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Help wanted: Locals to assist on Election Day

City asking for citizen volunteers in light of big expected turnout

By Donna Patterson
General Registrar

Voting is every citizen's fundamental right. On November 6, a large number of citizens are expected to exercise this right and turn out to vote in the upcoming 2012 presidential election.

This heightened voting interest has created a need for interested locals to serve as officers of election on election day.

An "officer of election" is a volunteer who assists citizens in enjoying a successful voting experience on election day, whether they're at a precinct or polling place. The officers' duties may include checking in registered voters, demonstrating voter equipment and doing other general customer service duties.

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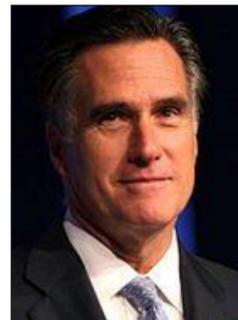
1. You must be qualified to vote in Virginia to be an election officer.
2. You must attend training sessions as assigned.
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4. Please must be courteous and people-friendly to the city's voters.
5. Please do not wear jeans, sweats, t-shirts, shorts; or any campaign buttons, badges, pins or other political paraphernalia.

Serving as an election officer is a very important and rewarding opportunity for individuals to serve the community and assist the city in this sacred right of Democracy. In addition to other races, voters will also choose the next president of the United States.

If you are interested in serving, please go to the State Board of Elections' web site at www.sbe.virginia.gov, click on the "election ready" icon and complete the application; or you may contact the Virginia Beach Voter Registrar's Office



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at 757-385-8683.

You may also fill out an online interest form, or the election official appointment packet print out, and submit it directly to the Voter Registrar's Office at 2449 Princess Anne Road, building 14 at the Virginia Beach Municipal center.

Donna Patterson, Virginia Beach general registrar, 757-385-8683; voter@vb.gov.

In the Sunlight: Rosemary Hinds, co-owner, Heritage Bake Shoppe



Standing along with Heritage Bake Shoppe owner Rosemary Hinds, on the left, is co-owner Susan Kauffman. In front of them are their children, left to right: Elizabeth Hinds and Felicity Kauffman. (Sun Photo)

Step inside Heritage Bake Shoppe at Countryside Shoppes and look back to a time when homemade and natural food items, like ground honey wheat bread, pies, snacks, candies, meats, cheeses, spices, sheep's milk soap and goat's milk lotion were more the rule, than the exception. Co-owner Rosemary Hinds found a moment recently to chat-chat with the Virginia Beach Sun. Please say "hello" to:

Name: Rosemary Hinds.

Occupation: Co-owner of Heritage Bake Shoppe at Countryside Shoppes. I own the business along with my husband, Nelson, my cousin, Marcus Kauffman and his wife, Susan. We just opened on March 24, 2012. It's my first business and business has been good. We're doing well. Weekends are definitely busier, but overall, it's doing well.

Your high school: Graduated from Kempsville Mennonite School.

Where did you grow up: In Virginia Beach in the Princess Anne area.

Where do you live now: In North Carolina in Gibbs Woods, which is in Currituck County. I live there with my husband of 18 years, Nelson, and our three children, all of whom attend Kempsville Mennonite School: Andrew, 16; Christopher, 15; and Elizabeth, 11.

What do you like best about Virginia Beach: Probably being so close to the ocean; we're always taking walks at the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Your favorite section of Virginia Beach: Probably the Pungo and Princess Anne areas; it's so nice, quiet and peaceful there.

Your dream vacation: I love Europe, we went there on our honeymoon; but we didn't get to see England or Italy and I'd like to get to go there someday; we already toured Switzerland and Germany; and we just loved the Alps.

Your dream car: A new or vintage Volkswagen "bug" – I've always wanted one.

Your favorite comfort food: One of our own home-

made "whoopie pies" – a chocolate cookie with marshmallow cream in the middle.

Your favorite seafood: White perch from our neighbor's lake. Our son cleans and fixes them.

Your favorite meat: We don't eat much beef; we eat a lot of chicken. We like it marinated and grilled.

Favorite vegetable: I like all vegetables pretty well, but I love okra.

Favorite beverage and dessert: Sweet tea and peanut butter pie.

Hobbies and interests: I love to work; and I don't see much television because we don't have it in our home. We like to listen to Christian and classical music and I also do some flower-arranging, sometimes for weddings – I like to pick things out of my yard and make something pretty with them. It's very relaxing. I also like calligraphy.

Cultural heritage: My cultural heritage is American; my religious heritage is Amish and Mennonite.

Your family's church: Kempsville Mennonite Church on North Landing Road; the bishop is Donnie Brenneman.

What makes you 'tick': My goal in life is to live as a Christian and try to follow the word of the Lord.

What the world needs more of: Ultimately, the world needs to adhere more to biblical principles.

The Heritage Bake Shoppe is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 3600 Dam Neck Road next to the Virginia Beach Farmer's Market. Call 757-716-3772; heritagebakeshoppe.com.

The NBA? The Tide? Or both?

Bringing the NBA or the Tide to the city may not be easy, but let the talks continue

The Tide?

The National Basketball Association?

Either, neither, both?

It's likely that sooner or later, Virginia Beach will have something – in addition to the Oceanfront and Town Center – to attract new visitors and satisfy business-minded locals.

For decades, city officials and locals have asked for attractions that would heat up the beach businesses during the cold winter months when Atlantic Avenue to Birdneck Road is oftentimes rather deserted.

If and when the Tide hits the beach, it would

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bring more people into the city all 12 months of the year. Likewise, if an NBA team called the Resort City home during its long fall-to-summer schedule, that, too, would create a year-around marketing and public relations buzz.

Clearly, ideally, the Tide and the NBA could go hand-in-hand, as sports fans from Suffolk, Franklin,



Aaron Brooks shoots over the Houston Rockets for the Sacramento Kings. (Photo: NBAE/Getty Images)



The Tide

Newport News, Hampton, Portsmouth, Chesapeake and other Hampton Roads localities would meet in Norfolk to socialize before taking the Tide to Virginia Beach to socialize and watch the big game.

Having the NBA in Virginia Beach could also accentuate Old Dominion University's and Norfolk University's and Norfolk See NBA, Page 4

Dolphins like to hot-dog

Dolphin-watching trips through Oct. 8 from VB fishing center at Rudee Inlet

By Joan Barns

The Virginia Aquarium Dolphin Watching Boat Trip staff and guests are reporting that the beloved, seasonal Atlantic bottlenose dolphins are running wild and putting on quite a show, right off the Virginia Beach shoreline.

Watch boats depart several times daily, weather permitting, from the Virginia Beach Fishing Center at Rudee Inlet, carrying guests



Dolphins schooling off the Virginia Beach coast love to show off. (Courtesy Photo)

ready to enjoy a 90-minute ride along the coast. Alexis Rabon, a Virginia Aquari

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"Woman on the Run" opens Sept. 13 at MOCA

Fictional story of femme fatale Veronica Hayden

The Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) has announced the following summer of 2012 highlights and looks ahead to one of its next major shows:

Nearly 20,000 people, from 45 states and 18 foreign countries, visited the museum to view its Andy Warhol exhibitions and participated in weekly programs; museum attendance is up 50 percent over last year; and MOCA collected 800 pounds of food for the Food Bank of Southeastern



"Woman on the Run" runs Sept. 13 to Dec. 30 at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art.

Virginia. New at the museum, "Woman on the Run," Sept. 13 through Dec. 30. "Woman on the Run" is

a multimedia installation telling the fictional story of "Veronica Hayden," a film noir-style femme fatale/her-

oine. **MOCA, 2200 Parks Avenue, can be reached at 757-425-000; virginia-moca.org.**

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An artist's image shows the new environmental education/community center at Pleasure House Point. (Courtesy Art)

Chesapeake Bay Foundation creating “living building,” for ecology and fun, on 100 acres at Pleasure House Point

New center, to be built on 10-acre tract, will house CBF's Hampton Roads office

By Andrea Moran

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is creating an ultragreen environmental education/community center on a small corner of Pleasure House Point, a 100-acre-plus track of dunes, marsh and trees recently acquired by the city of Virginia Beach, for conservation and recreation.

The center, to be built on a 10-acre tract that CBF will purchase, will house the foundation's Hampton Roads office and potentially that of other local conservation organizations, include space for public meetings and serve as home base for CBF's award-winning environmental education programs in Hampton Roads.

“Our vision quite simply, is to create one of the most environmentally sustainable buildings in the world at Pleasure House Point,” said CBF Hampton Roads Director Christy Everett. “We want it to be an international model that demonstrates how to build, work, learn and play responsibly beside a natural resource like the Chesapeake Bay.

Our goal is to create a facility that the entire Hampton Roads community can be proud of and we are seeking the community's feedback on our Pleasure House Point vision.”

The foundation plans for the new center to meet the “living building challenge,” a set of strict environmental standards set by the International Living Future Institute, requiring the facility to have “net zero” impact on the surrounding land, water and air. The building would be the first of its kind in Virginia, among only 18 prospective “living buildings” on the east coast; and one of only about 150 currently pursuing the “challenge” worldwide.

“The entire community partnered to help preserve and protect Pleasure House Point,” said Everett. “CBF now hopes to create an environmental education/community center that sets a new standard; a cutting-edge facility that will engage, inform and inspire the community to solve the challenges, facing the bay, in innovative, sustainable and collaborative ways.”

Virginia Beach City Manager Jim Spore is also excited



An aerial view of CBF's Pleasure House Point location. (Photo Courtesy City of Virginia Beach)

about the center's future.

“We are thrilled that the vision for Pleasure House Point is one step closer to reality,” said Spore. “The new center will not only educate our citizens about the various habitats and wildlife in this beautiful area, but it will also contribute to a greater appreciation of what a gem this piece of land is.”

To be certified as a “living building,” a project must meet 20 stringent criteria in seven areas: Site, water, energy, health, materials, equity and beauty – and do so for at least 12 consecutive months after opening.

“The International Living Future Institute's mission is to lead the transformation toward communities that are socially just, culturally rich and ecologically restorative,” said Jason McLennan, the institute's chief executive officer. “The Chesapeake Bay Foundation has embraced this ethic in its vision of the Pleasure House Point project. We applaud the foundation and look forward to working with it in making this ‘living building challenge’ project a reality.”

Architect is SmithGroupJJR. Builder is Hourigan Construction. Pleasure House Point is located off Shore Drive, near the Lesner Bridge.

For more information contact Andrea Moran, 757-622-1964; amoran@cbf.org.

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Business Profile



Nancy York, on the left, and Bryn Todman own the Ragged Robin on Laskin Road. (Sun photo)

Ragged Robin's owners, Bryn Todman, Nancy York, are mother/daughter team

Editor's note: Please enjoy this revised business profile that first appeared in the Sun's last issue.

The sweet aroma of soy candles fills the air at the Ragged Robin, as the walls shine with lines of exquisite china, crystal and silver items for sale. Behind the counter, owners Bryn Todman, and her mother, Nancy York, are all smiles, meeting and greeting locals and visitors enjoying the resort area.

"We are a 'locals' gift shop," said Todman. "We turn into a Christmas shop every year over the holidays and we try very hard not to have the same things that everyone else has."

Born on Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, Todman, and her family moved back to America in 1963 when she was one. She moved from Washington, D. C., to Virginia Beach's King's Grant section in 1976, before graduating in 1982 from First Colonial High School. That same year, at age 18, she began working at the Ragged Robin, doing general sales and being a "gopher." Following high school, Todman studied fashion merchandising at Tidewater Community College, but withdrew from classes to go to work.

"I was not an 'academic' and I thought I wanted to go into fashion," said Todman. "But I decided just to stay at the Ragged Robin."

Todman and York bought the business, which was founded in 1948, in 1990, from Nadia Carney, Robert Herman and Barbara Lyle.

"I can't imagine starting up a new business in this economy," said Todman. "We were fortunate enough to be involved with Ragged Robin as a business, to begin with. We've been asked many, many times to open in other places, including Williamsburg, but we're not interested in doing that."

Business has been good, said Todman, but like some other oceanfront merchants, she's glad the nearby new construction and improvements around Laskin Road and Pacific Avenue, are nearing completion.

"I have an idea what we'll eventually do," she said, "but my next goal is to start looking - where do I want to be? I'd like to stay here, if I can afford the rent, after they finish building the shops and apartments across the street."

Todman agrees with those who think the resort area should look better, but hopes that some of the area's "small town" feel won't be lost.

"We'll clean it up and pretty up the infrastructure, but we're turning the oceanfront into something different; it won't have the 'hometown' feel," she said. "Does it all have to be so glitzy; can't some of it be quaint?"

York likes the way Virginia Beach Town Center has evolved.

"I do like Town Center," said York, "but this is another ball game."

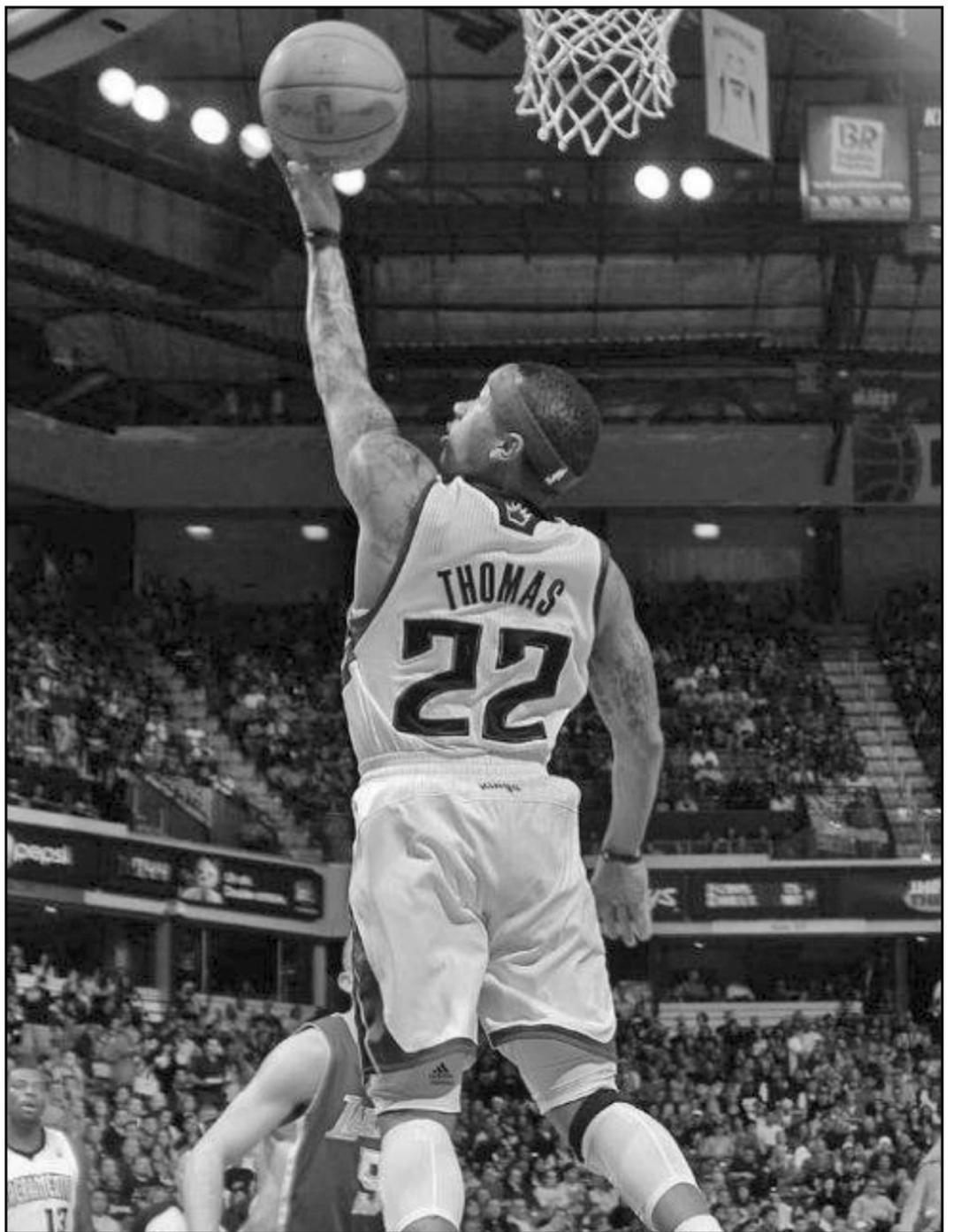
She also welcomes the improvements.

"We're still working on getting over it," said York, adding that she plans to retire in a few years. "But basically you go day-to-day, hoping things get better; the city has been very helpful to us."

At Ragged Robin, which has 6,000 square feet of space, six employees and parking in front of and behind the store, Todman focuses on wedding and social invitations and stationery, drawing much of her customer-base from the city's Hilltop and North End sections.

Todman lives in Bay Colony with her husband of 25 years, John, co-owner of Greenwich Supply Corporation, a Virginia Beach building supply company. Their son, Marshall, 19, attends Fort Union Military Academy. She has a brother in Wichita and her father's in Colorado Springs.

The Ragged Robin, 325 Laskin Road, opens Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 757-428-1831; raggedrobin@cavtel.net; www.raggedrobingiftshop.com.



Sacramento Kings point guard Isaiah Thomas cuts under the Los Angeles' defense. (Photo: Rocky Widner)

The NBA? The Tide? Or both?

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State University's basketball, baseball and football programs, as well as high school sports programs, as part of the region's rich athletic tapestry. The NBA, more than the Tide, could bring Virginia Beach national publicity, which attracts new residents, businesses, jobs and taxes. The Tide coming to the Beach, however, could also stimulate local economic growth and add jobs and taxes. What is needed in the mix, is a willingness to take a risk, measure the public's and the business community's temperature on the matter and try to arrive at a reasonable solution.

Many people living in Virginia Beach sincerely believe that the city - despite its many accomplishments - still has many more of them yet to be realized. Others, however,

sort of enjoy the city as it is, waiting patiently for the right time - politically and economically - to push for new, unprecedented economic development initiatives, such as the NBA's apparent interest in the state's largest city. Virginia Beach City Council this week was poised to hear a presentation from Comcast-Spectacor on the possibility of bringing a professional men's basketball team, such as the Sacramento Kings, to the city. Under the proposal, an 18,000-seat arena would be build adjacent to the Virginia Beach Convention Center, at an estimated cost of up to \$400 million. It is not clear where the money would be found for the project. Companies Global Spectrum and Live Nation are also involved in the talks.

Let the talks continue.

Dolphins like to hot-dog off Virginia Beach coast

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um & Marine Science Center staff member, has been educating boat guests for four seasons and says she's impressed with recent dolphin sightings.

"Just the other day, we saw an estimated 70 dolphins and the sightings were nearly constant," she said. "There was a lot of activity. We saw them riding along with the boat at the wake and the bow, breaching and slapping their tails. Many of them were juveniles."

The dolphin-watching boat trips will be conducted beyond Labor Day and on through Oct. 8. Boat schedules are available at www.virginiaaquarium.com and by calling 757-385-FISH. Tickets are available at the fishing center, 200 Winston Salem Avenue, prior to departure. Discount ticket



Dolphins having fun off the Virginia Beach coast. (Courtesy Photo)

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