



About 12,000 youth and adult players are expected at the Oceanfront during the second weekend in June for the 23rd annual North American Sand Soccer Championships.

## Kickin' it in the sand

The 23rd annual North American Sand Soccer Championships, set for June 10, 11 and 12 from 8th Street to 34th Street at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront, are considered by many as one of the sport's premier amateur and pro/am beach and sand soccer events. Some 1,100 teams are expected to compete over the second weekend in June, including 12,000 youth and adult players, with hundreds of thousands weekend visitors and spectators expected to attend, traveling from as many as 20 different states and several foreign countries. Event host is the Hampton Roads Soccer Council, Virginia Beach, consisting of Virginia Beach Travel Soccer (Beach FC), the Virginia Rush, the Southeastern Virginia Women's Soccer Association (SEVWSA) and the men's Over Thirty Soccer League (OTSL).

## Memorial Day: family, friends love of country

Holiday for remembering fallen soldiers brings people together

By Laura Bishop

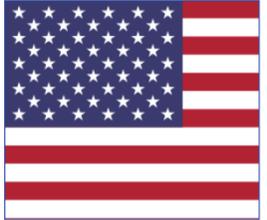
Of all the holidays that occur in a year, few are more special than Memorial Day.

During that one day, friends, family and their love of country join together for a day of fellowship, appreciation, remembrance, fun and food.

Throughout the city, in neighborhood after neighborhood, the sweet aroma of hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages and shrimp hang in the air as

*The civilian community understands very well and is very sensitive to the local military community's needs*

their juices drip into the red hot coals. In a corner in the backyard sits a table covered with bowls of every type of chip and dip, and an array of soda and



juice for the kids, and beer and wine for the adults.

Homes and apartments are teeming with people and their pets, along with out-of-town visitors and their children; grandparents are roused from their armchairs to enjoy a day in the sun. Scampering dogs bark and scour the lawn underneath picnic tables, searching for lost food scraps. Laughing and shrieking, hungry children celebrate the fact that it's warm and sunny and time for a

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## Tattoo you!

And other city council actions

Whether you hate them, ignore them or are addicted to them, body tattoos are here to stay – in the workplace and on the beach. And getting one just became easier following City Council's recent action to allow another to open in the city. Read more about it, along with other actions from a recently held meeting in City Council



Tattoos are becoming more popular every day

Chamber at Facebook.com/VirginiaBeachSun.

## Tallwood's Jenna Free Teacher of Year

Mentor, advisor

Jenna Free has been named the 2017 Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) City-wide Teacher of the Year.

An English teacher and Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow (VTFT) instructor at Tallwood High School, Free learned of her honor after being surprised in her AP English class by Superintendent Aaron Spence.

A National Board Certified Teacher, Free has been teaching for nine years, eight of which have been with VBCPS and at Tallwood and began her undergraduate studies in the E.W. Scripps School of

*In addition to her work as an English and VTFT teacher, Free devotes time to advise the school's leadership workshop.*

Journalism at Ohio University (OU) to prepare for a career in advertising until she met with staff in the university's CARE (Creating Active and Reflective Educators) Program.

"That was the moment I was certain I wanted to be an educator," Free wrote in her Teacher of the Year application. She



Jenna Free, Teacher of the Year

earned a bachelor's degree in Adolescent Young Adult Integrated Language Arts Education and a master's degree in Cultural Studies, both from OU.

"When you visit Jenna's classroom, you enter the most inviting place for students to learn and love the subject," wrote Tallwood principal James Avila in his letter of recommendation. "She takes time to get to know each of them, thereby helping her understand individual learning needs. Because of these relationships, she understands what motivates them to learn."

In addition to her work as an English and VTFT teacher, Free devotes time to advise the school's leadership workshop, Educators Rising program and Poetry Out Loud committee as well as accompanies Global Studies and World Languages Academy students on trips abroad.

She serves on multiple school committees and

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## NAS Oceana commander speaks out on Fentress water quality

Safety comes first

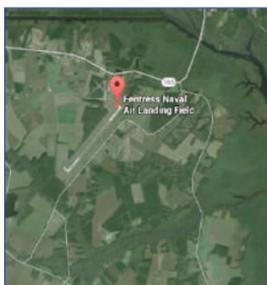
The Navy is testing 12 more properties near Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress for fire-fighting foam contaminants, after recently announcing preliminary results of drinking water tests near the landing field in Chesapeake.

A total of 53 private off-base drinking water samples were collected from February 3 through February 13, 2016, after perfluorinated compounds (PFC) were found in January in drinking water from base wells. Preliminary results received by the Navy showed two of the 53 wells near Fentress have levels

*"The wellbeing of our people on Fentress and our city of Chesapeake neighbors is a top priority for the Navy," said Captain Lou Schager, commanding officer of Naval Air Station Oceana and Fentress.*

above the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provisional health advisory for PFCs.

The Navy is providing bottled water for drinking and



Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress.

cooking to the two properties until a long-term solution can be put in place. Other properties where drinking water was tested fall below the EPA provisional health advisory levels, based on the preliminary results.

"The wellbeing of our people on Fentress and our city of Chesapeake neighbors is a top priority for the Navy," said Captain Lou Schager, commanding officer of Naval Air Station Oceana and Fentress. "Equally important, is keeping the community and our partners up-to-date and informed of where we are in the process and the next steps."

More than 150 local residents attended a recent public information meeting to learn about the Navy's plans to test drinking water from private wells near the installation and to learn about the reason for the PFC testing. Representatives and experts from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Department of Health and the city of Chesapeake also

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Celebrating, left to right: Mrs. Pamela Mehring, chapter regent, Fort Henry Chapter, NSDAC; Mrs. Barbara Rooney, Virginia state regent, NSDAC, Fort Henry Chapter; Mrs. Sylvia G. Ryder, Virginia state regent, NSDAC, Norfolk Mace Chapter; Ms. Elizabeth Hillegass, Virginia state librarian, The Reverend Robert Hunt Chapter; Cecile H. Budimier, vice president, Order of Cape Henry 1607 and National Chairman, Cape Henry Commemoration the Norfolk Mace Chapter; Major Christopher Baldwin; Colonel John Penree; group Captain John Sullivan (RAF); J. Stuart Nesbit; Virginia Beach City Councilwoman Shannon Kane; Reverend Robert J. Randall, Jr.; Kerah Anne Howeth; Jackie Murray; and Justin Beebe on bagpipes.

## Historians gather at Fort Story remembering first colonists

First landing at Cape Henry; cross dedication

The National Society of American Colonists and the Order of Cape Henry recently joined together, commemorating the 409th anniversary of the First Landing of America's First Colonists ashore at Virginia's Cape Henry, and the 81st Anniversary of Cape Henry Memorial Cross' recent dedication at Fort Story.

It seems that Christopher Columbus' Nina, Pinta and the Santa Maria were not the only important ships in American history. As the very first colonists from England, 105 settlers and 40 seamen traveled here in 1607 on board the Discover, Godspeed and the Susan Constant.

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The Green Run High School/Collegiate School NJROTC members crowd around their winning trophies.

## GRHS NJROTC is USA's second-best unit

Eight trophies won at Navy Nationals' competition in Pensacola

The Green Run High School NJROTC (Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps), comprised of members of Green Run High School/Collegiate School, traveled to Pensacola, Fla., recently to participate in the Navy Nationals' competition.

After two days of competition against 24 of some of the country's

best NJROTC programs, the Stallions earned eight trophies, including the Navy Nationals' runner up cup, making the team the country's second-best unit.

The Stallions also earned first place in unarmed exhibition drill and uniform personnel inspection; second place in

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## On the Horizon

Parks, recreational center events, convention center events, and holidays!

### Rock wall at Seatack

Friday, May 6, 6:30 to 8 p.m., ages six and up, challenge the family with a day of rock-climbing on a vertical wall, two belayers available to help climbers, all experience-levels welcome, \$4 per participant.

### Mother's Day at Williams Farm

Mother's Day at Williams Farm Saturday, May 7, 1 to 3 p.m., all ages, come dressed as your favorite character and join the fun with mom at this special Mother's Day tea party, tea and light snacks will be served, \$6 per participant.

### Mother's Day: Sunday, May 8.

### Cheer and dance finals

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K-9 carnival at Red Wing Park Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m.

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Not enough Virginia Beach schools, hotels and restaurants participate in recycling programs, meaning that plastic water bottles and other plastic recyclables are often left in trash cans with discarded food items.

## Woman encourages schools, hotels, restaurants to recycle more; people, oceans' futures at risk

One woman speaks out, encouraging the community to recycle more plastic items

Editor:

It's springtime, that beautiful time of year when flowers bloom and once again, we turn our attention to the beach.

With festivals lined up and people already booking their family vacations, this is a great time to address a serious problem with plastics that threatens our beautiful waterways; and the issue of plastic entering the oceans is not unique to Virginia Beach.



Plastic bottles are among the items that should be recycled.

In fact, National Geographic estimates that globally, 8,000,000 tons of plastic enters our oceans every year! This staggering figure is offset by the fact that plastic in the ocean is largely an invisible problem, brought on by how we dispose of our plastic bags and bottles in beach communities.

If you take a trip to the Oceanfront following any big event you will find open trash cans overflowing with recyclable plastic and trash mixed together. Sadly, you will also find a number of plastic bags, bottles and straws scattered throughout the sand, left behind for high tide or a strong wind to carry out to sea.

If the plastic problem ended here, it might be easy to assume that improved beach clean-up would eliminate this issue, but, unfortunately, the problem is much bigger than that. With so many restaurants and hotels lining the waterfront, it is shocking to discover that very few of these businesses actually recycle. In fact, on any given day, dumpsters and trashcans, only feet from the ocean, are filled with industrial amounts of recyclable materials, many of which is lost during dumping or gets picked up by the wind, only to find its way to the sea, where it will be broken down into particulate matter by the sun, poisoning fish, crabs and other marine life that may be eventually ingested by humans.

Not enough Virginia Beach schools, hotels and restaurants participate in recycling programs, meaning that plastic water bottles and other plastic recyclables are often left in trash cans with discarded food items, to be looted by animals or knocked over, only to wind up in canals, where the next big rainstorm will eventually carry them out to the open ocean.

After a recent weekend sporting event at a community field, I cleaned up four bags of recyclable plastic bottles, many of which were piled next to an overflowing trashcan which was scheduled for pickup on Monday. A peek into any of our roadside canals will only verify the severity of this problem, as they are always full of recyclable plastic waste.

With no one policing these activities and no financial incentives in place, many businesses, schools, tourists and even citizens of Virginia Beach take little responsibility for their part in maintaining the quality of our waterways. As we enter into another busy season, drawing millions of people to our beaches, I can't help but wonder how

much plastic will wind up in the ocean this year? Because while recycling may seem like an inconvenience to some, the reality is that we hold the fate of our children's oceans in our hands today.

Latrice Harrison  
Chesapeake, Va.  
March 14, 2016

*Many of the ditches run alongside roads in Virginia Beach, mostly around the Indian River and Independence areas and Chesapeake. Some of them were taken near 264 and 64, where the wastewater from the roads flows downhill.*

Photos by Latrice Harrison



Virginia Beach and consumers in other cities are not doing enough to recycle their plastics says a concerned letter writer.

## A transcending love: librarian and the artist

Audrey Niffenegger's *Time Traveler's Wife* is fiction and romance, shows what love is

By Laura Bishop

Audrey Niffenegger's *The Time Traveler's Wife* is a unique romance tangled up in a web of science fiction that brings the reader to tears, laughter and makes the reader appreciate the time they have with their loved ones.

Niffenegger, a creative writing professor at Columbia College Chicago, is also a writer and an artist; *The Time Traveler's Wife* is her first novel.

The story is told between the alternating first-person narratives of husband and wife, Henry and Clare. Henry DeTamble is a punk rock librarian who just happens to have an uncontrollable genetic disorder, similar to epilepsy, that makes him travel through time. Clare is his anchor and an artist whose specialty is sculpture.

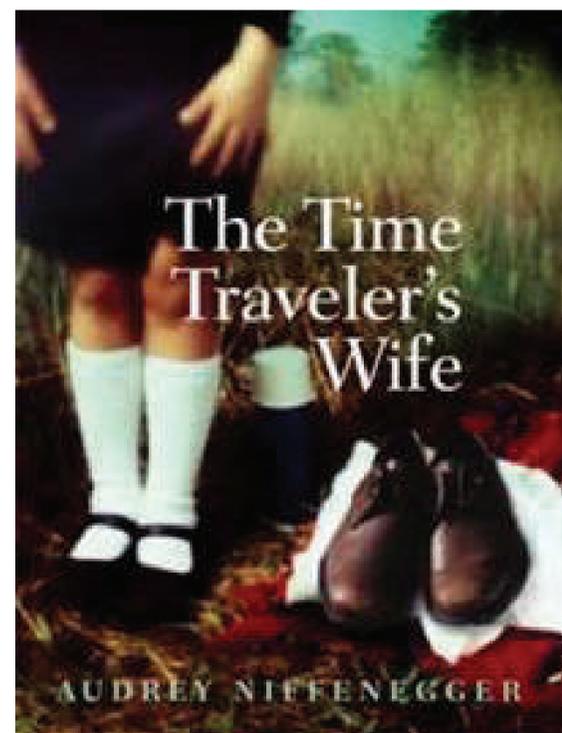
Henry meets Clare for the first time in the present time as an adult, but she meets him for the first time, in her past, as a child. A future Henry explains the complications to young Clare using an analogy, "So it's like if you started the tape and played it for a while but then you said, 'Oh, I want to hear that song again,' so you played that song and then you went back to where you left off but you wound the tape too far ahead . . ."

The book has three parts, each beginning with a small series of quotes relating to love and time; each individual chapter bears the date and relevant ages of Henry and Clare and it is an excellent way to help keep track of the timeline.

The two often see the same timeline differently; a version of Henry that is 35 years old and married to Clare can travel back in time and speak to her when she is 17. For Henry, that event would have just occurred in the present, but for Clare it happened years ago.

Despite Henry's involuntary time travel, the story's main focus is on the relationship between the two lovers and how they navigate the twists and turns of what seems to be a determinism-style fate. Throughout the novel, Henry travels back to events he cannot change, leading him to wonder if he even has free will at all. During his official first date with Clare, she lets slip things about their future that she takes for granted, but Henry, only just meeting

*Henry and Clare are unstoppable in their commitment to each other and are as complementary as night and day, two halves of the same whole. Henry has led a rough-and-tumble life, so Clare is the solace he needs: the calm before, after and during the storm.*



The *Time Traveler's Wife* is a masterpiece

her, knows none of this and is completely unaware that a large chunk of his future will be spent in Clare's past. When he is around her as a young girl, he spends his time teaching her French verbs and playing chess; when she grows older and they meet in the present, their future unfurls for them akin to a red carpet.

Determinism and fate are just one of the many themes addressed in the novel. Niffenegger's characters are thoughtful and well-educated, able to step outside the box and review their

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## Religion - Book Review

### How a common man becomes a demon maestro

A.N. Wilson's book, *Hitler*, tells about how an average man becomes a deadly leader

By Rabbi Israel Zoberman

Award-winning British author and biographer A.N. Wilson offers us a must-read, breathtaking interpretation in concise form of the enigma called Hitler, whose unparalleled and modern bloody trail ended with the murderous destruction of 6,000,000 European Jews in the context of World War II's 50,000,000 victims.

Wilson argues, though it is debatable, that what is so frighteningly unusual about Hitler, the political leader who moved and mesmerized millions, is that he was so ordinary; namely, he was merely a product

of his changing times, with science replacing religion and Charles Darwin's "survival of the fittest" as a moral guide.

Tragically ironic is that the first nation producing books would be the first one burning them at the Führer's order. Hitler's early life offers no clues to his unique leadership ability nor his outstanding talents. On the contrary, his natural laziness, coupled with a lack of initiative and an unproductive imagination, kept him down.

Hitler turned his salient weaknesses to the advantage of rising to nothing less than absolute power. "But he could not get bring himself to get out of bed in the mornings.

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# Memorial Day brings people together

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fun-filled picnic. It's Memorial Day, a special day of remembrance for all those the country, and military families and friends, have lost while serving in the Armed Forces. Originally known as Decoration Day, this commemorative day is a federal holiday dating back to the late 1860s and is celebrated annually on the last Monday of May with picnics, parades, sports, games and pot-luck shenanigans.

Once the hot dogs and hamburgers are finished grilling, and piled high on colorful plates alongside corn-on-the-cob, potato salad, coleslaw and potato chips, gatherers seat themselves on lawn chairs, picnic table benches and warm patches of grass, talking and reminiscing. Grandparents share stories of kid-friendly things they saw during past wars and conflicts, or remember a long lost sibling or friend who has passed away while serving performing mili-

tary service.

The hot sunlight and clean air instill a peaceful and dreamy feeling among the families and friends joined together. Happy and content, watching the sun slide lower on the horizon, enjoying crickets' chirps, the kids play with the dogs, their fingers sticky and their faces chocolaty from all the goodies they have eaten.

Many soldiers have fallen in battle, and Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads is home to many military installations, including the Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek and Naval Air Station Oceana. The civilian community understands very well and is very sensitive to the local military community's needs and knows what it means to be a member of a military family. Thankfully, this year's holiday will be able to be enjoyed in peace.

A Norfolk resident, Laura Bishop is a writer and Navy spouse.

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Rooney Blue Dog Roo and his owner, Vickie Piva, at her dog grooming shop, Blue Dog Pet Grooming, on Pleasure House road in Bayside.

## Rooney lives with Jeff and Vickie Piva

Huckleberry blue, he loves chicken

An 18-month-old male standard poodle, Rooney Blue Dog Roo, lives with Vickie Piva, who reports that he has his own bed in the family living room and stays active outdoors. "He loves to go outside and run and play and doesn't mind getting dirty," said Piva. "He drives me crazy, though, with two hours of washing and drying." Originally white, Rooney is now colored huckleberry blue and weighs in at 65 pounds, standing 25 inches tall. His stylish coat color comes from a vegan dye; he has also been dyed pink and green. An American Kennel Association-registered standard poodle, Rooney loves boiled chicken and enjoys eating some people food. He's never been to the beach but he loves to cuddle with Piva's husband, Jeff, and their four children. Rooney's favorite toy is a pink tennis ball and they bought him at 11 weeks of age from an Oklahoma breeder. Rooney's sporty grooming style is called "the continental" and is trimmed every two weeks. The distinctive cut is designed to cover Rooney's main joints and vital areas. Known as a duck dog, the breed is traditionally known as water retrievers, retrieving hunters' ducks.

## Fentress Field and NAS Oceana officials say safety is first priority

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quire that these sampling results must still be validated and verified. Once all of the results have been validated, the additional properties that were sampled will receive individual notifications of their results.

## Education

### Jenna Free

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division curriculum committees, mentors new teachers and is a VB-CPS Design Fellow. Free was selected as the 2017 Citywide Teacher of the Year from an initial pool of 87 Teachers of the Year. The selection committee interviewed five finalists, including Free, to determine the citywide winner. "We have been celebrating teachers all year in our 'Great Dreams Need Great Teachers' campaign, and Jenna Free exemplifies that spirit as an educator who is passionate about teaching and making a difference in the lives of children," said Spence. "She creates a classroom environment that fosters student ownership of learning, nurtures academic rigor and develops positive relationships. It is evident that Jenna's personalized approach ensures her students achieve at their maximum potential while also feeling cared for and supported as learners and young adults. She embodies our division's core values of student-centered decision making, continuous learning, innovation, collaboration and respect." The other finalists were: Suzanne Buhner, grade five teacher, John B. Dey Elementary School; Adrian Hayes, grades seven and eight English teacher, Kemps Landing/Old Donation School; Adrienne Kravchak, gifted resource teacher, White Oaks Elementary and Melissa Smith, Grades K-5 reading specialist at Parkway Elementary School.

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**Reverend Robert J. Randal, Jr., lead the group in a small prayer.**

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On the third day, after their arrival on April 29, 1607, the settlers, along with their spiritual adviser, Reverend Robert Hunt, set up a rustic cross at Chesapeake Bay, naming that place Cape Henry in honor of Henry Prince of Wales, after the elder surviving son of King James, the first reigning monarch of Great Britain. Cape Charles, across the bay, was named at the time for Prince Charles. He later became King Charles I, as his brother Henry died before ascending the throne.

There are two different reasons for the relocation: one says financial reasons, and one quotes trouble with the Native Americans; either way, Captain Christopher Newport gave the order to the fleet to sail further up river, where two weeks later on May 13, 1607, they landed at an island situated on the river's northern shore and named it after the king, calling it Jamestown where colonists established the New World's first settlement.

Following the ceremony at the cross, participants walked to the First Landing Church where Reverend Robert J. Randal, Jr., lead

the group in a small prayer.

Virginia Beach City Councilwoman Shannon Kane presented Mayor Will Sessoms' decree proclaiming Cape Henry Day 2016. Afterwards the attendees were treated to a "British Officer's Perspective on Virginia" by Group Captain John Sullivan (RAF) national liaison representative for the United Kingdom.

To learn more about this event in history and other interesting stories about Virginia Beach, check out "The Beach: A History of Virginia Beach, Virginia" which can be found on the shelves at the Meyera Oberndorf Central Library, which is offering the book free of charge as a prize along with a free tote bag, in its Adult Summer Reading Challenge of reading five books between June 5 and August 6; contact the library for additional details and enjoy the Friends' Book Shop.

For more information on the Order of Cape Henry and details on this historic event on line go to <http://www.capehenry1607.com/history.html>

**Military**



The Green Run High School/Collegiate School NJROTC poses with its flag.

**One of nation's best**

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overall athletics; third place in team academics, armed basic drill and team push-ups; and fourth place in team curl-ups.

Several individual honors were earned including, first place academics for Eric Alexander and first place push-ups for Dylan Hausmann.

"The leadership of Commander Brown and First Sergeant Robles and all of the cadets should be commended for their dedication and hard work in earning this prestigious distinction," said a Green Run High School spokesperson. "Attitude is everything and is something that Commander Brown and First Sergeant Robles teach their cadets; it has paid off greatly."

**Human Rights**

**Commission presents awards for diversity, social awareness**

Jobynia Caldwell; Bonnie Beni; Jerry and Amy Frostick; Imam Rachid Khouli; Emily Reaves; Janet and George Moore; Dr. Heidi Kulberg.

Jobynia Caldwell, director of equity affairs for Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS), was among those receiving human rights awards from the Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission (HRC) during its recently held 22nd Annual Human Rights Awards Program at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

Recipients are selected by commission members based on their efforts to promote cultural diversity, social awareness and human rights in the Virginia Beach community. "You cannot look at our school division's equity offerings and not see Jobynia's fingerprints," said Dr. Aaron Spence, Virginia Beach City Public Schools' superintendent. "We are so proud of the work she has done here for the division and we're thankful to the Virginia Beach HRC for honoring her."

A 41-year public education veteran, Caldwell began her career in VBCPS teaching at Kellam High School. She went into administration in 1993 as an assistant principal at First Colonial High School and went on to serve as principal for a host of schools in the division including, Corporate Landing Middle School, Salem High School and Tallwood High School.

Caldwell spent four years as the assistant superintendent of high school education before being named director of equity

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May 7 and 8, 2016 US Finals, cheer and dance competition, Virginia Beach Convention Center.

**Mother's Day craft at Seatack**

Monday, May 9, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., ages six to 14, create an extra special homemade gift for mom, supplies provided, no cost.

**Builder's bash at Great Neck**

Friday, May 13, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., ages seven to 10, take your imagination on a wild ride with Legos, K'nex, Goldie Blox and other fun building templates, kits provided, pizza and drinks included, \$7 per participant.

**Movie night at Williams Farm**

Friday, May 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., all ages, dinner and a movie on a big screen featuring The Good Dinosaur along with pizza and snacks, \$6 per participant.

**K-9 karnival at Red Wing Park**

Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., canine lovers of all ages and their furry friends are invited to Red Wing Park, pound puppies to purebreds come paw-to-paw with numerous canine demonstrations, competitions, displays and more, businesses may learn more about exhibiting.

**Float-a-rama at Bayside**

Sunday, May 15, 1 to 4 p.m., all ages, day of huge, fun floats so big the pool is devoted just to them, enjoy Claw Daddy, Sky Totter, Space Mountain and more, no cost.

**Corporate Gray Job Fair**

May 18, Virginia Beach Convention Center. Hampton Roads American Marketing Association Lunch May 19, Virginia Beach Convention Center, reservations required.

**Bike with mayor at PA**

Friday, May 20, 8 a.m., ride from Princess Anne Recreation Center to City Hall. As part of National Bike Month, join Mayor Will Sessoms on a "Bike to Work Day" ride from the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Nimmo Parkway, to City Hall, 2401 Courthouse Drive.

**Congressional Debate Luncheon**

May 20, Virginia Beach Convention Center, reservations required. Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men Scholarship Breakfast

May 21, Virginia Beach Convention Center, reservations required.

**Tidewater Comicon**

May 21 and 22, Virginia Beach Convention Center, admission charged.

**Armed Forces Day: Saturday, May 21.**

Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Awards Luncheon May 24, Virginia Beach Convention Center, reservations required.

**Memorial Day picnic at Williams Farm**

Friday, May 27, 6 to 8 p.m., ages six to 12, bring your favorite brown bag lunch for dinner and throw a blanket on the floor, no matter what the weather is outside there will be sunshine in the room, bingo, a movie, drinks, cookies, no cost.

**Movie night in pool at PA**

Friday, May 27, 6 to 8 p.m., all ages, enjoy Goosebumps while floating in the pool, those ages nine and under must be directly supervised by someone age 16 or older, no cost.

**2016 National Wrestling Duals**

May 27 to 30, Virginia Beach Convention Center, admission charged.

**Bike rodeo at Williams Farm Park**

Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in celebration of May as Bike Month, families are invited to Williams Farm Park for a day of fun activities, kids can participate in bicycle skills stations, interactive games, bike decorating and a parade, remember to bring bicycles and helmets.

**Memorial Day: Monday, May 30.**

**First of Ramadan: Monday, June 6.**

**Sand soccer championships at Oceanfront**

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**Flag Day: Tuesday, June 14.**

**Father's Day: Sunday, June 19.**

**Summer begins: Monday, June 20.**

**Independence Day: Monday, July 4.**

**First day of school for VBCPS**

Wednesday, September 6, is the first day of school for Virginia Beach City Public Schools, parents can determine their child's zoned school by visiting the School Locator/Map Center at [www.vbschools.com](http://www.vbschools.com) or by calling their neighborhood school. For more information about registration, parents should contact their neighborhood school or the Department of School Leadership at 757-263-1088.

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Bike with mayor at PA Friday, May 20, 8 a.m.

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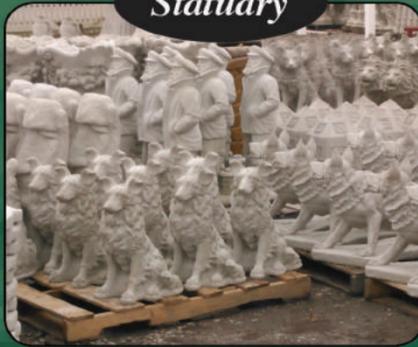
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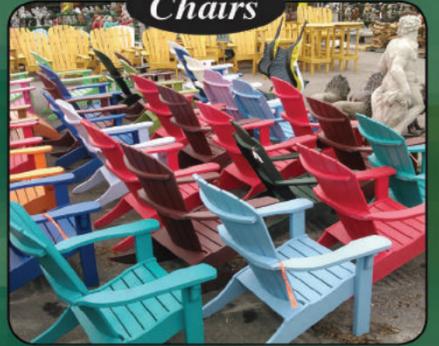
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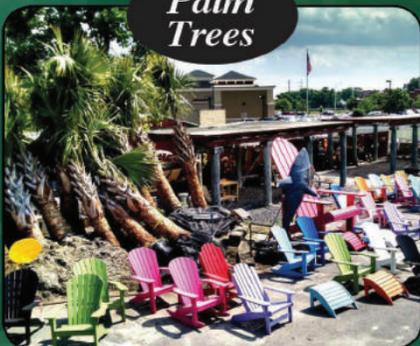
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Virginia First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe speaking recently at the "Art of Being a Military Child" ceremony at Lynnhaven Mall.

## First Lady McAuliffe speaks of military kids

Governor's wife appears at Lynnhaven Mall

Dorothy McAuliffe, wife of Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, was the keynote speaker at the 4th annual "Art of Being a Military Child" ceremony held recently at Lynnhaven Mall as part of the First Lady's "Month of the Military Child" recognition tour. This year's ceremony showcased more than 500 pieces of original artwork and drew a crowd of over 400 people.

"This (governor's) administration has made the children of Virginia our foremost priority," McAuliffe said at the ceremony. "The showcase tonight exhibits the unique circumstances for the 70,000 of our children who are military-connected. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and uplift the accomplishments, talents and service of our youngest heroes."

Other speakers included Dr. Aaron Spence, Virginia Beach City Public Schools superintendent; Daniel Edwards, Virginia Beach School Board chairman; and Captain Frank Hughlett, commander, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story.

"This month we will honor the children who serve alongside of us. We're here to support our military children," said Hughlett. "Everyone knows that freedom isn't free, and that men and women who serve pay the highest price. We often forget the sacrifices made by military children."

## Human Rights honorees

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affairs, a position she has held for the past three years where she has overseen the division's work to provide programming, training and resources for staff and students to help embrace diversity within the division.

The other honorees were: Bonnie Beni; Jerry and Amy Frostick; Imam Rachid Khold; Emily Reaves; Janet and George Moore, who received the Daniel M. Stone Humanitarian Award.

## 40 fans turned out to hear novelist Vincent Sachar speak on new book

New novel is *Out of this World*

By Dennis R. Stebbins

Vincent Sachar presented marvelously intriguing readings from his three thrilling "Kent Taylor" suspense novels, discussed the "art of writing" that he practices, and engaged in discussion sessions with guests during a recently held four-hour book-signing at the Green Leaf and Pebble Tea Spa on North Great Neck Road.

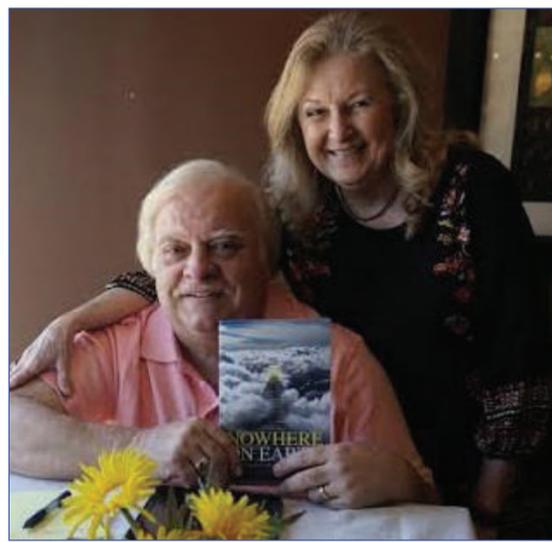
Throughout the afternoon, more than 40 individuals came to the tea spa to listen to Sachar, many of whom were able to go home with personally-autographed copies of his captivating trilogy, as well as his novella, *Cajon Culture Shock*.

The trilogy, *The Nowhere Man/Nowhere Out/Nowhere on Earth*, was the second book-signing event the spa has hosted for Sachar's newly-published novels; the first one was presented in April 2015. To accompany the event the spa hosted a reception for guests, with organic teas and edible treats that they could enjoy during his presentations.

The tea spa has developed, sponsored and hosted an ongoing, monthly community arts appreciation program within the establishment which, since opening in 2012, has featured exhibitions of local amateur and professional artisans of a wide variety of talents, such as, oil and watercolor paintings, hand-crafted jewelry, photo art, musicians and authors, to name a few.

The "Artist of the Month" program has been a popular event for guests and patrons, month-by-month, due to the ever-changing diversification exhibited. Bringing Sachar to the spa for his book-signing is another example of a program allowing community members to have another venue to experience and enjoy art in its finest form.

Dennis R. Stebbins is executive vice president and director of business development and environmental management, Green Leaf and Pebble Tea Spa, Virginia Beach, Va. He can be reached at 757-463-0091 or at [dennis@greenleafandpebble.com](mailto:dennis@greenleafandpebble.com).



Novelist Vincent Sachar with his wife, Gwen, in Great Neck holding up his latest novel, *Out of this World*, at a recent book signing.



Jennifer and Aiden Strout at the beach.



Aiden Strout enjoys the beach.

## Aiden Strout turns one

Aiden Daniel Strout turns one-year-old on May 1, 2016, and always makes everyone smile when he is out and about, said his mother, Chic's Beach resident Jennifer Strout. "I guess his occupation is 'smile maker,'" said Jennifer. (Photos by Jennifer Strout.)

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# A.N. Wilson describes demon maestro

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Hence his own slide into poverty. Hence he made his ruin into a personal myth with which a whole bankrupt nation was able to identify," writes Wilson.

Hitler even tried to avoid conscription into the Austria-Hungarian army and was finally found to be unfit to serve. An Austrian by birth, he became a German citizen in 1932 prior to becoming a chancellor. Unlike many others, he sought not to serve in World War I, discovering that fellow comrades considered him an oddball and mocked his physical awkwardness.

He did earn the Iron Cross, First Class, at the recommendation of a Jewish officer, Hugo Gutmann, who was saved, but not by Hitler, when imprisoned by the Gestapo in 1937. Throughout his life, Hitler knew how to get his superiors' approval as well as the approval of people of financial means and influence, such as industrialist Alfred Krupp. A masterful manipulator, Hitler played people against each other, excelling in "political poker" and unabashedly throwing tantrums to his gain.

The author emphasizes that Hitler's book, *Mein Kampf* (My Struggle), written while imprisoned in 1923 for five years for conspiring against the Weimar Republic, already offers his "final solution" plan as it speaks of gassing Jews and holding them responsible for the World War I debacle. Hitler also connected world Jewry to the "scourge" of both Bolshevism and Capitalism, mindless of the implied contradiction. This anti-Semitic charge, contends Wilson, is still alive today.

Hitler's rabid anti-Semitism was curiously absent while losing his beloved 47-year-old mother, Klara, to breast cancer in 1907 with an attending Jewish physician, Edward Block, by her side. Though rejecting the Catholic Church of their childhood, both Hitler and propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels created a party resembling in its structure a controlling church organization with a fanatical youth movement at its center.

In addition to becoming chancellor on January 30, 1933, he acquired dictatorial powers through the Enabling Act. The Nazis enjoyed high public popularity and Hitler

was warmly embraced. Some 50,000 of Berlin's citizens joined the Nazi party upon Hitler's ascension to power, albeit 250 renowned writers and professors emigrated from Germany.



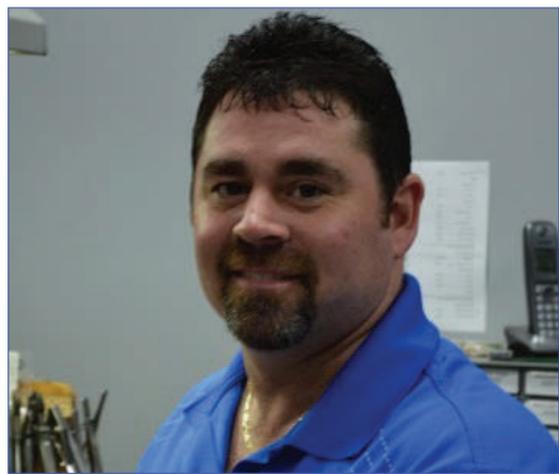
Hitler by A.N. Wilson, New York, Basic Books, 2012, Pp. 215, \$24.99.

The 1935 Nuremberg Laws were dismissed by most of the outside world, while the 1936 Berlin Olympics were sugar-coated with reduced overt anti-Jewishness. The loss of Jewish professionals due to the stringent personal and fam-

ily laws was significant; for example, 75 percent of Jewish-German dentists moved away. The Kristallnacht events of November 9 and 10, 1938, whose 75th anniversary was in 2013, resulted in possibly 2,000 dead Jews, with some 300 committing suicide and 30,000 interred in concentration camps at Dachau, Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's condemnation of Nazi conduct fell short of opening wide America's gates to Jewish refugees blocked from leaving Germany as of October, 1941. Wilson ponders the terrifying scenario of a Hitler-like budding figure somewhere in the world. He concludes in his inimitable style, "... one man stands out as the demonic maestro who made Auschwitz a possibility ... that gruesome pioneer was Hitler."

Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Va., is the son of Polish Holocaust survivors. From 1947 to 1949 he lived at the Displaced Persons Camp of Wetzlar, Germany.



Jeweler Chris Brown makes repairs and repurposes family heirlooms at his Landstown Commons jewelry shop.

## Jeweler Chris Brown enjoys drumming, diet Dr. Pepper, steak and potatoes

Jewelry store co-owner is a Stanton native

**Complete name:** Chris Brown  
**City and neighborhood where you live:** Virginia Beach's Oceanfront section.

**Where did you live before that:** Stanton, Va.  
**Occupation:** Co-owner and jeweler, Jewelry Plus, Virginia Beach, Va.

**Family members:** Wife and co-owner Alicia; Nicolas, 14; Brooke, 12; both children are home-schooled.

**City and state where you were born and grew up:** Stanton, Va.  
**Where did you graduate high school:** Robert E. Lee High School, Stanton, Va., class of 1987.

**What did you do in high school besides study:** Worked as a bus boy at Shoney's restaurant; bagger and stocker at Food Lion; played junior varsity baseball, pitching and catching.

**What did you do after high school:** Went right into jewelry apprentice school.

**What job have you always dreamed of doing:** Playing drums and making big bucks.

**What is your favorite car:** Lamborghini LM002.

**What do you like best about your job:** The people, every day I meet new people and I like being creative. I like making repairs and repurposing family heirlooms.

**What are your hobbies:** Drumming and bowling; I have a 200 average.

**What's your favorite television show:** Survivor and The Voice.

**What's your favorite movie:** Passion of the Christ.

**What's your favorite band:** Van Halen.

**What's your favorite season:** Summer.

**What's your favorite comfort food:** Steak and potatoes.

**What's your favorite soft drink and alcoholic beverage:** Diet Dr. Pepper and bourbon.

**What's something most people don't know about you:** I'm a drummer.

**If you could change the world, what would you do:** We need more honesty.

**If you could have a "superpower," what would it be:** See into the future.

**What's the best advice you've ever been given:** Accept responsibility for your own actions.

Chris Brown can be reached at his business at 757-368-7587.

## Book Review

### The Time Traveler's Wife is a masterpiece

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extraordinary circumstances with adequate commentary. Love is perhaps the biggest and most important theme of the book; once they are together, Henry and Clare are unstoppable in their commitment to each other and are as complementary as night and day, two halves of the same whole. Henry has led a rough-and-tumble life, so Clare is the solace he needs: the calm before, after and during the storm.

The novel also addresses family life, with complicated family histories for both parties and friendship issues and how personal foundations stretch and change throughout

the years. Clare spends a lot of her time waiting for Henry, either for him to come see her in her youth, or for him to come back to her while they are married. This reflects in her artwork, as a lot of her sculptures are of birds and wings and how they have the freedom at-will to go wherever they want.

The book makes various references to mythology, art, pop culture and music and, as Henry is a librarian, the book is sprinkled with literary references, from Kierkegaard to Agatha Christie to Herman Melville. Niffenegger uses these references as stepping stones, putting allusions and hints in

earlier chapters to events that the reader finds out about later; in this way, a rereading is helpful, but not necessary.

Niffenegger writes the relationship between Henry and Clare as having an emotional heaviness that seems to be rarely included in literature. "Everything seems simple until you think about it. Why is love intensified by absence?" Clare wonders as she waits for him like Penelope for Odysseus, always wondering when he will come home safe. Considering she spends much of her time with him when she is younger, it is an interesting parallel for her to be left alone

as an adult. She is both with him and without him.

For a first novel, it is loaded with references and tackles heavy ideas like time travel in a well-written manner; using occasional scientific jargon but not in a way as to make it illegible. Niffenegger does an excellent job of combining romance with science fiction, creating a masterpiece for readers to read, enjoy and then reread over and over again. The love of Henry and Clare is dangerous and intriguing and Niffenegger tells a wonderful tale with her novel.

Laura Bishop is a Norfolk resident, writer and an avid reader.

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