Well into the 20th century, vessels transporting goods and passengers along the Atlantic Coast were powered by wind rather than coal or oil. Small cargo schooners, crewed by only a handful of men, were the workhorses of coastal trade for over two centuries. The entire coast, from Maine to Florida, is littered with the remains of hundreds of vessels that ended their voyages, not in a safe harbor but on the beaches and islands that dot the coastline.

Along the Eastern Shore, shifting sands made entrance under sail into the numerous inlets between the islands hazardous at best. For many vessels and their unlucky passengers and crews, a watery grave with only whitecaps to serve as markers became their final resting place. The lucky few who managed to drag themselves through the surf often died of exposure and injuries long before the men of the U.S. Life Saving Service (USLS) could find them.

Such was the fate of the three-masted schooner *Esk*. Built in 1887 at Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, by Thomas A. Wilson and homeported in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, the *Esk* was 98 feet long, had a beam of 24 feet and drew 9.8 feet of water. The *Esk* headed north from Maracaibo, Venezuela, en route to Providence, R.I., with a cargo of dyewood. Dyewood or Brazilwood as it is also known, is a reddish brown wood prized for making violins. The cargo of dyewood, valued at $3,500, would never create the sweet sounds of a lullaby. Rather, its final sounds were groans as it was turned into splinters by the breaking surf on the isolated beach of Parramore Island.

The *Esk*, a 148-ton vessel, along with her seven-man crew, came to rest two miles south of Parramore Island.

**Wreck of the *Esk* Exposed on Parramore Island**

By Linda Ciccoira

Two passengers died in separate traffic accidents in Accomack County over the past two days.

Sgt. Michelle Cotten of the Virginia State Police identified the victims as Hakeem Bowen, 18, unknown address, and Dynell Taran Downing, 21, of John Cane Road in Greenbush.

Cotten said that at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday the first accident occurred on Route 614 or Shell Bridge Road, 2/10 of a mile west of Route 609 in Painter. A 2004 Crown Victoria driven by Jarod-Scott Kirsten-Phillip Lee, 22, of Boston Road in Painter, hit a pole, causing power lines to go down, Cotten added.

Bowen, who was a passenger, died at the scene of that accident. Lee and another passenger, whose name and address was not available, were taken to Shore Memorial Hospital. Cotten said it was unknown if alcohol was a factor or if seatbelts were worn. Trooper Williams investigated.

The second fatal crash occurred at 12:56 Monday morning on Lankford Highway 4/10 of a mile south of Hallwood Road. Cotton said a 2003 Chevrolet Malibu ran off the right side of the road and struck a utility pole on the passenger’s side. The sergeant said speed is believed to have been a factor. Downing died at the scene.

The driver, Arthur Jones III, 22, of Nelsonia Road in Bloxom, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident involving an injury or death, obstruction of justice and reckless driving. He was taken to Accomack County Jail.

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VDOT Offers Bleak Future for Road Upgrades

By Ron West

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) representative Bobby Isdell updated the Northampton County Board of Supervisors Tuesday on budget reductions by the state.

Isdell noted that due to the reductions in state funding, localities would be receiving very little funding for secondary road repairs and upgrades. He advised the supervisors that funding for most of the six-year road projects is being reduced to zero and that this would likely continue for the foreseeable future. The reduction will affect projects such as the proposed extension of Route 618 near Exmore as well as the Belle Haven Cemetery Road upgrade. The total VDOT cut for Virginia is $2 billion, with Northampton County’s share being reduced by $647,000.

On a brighter note, Board Chairman Jeff Walker introduced newly promoted Eagle Scouts Nicholas Schaffer and Coady Paglia. Walker, himself an Eagle, noted the extensive work required to achieve Eagle status.

Joe Zager, president and CEO of Shore Health Services, fielded questions by the supervisors regarding the impending merger of the local hospital with Riverside Health Services in Hampton. Zager indicated that the plan calls for Riverside to infuse between $35 million and $70 million in services and facilities on the Shore and for a new hospital to be built at some point in the future. Za-ger said there are numerous substandard homes in the county that are still without indoor plumbing which the funding could provide. Supervisor Richard Tankard noted that under the provisions of the block grant, the county can use the funds to provide for other county projects. The supervisors voted to apply for a grant to help renovate the former middle school in Machipongo for use by other agencies.

The supervisors agreed to allow Eastern Shore Community College to use a portion of the former Northampton Middle School as a satellite facility for classes.

In other action, the supervisors voted to support a request to allow a zoning amendment for industrial sites with roads that do not meet the 50-foot right-of-way requirement. Under the change, the zoning administrator may use her discretion to allow up to a 10-foot variance.

Rate Hike Discussed in Accomack

Story & Photo By Linda Cicoira

Accomack supervisors proposed a “worst case scenario” budget at meetings Monday and Wednesday nights that includes real-estate and personal property-tax rate hikes and forced furloughs for county employees.

A public hearing on the more than $60 million draft was set for 7:30 p.m. March 25 at Metompkin Elementary School.

The officials said their goal is to use the proposed budget for advertising purposes. In the weeks until the hearing, they plan to cut spending to reduce the amount of tax revenue needed to balance the budget.

The proposed adjustments would take the mainland real-estate rate from 35 to 44 cents per $100 valuation and the personal-property tax rate from $3.27 to $3.72 per $100 valuation. On Chincoteague, the rate is proposed to go up 7 cents for the real estate rate and 42 cents for personal property.

On Monday, about a dozen protestors from the citizens’ group “Hear Our Voices” marched outside the county office building to show their dissatisfaction with the government. On Wednesday, Bob Gresham of Accomac was alone in protesting against the county.

Picketers mostly complained that too much money is being spent on a Legal Department and that the Planning and Zoning Department budgets are excessive.

Vice Chairwoman Laura Belle Gordy was absent from the first session. Of the others, all but Supervisor Wanda Thornton favored continuing to fund the position of County Attorney Mark Taylor, who is the highest paid county employee, at $120,822 a year.

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Mark Breuer of Parksley pickets in front of the administration office in Accomac Monday. “It’s absurd that they want to increase the budget when everyone else is cutting back,” he said.

The citizens’ group complained that the cost of legal services has risen since 2005 from about $40,000 to $250,000.

The majority of the supervisors contended that a full-time attorney provides speedy answers to their legal questions and actually costs less. They say that...
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Funding for these projects was secured in the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009, signed into law Wednesday by President Obama.

Our County Seal?

This creature was spotted on the banks of a Metompkin Island this week. So we turned to animal behaviorist Kathy Sdao who has broad experience working with marine mammals. From her current base in Tacoma, Wash., Sdao identified it as a harbor seal and added, “Harbor seals aren’t sexually dimorphic, so you can’t tell if it’s a he or a she. And because I have no size reference in that photo, I can’t tell how... old — s/he may be. The fact that s/he has no external ear flaps makes it a seal, not a sea lion.” Sdao offered further details by way of a 1985 book, “The Marine Mammals of Virginia,” by Robert A. Blaylock of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, which notes, “The harbor seal is medium-sized growing to a maximum length of 5.9 feet. This is the only seal species which might be encountered in Virginia. ... The harbor seal appears to prefer gently sloping beaches on which to haul out. ... Infrequently, small groups of harbor seals may be found near the islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel in spring and summer.”
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8. “I think it’s the best money we’ve ever spent,” said Supervisor Phil McCaleb. Supervisor Grayson Chesser agreed. “Mr. Taylor is probably one of the biggest bargains we have.”

9. “I shudder at the thought of not having representation,” said Supervisor Donald Hart. “We don’t want to go back the way we were.”

10. Thornton argued that the average salary of an attorney in Virginia is about $80,000. “I’m not criticizing Mr. Taylor,” she said. “I don’t think we can afford him.”

11. Planning Director Jim McGowen defended his department’s expenses. He announced that Walmart is moving forward with plans for its Onley store after recently having the property surveyed. In addition, he said 103 single-family homes are under construction in Accomack, 16 major land developments are underway and subdivisions with nearly 300 lots have been proposed since January.

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Exmore Police
A Northampton county man was the victim of a shooting at the Trawler Restaurant and Lounge in Exmore early Sunday morning.

According to Exmore Police Chief Steve Elliott, Exmore and Northampton County law-enforcement officers responded to the incident at 1:15 a.m.

Purnell Mason, 19, of Exmore, had already been transported to Shore Memorial Hospital when officers were made aware of the shooting. Elliott said Mason was flown to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

No other details were available. Anyone with information regarding the incident is urged to contact Exmore Police at 442-5405.

Northampton County Grand Jury
A Northampton County Grand Jury handed down several indictments Monday.

Lafayette Devoul Ames, 25, of Eastville was indicted on one count of possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute it and one count of possession of not more than 1/2 ounce of marijuana with the intent to distribute it.

Carroll L. Bull, 45, of Painter was indicted on one count of possession of cocaine.

Ivan Lee Bozeman, 44, of Blountstown, Fla., was indicted on one count of grand larceny and one count of embezzlement.

Kelly Elaine Bynum, 22, of Melfa was indicted on two counts of a third or subsequent offense of larceny, as well as forging a public document.

Robert Deondore Ferguson, 21, of Exmore was indicted on one count of possession of oxycodone and one count of possession of marijuana.

Tiffany Decarla Foeman, 34, of Parksley was indicted on one count each of credit-card theft, using a credit card without permission of the owner, and credit-card fraud.

Robert Lee Giddens, 31, of Exmore was indicted on one count of possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute it - second or subsequent offense, and obstruction.

Antonio Rayshawn Hines, 23, of Belle Haven was indicted on two counts of robbery and two counts of using a firearm during the commission of a robbery.

Brian Dwayne Johnson, 30, of Tasley was indicted on two counts of forgery and two counts of passing a bad check.

Linwood Jones Jr., 51, of Melfa was indicted on one count of driving after having been declared an habitual offender.

Damiean Laguan Knight, 32, of Virginia Beach was indicted on one count each of eluding, possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute it, transporting cocaine into the commonwealth, possession of marijuana and reckless driving.

Linwood Jones Jr., 51, of Melfa was indicted on one count of driving after having been declared an habitual offender.

Herbert Dewayne Young, 38, of Cheriton was indicted on one count of possession of cocaine.

Robert Powell Young, 68, of Virginia Beach was indicted on one count each of robbery, brandishing a firearm and a third offense of larceny.

Northampton County Sheriff’s Office Report
Northampton County Sheriff Jack Robbins has reported that since Feb. 18, his deputies have served several misdemeanor warrants, including three for assault and battery, and one each for violating a protective order, using obscene language, having a dangerous dog, and harassment. They also served three capiases for failure to appear in court, two summonses for dogs at large, and one emergency protective order with respect to family abuse.

Sheriff Robbins also reports that during February, deputies answered 205 calls, made 47 arrests and processed 473 documents.
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By Linda Ciceora

There’s a line running down the middle of the beautiful Eastern Shore of Virginia. And while some may call it Lankford Highway, everyone knows that it is Route 13.

So how does one feel on Friday the 13th while driving down U.S. Highway 13 in one of the original 13 colonies?

“I walk under ladders and I step on cracks in the sidewalk,” said Roberta Webb of Accomac. The reply was offered to an Eastern Shore Post survey.

“I have never had a problem with 13 or Friday the 13th especially March 13 since it is MY birthday!” she said. “Thirteen has always been good to me. I was BORN!”

Webb said when a black cat crosses her path, she will “sit down and play with it.”

Well, why not? Paul Gammell of Exmore noted, “The British consider black cats good luck.”

But not everyone in Accomack and Northampton counties feels that way.

John Mann of Onley e-mailed to say that when a black cat crosses his path, “I just shiver all over. I’m highly afraid of cats, especially black ones. I will not cross the path of a black cat. A few years ago I was driving and saw one cross my path. The first thing that I did was lock up the brakes. I had two other cars hit me in the rear, but I didn’t cross the path. When I had my day in court, I told the judge my story about the cat. The judge looked me dead in the eyes, and called me an idiot. Then the next day, another black cat starts to cross the road ahead of me. After thinking about what the judge said yesterday, I decided to go faster to cut the cat off. Well then I get pulled over for speeding. I explained to the officer about my phobia of black cats and he understood. He also was glad that I didn’t lock my brakes up like some idiot did a few weeks ago.”

Mann’s good luck charm is the rubber chicken that is hanging underneath his truck.

A Silver Beach man said whenever he travels on Occohannock Neck Road “that MIZZABLE black cat who lives in the corner house leaps out of the grass and crosses in front of the car. On my way home, he or she often does the same. Can you believe it!!!”

Why would that pesky cat do that day after day — probably on a string or a wire and some

Has Triskaidekaphobia Got You Down Today?

Diana M. Davis of Craddockville said when she sees a black cat, “I lick my finger and make a cross on the windshield or in the air.”

She also reported that her great-grandmother Elva (Dah) White of Wachapreague had a beautiful mantel clock. “She knew that when this clock stopped that someone in the family had died.”

“She would get up in the night when it stopped and get dressed and ready and pretty soon someone would knock on the front door to tell them who in the family had died,” Davis said.

“It stopped when Dah died and also stopped when Pop (Bernie White) died and when my grandfather died.”

John Shire of Scarboroughs Neck said he’s afraid of cats. “I like to think of my husband as my good luck charm, he is always there when I need him.”

Vicki Allgeier of Cape Charles won’t soon forget what happened at 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 13th of 2007. “Our children and neighbors watched helplessly, as ‘Rocky,’ the world’s greatest family dog, was hit and killed by an unknown driver outside of our home on Townfield Drive.”

She follows superstitions as well. “I avoid black cats, and will not walk under a ladder. I like to think of my husband as my good luck charm, he is always there when I need him.” Allgeier also said, “I will not place a hat on my bed, it’s bad luck. If I drop a fork, I think to myself, ‘Someone is coming to visit!’ I was also told, while living in England, that growing ivy in the house is bad luck; I will not have any in my house now.”

Public Forums

Eastern Shore Community College is in the process of selecting a new president. As part of the process, the College will be holding public forums for each candidate.

- **March 16**—Dr. Susan Karr of Ouachita Technical College in Malvern, Arkansas.
- **March 17**—Dr. Frederico J. Talley of the College of Southern Maryland in Leonardtown, Maryland.
- **March 18**—Dr. Linda K. Thomas-Glover of Elizabethtown Community and Technical College in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

All public forums will be held from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM in the Lecture Hall at ESCC. The public is invited and encouraged to attend and give feedback on each candidate.
Cape Charles
Harbor
Smitty Dize reports that the annual and seasonal slip rental agreements are being sent out.

Between 5:30 and 6 p.m. on Friday, April 3, there will be a loud cannon salute for the Blessing of the Fleet at the west end of the west dock. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be patrolling the waters of the harbor entrance and asks that all boaters stay clear during that time.

A meeting to review proposed changes in the Kiptopeke State Park Master Plan, which directs proposed development over the next 20 years, will be held at Kiptopeke Elementary School Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m.

Planners from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation will conduct the meeting. Proposals include changes in the cabin complex design, additional staff housing, upgrades to campgrounds, improvements to the beach and boat launch areas and a redesigned park entrance to ensure a safe connection from the park to the Northampton Bike Trail.

Refuge Manager Lou Hinds has announced plans for controlling a recent outbreak of the southern pine beetle, which is impacting the maritime forests on Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. In response to the threat, direct control tactics other than insecticides will be used.

In early October 2008, refuge staff first discovered warning signs of southern pine beetle activity along both sides of the trails to Assateague Lighthouse. That same month, a representative from the Virginia Department of Forestry visited, verified their presence, and recommended monitoring. The perimeter of the infestation was marked with yellow flagging and weekly checks, conducted by staff and volunteers, continued through December. The residual impact of the pine beetles, combined with the effects of high winds during winter storms, made it clear that action would be necessary.

Recently, the refuge hired a contractor to implement direct control tactics. According to Hinds, the Lighthouse Trail may be temporarily closed while corrective action is being taken. The contractor will cut and remove infested trees along with an appropriate buffer of uninfested trees.

Said Hinds, “These measures will affect about one acre of forest habitat where a high volume of tree mortality has occurred along or near public access trails. Upon completion, approximately 100 pine trees will be removed to minimize risk to public safety."

Weirwood will host its first fundraiser Saturday, March 21, selling dinners starting at $6. Prepared by Lucille Thomas, the menu will include baked, BBQ and fried chicken; hamburger steak; pigs' feet; meatloaf; macaroni and cheese; stewed tomatoes; cabbage; candied yams; potato salad; mashed potatoes; string beans; and rolls.

To place an order, call 442-7464.

The Northampton Alliance Against Trash will conduct a community clean-up of Hare Valley Saturday, March 21, beginning at 8 a.m.

Only bagged trash will be accepted. Refrigerators, stoves, old tires, etc., will be picked up. Junk cars will be towed with the owner’s signed permission. Volunteers and pickup trucks are needed. Call 442-7464.

The Town of Exmore received a presentation by Webtide for a non-binding memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding a regional wastewater system being planned in the county. Council voted to sign off on the MOU request.

Interim Town Manager Arthur Miles reported that the town had received 37 applications for town manager. Council agreed to form a selection committee to narrow the list and then conduct interviews.

Police Chief Steve Elliott reported on recent criminal incidents in the town, including several recent acts of vandalism involving broken windows at local businesses. Elliott noted that surveillance cameras might help serve as a deterrent.

Councilman Dave Scanlan provided a list of possible suggestions for the town to submit for Federal Stimulus Package projects. The list included a number of building improvements, as well as items for the Police Department, including surveillance cameras and new vehicles.

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Clark and Teresa Gladden of Melfa and Kurt and Debbie Lindquist of Williamsburg, Va., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christina Lindquist, to Parker Ward, son of Mike and Debbie Ward of Machipongo.

The wedding will take place at the home of Woody and Carol Gaskins Saturday, May 16, 2009, at 5 p.m.

Invitations will be sent.

Tremeka Pettit of Accomac will wed La’Quan Bailey of Painter May 23, 2009, at 2 p.m. at St. Luke AME Church. Invitations will be sent.

JD Bradshaw is now being promoted by Diamond Castle Promotions based out of Lost Gatos, Calif.

In the past months, Bradshaw has been doing radio interviews to promote his music and is receiving airplay on Internet radio stations around the world.

He attended the Experience Paul Reed Guitars 2008 event in Stevensville, Md., and his name appears in the book, “All Known Metal Bands” by Dan Nelson.

Bradshaw, who will be recording his fourth CD release this summer, has been invited by the Norfolk rock band Force to play with the band as the opening act for national recording artist Y&T on April 19 in Virginia Beach.
Accomac Resident Passes Away

Mrs. Margaret Milliner Lewis, 80, of Accomac passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009, at the residence of her son in Onancock.

Born in Greenbush, Mrs. Lewis was the daughter of the late Smith Hampton Milliner and Minnie Sherwood Milliner. She was a homemaker and a member of Greenbush United Methodist Church. She and her husband, the late Melvin L. Lewis, enjoyed their membership in the Virginia Yacht Club and their Republican Party involvement, including attending two national conventions.

Survivors include a son, Melvin C. (Sonny) Lewis (and wife, Leslie) of Onancock; a daughter, Ruth L. Houser of Spartanburg, S.C.; grandchildren, Lynn LaPalm, Shana Blunt, Henry (Hank) W. Houser, Jessica Lewis Houser, and Walker, Tyler, Kenley, Seth and Ian Lewis; and several great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock Sunday, March 8, by Rev. Christy Spurlock.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. Memory tributes may be sent to the family at www.welshfh.com. Memorial donations are to be made to the Society of St. Andrews, 3383 Sweet Hollow Rd., Big Island, VA 24526 or www.endhunger.org (1-800-333-4595).

Melfa Resident Dies at Homes

Mrs. Eunice Roxie Budd Fitchett, 84, of Melfa passed away at her residence Saturday, March 7, 2009.

Born on the Pierce Taylor Farm on Assawoman Creek near Mappsville, Mrs. Fitchett was the daughter of the late Ralph T. and Beatrice Hinman Budd. She was a former employee of Harriett Shirt Factory in Exmore, a homemaker, and a member of Oak Grove United Methodist Church where she had been active.

Mrs. Fitchett was predeceased by her husband, Edward Fitchett; a daughter, Barbara Fitchett Ross; a brother, Ralph W. Budd; an infant sister, Louise M. Budd; and three brothers-in-law, Richard Smack, Ernest Hart and Woody Taylor. Survivors include her sons, Wayne Fitchett (and wife, Sharon) of Onancock and Donnie Fitchett (and wife, Joan) of Melfa; sisters, Virginia B. Hart of Leemont, Ruth B. Taylor of Parksley and Annie B. Smack of Daugherty; brother, Carroll T. Budd (and wife, Brenda) of Greenbush; grandchildren, Mark, P.G., Marty, Lorie, Steven, Kathy, William “Buster” and Elaine; sister-in-law, Eunice H. Budd of Dingley’s Mill, Onancock; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were conducted at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock Tuesday, March 10, by Rev. Sandra Benson.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite #3, Onancock, VA 23417 or to the Foodbank of the Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 518, Onley, VA 23418.

Online condolences may be sent to www.doughtyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home, Cape Charles.
~Obituaries~

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Retired Train Conductor Dies
Mr. Thomas Clayton “Nookie” Widgeon Sr., 80, of Oyster died Sunday, March 8, 2009, in Nassawadox.

Born in Cheriton, he was the son of the late William and Katherine Eder Widgeon. Mr. Widgeon was a retired conductor with Eastern Shore Railroad. He was a member of Full Gospel Church in Bayview.

Mr. Widgeon is survived by his wife, Audree Lee Widgeon; daughter, Vivian Faye Abbott of Virginia Beach; son, Thomas C. Widgeon Jr. (and wife, Libby) of Eastville; sisters, Fannie Belote of Quinby and (and wife, Libby) of Eastville; sisters, of Full Gospel Church in Bayview.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, March 11, at Cape Charles Cemetery by Rev. Randy Lewis and Rev. Steve Edwards.

Arrangements were made by Fox & James Funeral Home, Eastville.

~Wreck of the Esk~
(Continued From Front Page)

Wachapreague Inlet, on the evening of Sept. 7, 1888, and soon began to break up on the beach. The vessel, valued at $7,500, and its cargo were a total loss. William F. Watt, master marine, and his crew of six seamen, were rescued by the men of the USLSS on Parmarome Island.

According to reports of the USLSS, two patrolmen from Parmarome Beach Life Saving Station reported seeing a schooner strand ed off the beach to station keeper Newell B. Rich. As a gale was blowing, Rich had his crew tow the beach apparatus cart for two miles through soft sand and ankle-deep water to reach the schooner, which had turned beam on to the beach and rolled onto her side while still 250 yards out in the breakers. The rescuers set up and repeatedly fired a rescue line from a Lyle gun (small cannon). By this time, the surf was overwashing the ship and its crew. Eventually, the rescuers were able to make a line fast to the Esk and haul the men, one at a time, back to the beach via a Breeches Buoy.

Keeper Rich and his crew took the stranded crewmembers back to the lifesaving station where they cared for them for the next 28 days until passage was secured for them back to Nova Scotia.

After 120 years of exposure to the elements, the remains of the vessel jut out of the sands of Parmarome Island like the pieces of an overturned jigsaw puzzle. Unlike many of the small vessels that plied the coast, the Esk was built to last. Three-inch by four-inch iron ribs spaced six feet apart formed a skeleton which was fitted with a double-planked hull of 13-inch thick oak beams held together by a mix of metal rods and wooden pins over one inch in diameter. “Trunnels,” or tree nails, were large wooden pins driven through the hull planks, with a small wedge used to hold them tight in the beams. The iron ribs were attached to a 15-inch square keel that ran the length of the vessel.

Over time, the vessel has broken apart and has been buried and unearthed time and again by storms, wind and the ocean. The heavy oak planks that once embraced those who served in her, bleached by the sun, have begun to break apart and lie scattered in the sand. Despite numerous souvenir hunters who have stripped her of metal fittings, the Esk continues to keep her vigil, warning others who ply the coasts to stand clear lest they meet their fate as she did over a century ago.

~Former Exercise Studio Owner Dies~

Mrs. Mary Ellen Sherman Mears, 83, of Onley passed away Sunday, March 8, 2009.

Born in Strasburg, Va., she was the daughter of the late Robert Oliver Sherman and Friede Irene Edmonson Sherman. Mrs. Mears was a homemaker, former owner of the Body Shop Exercise Studio in Onley, former beautician, and a former employee of Onley Pre-School. She was a member of Onley United Methodist Church and a former member of the Home Demonstration Club and the Tuesday Morning Coffee League at Pocomoke Lanes.

Mrs. Mears was predeceased by her husband, Donald Mears, and seven brothers and sisters. Survivors include her daughters, Susan M. O’Brien (and husband, David) of Onley and Melanie L. Gravenor (and husband, Steve) of Salisbury, Md.; sister, Doris Bauch of Oregon; grandchildren, Roy Fowler and Mary of Rehoboth, Del., Michael O’Brien (and wife, Jennifer) of Hallwood, Laura Bingler (and husband, Billy) of Germany, and Sarah and Christopher Littleton, both of Salisbury; step-grandson, Kevin Gravenor of Salisbury; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Monday, March 16, at 3 p.m. with Rev. John Burr and Rev. Charles W. Parks III officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Onley United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 8, Onley, VA 23418. Memory tributes may be sent to the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Former Owner of Charmar’s Dies

Mrs. Margaret Griffith Carlson, 88, of Cape Charles died Wednesday, March 11, 2009, in Nassawadox.

Born in Capeville, she was the daughter of the late Essie Rayfield Esk and Burleigh Jacob Esk Griffith and Burleigh Jacob Esk Mrs. Carlson and her husband, Donald Mears, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Onley United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 8, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 8, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Onley Bapti...
Automobile insurance rates, maintenance and repair costs, and vehicle ownership expenses continue to rise. Gasoline reached record high prices in 2008 and the U.S. Energy Information Administration expects fuel prices to rise again. Thankfully, you don’t have to alter your driving habits or buy a new car to get some relief. Here are some quick, inexpensive and easy ways to save money with your car.

* Get slick to reduce maintenance costs and to save fuel.

Upgrading to one of today’s modern high-performance motor oils can make a meaningful improvement to your car’s fuel economy and engine life. Using high performance synthetic motor oil, as opposed to conventional oils, also allows for more miles between oil changes, reducing maintenance costs and the amount of time spent on maintenance. You’ll pay a little more for premium motor oil, but the savings in fuel and reduced maintenance costs more than make up for the higher price.

* Reduce your insurance costs by doing your homework.

One of the simplest ways to reduce insurance cost is simply to shop around. Prices vary from company to company, so it pays to do your homework. Get at least three price quotes. You can call companies directly or access information on the Internet. The state’s insurance regulator may also provide price comparisons. Other ways to reduce insurance costs can be found by visiting the U.S. Insurance Information Institute’s Web site.

* Mind the air to save money on fuel.

The U.S. Energy Department reports that under-inflated tires can increase fuel consumption by up to 3 percent. One study estimates that 50 to 80 percent of the tires rolling on U.S. roads are under-inflated. We could save up to two billion gallons of gas each year simply by properly inflating our tires.

Secondly, a clogged air filter can increase fuel consumption by as much as 10 percent. Air filters keep impurities from damaging the interior of the engine, so replacing dirty filters will save gas and protect your engine. More tips to save money on fuel are available at www.fueleconomy.gov

An astute driver can save hundreds of dollars a year on automotive expenses without buying a new car or changing lifestyle. All it takes is a little time and research, and the good sense to choose better performing products.

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More motorists are maintaining their current vehicles instead of purchasing new ones because of the uncertain economic environment. However, recent Car Care Council survey results show that 80 percent of the vehicles inspected during 2008 vehicle check-up events needed service or parts.

Results of vehicle inspections at community car care events across the country revealed that 80 percent of vehicles needed parts replacement, service or fluids. For example, nearly one out of every 10 vehicles had the “check engine light” on. The top problem areas were motor oil, windshield wipers, air filters, belts and hoses and lights.

To help ensure the reliability and safety, and extend vehicle life, the Car Care Council recommends these preventive maintenance steps:

- Change the oil and filter every 3,000 to 5,000 miles or per the owner’s manual. Periodic oil and filter changes keep your engine clean on the inside.
- Check the tire pressure at least monthly. Your car’s tires affect its ride, handling, traction and safety.
- Schedule a tune-up annually to optimize your car’s performance. A well-tuned engine delivers the best balance of power and fuel economy and produces the lowest level of emissions.
- Have the alignment checked at least annually.
- Inspect the windshield wipers and lights. Lights and wipers play a major role in safe driving, and they need periodic replacement.

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- From Dana, Richard and William Jessup
  To Emily Helm
  Lot 39, Section 18, Captain’s Cove
  For $500

- From Brenda Clayton
  To Cooper & Humbles Funeral Home Co. Inc.
  Property near Accomac
  For $15,000

- From Robert and Teresa Fears
  To Thomas Smith
  Acomac parcel
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- From Martha D. Nottingham and Carter H. Duer
  To Shore Christian Academy, Property in Exmore
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Marriage License Issued

- Lorenzo Alvarado Moreno, 38, and Yurivia Martinez Feliz, 24, both of Eastville
- Brian Michael Popp, 42, and Ellen Maria Lints, 46, both of Princess Anne, Md.
- Jerome Curtis Rainey, 55, and Clayshia Ethel Hinmon, 53, both of Wattsville
- Teondre Denell Burton, 25, of Parksley
- Armando Suarez, 70, and Kimberlee Sue Kondrat, 51, both of Onancock
- Anthony William McGee, 39, of Chincoteague and Christy Nicole Johnson, 28, of Pocomoke, Md.
- Walter Peters Sweetman, 3rd, 44, and Stephanie Jean Magargal, 44, both of Townsend
- Brian Lee Daley, 37, and Melissa Ann Siegel, 40, both of Onancock
- Thomas Lee Davis, 25, and Katresa Delores Sample, 33, both of Withams
- John Joseph Donegan III, 42, and Karen Johnson Lukaes, 51, both of Chincoteague
- Ray Demarkus Courtland Junior Hall, 20, of Birdsnest and Charlotte Patricia Warrington, 20, of Greenbush
- Brandt Lee Craft, 25, and Chrysta Ada Star Conaway, 16, both of Bridgeville, Del.
- Matthew James Deloach, 30, and Nicole Victoria Domonic Hamm, 28, both of Hallwood
- James Louis Russell 2nd, 39, of New Church and Gisele E.H. Sanchis-Barasacut, 37, of Ware, London
- Andrew Wilson Bundick, 23, and Sarah Elizabeth Jenkins, 21, both of Exmore
- Todd Wayne Taborn, 34, and Ashley Michelle Kinsen, 25, both of Cheriton
- Preston Elijah Trower V, 29, of Virginia Beach and Kaylene Marie Katorkas, 22, of Onancock
By Troy Justis

The second year in a row, the Busch brothers have won back-to-back races! Kurt thanked Carl Edwards, who finished third, and Jeff Gordon, who finished second, for racing him clean at the end of the race. Gordon said, “We were fast and kept having little issues that keep popping up that we had to overcome. We’re going to win races. We’re getting close.”

The teams are looking forward to this week’s break to repair some damage and start anew. A lot of the field was trapped a lap down when #47 Toyota’s gas man, Jimmy Watts, chased a runaway tire into the grass. Caution was called for safety reasons. He was suspended for the remainder of the race and the next four.

Next race Sunday, March 22, at Bristol on FOX @ 1:30 p.m.

Another second! I know the wins are coming soon! The 24 team has things going good, just a few small problems have cost a couple of wins.

RACE RESULTS
1. 18 Kyle Busch
2. 33 Clint Bowyer
3. 31 Jeff Burton
4. 00 David Reutimann
5. 96 Bobby Labonte
6. 24 Jeff Gordon
7. 16 Greg Biffle
8. 83 Brian Vickers
9. 26 Jamie McMurray
10. 88 Dale Earnhardt Jr.

STANDINGS
1. Jeff Gordon . . . . . . Leader
2. Clint Bowyer . . . . . . 14
3. Matt Kenseth . . . . . . 40
4. Greg Biffle . . . . . . 40
5. David Reutimann . . . . 51
6. Kyle Busch . . . . . . 54
7. Kurt Busch . . . . . . 66
8. Tony Stewart . . . . . . 80
9. Carl Edwards . . . . . . 82
10. Bobby Labonte . . . . . 99

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:  ***

Super Crossword
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**FRI., MAR. 13**

- **11:30 a.m.** - Science & Philosophy Seminar - ESCC Lecture Hall, Melfa
- **5:30 p.m.** - Spring Equinox Celebration - Potluck dinner & a movie - World Healing Institute, Cobb Island Station - 331-1925
- **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.
- **7 p.m.** - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
- **7 p.m.** - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville
- **7 p.m.** - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Adventist Comm. Center, Exmore
- **7:30 p.m.** - AA mtg. - Downing UMC, Oak Hall
- **7:30 p.m.** - Texas Hold'em Tournament - Parksley VFC

**SAT., MAR. 14**

- **8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** - Childbirth Education Class - Shore Memorial Hospital, 6th floor - $40 for 2 classes - 414-8763
- **9 a.m. - noon** - Farmer's Market - Main St., Chincoteague
- **5-7 p.m.** - Spaghetti Dinner - Evergreen Pavilion, Hacksneck Rd. - Adults/$7, Children/$5
- **6 p.m.** - Night of Elegance and Endowment - Macedonia Baptist Church, Bloxom
- **6 p.m.** - Zionaires 55th Anniversary - Bethel Baptist Church, Franktown
- **6 p.m.** - Reverse Auction - Snead's UMC, Keller - 442-5851
- **6 p.m.** - Fashion Show - Arcadia High School - Sponsored by First Baptist Church of Mappsville
- **7:30 p.m.** - Bingo (Early Bird @ 6 p.m.) - Atlantic Vol. Fire & Rescue Co.

**SUN., MAR. 15**

- **2 p.m.** - Bingo - VFW Post 2296, Tasley
- **2 p.m.** - The Land of Pleasant Living Parish Head Club mtg. - home of Nancy Matthews, Nelsonia
- **3 p.m.** - Special Ministry - St. Stephens AME Church, 511 Jefferson Ave., CC
- **3 p.m.** - Hallelujah Gospel Singers - Bethel AME, Onancock
- **7 p.m.** - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville

**MON., MAR. 16**

- **8:15 a.m.** - Kiwansi of Chincoteague mtg. - Sunrise Restaurant
- **8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** - Scholastic Book Fair - Pungoteague Elementary School - through March 26
- **9 a.m.** - TOPS mtg. - Market Street UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
- **9 a.m.** - Chincoteague Al-Anon mtg. - UMC Fellowship House
- **9:30-11:30 a.m.** - GED class - Head Start, Accomac - 787-1760
- **6 p.m.** - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
- **6:30 p.m.** - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
- **7 p.m.** - Support Group for Separated or Divorced Men and Women - Drummondtown UMC, Accomac - 789-3410
- **7 p.m.** - AA Serenity beginners’ mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville
- **7 p.m.** - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Franktown UM Church
- **7:30 p.m.** - Accomack Cty. Taxpayers’ Assn. mtg. - Accomack Cty. Administration Bldg.

**TUE., MAR. 17**

- **10 a.m.** - Bingo - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock - 787-3900
- **Noon** - Church Women United mtg. - Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock - bring sandwich
- **1-2:30 p.m.** - Sharing the Journey - Cape Charles Baptist Church - 787-3310
- **5:15-6 p.m.** - TOPS weigh-in (prgm. @ 6) - Belle Haven Presbyterian Church - 442-9776
- **6 p.m.** - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, Rt. 11
- **6 p.m.** - Multiple Sclerosis Support Group mtg. - Captain's Deck Restaurant, Nassawadox
- **6 p.m.** - Rachel Leah Ministries - Call 787-2486 for information
- **6:30-8:30 p.m.** - GED Class - Classroom A-51, ESCC
- **7 p.m.** - Northampton Cty. Democratic Committee mtg. - American Legion Post 400, Eastville
- **7 p.m.** - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Jerusalem Baptist Church, Temperanceville
- **7:30 p.m.** - Bingo - Smoke Free - Cheriton Vol. Fire Co.
- **7:30 p.m.** - Al-Anon mtg. - Atlantic UMC

**THURS., MAR. 19**

- **12:30-1:30 p.m.** - Caregiver Connection - Tangier Island’s Swain Memorial Sunday School Bldg. - 787-3310
- **6 p.m.** - Kiwanis of Chincoteague mtg. - St. Andrews Church, Accomac
- **6:30 p.m.** - TOPS mtg. - Baptist Bible Church, Accomac
- **6 p.m.** - TOPS mtg. - CC Rescue Squad bldg., Cheriton
- **6:30 p.m.** - Kiwanis of Chincoteague mtg. - Shore Memorial Hospital
- **7 p.m.** - Bingo - Nelsonia Moose Lodge
- **7:30-8:30 p.m.** - Moms in Touch International Prayer Group mtg. - Cape Charles Baptist Church
- **8 p.m.** - AA beginners mtg. - Downing UMC, Oak Hall

**SAT., MAR. 21**

- **8 a.m.** - TOPS weigh-in (prgm. @ 6) - Belle Haven Presbyterian Church - 442-9776
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**WED., MAR. 25**

- **7:45 a.m.** - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sunrise Restaurant
- **9 a.m.-noon** - Farmer’s Market - Downtown Park, Main St., Chincoteague
- **9:30-11:30 a.m.** - GED Class - Head Start Center, Accomac - 787-1760
- **10 a.m.** - Overeaters Anonymous - Eastern Shore Community College, Room A44
- **10-11 a.m.** - MOPS playgroup - Christ UMC, 6233 Church St., Chincoteague - daycare provided
- **10 a.m.-noon** - Accomack AARP mtg. - Sunrise Restaurant - Guest Speaker, Connie Chandler - 824-0739
- **10 a.m.** - Sharing the Journey - Tangier Island's Swain Memorial Sunday School Bldg. - 787-3310
- **11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** - Debealeavon Toastmastersmtg. - Navy/MWR Cropper Ctr, Wallops - 824-2126
- **2 p.m.** - E.S. Brain Injury Survivors Support Group mtg. - Belle Haven - 442-9334
- **6 p.m.** - Northampton High Donkey Basketball - Eastville - for ticket info. call 678-5795
- **6:30 p.m.** - ES Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 62 mtg. - Captain's Deck, Nassawadox - 442-5916
- **7 p.m.** - Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group mtg. - Onley UMC
- **7 p.m.** - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Shore Memorial Hospital
- **7 p.m.** - Bingo - Nelsonia Moose Lodge
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here’s what else is happening on the shore...

**3-session Workshop with Nancy Richards West**

The Oyster & Maritime Museum, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague, is offering a series of workshops entitled “Drawing, the Foundation for Painting” on March 16, 23 & 30 from 10 a.m. Noon. Nancy Richards West will be the instructor. The fee is $125 & is first come, first serve. For details call 336-6117.
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JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

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COMMISSIONER’S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

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 Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at the Accomack County Circuit Courthouse, 23516 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301 at 12:00 p.m., to-wit:

PARCEL A: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs ABC AIRCRAFT LEASING & MANAGEMENT MAP NO. 005A8010000600
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 6, Section 14, Captain’s Cove.

PARCEL B: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs ABC AIRCRAFT LEASING & MANAGEMENT MAP NO. 005A80200007300
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 73, Section 15, Captain’s Cove.

PARCEL C: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs ABC AIRCRAFT LEASING & MANAGEMENT MAP NO. 005A90300016100
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 161, Section 16, Captain’s Cove.

PARCEL D: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs MARY L. BECKETT MAP NO. 09200A00008500
All that parcel of land near the Town of Onancock, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, measuring 27 yds. long and 17 yds. on the sides and bounded South by Robert Edwards; North by James Norman Belote; East by Hezekiah Wise and West by Alfred Reid.

PARCEL E: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs SUSIE CONQUEST MAP NO. 094A0A00000600
All that parcel of land in Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 6, Block 1, on a plat recorded in Plat Book 6, at page 48.

PARCEL F: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs JOHNNIE VERNON DOWNEY, JR. MAP NO. 005A6010006700
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 67, Section 7, Captain’s Cove.

PARCEL G: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs CHARLES B. DRAKE, III MAP NO. 005A70100016100
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 161, Section 13, Captain’s Cove.

PARCEL H: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs WILLIE M. GEORGE MAP NO. 029A10100014200
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 142, Unit I, Chincoteague Bay Trails End.

PARCEL I: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs LIONEL A. HENRY MAP NO. 029A10200002800
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 28, Unit 3, Chincoteague Bay Trails End.

PARCEL J: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs THURMAN RAY MORRIS MAP NO. 005A60200001200
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 12, Section 10, Captain’s Cove.

PARCEL K: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs DEAN SHORT MAP NO. 029A1010041800
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 418, Unit 1, Sheet 1, Chincoteague Bay Trails End.

PARCEL L: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs HARRY SIEBERT MAP NO. 10900110000600
All that parcel of land shown as Lot 6 on a plat of survey entitled “PLAT OF SURVEY, ‘B & D GARDENS’”, recorded in Plat Book 96, at pages 157 and 158.

PARCEL M: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs ZELLA WEAKLEY MAP NO. 005A70200011400
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 114, Section 12, Captain’s Cove.

PARCEL N: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs ZELLA WEAKLEY MAP NO. 005A90200012200
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 122, Section 17, Captain’s Cove.

The terms of sale shall be cash or a deposit of 25% of the bid price with the balance due in ten days. Additional terms will be announced at the sale. Each sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Court.

ENTER:
This 5th day of March, 2009
Traci Johnson
Clerk

I ask for this:
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff vs.
CIVIL CASE NO. CL09000093-00
REBECCA ELDER

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 Birds Nest, Northampton County, Virginia, being 100 ft. x 150 ft., and designated as parcel no. 00030 0A0BLK-00 060, standing in the name of Rebecca Elder, 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 determine whether Rebecca Elder is living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all of her 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 post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Rebecca Elder.

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 April 7, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ATTORNEY

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NOTICE

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In General ...

By Bill Massey

When you’re the world’s oldest newspaper on the Eastern Shore, like I am (I’ll be 66 in May), you gotta have a reliable vehicle to haul around a thousand pounds of POSTS once a week. And I’m not talking about a humongous pick-up or a cavernous SUV because they’d be just too gas-guzzling, big and bulky the other six days of the week.

No, I just need a regular, reliable everyday vehicle, and for me it’s my 2004 Olds Alero.

It’s a great car, I think, because now — after 115,000 miles on the odometer — it runs as well as the day I bought it, 14,000 miles. All I do is get the oil and filter changed once every 4,000 or so miles and replace a worn-out tire every now and then.

And, it’s got a lot of other equipment on it, too, like power door locks and windows and air-conditioning — the kind of stuff that when it goes bad makes you wonder why you needed it in the first place since you’re already making payments on it and really can’t afford to get extras fixed right away. However, on my Alero everything has worked — and still continues to work — fine, just like on a Honda or Toyota or any other kind of foreign nameplate which at first drove Oldsmobile crazy with competition (and better products at a comparable price) and then out of business in 2006.

Too bad, because to me, in the end, General Motors made a pretty good car in the Olds Alero.

And then, last Friday morning when I’m delivering my POSTS in the pitch-black, wee small hours, my Alero’s radio is telling me that things are so bad for its parent company, General Motors, that even its own auditors think it may be headed for bankruptcy.

Poor GM, I thought, doesn’t life suck sometimes?

Five years ago, General Motors common stock was trading way over $40 a share, paying a healthy dividend and GM was selling cars and trucks profitably. Even just a year ago, its stock was trading in the mid-20s. But now, on this Friday morning, its common stock was getting ready to break below $2 a share on the downside as there was no such thing as profit or hope for profit. It seems all GM had been doing for the past five years or so was grabbing a decreasing share in a growing market.

That’s not good, General Motors, and now when the world is experiencing a sharp recession and everybody is nurturing hard cash like it was a newborn, that’s really bad, General Motors. You sort of got caught with your pants down, and don’t look at me because I didn’t do it to you. You did it to yourself, so maybe you should declare bankruptcy. Let someone else buy your assets and try to create value.

Sure, you’ll probably only get something like a dime on the dollar, but the asset value of your common stock is zero, so let someone else give it a try, come up with a better business plan and go from there. Maybe they’ll make a profit and a profit is what an American business is in it for, be it a sole proprietorship or a major corporation.

Sure, there would be all kinds of immediate repercussions with GM’s collapse (and Ford and Chrysler, too, if it were to happen). But Americans — if the costs are in line — would still build cars, salesmen and dealerships would still sell them and mechanics would still service and fix them. There’s too much potential profit for them not to.

As for me, driving along all the roadways I must cover from Keller to the bridge-tunnel to deliver the Post, I tried to put into context my great-running Alero with its not-so-great-running parent corporation, General Motors, and I reached this conclusion: The day my great-running Alero costs me more to operate than the value and profit I receive from it, I’ll get rid of it.
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