

# System's Data Due Annual Review

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The director of the State Council of Higher Education used a meeting of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission yesterday as the setting to tell administrators of the state's 23 community colleges that they are entering an era of budget "fluidity."

Dr. Gordon K. Davies said that budgets and appropriations for each of the community colleges will be reviewed annually and will be closely tied to a new method of enrollment projection.

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In the past, appropriations and budgets for units of the troubled community college system have been based on a two-year cycle, which has been designed to coincide with the state's biennial budget process.

Dr. Davies indicated that the new budget and appropriations review program, which originated with the State Division of Planning and Budget and will cover both operating and capital building funds, will probably be discussed and approved by the state council, which meets today.

Under state law, the state council, which technically is at the summit of Virginia's higher education policy making, is empowered to approve or reject budget recommendations made by the State Board for Community Colleges.

Dr. Davies said the annual budget and appropriations reviews will take effect in the 1980-1981 academic year, the first year of the state's next budget biennium.

The 1980-1981 review will be made on enrollment projections, which will be completed by mid-October — reportedly the Dalton administration's deadline for budget requests for the next biennium.

The projections will be based, in turn, on a full-time equivalency count of students at community colleges that Dr. Davies' office is conducting.

Equivalency figures will not reflect the actual number of students enrolled at a community college. FTE is a method of assessing the number of students enrolled in academic credit courses.

The count by Dr. Davies' office is being made, in part, in response to charges of enrollment padding that figured in broadly based criticism of managerial practice within the community college system.

The charges have prompted

## Group Formed To Aid Disabled

Martin L. Hancock has been elected president of the Richmond Chapter of Virginia Handicaps Unlimited, which was formed last night.

Other officers are Wayne Bissette and Christopher Bacon, vice presidents; Ellen Pearson, secretary, and Mary Grant, treasurer.

The organization was formed to work for the rights of disabled persons and to create greater community awareness of handicapped people's problems.

changes in the community colleges' high command, which has included a decision by the community college state board to grant Dr. Dana B. Hamel, who has been chancellor of the system since its establishment in 1966, the status of consultant.

The charges also led to the community college system being part of yesterday's agenda for JLARC, which is made up of ranking members of the House of Delegates and Senate, virtually all of whom serve on their body's money committee.

Perhaps ironically, yesterday's meeting began with a recollection of a 1975 JLARC report that brought into question community college system management techniques.

Many of the same questions were raised in a series of inter-

nal audits system colleges that were made public in late May.

In one sense, Dr. Davies, despite his pronouncement of major policy change, played a relatively minor role at the JLARC meeting.

The principal actors were Dr. Richard J. Ernst and Bernard J. Haggerty. Last week, the community college board named Dr. Ernst, president of the System's Northern Virginia unit, acting chancellor and elevated Haggerty to its chairmanship.

## "An Inexact Science"

After calling enrollment projection "an inexact science," Haggerty, a Charlottesville banker, said he plans to appoint a board audit committee. It will, he said, give the board ac-

cess to system internal audits as well as external audits conducted by the state.

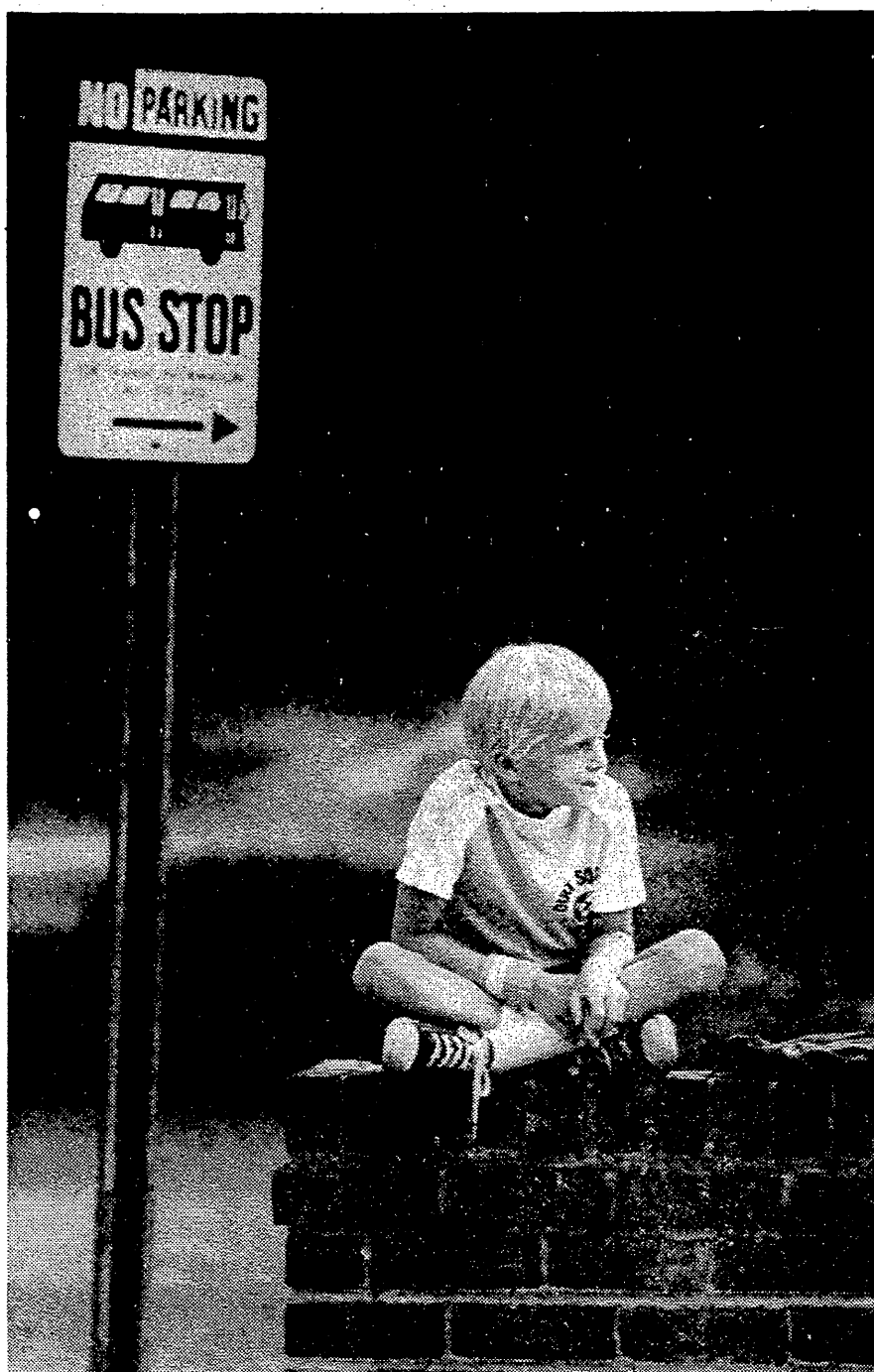
Dr. Ernst, who will not take office until Monday, said he has begun a search for vice chancellors for academic and fiscal affairs, which the board authorized him to hire last week. "Everybody in the commonwealth knows we need them," Dr. Ernst said.

Dr. Davies said his office's FTE census, which is based on 1978-1979 enrollment, has been completed at 13 colleges. He later said the 13 are located "all over the state," but he also spoke of many of the censuses being conducted at "schools in Southwest Virginia." A count has not yet been made at Northern Virginia Community College, which is considered a

model of managerial efficiency.

Following the JLARC meeting, Stuart W. Connock, director of the Department of Planning and Budget, told a reporter that his agency's decision to request annual community college budget reviews had "nothing to do with the internal audits." The decision may be based on a belief that a trend of declining enrollment will continue.

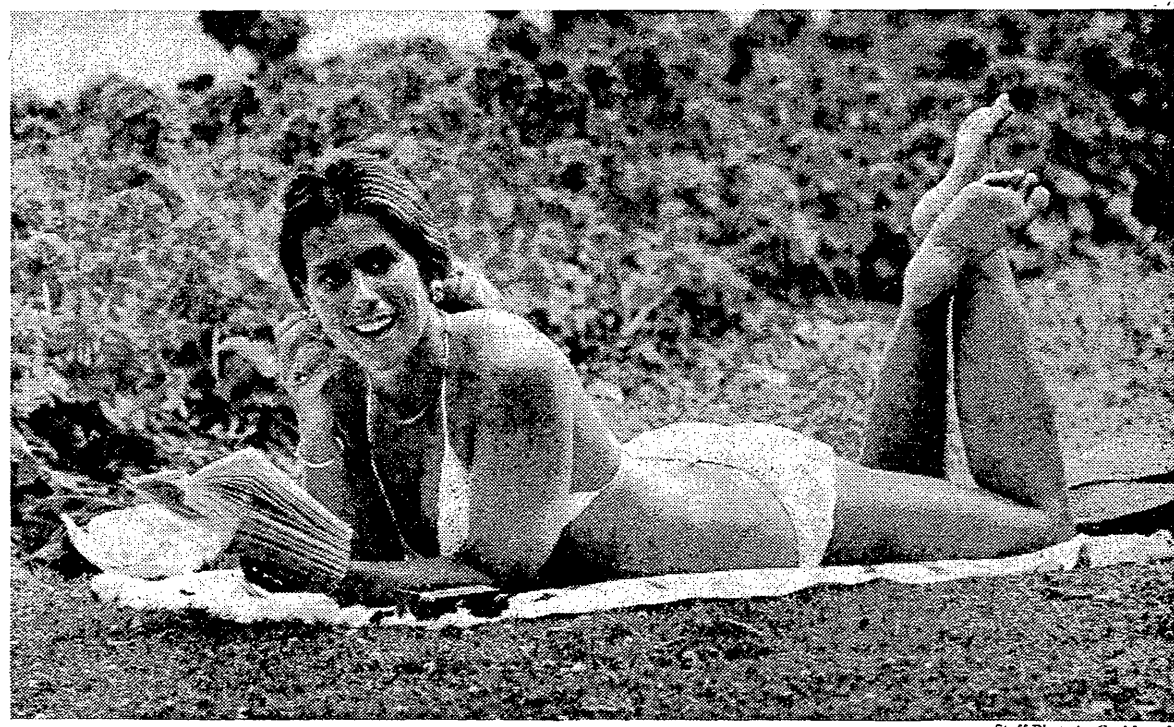
Connock recalled that because of enrollment changes, the 1979 "off year" General Assembly cut community college financing by \$3.2 million. Under the plan proposed by Dr. Davies yesterday, what was done in 1979 will apparently become a usual practice for off year assemblies.



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## Anticipation

Alex Mandin, 7, makes himself comfortable atop a Grove Avenue wall, looking down the long street while waiting for a bus to take him to a summer institution, the day camp.



Staff Photo by Carl Lynn

## Good Day for Tanning

Yesterday's temperatures in the low 80s and mostly sunny skies provided Carolyn Dickson with a chance to work on her tan. She came well-prepared for a sun lover's marathon at a spot in Monroe Park, bringing a book and a

portable radio. Those wishing to hit the grass today, however, should be warned that although it probably will be just as hot, there's a 40 percent chance that it also may be wet.

# Powhatan Deadlocks On Board Vacancy

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Deadlocked in two votes, the Powhatan supervisors failed yesterday to fill a School Board vacancy with either of two nominees: former School Board member Romy O. Merchant or Max W. Timberlake, brother of Supervisor Roscoe L. Timberlake.

In the absence of Supervisor Robert R. Cosby, Supervisor W.A. Lipscomb nominated Max Timberlake, and Supervisor William C. Hall nominated Merchant to fill the empty seat of Raymond Hud-

son. Lipscomb and Roscoe Timberlake then voted for Timberlake's brother but were opposed by Hall and Supervisor Robert A. Hertzler.

Hertzler and Hall then voted to appoint Merchant, but were opposed in the second of two 2-2 votes by Roscoe Timberlake and Lipscomb.

Hall, who is chairman of the

supervisors, said the appointment will be voted on again when the supervisors meet Aug. 13.

Asked if he felt that voting for his brother constitutes a conflict of interest, Roscoe Timberlake said, "No. I wouldn't have supported him if I thought so."

Hudson's seat has been vacant since his term expired June 30. He was among the three-member minority of the seven-member School Board not involved in the attempt to fire School Superintendent Dr. E. Lee Land.

Land attended yesterday's meeting of the supervisors but had no comment on the School Board appointment. One of Land's opponents on the School Board is Myra Federspiel, the School Board chairman who is also Lipscomb's daughter.

At the June 1977 supervisors' meeting at which she was appointed, Lipscomb at first abstained from voting and then voted to break a 2-2 tie.

resulting in his daughter's appointment.

In October 1977 then-Attorney General Anthony Troy ruled that the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act would not prohibit such a vote unless Mrs. Federspiel lived in the same house with Lipscomb.

The Virginia Education Law specifies that county supervisors are prohibited from appointing relatives to the School Board only in counties with populations of more than 100,000. Powhatan's current population is estimated at 12,500.

Merchant, 49, is the services manager for the Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. He served on the School Board for three years until he was replaced by Mrs. Federspiel.

Max Timberlake, 66, is a retired vocational agriculture instructor who taught for 37 years, 22 of them at Powhatan High School.

In to other matters yesterday, the supervisors:

— Were invited to a School Board meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday at which John Hammill of the State Department of Education will discuss Powhatan's school building program.

— Voted to advertise an Aug. 13 public hearing for an ordinance to establish conditional zoning in the county.

— Voted to establish a committee to study how to handle a \$49,000 debt run up by the county's volunteer fire companies. County Administrator Edgar Appling said the debt is largely the result of firemen or their supporters, purchasing fire trucks through personal bank loans without approval of the Board of Supervisors.

## Henrico Discourages Big Festivals

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those from Lakeside, Tuckahoe, Ashland and East Hanover in taking the injured to hospitals. Thirteen ambulances were used.

Harding said that at one time there were nine injured people at the gate at Walnut and Laburnum avenues, the site of the crash involving the police car.

"I couldn't believe it," the chief of operations said. "People usually lie down when they're hurt. These were scattered all over."

Harding said it was 2:15 a.m. when the final ambulance crew cleared from transporting patients.

# Let Skylab Fall; Richmond's Ready

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Emergency and Energy Services will begin a 24-hour Skylab watch today, said Norman McTague, director of operations. Communications equipment in the center is linked directly with state police networks and federal defense monitoring systems in Colorado.

BUT THE OFFICE isn't advocating that Virginia residents take any particular precautions. "The possibility of serious damage is so remote that nothing credible can be done," McTague said.

Most of Skylab's 500-odd pieces should be less than 10 pounds, according to NASA. The debris will be scattered over an area about 4,000 miles long and 100 miles wide. NASA says that no more than three pieces should fall in any 100-square-mile zone.

Though the odds are against it, David L. "Trip" Turosak, 23, still believes that part of Skylab will land next to his 1107 Grove Ave. residence. Turosak dreamed last month that a piece of Skylab "the size of a Volkswagen" would fall in his neighboring yard, and he was so sure of it he planned to charge \$5 for admission.

Now WRXL plans to co-sponsor a block party on Grove Avenue Friday night beginning at 6, according to Barbara Berlin, promotion director. If Skylab falls before then, "the party's still going on," she said.

IN FACT, Skylab crash parties seem to be the latest in extraterrestrial social events. A newly wed couple in South Side invited friends over Saturday night, strictly BYOH — Bring Your Own Helmet.

Guests were told it was a warmup for midweek crash parties, and were assured, "if you get wrecked while you're waiting, you can just crash here."

Proper dress for such a party may include a Skylab T-shirt. At least one Richmond firm, Dirt Shirt stores has come out with its own version of the bull's-eye theme.

Dirt Shirt began selling an initial run of about 100 T-shirts Saturday, and "they've been selling very well," said the store manager, Jerome Golfman. The shirts say "Official Skylab Target July 1979" and have a picture of Earth in the center with a bulls-eye around it.



(A calendar of daily events open to the public and of general interest to residents of the Richmond area.)

**BOOKMOBILES:** Richmond Public Library — Maymont, South Allen Avenue at Amelia Street, 3:30 to 7 p.m.; Stratford Hills, Stratford Hills Shopping Center, 3 to 8 p.m.; Henrico County Public Library — Brookland United Methodist Church, Staples Mill Road, 10 to 11 a.m.; Lakewood Manor, Lauderdale Road, 1:30 to 3 p.m.; Henrico County Fire Station No. 22, West End Drive, 3:30 to 5 p.m.; Springfield West Apartments, Sornedale Road, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Chesterfield County Public Library — Park Lee Garden, Park Lee Place, 10 a.m. to noon; Stonehenge development, Hazelton Drive, 3 to 5 p.m.; Brandermill, Sunday Park, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Pamunkey Regional Library, Hanover County — Cool Spring Church, 10 to 11 a.m.; Calvary Church, 11:30 a.m. to noon; Totopotomoy Church, 2 to 3 p.m.; Forest Lake Hills, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Richmond Metropolitan Blood Service bloodmobile — Virginia Electric and Power Co., 7500 W. Broad St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Defense General Supply Center, Jefferson Davis Highway, 7:30 a.m. to noon; Red Cross Blood Pressure Screening Clinic — Richmond Red Cross Building, 409 E. Main St., noon to 2 p.m.

**FILMS:** "Touring the Great Cities: Venice" — Richmond Public Library, main branch, 12:20 p.m.; "Stagecoach" — Richmond Public Library, Ginter Park branch, 7 p.m.; "This England" and "Scotland Dances" — Richmond Public Library, Ginter Park branch, 4 p.m.; "Life Goes to the Movies: The Golden Age" — Henrico County Library, Sandston branch, 7:30 p.m.; "Heidi" — Henrico County Library, Tuckahoe branch, 7 p.m.

**FOR CHILDREN:** Richmond Public Library — Films, main library, 10 a.m.; films, Belmont branch, 4 p.m.; around-the-world crafts, Broad Rock branch, 2 p.m. (grades K-3); 3 p.m. (grades 4 and up); games and crafts, East End branch, 3 p.m.; films, East End branch, 4 p.m.; around-the-world crafts, West End branch, 1:30 p.m. (5-7 years), 3 p.m. (8 and up); films, Westover Hills branch, 4 p.m.; Henrico County Public Library — Two-year-olds' story time, Dumbarton branch, 10 a.m.; preschool story time, Dumbarton branch, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; preschool story time, Fairfield branch, 7 p.m.; 2-year-olds' story time, Tuckahoe branch, 10:30 a.m.; preschool film, Tuckahoe branch, 1 p.m.; good night story time, Tuckahoe branch, 7 p.m.; Chesterfield County Public Library — Drawing class, Bon Air branch, 1 p.m.; creative writing workshop (8-12 years), central library, 3:30 p.m.; preschool story hour, La Prade branch, 1:30 p.m.; talk on Greece, Ettrick branch, 7 p.m.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Human Relations Commission — Fifth floor, City Hall, 8 p.m.; Chesterfield Board of Zoning Appeals — Board room, county courthouse, 1 p.m.

**SPECIAL:** Senior Discount Program — Photo identification, Jewish Community Center, 5403 Monument Ave., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Speech on nuclear energy issues and answers — Edna H. Musser, supervisor, North Anna nuclear power station, YWCA, noon.

**SPORTS:** America Legion baseball — Lakeside Post 125 at Mechanicsville Post, 175, 6 p.m.; Midlothian Post 186 at Colonial Heights Post 284, 7:30 p.m.; Battlefield Post 144 at Glen Allen Post 244, 7:30 p.m.

**STATE GOVERNMENT:** Water Study Commission — Room B, General Assembly Building, 9:30 a.m.; Council on the Environment, Environmental Education Meeting — Glen Echo Building, Nine Mile Road, 10 a.m.

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## Downtown Dog Patrols Curtailed

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The new order affects three dogs, two of which have been used downtown and the third on Hull Street.

Despite the fact that the Police Bureau is understaffed by patrolmen at present, Major Joseph T. Higgins, commander of uniformed operations, said he saw "no big problems" in carrying out the order.

Thursday a prisoner being put into a patrol wagon was bitten by a police dog when a patrolman, who did not know the dog was inside the wagon, opened the door and the animal jumped out, police officers said.

The city manager said that he had been considering the daytime dog ban for some time before the incident Thursday.

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number of exemptions — 14 classes — which seem to cover everyone but commuters and housewives.

Exempted are farm and emergency vehicles, taxis, buses and autos "leased in the name of any business concern."

Said Mayer, "When you include business vehicles, you really open it up."

Besides the automatic exemptions, other classes of cars are eligible for certificates that exempt them from odd-even restrictions. They include vehicles registered by private, non-profit organizations and those that travel at least 75 miles a day in the course of work. That provision covers salesmen and real estate and insurance agents, among others.

"I just don't think we need all those exemptions," said Ball. Noting that his office has issued nearly 2,000 certificates, he added, "It's quite an added administrative burden on us."

Another drawback is the spillover effect of rationing on adjoining counties and cities not covered by the governor's order.

"Odd-even is creating a real problem in northern Stafford County," declared county administrator N.C. Sharp. Stations there, he said, have been swamped by motorists from Prince William who are "coming across the line and picking up all the gas."

As a result, he said, Stafford has suffered a severe gasoline shortage. The Stafford Board of Supervisors appealed to the governor to be included in the odd-even area, but was refused, Sharp said.

Based on his study of the availability of gasoline in Stafford, Sharp predicted that every station in the county will

run dry by July 25.

According to C.J. Decatur, whose Gulf Station on U.S. 1 in Stafford is the closest to Prince William, many Stafford station operators won't fill cars that don't have a county sticker.

While some Northern Virginia officials are pleased that odd-even sales seem to be alleviating the state's worst gasoline crunch, there still remains among residents a suspicion that the area is being shortchanged by the state, Watkins said.

Representatives from most of the Virginia jurisdictions with odd-even sales will meet with Dalton tomorrow afternoon in Richmond to discuss

those suspicions, he said.

"We're looking to find an acceptable explanation for how come this particular area is feeling the brunt [of the gasoline crisis]," Watkins explained.

The meeting with Dalton, according to another Fairfax spokesman, Edmund L. Castillo, will be an occasion to discuss what legal action may be taken to ease the gas shortage in Northern Virginia and ensure equitable distribution of state reserves.

"If we find evidence of unfair treatment, we would not hesitate to sue," Castillo said.

# Fewer Stations Expected to Open

Operators of four-fifths of the gasoline stations on Virginia interstate highways say they will be open for business Saturday and half will be pumping gas Sunday, according to a survey of the 330 service stations.

Although a significant portion of the station operators told the Virginia Travel Service that they had not decided if they will be open yet, the 83 percent who intend to be open Saturday and the 50 percent who said they will open Sunday indicated a slight tightening of the weekend gas outlook from last week.

According to the travel service, 91 percent of stations along the highways were open Saturday and 57 percent were open Sunday.

For motorists traveling out of Richmond, the outlook is somewhat brighter than it is for the state as a whole. The survey found that 93 percent of the operators along Interstate 64 intend to open Saturday and 33 percent said they will be pumping gas Sunday.

Along I-95 through the state 74 percent intend to open Saturday and 46 percent on Sunday.

Out of the six interstates running through Virginia, I-66 continues to have the tightest weekend gas availability. Only 66 percent of the operators said they will open Saturday and 6 percent on Sunday.

## Lennon, Wife Shown Land In Virginia

CHARLES CITY (AP) — Former Beatle John Lennon apparently is interested in buying property in Virginia and was out yesterday with a real estate agent checking land in Charles City County.

Lennon was being shown "property and acreage that has a name," according to Morton G. Thalheimer Inc., a Richmond real estate agency.

An employee of the agency said a company salesman called the office yesterday morning and said she would be showing Lennon the property.

## Virginia News Briefs

### School Proposal Backed

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WILLIAMSBURG — The James City County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last night to endorse the Williamsburg-James City County School Boards' 50-50 financing proposal for renovating Matthew Whaley Primary School. County Administrator James B. Oliver Jr. told the supervisors that the equal financing "has been the spirit" of the joint school contract "and has been the recommendation of school superintendents through the years."

### Chinese Group Plans Visit

NEWPORT NEWS (AP) — A delegation of marine engineers and other Chinese professionals in shipping and shipbuilding will visit coastal Virginia this month, Newport News Mayor Joseph C. Ritchie announced yesterday.