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# Newsmakers

### Debate At College

**WILLIAMSBURG** — The College of William and Mary will sponsor a public debate on society's responsibility for its criminals at 7 tonight in Wren Chapel.

Anthony L. Gaenther, professor of sociology and Scott Jenkins, president of the college debate council will oppose Richard A. Williamson, law professor and David Price, debate council chairman.

### Food Donation

**NEW KENT** — New Kent High School collected more than 200 cases of food for its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the needy. Students also collected more than \$300 for an emergency fund for the needy.

### Folk Concert

**WILLIAMSBURG** — The Friends of Appalachia Music will sponsor Malcolm Duffalo, Gary Lacey and Tom Winkler in a concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Campus Life Theater at the College of William and Mary.

Malcolm and Lacey perform traditional and folk tunes in a variety of styles including bluegrass, country, gospel, and old-time music. Winkler is the winner of a recent folk festival contest in Charleston.

### Impact Aid

**YORKTOWN** — Three public forums "revisited" the county's impact aid crisis will be held this week.

The first forum at the Yorktown Intermediate School PTA will be the last of the first forum at 7:30 tonight in the school. The Yorktown PTO will sponsor the second one at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The third forum at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Magruder Elementary.

### Selection Panel

**WILLIAMSBURG** — The Williamsburg-James City County school board selection committee will meet at 2 p.m. today in county offices to name a new school board member for Powhatan District in James City County.

The new member will fill the unexpired term of Sam Powell, who resigned to become a substitute judge. The term will end June 30.

For further information call H. G. Shanklin, chairman of the committee, at 264-3623.

### Paper Honored

**WILLIAMSBURG** — The Lafayette Ledger, Lafayette High School's student newspaper, was one of 11 "Trophy Class" awards given out this year by the Virginia High School League.

The award is the highest given by the league and is for the 1980-81 school year.

Lacey was a co-winner at the University of Michigan, was editor of the paper for the 1980-81 school year.

### Contest Winner

**NEW KENT** — Cynthia Joan Reisman, a senior at New Kent High School, was named the county's Century III Reading Contest winner.

She will compete with other local winners from around the state for one of two \$1,000 scholarships and one \$500 award to become the national winner when the contest is held in Washington, D.C., in March 1982.

### Career Weekend

**NEW KENT** — William W. Balkin of New Kent was one of 25 students in the state chosen to attend the Agricultural Engineers Career Weekend sponsored by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

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Members of the Newport News Fire Department Honor Guard carry flags during the ceremony.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS Honor Guard Makes Debut

### By LOUI COHN

Staff Report — The Newport News Fire Department made its first appearance Wednesday at the promotion ceremony for 11 department employees.

The Honor Guard, which will make public appearances at parades, funerals and other ceremonies, was formed by Fire Chief Jack Waltham, adding the department has had to turn down invitations for appearances.

The purpose is to instill pride in the department and in the uniform, Deputy Chief Herbert Jones said.

Clad in black checkered jackets with white accents and hats, the honor guard performed their perfect drills at the city hall ceremony on Wednesday.

"We made a few mistakes probably just because we were all a little tight since it was the first time out," said Capt. Ronald Smith, officer in charge.

The honor guard is made up of 11 members, including Capt. Jack Knickerbocker, Lt. Harold Epling, Lt. Frank Draper and firefighters Steven Ward, Ted Paine and Glen Cna.

Others include firefighters Philip Gorman, Richard Parter, Mike Johnson, Gary Satterfield, emergency medical service technician Bruce Haggard and William Brown, and Fire Inspector Leonard Lovett.

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## Electrical Jolt To Human Brain Eases Pain

### By BEVERLY GRENDETT

Richmond Times-Dispatch

**RICHMOND (AP)** — Three times a day, Sheila Moore turns a transistor radio connected to a doughnut-shaped coil placed over an area beneath her right knee.

When she begins feeling a tingling sensation in her left arm, she turns the knob back a bit and allows it to operate for 20 to 45 minutes.

The signals the device emits are routed to deep within her brain, where, in effect, they shut a "gate" to the chronic, unrelenting back and leg pain she had previously been experiencing.

The area of the brain to which the electrical signals are directed is the same area that morphine affects when it eases its paralyzing grip.

When Mrs. Moore turns on the device, she is receiving the effect of morphine's paralyzing grip without the lethargy, euphoria and other side effects of morphine itself. And indeed, that is how it seems to work in Mrs. Moore's case.

Before April 1980, when this electrical "special" small wires were gently prodded into the area, Mrs. Moore was in bed for most of the day, unable to get up.

She said that she had had back operation, but it did not help. "I couldn't sit, or lie down or sleep for any length of time," he

cause of the pain, she said. "At one time, I was taking 18 to 24 pills a day, including Valium, codeine and a lot of other I can't remember."

Ralph Lambert, also of Richmond, said a similar story. He had had back surgery in February 1979 and had been in chronic pain since, despite surgery and medication. In September, he also underwent the operation in which electrodes were implanted in his brain.

In both cases, the Richmond report that their self-controlled electrical stimulation — for approximately two hours a day — has been controlling their pain well, giving them relief that had not been attainable by other means.

Lambert and Mrs. Moore are among a small number of patients with chronic pain who are involved in a joint MCV and National Institute of Dental Research study of the brain-stimulation procedure.

Dr. Richard P. Greenberg, assistant professor of neurosurgery at the university, is the co-investigator at MCV who implants the devices in carefully screened patients. Workers at the National Institute of Dental Research, which evaluate the patients and the effectiveness of the technique.

Lambert and Mrs. Moore are examples of successes of the procedure. Dr. Greenberg said that it doesn't work in all patients with chronic pain, but he said that in the three years the study has been under way, 22 patients have had the electrode and associated device implanted.

The early experience with the procedure included patients with various types of chronic pain (some severe) and patients with pain not included in the study, while during the past year, it has been primarily used in patients with constant back or lower limb pain for whom other surgical and medical procedures have been ineffective.

The procedure first evolved from studies by Dr. David J. Moore, professor of physiology at MCV, and others who learned a number of years ago that electrical stimulation of the brain area affected in the procedure produced significant analgesia in animals.

In the procedure, the fine-wire electrodes are guided into about the center of the brain. The patient is awake during the procedure, but is given local anesthesia.

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## Dead Woman Was Threatened

Richmond Times-Dispatch

**RICHMOND (AP)** — A Henrico County woman found shot to death in her apartment this week had been the subject of telephone death threats after she recently accused a man with whom she was having sex of molesting her daughter.

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## Court Docket

The following cases were heard in court on Friday:

**New Kent Circuit**

Alma Wyatt, 35, of Woodbridge, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for the attempted robbery. A first defendant, Nicole Jordan, 24, of Woodbridge, faces a jury trial Dec. 10.

Stefan Bruce Shortt, 20, of Richmond, was found guilty of double jeopardy, a misdemeanor reduced from a felony charge of throwing a missile at an occupied vehicle.

Shortt was convicted of throwing a watermelon through a passenger's window of a car traveling on Interstate 64 last August. No one was injured. Shortt was sentenced to 10 days in jail with six days suspended and the remaining four to be served on weekends.

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