybe things are getting better.

I sure hope so, but I wish the federal government could be like the rest of us and cut back on its spending, too.

Wear of Misleading TV Healthcare Ads
Dear Editor:

Recently, I saw a political advertisement advocating defeat of the Senate healthcare reform bill. This announcement claimed that healthcare reform proposals being considered by Congress would cut Medicare benefits, increase out-of-pocket costs for Medicare services, cause seniors to lose their own doctors, and deny treatment to anyone who is “not worth the cost.” The required disclaimer indicated that the ad was sponsored by “60plus.org” which turns out to be the Web address of the 60Plus Association. Spending a bit of time digging into the background of this organization and the facts behind the issues is a stark lesson as to why we must become truly informed beyond 30-second spots and glib sound-bites.

While the Web site claims that the group is a conservative answer to the AARP, it does not clarify its mission, other than with vague descriptions of far-right political stances on various issues. The AARP advocacy group for seniors supports healthcare reform and is not allied with any one party or business interest. It has criticized the 60 Plus Association as being partisan because its issues and causes mirror those of only the Republicans. The AARP also states that because 60Plus lists no dues-paying members and receives the majority of its funding from the pharmaceutical industry, the group is simply a front organization for that industry, which has been an opponent of current healthcare reform efforts.

A quick check of the facts (see www.factcheck.org/2009/08/more-senior-scare/) reveals as false virtually all the 60Plus ads’ scary and negative claims regarding the current healthcare bills. This group obviously uses misinformation, obfuscation, and fear mongering in support of its causes. Clearly, the 60Plus Association is banking on the gullible nature of the television-viewing public, in particular, seniors.

We all must become more discerning consumers of media, and learn which sources of information we can trust and which we must view with a more jaundiced eye. In particular, it seems a wise strategy to view with skepticism television advertising purporting to communicate factual political information. When we dig below the surface, it often becomes apparent that the groups spending the amounts of money necessary to pay for such ads have an agenda they are selling, and too often that agenda is hidden. The 60Plus ads are a case in point.

Paul M. Gammell, PhD, Exmore