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Cassandra Lee Halley



Richard W. "Zetta" Call

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Ragged Island wildlife refuge opens with its engine running and clothes inside, the bodies of a 20-year-old man and 14-year-old girl washed up on the shore of the James River. Both had been shot in the head.

When Ranger John Segar began searching for the couple on the parkway Sunday morning, he found the keys in the ignition and several items of clothing inside, along with prescription glasses and Halley's purse, Colonial National Historical Park operations supervisor Maryanne Gerbuckas said Sunday that shirt, underwear, Call's shoes and one of Halley's shoes were found inside the car, which has since been impounded.

"I don't know that there's any connection" in the late of Wright, said Ranger Dick Young. The circumstances are similar though, he said.

John Walters, of the FBI's Norfolk office, said all unsolved homicides in the area would be considered if the couple were found slain. "We are coordinating every bit of our investigation with all other unsolved homicides," he said. "Some of those you can rule out immediately, some of those you can't."

The FBI asked that anyone with information about the missing couple, or who saw suspicious activity on the parkway, call its office at 244-1950 or 623-3111.

Mrs. Halley said her family was praying for her daughter. "That's all you can do from our standpoint."

### Woman gets 4 years in prison for passing worthless checks

YORK — A Newport News woman who was part of a group that used phony identification cards and worthless checks to obtain more than \$27,000 in cash was ordered to serve four years in prison in Circuit Court on Friday.

Patricia McMahon, 31, of the 600 block of Logan Place, was sentenced to eight years, with all but four years suspended. She pleaded guilty to six charges, including passing six of the checks used by the group.

Police in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Newport News and other localities joined with county Sheriff's Department investigators in the case. Two other members of the group, Marvin Win-

ford, 23, and Herbert Rockenbrodt, 47, have already pleaded guilty to their parts in the scheme. Winford is currently on eight charges of passing bad checks June 13 and Rockenbrodt, whom authorities have described as the mastermind behind the scheme, faces sentencing May 17 on 24 charges.

False driver's licenses, check cashing identification cards and even a forged state Department of Corrections' identification card were used to create 13 aliases for members of the group. Those identity cards were then used to cash the checks, which were drawn on delinquent accounts at local banks.

### York to sue for \$45,000 in docking fees

By DAVID REISSER  
Staff Writer

YORK — The county plans to sue a Massachusetts-based cruise ship company for failure to pay more than \$45,000 in docking fees over a five-year period.

A group of investors affiliated with Hyannis Harbor Tours Inc. of Hyannis, Mass., agreed to pay fees to dock the 100-foot "Pilgrim Belle" for about 20 days per year from 1983 to 1986, according to Daniel Stuck, assistant county attorney.

The group paid a \$200-a-day fee in 1983, but has failed to pay in subsequent years after the ship ran aground on a reef near

Martha's Vineyard in July 1985 and never returned to York. "They were supposed to pay us whether the ship docked or not," Stuck said.

Company officials, however, say they effectively scuttled the contract with York County in a 1986 letter.

"We notified them that due to circumstances we were no longer coming there because we no longer had a boat to go there with," said Richard Scudder, president of Hyannis Harbor Tours. Coastwise Cruise Line, the company name of the investors who built the Pilgrim Belle for \$8.5 million, said it for \$5.3 million, and the one-ship cruise

line was disbanded. Scudder said.

The ship was badly damaged and was out of service for four weeks at the height of the tourism season, Scudder said.

Regardless of the fate of the ship, the county wants its docking fees because it spent about \$60,000 to modify the cofferdam pier on the York River to accommodate cruise ships.

Coastwise Cruise Line and Clipper Cruise Line of St. Louis approached the county about a place to dock ships during tours of the East Coast, said Robert Kraus, director of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Otherwise, he said, the county

would not have spent money to upgrade the pier, which was built to aid the excavation of an 18th century British shipwreck.

The county will hire a lawyer with expertise in admiralty law to present its case, Stuck said. Hyannis Harbor Tours and any affiliated companies and individuals will likely be named in the case, he added.

Clipper Cruise Line, which has brought ships to the cofferdam since 1984, will dock three ships this year; the Nantuxet Clipper, the Newport Clipper and the Yorktown Clipper. The Nantuxet will arrive for its first docking visit at 2 p.m. on April 13.

### Last-minute voter registration attracts few

By MARK DAVIDSON  
Staff Writer

Newport News Registrar Mary F. Doany and her staff were geared up Saturday for the traditional last-minute voter registration run.

But the extra time, effort and manpower went to waste. Only 29 people trickled into the city's three registration points Saturday, the deadline for signing up to vote in May's council election.

In Hampton, just eight people

signed up Saturday, said Registrar Ann Parrish. Poppon registered 12 people.

Hampton has registered 892 people since the March 8 presidential primary; Newport News signed up between 1,000 and 1,200, and Poppon had 133.

In Newport News, Doany was particularly surprised at the poor showing on what is usually the most active registration day.

"We had thought it was going to be a pretty busy day," she said, explaining that she ex-

pected about 300 people. "What sort of message does this send? I don't know."

In Newport News, about half the new potential voters are attributable to Concerned Dog High Citizens, a non-profit group that held two registration drives at area stores in late March and early April.

The group is trying to increase turnout among residents in the northern end of the city, where typically few people vote in council elections.

Typically the city's southeast section turns out 60 to 70 percent of its registered voters.

In Hampton, Parrish said she expected few new voters for the council election, because local races usually don't generate as much interest as state and national races.

"This was typical for this kind of year," she said. "I think the November (presidential) election is what a lot of them are thinking about, not the City Council election."

### James City supervisors grapple with budget

By CHRISTOPHER YOUNG  
Staff Writer

JAMES CITY — A divided board of supervisors was unable to find enough budget cuts Monday to offset a proposed 8.3 percent tax increase for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The supervisors shared about \$21,000 from the \$30.5 million county budget and found no reductions in the \$4.4 million capital improvement budget.

That leaves county taxpayers facing a 4-cent increase in the real estate tax rate, which will be 67 cents per \$100 of assessed value if the budget is adopted without any other adjustments.

The battle lines were clearly drawn at three meetings held

over the past week to find ways to trim the budget. Supervisors Stewart U. Taylor and Thomas D. Mahone repeatedly moved for reductions in line items, but found opposition from the remaining three members.

Mahone moved to cut \$164,000 from the county contingency fund, which would have brought the total reductions to \$185,000, enough to reduce the tax rate by one cent. Although Taylor supported the move, the motion failed.

Another motion by Mahone to remove the same amount from a contingency fund for expected county employee pay adjustments in the coming year also

failed as did an attempt to remove \$185,000 for renovations to two buildings in the government complex.

The board made cuts in proposed funding for county recreation programs and other areas.

Through the budget session, the board has been complimentary of County Administrator David B. Norman's efforts to cut fiscal year 1989 expenditures. Although the increase in the county operating budget is projected to be more than 17 percent, non-school departments were held to an average 9 percent increase.

The county's contribution to the Williamsburg-James City

County schools will increase a projected 24 percent in FY89 due to a decrease in state funding and an increase in the number of county students in the system.

Board Chairman Jack D. Edwards warned the supervisors against reducing funding for county departments while approving major increases for the schools.

"I think we have to be careful not to fund the schools to the detriment of everything else," said Edwards. "We can't let the schools absolutely overwhelm everything else."

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