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Contract signed for off-track betting site

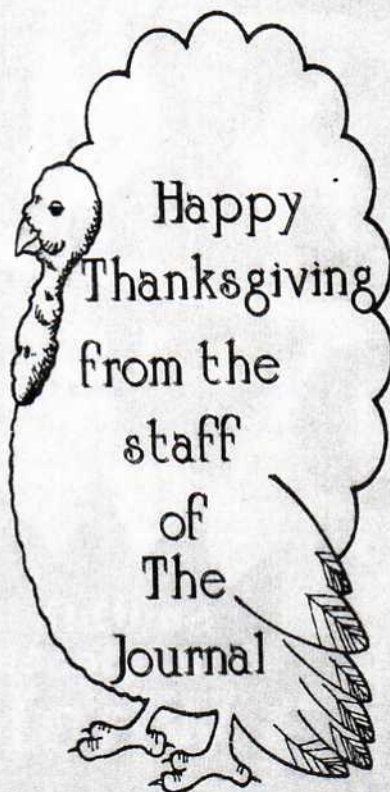
By Ruth Herrink
Boat in Colonial Beach selected as the site for off-track betting. Laurel and Pimlico

Tom Flanagan, of Colonial Beach, was selected as the site for off-track betting. Flanagan has been awarded the contract so he can bring the Maryland Racetrack to the beach, which he has been fighting for. The Commission will hold a public hearing on the matter in January. There is a possibility that he will get one of the off-track betting contracts awarded last May.

Flanagan said that the time lap from that time until the signing last week has been due to contract negotiations between the parties.

That hearing will be held in Colonial Beach, although Flanagan had the choice of having it held in Maryland. "I am not going in through the back door," he said, indicating that he wants people in Colonial Beach to be aware of the process. Off track betting, he said, "can't help but help the Beach. People have gone over and looked at it and been impressed." Several people have taken the trip to Urbanna, Mary-

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Norman Burgess, of King George Army Memorial at Colonial Beach while

King George school board addresses student problems

By Phyllis Cook
Staff Reporter

During a meeting in the King George community about drugs, alcohol and weapons, and bringing them to the recent spate of students coming before the King George School Board for discipline hearings, some resulting in suspensions, Chairman John Steward began his remarks at the last meeting with a plea to the community.

"I'd like to say a few words about drugs, alcohol use, and stress that they don't belong here. I hope that a lot of students don't realize how serious this is at the schools. I would like to ask the principals to talk to students about this subject, and also emphasize the dangers that having this stuff in school entails."

School Superintendent Dr. Ralph Johnson to pass this message to the schools regarding student use and possession of alcohol and weapons. Steward continued, saying, "We need to be aware that this is a growing problem all

King George rail to trail?

By Phyllis Cook
Staff Reporter

King George resident Tim Gorder appeared before the Planning Commission last week to explain his desire for the county to acquire an 18 mile long abandoned railroad bed for use by residents as a recreational hiking/biking trail. He is proposing county acquisition of the land for public ownership.

The former railroad line runs from the Stafford county line in Sealston to B Gate of the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) in Dahlgren. It is 100 feet wide at its narrowest and

Court strikes battery again

By Ruth Herrink

William Miller, local King George businessman, was cleared of charges of sexual battery Thursday during a preliminary hearing on the charges brought by the Commonwealth. Charges against Miller were alleged to have taken place in one of Miller's apartments on September 13, 1993.

Miller's attorney, Alex Weimer, asked Judge John Scott to close the hearing based on the premise that "adverse publicity could affect him and his business." He said that, even if Miller were cleared of the charge, he could

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