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Sea Level Rise: Can't stop Mother Nature, experts say

Sandbridge at greatest risk for future flooding; experts weigh in on one of region's most serious issues

By Hennah Harbin

35 million years ago, a giant rock careened through the endless silence of space, tumbling and turning without direction. Its stony surface rough and pock-marked, its shape jagged and uneven as it pitched and rolled past stars and planets.

The weighty mass is snagged by the gravitational pull of a medium-sized blue-green planet and begins to fall. A fiery helmet of flames engulfs the entity as it hurtles down, down, down at ever-increasing

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speeds.

The two-mile-wide meteor slams into the earth, into modern-day North America, right beside Virginia Beach.

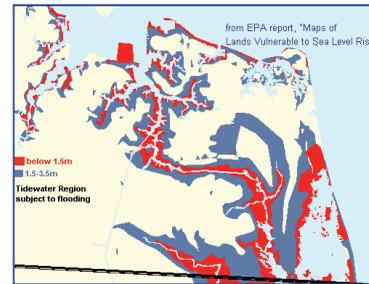
Vaporized immediately after impact, the enormous space-rock burrows almost a mile beneath the surface, forming the crater known today as the Chesapeake Bay.

And the bay's eastern shore has been

sinking ever since.

Already a low-lying area, Virginia Beach is currently waging a war against nature and time as sea level rises and the land sinks. The earth is warming, glaciers and ice caps are melting, and the ocean floor is tilting up.

"The ocean is slowly filling up, warming and expanding," said Dr. Larry Atkinson, eminent professor of Oceanography at Old Dominion University. "It wasn't until 10 or 15 years ago that we started to see increased flooding."



The red indicates the city's high water areas.

The mid-Atlantic coast is sinking as a partial result of the Chesapeake Bay me

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Shore Drive survey focuses on traffic details

Efforts to raise limit back to 45

By Jennifer K. Strout

The Shore Drive Community Coalition, which was founded in January 2001, is comprised of various groups that make up the community of individuals and mer

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Energy

Construction now underway on wind turbines

City hears detailed presentation

By Jennifer K. Strout

Detailed plans for offshore wind turbines were presented to Virginia Beach City Council members recently, during a briefing at City Hall, where they heard all about a new, two-part Virginia Off-shore Technology Advancement Project (VOW-TAP) set to be built by 2017 by Dominion Virginia Power.



Wind turbines, like this one, are being built off the city's coast

The project's first part includes construction, placement and data analysis of two wind turbines as an initial experiment providing the research to be used to develop a larger, commercial project that is anticipated to provide 2,000 megawatts of energy to Virginia Beach homeowners and businesses after 2017.

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Artist Interview



"Nesting," in oil, by Joyce Timberlake.

15 questions for Joyce Timberlake, "Cherokee Eagle Lady"

By Randall Jordan

An artist, author and teacher, Joyce Timberlake lives a Bohemian lifestyle and wears many hats.

Known nationally as the "Cherokee Eagle Lady" through her personal experiences on Native American reservations, she adds authenticity to her depictions of wild fowl and birds of prey. She earned

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City leaders hear about plans to create new biomedical center

By Jennifer K. Strout

With light rail, a new Oceanfront arena, a restored Cavalier Hotel and an elevated train already on the radar, the city is adding to its pursuits a state-of-the-art biomedical science center.

"I'm excited," said Virginia Beach Mayor Will Sessoms. "I think we're all excited about a lot of things going on in our city but I think this one is the one that can be a game changer for us, for our future. To me, it's bigger than the arena and the light rail and I say that as honestly as I can say it."

If millions of dollars can be raised and meetings-of-the-minds prevail, the city plans to establish a nationally renowned healthcare hub, using the newest, industry-leading developments to be funneled into a pioneering economic development and health care facility development plan, led by a well-rounded group of hospital CEOs and university presidents. The sprawling multi-acre campus would be built near the municipal center.

Moving the process along, the mayor commissioned a committee called the Virginia Beach Bio-medical and Healthcare

Task Force and Advisory Committee, under the combined leadership of chairmen Thomas Frantz and Rony Thomas. Frantz is the CEO of Richmond-based Williams Mullen, a law firm and lobbying group; Thomas is the CEO of Virginia Beach-based LifeNet Health, a non-profit organization that provides donation services for transplant organs. The task force is comprised of organizational members from Richmond to the Oceanfront who plan to present a final proposal to the city by year's end.

"The goal, quite simply, is to develop a plan for a biomedicine and healthcare hub in this Princess Anne Commons area to include university and military medicine and healthcare enterprises, resources and jobs in Virginia Beach and the region," Frantz said at the workshop. "We're going to focus on finding three things initially: The opportunity to create one or more national centers of excellence in one or more healthcare fields...finding one or more life science manufacturers or pharmaceutical companies to locate here...focus on the big data that's available in the military,

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Mystery



Sun staff drawing of UFO as described by Raven Newsome.

Chic's Beach mom, friends chased by big, blue UFO over bay

Oceana reports no sighting

By Hennah Harbin

Night falls over the Chesapeake Bay.

The moonlight glints over the water and a soft summer breeze sighs along the sandy shore. Crickets chirp, fireflies blink and a chorus of frogs hums together, creating a harmonic seaside symphony.

As Tuesday, July 8 ends and Wednesday begins, a trio of girls walks their dogs,

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Like it or not, we must adapt or retreat as the seas continue rising

By Hennah Harbin

Their world was ending.

The Earth shook and the water spilled over the land, washing away the pathways and footprints of those who lived upon the island. The day was abysmal and the night ghastly, and when the morning sun finally dawned, the paradise was gone, swallowed up along with all inhabitants into the sea. They were never heard from again.

The Greek philosopher Plato's legendary lost city of Atlantis is known for sinking beneath the waves where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Mediterranean Sea and disappearing into the murky depths, never to be seen with mortal eyes again.

Although no one's really sure if Atlantis actually existed, modern society knows a similar story. The island may have been created as a metaphor for the power of ancient Athens, and the dreadful punishment it incurred from the gods. Nonetheless, Plato created a tale that's still talked about

today. And now Virginia Beach and the Hampton Roads area serve as a parallel to the old philosopher's tale.

With sea levels rising and the Mid-Atlantic coast slowly sinking, our beautiful coastline may soon be underwater. But unlike Plato's vision of Atlantis, the encroachment will happen slowly, over hundreds of years, but it will happen and is already happening.

The issue has only recently become a matter of public debate, gaining attention in the last decade as localized flooding becomes more frequent across the region. As citizens, political leaders and academicians struggle to create and implement a protection and prevention plan for the future, environmentalists and concerned conservationists wonder whether the issue is ours to fix.

Hampton roads is home to numerous businesses, academic institutions and naval bases, as well as being one of the east coast's most populated areas. Additionally,

the potential loss of wetlands, national forests and beach dunes are of great concern. Efforts to preserve and protect an ecological treasure, a historically recognized area and an affluent city such as Virginia Beach, are understandably fierce and the urge to protect it is instinctual.

However, ecologists and preservationists make the point that humankind is susceptible to the whims of nature. The land on which our forefathers landed and settled is already beneath the waves, swept away by the tide of time. Some argue that this is the natural progression, and that nothing could, or should, be done to interfere.

The land is changing, and we must adapt, or retreat.

Each opinion has salient value, but only one perspective usually triumphs. Although it means our grandchildren and descendants may never get to walk these same streets and sands, perhaps it is best to allow nature to take the course she has already charted.

Global warming, melting glaciers and the rising and expanding ocean each indicate the effects humans have already had upon the earth. The scars and trauma we have inflicted on our planet run deep, and are catching up to us.

Regardless of how many conferences we convene or how well we prepare, our

decision may be made for us. It seems unlikely that a flood protection and prevention agreement will be reached, and a plan put into action, all in the next few years. But something has to be done, sooner or later.

Mother Nature holds no meetings, waits for no one, and she is coming.

POV: Even if irritated, stop for Shore Drive pedestrians

By Jennifer K. Strout

Few topics in Virginia Beach gather as much attention and discussion as does the question of "time management." In our society, it seems as though we are constantly attempting to do more activities with less time. Therefore, when speed limit changes are implemented, it is no wonder that many people want to voice their concerns over how it is impacting their quality of life.

As a Shore Drive resident living on the

beach side of Starfish Road, I'm right in the center of the notorious four-mile corridor that has taken the lives of so many over the last few decades. While many people understand why the speed limit was reduced in the area between North Great Neck and Pleasure House Road, there are differing opinions as to whether or not it should be changed again.

What has been proposed by some locals, almost since the moment the lower

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Wind turbine construction has already begun off the city's coast

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The first part of the project, called VOW-TAP, includes two wind turbines, with blades that reach soaring heights of 574 feet from the top of the ocean. The blades' height far surpasses the state's tallest building, The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center, reaching a mere 501 feet by comparison.

Peering off the coast of the Virginia Beach shoreline, locals see construction already taking place. A gigantic 110-foot vessel has begun setting in place a series of eleven near-shore borings.

Dominion still needs to obtain several regulatory approvals. Based on approval by late-2016, major construction would occur in 2017 and the wind turbines would begin operating later that year.

Dominion Project Manager Robert Hare led a 20-minute presentation, explaining to city leaders how and when the two-turbine project was set to progress. Hare referred to the two-turbine project as the "R&D [research and development] part of the project."

Hare went on to explain how the initial two-turbine project would be used to lead towards the expansive goal of building the wind farm off the coast of Virginia

Beach. Hare stated, "The point of this... is because we don't have experience, no one has experience in America, so what we want to do is cut our teeth. We want to do these two projects, we want to learn lessons and apply those...become more efficient and drive cost down."

"Both the demonstration project and the commercial venture tie into our strategy of promoting a diverse generating mix that includes nuclear, natural gas, coal, hydro, solar and sustainable wind while providing our customers with reliable and affordable electricity," said Paul Ruppert, senior vice-president of Business Development and Generation Construction, in a recent press release.

Local residents and business owners have reported noticing newly developed and mysterious objects off the coast of the beach. Hare stated it is the Geotechnical Investigation that began July 2014. Specifically, 11 borings were just completed near shore, near shore with the first site located farthest away from the beach, located farthest away from the beach. The borings, set at the turbine site, take samples. Additionally, there are four borings constructed 300 feet deep, and 32 pressure tests at a 15 feet depth for the distribution cable corridor. The project manager went

on to report, each boring takes 10 hours to be accurately placed and that construction is weather dependent. According to a Dominion Power press release, the borings were set by a 110-foot vessel:

"The U.S.-flagged Inez Eymard literally lifts itself out of the water to provide a stable platform for collecting the core samples."

According to Daisy Pridgen, Media Relations for Dominion Virginia Power,

"All borings (including the near shore borings) are completed and the vessel has returned home to the Gulf of Mexico."

The two-turbine project assists in the development for the commercial operation, through the collection of data specific to this hurricane zone area. In addition to the Virginia Beach area being unique as the first hurricane region to attempt to implement wind turbine technology. Hare points out that the turbines are unique at this time,

"Alstom is a turbine manufacturer, their only 6MW turbine that is installed, off the coast and that's off the Belgium coast."

Additionally, he also reported that for the commercial project there was a chance of "some 8MW, may be some 10MW" turbines being constructed.

Many have wondered exactly how the

power would connect to their homes and businesses.

"The distribution cable brings the power on the shore where we connect into the grid."

Hare reported that the drilling for the cable would be brought up through Camp Pendleton State Military Reservation and that care would be taken not to disturb the beaches.

"[Construction will] drill horizontally under the beach, the dunes will not be disturbed," according to the project manager.

As for the distance from the shore and ocean water depth at the location of the turbines: "27 statute miles, I think 24 nautical miles" from shore and "even though we are many miles out, the max water depth there is 80 feet, it's relatively shallow," per Hare.

The project manager also went on to mention some of the companies involved with VOWTAP:

"Snapshot of the team, we are working with a lot of local and also international

partners who are well versed and knowledgeable of offshore wind development. Alstom turbine manufacturer. Keystone, they are out of the Gulf of Mexico, they design the foundations we selected. KBR is engineering support. TetraTech is environmental. Newport News shipbuilding: infrastructure and logistics and the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy they are actually going to be the leaseholder for these, where the two turbines are going to be located."

The lease is for a term of 38 years, with assessments of the area being completed between November of 2013 and November 2018. The commercial operation life is currently set at 25 years and the lease allows for the construction to occur in phases, according to Hare.

The project manager also outlined the involvement of the Department of Energy and the funding that would be provided for the completion of the project.

"We were one of seven projects select

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The trials and tribulations of making pancakes!

By Hennah Harbin

I woke one Saturday morning in my youth with a craving for pancakes. Dad was out of town and Mom was at work, so I had the house to myself. Upon entering the kitchen it became clear that a dish I needed was...indisposed. So, somewhat put out but still full of naive hope, I washed the frying pan, and then poured the Bisquick into the bowl.

Peering into the little cardboard hut of eggs revealed a shortage. This was remedied easily enough. I simply removed half of the dry batter and dumped it back into its box. After adding the egg, another trip to the fridge was required for milk. Closer inspection of this "milk" revealed that it had expired three days before. My cheery and optimistic attitude on pancake making was not to be crushed however, and I obstinately persisted in my quest.

Resourcefulness was key on this day of pancakery, and after a quick rummage

in the fridge, I found a small carton of "Heavy Whipping Cream" to substitute the milk. Unfortunately, this also meant that the pancakes would be accompanied by a nice tall glass of water on the table.

The batter was completed, for better or

The batter was completed, for better or worse. With my first puddle of flapjack safely bubbling away in the frying pan, I turned from the stove, just for a moment.

worse. With my first puddle of flapjack safely bubbling away in the frying pan, I turned from the stove, just for a moment. A pair of adorable pink scissors resting on the kitchen table reminded me of some ends which had been splitting. With a furtive glance towards the stove, I took them to the bathroom and became absorbed in trimming my hair.

Several minutes passed, and I noticed an acrid scent in the air. After a moment of bemused sniffing, the memories re-

turned in a flood. I rushed back to the kitchen. Copious clouds of smoke were issuing forth from the pan as I turned the stove off. I pranced frantically around the room, leaping like an acrobat as I waved a towel at the fire alarms.

When all the windows had been opened my attention turned towards the misbegotten, crispy little disk of charred blackness steaming sadly in the frying pan. This was thrown into the yard, for whatever starving creature would have it.

After an unbelievably dry second attempt, there was only enough batter left for one pancake. I knew I had to make it count. I turned the stove on very low, so as not to cook it too quickly or dry it out. Hovering over the stove with laser concentration, I monitored the flapjack. Once the wet surface began to bubble, I worked the spatula beneath it and flipped. A flawless golden-brown pancake shimmered tantalizingly in the heat of the stove.

I turned to retrieve a plate, utensils, butter and...

Only then did I realize that we had no syrup.

LOOK TO THE SKY

BY LINDA KEENER

Each starry night offers a chance for imaginations to soar. In that vastness are galaxies, suns, planets, moons, comets and more. But what about life; are there dwellers on planets far, far away? If so, are they like us or different, and will we make contact some day?

If there, are they peaceful or violent? Can they live without violence or war? What is their language? What is their faith? Will their actions destroy or restore? Likewise, they might be looking our way and questioning all that we do. Should they come, what might be their response if the first one they met would be you?



Joyce operated Timberlake Art Academy for eight years at 3972 Holland Road in the Corner Oaks neighborhood

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her special status by producing works of imagination, using rich oils and watercolors applied in a combination of lustrous subtle tones. Her paintings reflect a deep understanding of her subjects. In preparation, she frequently visits sites to sketch, document and visualize the scene.

Joyce has been involved with conservation programs for over 20 years. She has had three television series on art, published art magazines and served as an art critic for several newspapers. She has owned and operated several art galleries, and began teaching in 1965 from her home studio. This later grew into her own school, The Timberlake Art Academy in Virginia Beach. She has been featured in several national publications, selected as one of the nation's leading artists in Artists' USA Who's Who in American Art, American Printmakers and The 13th International Annual Book. She has also been the director of the American West Galleries, a prestigious Indian Art Gallery in Washington D.C., and a freelance art appraiser with the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Her current artistic endeavor is shared by her sister, Carol, and is a children's book series, "Happy Tree," illustrated by Joyce and includes books, songs, videos and related products to educate children about reforestation projects and the importance of trees.

Joyce operated Timberlake Art Academy for eight years at 3972 Holland Road in the Corner Oaks neighborhood, right down from the Timberlake neighborhood, where she was teaching 120 students a week. For a year she lived at Seagull Bluff Road by the Lesner Bridge and also taught for two years at the D'art Center in downtown Norfolk. Here's my exclusive interview:

Occupation? Artist, author, storyteller, lecturer and art instructor, not necessarily in that order! Most of this except lecturer takes place in my home studio.

Family? I am one of four sisters. We are all creative artists, storytellers and authors. I am one of eight children, three of my brothers and one sister are deceased.



Joyce Timberlake

Where born and raised? I was born in Roanoke Va., and raised in Hampton Va.

Hobbies? Of course art, first and foremost, followed by writing, both books and art blogs; photography, which I use constantly searching for reference materials for my paintings; biking and swimming, to help keep me in shape.

Is there any type of particular music you listen to when painting? Mostly soft classical music, along with jazz, seems to keep my "mojo" flowing smoothly. On the other hand, I sometimes like to watch television while I paint!

When do you find yourself the most creative? After I come back from an outdoor show like the Virginia Beach Boardwalk Art Show, I feel "amped" up on art and I paint like crazy for the next few days. A visit to the Chrysler Museum has the same effect!

Where do you create the majority of your art? I built a large studio in my house. I can teach 10 students in one class and have plenty of room to paint large canvases, as well. My storage is limited but I try to keep my art circulating in galleries all over the Hampton Roads area.

Do you share your work before completion? As I work with many students, I try to do a step-by-step on social media

whenever possible. I am public and available always to my collectors and students, so I usually put my newest paintings up on Facebook, as well as my own art website, immediately.

Do you find you work quickly or slowly? It depends on the painting I'm working on. If I'm really into it mentally, it goes fast. I don't work on projects that I am not excited about. I get inspired just being part of a new project.

What satisfies you? I love to have a challenge. I sometimes work on projects that I don't know how in the world I can do it, but I just focus on it, and sometimes magically it comes together. That's the best feeling. I love it, especially when it turns out well!

Art Career? I will always be active in participating in art shows, both indoors and outdoors. My hope is to always teach art. I would love to have something exciting happen as far as my published children's book "Happy Tree" is concerned. I always envisioned it as a "Fern Gully" type of movie for kids. I've been in contact with some movie producers, so we will see.

What advice would you give to up and coming artists? I enjoy training young people how to paint and become professional. I have many former students who



"Dune Crossing,"
by Joyce Timberlake.

are artists and illustrators today. I feel if you can start them in art when they are pre-teens and keep them in classes, that it will help them a great deal when they get in high school. They can get extracurricular grades that will help them with their portfolios. I tell them, "just paint." It will help them in everything they do in life.

How would you rank the local art scene from 0 to 10 with 10 being the best? I have been in the art scene since the 1960's - I feel that the art happenings in our area are

about a seven. We have grown tremendously in the last few years and I do feel we still have a ways to go. It's exciting to be still involved in the art world at my age.

Where can the public enjoy your art? ArtbyJoyceTimberlake.com, my personal website; Artistic Creations Art Gallery on Shore Drive; my own private art studio; The Timberlake Art Academy (by appointment only); Lisa Steele's Art and

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New principals for school year named

The Virginia Beach School Board recently approved several principal appointments for the Virginia Beach City Public Schools:

Dr. James Avila is the new principal of Tallwood High School. He joined VB-CPS as a teacher at Kellam High School in 1997 and later served as administrative assistant at Virginia Beach Middle School before being named assistant principal there.

Dr. Kelly Hedrick is the new principal of the combined Kemps Landing/Old Donation School. Hedrick taught in several schools in Virginia before joining VB-CPS in 1994 as a teacher at Salem Middle School.

Dr. Sherri Archer is the new principal of Windsor Oaks Elementary School. She began her career as a teacher at Chester-

field Academy in Norfolk.

Bruce H. Clarke is the new principal of College Park Elementary School. He began his career in VBCPS in 1999 as a teacher at Newtown Elementary School.

Matthew A. Orebaugh is the new principal of Windsor Woods Elementary School. He began his teaching career in Rockbridge County in 2001 before joining VBCPS in 2003.

Jacqueline Y. Sargent is the new principal of Strawbridge Elementary School. She began her career in education in 1984 and has taught in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Sharon L. Shewbridge is the new principal of Kingston Elementary School.

Linda L. Sidone is the new principal of Three Oaks Elementary School.



The cover of "Happy Tree."
by Joyce Timberlake.

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Framing Shop in Hampton; and in Todd Center Art at the Chapman in Hampton.

Shows? Ocean View Art Show, Buckroe Beach Art Show, Poquoson Seafood Festival, Hampton Arts League Members Show, D'art Center Art Show, Blue Skies Art Show, Portsmouth Seawall art Show, Gosport Art Show, Norfolk Waterside Festival and various other outdoor art shows.

Joyce hopes to be in Hollywood in five years upon a movie being made from her book/project, "The Happy Tree." As one of the display artists in Artistic Creations Art Gallery on Shore Drive, Joyce will be having a book signing on Thursday, August 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. This will take place during an art opening, "Hot &



"Brass Rose," in oil,
by Joyce Timberlake.

Hazy," with the theme of "summer fun."
Reach Randall Jordan owns Artistic Creations Art Gallery, 4425 Shore Drive, Unit #104, Virginia Beach, VA, 23455.

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the region and the state, to bring in one or more think tanks for analysis."

The dynamic group includes the presidents of The College of William & Mary, Old Dominion University and Hampton University, the CEOs of Sentara Healthcare, Bon Secours, Riverside Hospital and the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters.

"We have a lot of healthcare and assets that we can build on and what we are pulling for has to come from more than Virginia Beach," Franz said.

Franz also provided a coalition update. "(This is) a very bold vision for a hub," he said. "We eventually focused on healthcare. We talked to lots of leaders in the healthcare and education field, VCU, ODU, Sentara, LifeNet. There is an opportunity to create a hub here, and yes, there is a need to build on, right here, in the Princess Anne area in Virginia Beach. What our task force is going to do over the next four to five months is to put together our plan. . . hopefully by your planning session in December."

Franz went on to point out the coalition's vision.

"What is a cluster exactly? It's a critical mass in one place of linked industries and institutions from manufacturers to suppliers, universities to government agencies, that enjoy an unusual competitive success and that's what we're trying to build," he said.

A similar, renowned center, is now open San Antonio, Texas, which Franz said, is an example of what the potential hub could become in Virginia Beach. The Texas hub was founded in 2005 and has since resulted in the creation of 140,000 jobs in sectors such as medical education, healthcare and research, according to some reports. That city also says that it employs one in six of its employees in the science and healthcare fields.

San Antonio's City of Science and Health also goes by the name of the "Home of Military Medicine," as the country's largest military healthcare and biomedical research center. It is listed as housing the only Department of Defense research lab that is focused on traumatic injury, as well as the only U.S. Department of Defense programs for both allogenic bone marrow transplantation and the department's only eye bank. Additionally, the hub generated \$20 billion in payroll each year. Franz went on to cite that the current gross domestic product for healthcare is 18 percent and is projected to become 25 percent of the GDP over the next 10 years.

Because of Virginia Beach's extensive military population as well, the center would focus on "war wounds and other trauma," said Franz, in addition to "diabetes and the heart."

But, Franz is quick to add that the committee has yet to make final decisions on anything, as efforts continue to find public and private sources of funding. In anticipation of a burgeoning new center, however, officials are planning for increased traffic as it comes to fruition. This large pooling of resources will lead to an increase in traffic into the Virginia Beach area. In a recent

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From girl to grownup, how the Girl Scouts got Kaitlin Smith going

A Virginia Beach native, Smith is the Colonial Girl Scouts' public relations manager

By: Kacey Johnston

A young girl has many options as to what to do with her free time. Kaitlin Smith, the Colonial Coast's Girl Scouts' public relations manager, grew up exploring the outdoors and set her sights on becoming a member of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. For \$15 a year, girls can join the scouts when they start kindergarten and participate through the end of high school.



Kaitlin Smith

"And then of course become Girl Scout adult members!" Smith adds.

Her whole life, Smith has enjoyed experiencing new things and meeting new people, she said. Smith, who joined the Scouts when she was seven and stayed a member through her elementary years, has made exciting memories, met new people, and found a fun and rewarding career.

Girl Scouts offer the 16,000 young girls who are in the local chapter and the 3.2 million girl scouts nationwide important life lessons and self-esteem.

"It's the confidence every girl gains," said Smith, 24. "And it's all about having

fun!"

In high school, the 2008 Princess Anne High School graduate was active with Relay for Life and other local volunteer groups and gained skills, such as team building and event planning, as well as developing emotional confidence during her years with the organization, she said. Her experiences prepared Smith for future opportunities in high school, through college, and into her professional career.

"It was challenging to move to South Carolina without knowing anyone," said Smith, "but I was confident enough to meet new people and get involved in school activities."

Smith has lived in Kempsville her entire life and attended Arrowhead Elementary School. There, she developed an interest in becoming involved with her peers and her community. Her interest soon developed into a passion as she matured and entered Princess Anne High School's International Baccalaureate program. She also has other fond memories of high school.

"Being involved with my peers, the extracurricular activities, and trying lacrosse for the first time," Smith recalls. "(I gained a sense of) happiness and a satisfaction in knowing that I was a part of something bigger than myself."

Attending the University of South Carolina, where she double majored in

Art History and Spanish and was a Phi Beta Kappa member, through an academic scholarship program challenged Smith to move outside of her usual surroundings and into a larger, more independent lifestyle. She explored more of the region on her own and made new friends who continue to be a part of her life, she said.

As a member of the honors fraternity, Smith became involved with an international student group that helped Spanish-speaking students with the social and cultural adjustments of living in South Carolina. She graduated summa cum laude from USC in 2011 and focused on finding a job allowing her to continue bettering the community.

The Girl Scouts provided Smith with such an opportunity in the form of a part-time job. The Chesapeake-based Colonial Coast Girls Scouts of the USA hired her as a part-time archive assistant for the Scout's 100-year anniversary.

"At the end of the project, a full-time position opened up, and I went for it," she said.

As an assistant, Smith was responsible for writing, researching and handling community reports. These responsibilities prepared her for the position she has held since October 2013 as a public relations manager. She also writes press releases, handles PSAs, manages all of the social media accounts and takes care of pictures,

publicity, events, and community relations with volunteers.

When she is not busy working hard, Smith still enjoys reading and the outdoors. She also spends time with her parents, Douglas and Patricia Smith, who still live in Kempsville and her younger brother, 20-year-old Andrew Smith, who lives in Blackburg, VA and majors in packaging science at Virginia Tech.

"I also like to spend time at the beach, crochet, be with my friends, and play with my pug, Lucy," she said.

Smith's biggest passion is empowering young women to have confidence in

themselves and be involved in their communities.

"In March (of this year), I chaperoned a Girl Scout trip to NYC where the girls experienced a United Nations delegation for women and a working group for girls,"

said Smith. "It was really neat for me, because my own Scout leader, from when I was a girl, was the second chaperone for the

trip."

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chatting and laughing together as they head home from a midnight stroll on the beach.

Little did they know, they are being watched.

Behind them, a strange blue-green orb hovers in the sky. As they're walking along the Chic's Beach shoreline, near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, the girls notice the strange object. It moves slowly to one side, and then centers itself again. Then it darts swiftly to the other side, returning once more to its original position.

“This big blue something didn't have flashing lights, so it wasn't an airplane. It was just a big solid light,” said Raven Newsome, 19, a stay-at-home mom who lives on Pleasure House road with her fiancé, five-month-old baby and puppy.

The girls debate theories and possible explanations for this mysterious phenomenon, all the while fighting the fearful chills creeping down their spines.

“It followed us down from the beach all the way down Pleasure House,” said Crysta Moats, 25. “Then it went behind the trees, it hovered down and disappeared.”

Then, five minutes later, it reappeared.

“We walked underneath the tunnel and were almost to Chic's Bar, and it came back up into the sky so we watched it for a second. It was just sitting there, like it was watching us,” said Newsome. “So we started running, and it was right over top of us the whole time. We weren't the only ones who saw it.”

“This old man came up, and two or three other people came up to us, and said they were watching that thing for 30 minutes,” said Cassandra O'Neal, 21.

O'Neal and Moats live together on Pleasure House, with their two dogs.

“Most of them thought it was a government drone, but I don't know if it was that, not over here,” said O'Neal. “I don't know what it was.”

When contacted, a Naval Air Station Oceana spokesperson told The Sun, “we did not receive any reports of sightings that evening,” but

declined to give their name. A Virginia Beach-based UFO club also missed the sighting.

“The UFO club and National UFO Reporting Center didn't have anything on those dates,”

seen inexplicable hovering lights in the night sky, to have witnessed otherworldly beings here on Planet Earth. So many, and in such diverse locales, that even a nonbeliever has difficulty explaining away the stories.

“I'd never seen one before so I was kind of skeptical but I didn't think that we were the only species, ever. I figured there had to be something else, and then I saw that,” said Newsome. “I'm pretty sure it was something not from here.”

Reports date back to the B.C. era. Several were recorded in the Roman Empire and many were witnessed by large groups of people, including opposing armies, entire towns and well-known writers, such as Plutarch. These sorts of sightings have been noted all around the globe ever since.

“I have sightings that go back to 1947 in, specifically, Virginia Beach,” said Youness. “This month alone, there have been over 800 sightings across the country.”

People all around the world claim to have seen inexplicable hovering lights in the night sky, to have witnessed otherworldly beings here on Planet Earth. So many, and in such diverse locales, that even a nonbeliever has difficulty explaining away the stories.

said Jessica Youness, president of the Virginia Beach-based UFO club of Virginia, published author and Lynnhaven resident. “We can't really judge how many sightings there are, unless they're reported.”

People all around the world claim to have

Special Report

City leaders hear about plans to create new biomedical center

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press release, Franz made suggestions as a way to remedy the situation.

“I have suggested the four best things to work together on are the widening of I-64, getting Route 460 done, deepening the channel to 55 feet and increasing barge traffic to the port of Richmond,”

he said. “Our plan is to recommend that the city put up some land; that it put up some funding, that the state put up some funding and that we find private equity sources.”

Franz said that one of San Antonio's biggest obstacles was finding sources of private funding to continue pushing its hub forward. The task force has not yet assessed the strategies to overcome this obstacle.

“You have an opportunity to add to the economic development; that is noble work,” he said, “by adding to its healthcare solutions, solutions in the healthcare delivery system, things that help people live a more healthy lifestyle.”

At first glance, locals seem to like the idea

of a new medical facility in the city.

“If it adds any new relevant clinical data to existing practices than I'm all for it,” said Mark Chausovsky, a Town Center resident and pharmacist. “Getting all the schools together is good. I think that if they get more people from VA, it would definitely help, if everybody were in on this. I'd be interested to know what pharmaceutical manufacturer they want to work with, because that would tell me what kind of drugs and what conditions they are working with. Regardless though, pulling more human subjects for trials and the new jobs that might come around, is definitely a plus.”

Brad Clarkston, a North Beach resident and gym manager, also sees benefits. “I am all for it! I think it is a great idea: anything involved with health that also brings in more jobs to the area,” he said.

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Sports



The arena would host sports and entertainment events.

VBSC prez on new arena

Claudy Barnes, The Virginia Beach Sports Club's president, recently spoke with some club members about the new almost-20,000-seat sports and entertainment venue on tap to be built at 19th Street and Birdneck Road. She asked them if they thought it was really going to be built and if it is built, will it be successful?

“I was totally surprised that many in the club hardly knew any details and many are on the fence or still deciding,” she said. “Perhaps down the road I will urge them to study up on it. The Norfolk Tides' stadium never fills up, the Virginia Squires ABA basketball team folded and UFL pro football was a disaster. I just hope our city fathers are not doing this out of jealousy that the city of Norfolk has Scope, The Ted, etc.”

In other club news, the club will hold an evening picnic on Tuesday, September 9 at 5 p.m., at Redwing Lake Golf Club, featuring its annual putting contest.

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Most locals want to live on the water, not in the water

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teor, but also due to glacial isostatic adjustment. This phenomenon occurs when a large glacier has depressed the land inward, pressing down upon it so heavily that the liquid mantle beneath is forced out of the area. After the glacier has melted or retreated, the mantle flows back into place. This process is slow, and may take thousands of years.

“Once that glacier receded, our coastline started subsiding,” said Rodney Clayton, associate professor of Geophysical Sciences Department at Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach campus. “We’re in a global warming period. On average, worldwide, sea level rises one foot per century.”

The effects of all this sinking and rising are felt strongly by the folks of Norfolk and Virginia Beach, both of which are, on average, 12 feet above sea level and prone to flooding whenever it rains. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), sea level will rise by 1.98 feet at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel in the next century.

“Property values are going to go down in some areas, anyplace that floods occasionally now,” said Atkinson. “People like to live near the water, not in the water. It can be hard for communities to face up to slow-moving problems like this.”

The rising waters will also affect home values and some insurance rates.

“Flood insurance rates are going to go up,” said Norman Thomas, assistant

managing broker at Rose and Womble Realty’s Lynnhaven office. “People with oceanfront homes are going to start to see the property values go down.”

Virginia Beach has 249 square miles of land and 248 square miles are water, adding up to a grand total of 497 square miles, nearly half of which is very wet, according to the United States Census Bureau. According to Clayton, Sandbridge will be hit particularly hard.

“It’s a hotspot,” he said. “They have a lot of beach erosion.”

The issue has gained more attention in recent years, sparking debates about global warming and humankind’s eco-footprint. Despite the general consensus that significant rises in sea level will not be seen for hundreds of years, everyone agrees that a

solution is best prepared and served sooner, rather than later.

“This stuff has happened before and I don’t think we can blame the dinosaurs,” said Clayton. “We do have a pretty big footprint but we have to put it into a geological and historical context.”

One unique and environmentally-friendly approach is to turn the flood-prone areas into public parks, which has already been done in parts of Holland, Germany and England. Public reports are that it could cost \$1 billion to effectively prevent continual local flooding.

“These areas are fields or parks, which occasionally turn into lakes,” said Atkinson. “How cities deal with (sea level rise) will make the difference. We have to protect, adapt or retreat.”

At a bipartisan conference held recently June at Old Dominion University’s Ted Constant Convocation Center in Norfolk, several plans and solutions for the problem were discussed and considered. Flood gates may be a viable option, closing off inlets is another, but as Atkinson says, these are all hypothetical at this time.

“Structures like that take about 30 years to plan, and actually do,” said Atkinson. “We’ve got time but now’s the time to start.”

“We’ll adapt, once the water gets to a certain point we’ll start pushing inland,” said Thomas. “There’s nothing we can do, besides make our clients aware. If Mother Nature wants it, you can’t stop it.”

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POV: Even if irritated, stop for Shore Drive pedestrians

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speed limit was implemented, is that the speed limit should be reinstated at the original 45 mph. The current speed limit of 35 miles per hour (mph) is only 10 mph lower, but when one considers the four-mile stretch in question, the argument that it will free up traffic is somewhat difficult to support.

Considering the large number of intersections and traffic lights, many with additional protected turns, much of the conges-

tion is caused by the constant stopping and going. It takes 1.71 minutes to travel one mile at 35 mph and 1.33 minutes to travel that same mile going 45 mph. Therefore, even if one were lucky enough to not hit any of the traffic lights, the time saved would only be 91 seconds.

It is likely that the majority of Shore Drive residents have been in both situations at one time or another, that of being a motorist and a pedestrian. It is important to remember the safety rules that apply

to the situation as a whole. While many people who cross Shore Drive are familiar with the area, there is also a high volume of tourists at times. I have witnessed many people of varying ages trying to cross the street, whether at designated crosses or elsewhere, including families with small children. Even when I do not agree with the place people choose to cross or the timing, I still stop. While it is easy to become frustrated as a motorist, I have also been at crosswalks where the crosswalk signal

will not change, leaving only the choice of trying to cross when it appears safe.

If the speed limit is increased to 45 mph, the only time that one will likely be able to get up to that speed is at night, due to the combination of lights and congestion. This is also the most dangerous time for pedestrians to cross, and as a local motorist, I would rather give up the potential to get somewhere a mere 91 seconds faster, in order to be granted the extra stopping

time; because if someone illegally crosses in front of my car, while I may not legally be held liable, I will still have to live with the experience of damaging another person’s life. And that’s my point-of-view.

The intersection of Vista Road and Shore Drive, on the Lesner Bridge’s east side, can sometimes be dangerous, locals say.

East Stratford Road and Shore Drive, West of the Lesner Bridge, is also sometimes dangerous.

The coalition meets monthly at the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad meeting hall Wind turbines

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chants residing and working on Shore Drive, including multiple civic leagues, as well as merchant and community associations associated with apartments, townhouses and condominiums.

The coverage area of Shore Drive that’s included within the organization is Chesapeake Bay on the north end, Little Creek Amphibious Base on the west side, First Landing State Park on the east side and First Court Road, Pleasure House Creek, Lynnhaven River and Broad Bay on the south end. With the exception of holidays, the group meets on the last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad meeting hall. The organization’s president is David Williams

of Cape Henry Shores and it has four main objectives:

1. Provide a unified “voice” for the community that will work hand-in-hand with the city of Virginia Beach and the Shore Drive Advisory Committee to better the quality of life along the Shore Drive community and business corridor.

2. Provide proactive assessments and reactive solutions to civic issues concerning the entire Shore Drive neighborhood.

3. Organize and encourage participation in annual local events promoting community friendship and camaraderie.

4. Act as an effective communication tool that provides pertinent information to all of the Shore Drive corridor organizations.

The coalition is conducting a detailed

public survey to evaluate the speed limit reduction on Shore Drive between Great Neck Road and Pleasure House Road and results will be used to help determine the effectiveness of the reduction.

Answers to the survey questions will remain anonymous, but survey results will be presented to city officials during an end-of-the-year evaluation of the subject area. Results will help determine if the 35 mph limit will remain as is, be changed back in some areas or be changed back to 45 mph along the entire subject area.

The survey asks the following: How long have you lived in this area; name of your Virginia Beach neighborhood, condominium or apartment; how often do you use (drive, bike, walk) on Shore Drive - frequently (more than twice a week),

occasionally (once or twice a week) or infrequently (less than once a week); do you feel that the reduction in the speed limit to 35 mph along Shore Drive has made Shore Drive safer – yes, no, less safe, no difference; how often do you use the lighted (signed) pedestrian crosswalks along Shore Drive – frequently, occasionally, seldom, never; how do you feel about the speed limit along Shore Drive between North Great Neck and Pleasure House roads - should remain 35 mph, should be restored to 45 mph along entire road, should be restored to 45 in some sections; please identify specific intersections and locations.

The survey also asks for comments and additional safety suggestions or concerns.

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ed to receive four million dollars of grant money and the intent was for phase one for these seven projects would develop their own projects and at the end of the phase one, there was another round, which you would submit a report: here’s how much we developed and how much this project would be constructed. We were lucky; we were one of the three projects of the seven, to receive the second and final phase. Total funding from Department of Energy and that was an additional \$4 million, for a total of \$51 million and again for commercial operation, 2017. The goal again was to install an innovative system, learn; lower the cost of energy is the objective.”



Atkinson



Clayton



Thomas



Youness

These people pictured above, left to right, have been quoted in this issue of The Virginia Beach Sun. Their names and article in which they appear are as follows: ODU's Dr. Larry Atkinson, Page 1, sea level story; TCC's Rodney Clayton, Page 1, sea level story; Rose and Womble Realty's Norman Thomas, Page 1, sea level story; UFO club president, Jessica Youness, Page 1, UFO story; UFO witness, Raven Newsome, Page 1, UFO story; and Murray Ashman, Page 10, litter story. (Photos by Hennah Harbin.)



Newsome



Ashman

Chic's Beach local calls for more beach littering law enforcement

By Hennah Harbin

Broken bottles and smoldering cigarette butts half-buried in the sand, rusty old fish hooks, splintered chicken bones and dirty diapers scattered over the beach, lying in wait to hurt or infect innocent pets, sunbathers, children and wildlife.

"It's constant, it's every day," said Murray Ashman, who was born and raised in Virginia Beach. "It's something everybody's been complaining about for a long time."

Ashman has lived in Chic's Beach by the Chesapeake Bay for 10 years. He and his dog, Frazier, visit the shore two or three times each day. What was once a favorite local hangout has been trampled and abused, with trash dispersed over the shore and along the streets.

"The secret of our beach has gotten out," said Ashman. "People live here, this is their yard."

Despite the steep fines outlined in local littering laws, horror stories abound

among the locals, such as, someone getting pricked by a discarded hypodermic needle, and a sweet, elderly golden retriever nearly choking on swallowed chicken bones. It is only a matter of time before a serious injury occurs as a result of this carelessness, he said.

The amount of trash is always higher after weekends, Ashman said, but was staggering after this past Fourth of July holiday. It is impossible to know who is responsible for the slew of trash at the bay, he said, but also doubts that the residents living in the area are defacing their own yards, streets and shore.

"From what I see it's people from other neighborhoods," he said. "They treat it like there's somebody behind them cleaning up after them, and there's not."

This disregard for the natural wildlife, for the scenic beauty of the beach and for the hygienic safety of residents, is unacceptable, he said. Children play in the water, wild animals and pets scuttle and scamper along the sand and sun-bathers

abandon their flip-flops during the summer months to enjoy the beach in their backyards. All of the potential dangers lurking underfoot is disheartening, and frightening.

Frustrated at the increasing mess and lack of respect directed toward his community, Ashman and some friends have taken trash bags to the sandy shore to clean up the area, lamenting that the amount of trash is sometimes more than they can carry.

"In all the years I've lived here, I've never, ever seen anybody ticketed for littering," said Ashman. "I see a lot of citations for dogs on the beach, but not for littering."

He has called the police numerous times in an attempt to increase enforcement, he said, but his efforts have been unsuccessful. He blames selective enforcement, saying that a lack of consequences for litterbugs have resulted in a widespread disregard for common decency.

Although police officers patrol the area daily, and although littering is punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000 as well as jail time, a litterbug infestation seems to be running rampant and unchecked by the bay, Ashman said. Officers have their orders and priorities, but the locals have their own concerns, and they want the shores spotless.

"They need to change their priorities and focus on what's really hurting people," Ashman said. "They should be actively patrolling and trying to discourage littering. It needs to be publically known that we're not going to look the other way on this, that it's not okay."

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Looking Back

Seasons of the Sun: Looking Back to Tuesday, August 4, 1964

Beetle Area Ban May Run into 1965

An insect known as the White Fringe Beetle had staged an infestation in the Hampton Roads area in the summer of '64. On Friday, July 31, 1964 the State Board of Agriculture ordered a quarantine for four areas of Virginia Beach and two areas of Norfolk. The pesticide treatment was expected to be in full swing by the following winter, and was to consist of a new chemical called Sevin, as well as small doses of a controversial pesticide known as dieldrin.

Bayside Church Aids Alaskans

Vacation Bible School at Bayside Church took a charitable turn one summer long ago. After learning about a devastating earthquake in Valdez, Alaska, a group of approximately 400 children pooled their collective funds to donate to the town's First Baptist Church. The Alaskan Pastor, Reverend James Rose,



The Sun's front page from August 4, 1964.

sent a letter to the Bayside Pastor, Reverend James V. Defoe, detailing the destruction. First, the earth cracked open, splitting buildings and roads in half. Then a tidal wave swept over the small town, taking with it docks, canneries and Main Street. Finally, gas and oil tanks exploded, producing a massive fire for which there was no water. Thirty-two citizens were counted dead.

Despite the damage, one pearl of joy

was harvested: a wedding conducted in the ruins of the city. Reverend Rose united elementary school teacher Charlotte Parkman and state highway department employee Jim Sheppard, joined in holy matrimony amid the carnage. The bride wore blue jeans and the groom was clad in whipcord pants. The wedding cake had survived the earthquake, and was enjoyed by all at a joyous reception.



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Fighting a losing battle? How can we guard against sea level rise?



"We need a border or something to block the water and try to make the country go up a little."

Cathy George, 14, Lake Shores resident.



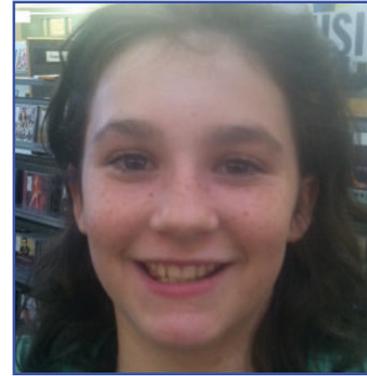
"I believe in the issue of the ozone and the sunspots; reducing the use of chemicals, the greenhouse effect is huge. I guess the other side of it might be, the cycle of climate change and the earth's movement. As an individual, just reducing your use of fossil fuels and kind of being a little more green (is good)."

Wanda Odango, 46, Bayside resident.



"(Not much) other than working with science and trying to find ways to make it work, and doing what we can to protect the environment at the same time to help prevent sea level rise."

Candice Hannold, 34, North End resident.



"I think that we should build a wall to help it stop rising. We can build walls around the whole area that's flooding."

Wendy George, 12, Lake Shores resident.



"Really look at the study of science behind how much ice is melting, and if it is melting at all and how much the sea will rise. What is the cycle of that, whether it is caused by sunspots, or what is causing it, whether it's human movements. There's got to be a change. I think the scientific research has to be solid."

Rick Odango, 44, Bayside resident.

Fun in the Sun by Hennah Harbin

Pie in the sky or the real deal? Do you believe in UFOs and aliens?



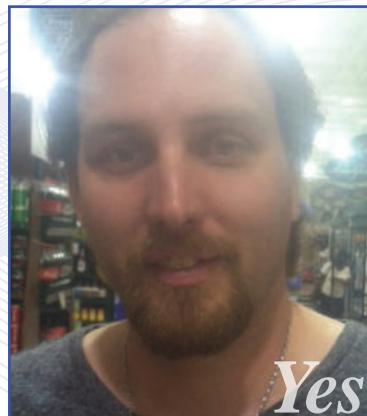
"Actually, half-and-half. I'm not really interested in UFOs or Area 51. I've never seen one."

James Chow, 31, Bayside resident.



"Yeah, I think there are aliens out there. I don't know that they've ever been here, but the universe is too big for them not to be out there, I think. No, haven't seen one."

Chris Appleback, 32, Luxborg resident.



"In the sense of an 'Unidentified Flying Object,' yes. There are all kinds of things that are unidentified, that we just don't know what they are, and I think to say that we are the only species in such a vast number of universes would be kind of simple-minded. No, haven't seen one."

Corey Fleet, 34, lives near Lynnhaven and Princess Anne.



"No, I don't believe that there is life on other planets. So if that's your definition of a UFO, then I would not believe that there would be a flying object with someone from another planet on it. No, haven't seen one."

Cami Best-Jones, 38, Chic's Beach resident.



"No, I just don't. There are just certain things I don't entertain. Haven't seen one that I know of."

Michelle Jackson Brown, 36, Town Center resident.

