



Virginia parents' group support of production and distribution of cannabis oil; Asking state lawmakers, including Virginia Beach's, for their support

Editor:

Virginia Parents for Medical Marijuana. an advocacy group of parents who have children with intractable epilepsy, were in Richmond recently, lobbying Virginia General Assembly members in support of Senate Bill (SB) 701, "Cannabidiol oil and THC-A oil; permitting of pharmaceutical processors to manufacture and provide." The group was successful last year in helping to pass Senator Dave Marsden's bill, SB1235 and Delegate Dave Albo's bill, HB1445 which provided an affirmative defense to patients with intractable epilepsy taking Cannabidiol oil (CBD) or Tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (THCa) to treat their seizures without fear of prosecution. The current law, however, fails to provide a method for individuals to acquire the oils without breaking state and federal laws. The parents hope to convince Virginia legislators, including those representing Virginia Beach, that cannabis oil production and distribution in the state is a logical and necessary next step towards providing access to this medicine to patients across the state. The parents also support Senator L. Louise Lucas's bill SB344, "Cancer; possession or distribution of marijuana for medical purposes," which adds cancer as a condition to the current affirmative defense law. With over 300 members, Virginia Parents for Medical Marijuana is a parental advocacy group comprised of concerned parents with the mission of educating the public and legislators on the benefits of medical cannabis as a treatment for serious medical conditions.

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## Book Review

*Moynihan's Bravery: challenging the opposition in a time of dissent United Nations Ambassador to New York Senator; Daniel Patrick Moynihan stood up for what he believed and earned the respect of many*

By Rabbi Israel Zoberman  
Contributor

Author Gil Troy's latest book is a literary triumph for this distinguished McGill University history professor, who also has a Harvard doctorate degree.



Rabbi Israel Zoberman

He boldly resurrects the United Nations, from its lowest to its highest point, for a popular U.S. ambassador to a world governing body that may never fully recover from its tarnished reputation. This follows the fiasco of the UN General Assembly Resolution 3379 of November 10, 1975, which equated Zionism with racism.

That watershed event was described by President

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## Why a \$50,000-a-year raise?

Editor:

Does anyone else have an issue with the newly-named city manager being given a \$50,000 raise? Mr. James Spore worked up to earn that salary. Why did the City Council feel it was their right to just give away taxpayer money? Isn't it their job to get the best whatever, at the best price possible? Was this guy going to leave the city if he didn't get the same salary?

Jeffrey Ringer  
Kempsville  
January 27, 2016

## Fish didn't like salt water

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and frequenting the shower to get his fix. His true name: "Lord Fisherton, Master of Stories and Teller of Tales."

His fur is a dusty blue-gray color and he is part-Maine Coon and part-monster; this 12-pound behemoth earned his title by meowing loudly, commanding any and all to hear his words and heed his requests. He has yellow-green eyes, fierce claws and a playful personality that demands attention.

His origins are not humble; he is truly a lord, as well as a connoisseur of travel. When he was a wide-eyed kitten he escaped into a neighboring apartment, via a kitchen cabinet hole. An hour later he was carried back home by the very surprised next door residents.

No stranger to fear, he climbs as high as he can on the kitchen cabinets and refrigerator, Army-crawling under dressers when chased. Long hallways are a real treat and instead of tiny pitter-patters when he walks like some cats do, he thunders across the floor as though his only goal is to be as loud as possible. More so than anything, his search for water is insatiable.

Born in the Great Lake State of Michigan, surrounded by some of the world's biggest freshwater lakes, Fish found it was not enough water for his taste. He recently embarked on a 750-mile journey south, determined to reach the East Coast and see what life was like in Virginia Beach and the Atlantic Ocean.

His journey had been a long coming, having heard for many years about the Virginia Beach Oceanfront, and he wanted to see for himself what the clean white beaches were all about.

That day has finally arrived; he has made it to the boardwalk.

Fish meows loudly at his new seaside surroundings, making his presence known. His bushy gray tail swings from side-to-side as he contemplates the long stretch of sand

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# Lord Fisherton, Master of Stories

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and water before him. Under his precious little paws it feels natural, gravelly and familiar to the touch, much like his litter box at home.

His pupils are tiny in the sun, allowing his chartreuse eyes to glimmer brightly, and his facial expression is one of grumpiness and satisfaction. Seemingly irritated by the solar heat, he's still very happy, however, with the world at his paws. There is more water under his wondrous whiskers than he has ever experienced before, much bigger than the itty bitty water dish with which his humans think he is content.

As he makes his way towards the crashing waves, he notices people relaxing on towels and under umbrellas. He twitches his nose, afraid they are his humans coming to scoop him up in the tiny wired box he hates so much, but they make no move to capture him. Flicking his paws nervously as he moves closer, he shakes the wet sand off his furry feet. He was not expecting this

annoying new sensation, having sand particles stuck between his tiny little toes. The waves breaking against the shore blocks out most other sound, and he focuses only on the blue water before him.

Fish is always thirsty and here is a source that he thinks will never dry up. He has yet to figure out the infernal water taps at home and must always wait for someone to give him water, but this time, it is on his terms.

He ignores his now-wet paws and scoots closer to the waves hurling towards him. As a crest of water reaches the ground in front of him he lowers his head to take his first sip, his little pink tongue darting out to taste the sweet liquid he has been missing for so long.

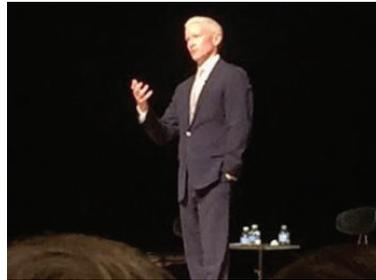
A second later, he leaps back, shaking his fuzzy face in delightful disgust. This is not what he had in mind!

Ewww, salt water!

*Laura Bishop is a Norfolk resident, pet lover, and frequent visitor to the Virginia Beach Oceanfront.*



Norfolk Forum Chairman Catherine Lewis speaks candidly with Anderson Cooper.



Anderson Cooper addresses Cox High School students at the Norfolk Forum.

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moderating, and offered ethical anecdotes about the duty of a news reporter. One of the school's online student newspaper editors-in-chief, senior Hayley Needham, attended the forum with adviser Erin Tonelson and 13 other students. Needham's ultimate goal is to become an on-air news anchor. "I am inspired," Needham said. "He sees our nightmares, reports it, and is still able to be honest, down-to-earth and humble." Anderson has received Hampton Roads media attention recently for donating K-9 protective vests to local police departments.

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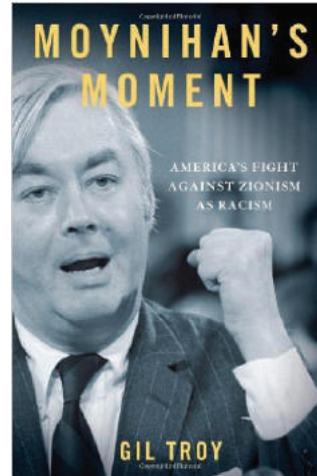
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Ronald Reagan on November 12, 1985, when he said, "Few events have so offended the American people as the 'Zionism is Racism' resolution." This provided the historic opportunity for a free world representative to speak the truth to a potentially powerful institution. Created in the wake of World War II and the Holocaust's annihilation of European Jewry, the UN was established with high hopes and the United States' pivotal backing in 1945.

This opportunity was tailor-made for Ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan's (1927-2003) flare for drama, with his Churchill-like noble touch summoning attention. A bit of Ivy League elitism reflected Moynihan's academic bond with Harvard University, where he served as a professor in its School of Education.

Appointed on June 30, 1975, by President Gerald Ford for UN ambassadorship, Moynihan's new post would last only for eight months, until February 1976. Yet, his arousing words of moral indignation following the Resolution 3379's adoption (72 votes for, 35 against, 32 abstentions, three absent), will long echo: "The United States rises to declare, before the General Assembly of the United Nations, and before the world, that it does not acknowledge, it will not abide by, it will never acquiesce in this infamous act."

Moynihan's courageous and defiant stance, and his subsequent standing up to 130 representatives that were seeking a UN press office while denying their own people a free press, irked those bent on improving relations with the Soviets and courting Third World countries.



Moynihan, however, once resigning from his brief, though illustrious, stint in the UN, became a most sought after speaker and was catapulted to winning the tough January 1977 New York senatorial race, serving four terms in Congress.

Resolution 3379 was repealed with a clear majority on December 16, 1991. Moynihan's doggedly-delivered 750 speeches made the difference in the final outcome. However, claims Troy, the repercussions are still evident in the ongoing campaign to de-legitimize the State of Israel, the child of the vilified national Zionist movement.

A tumultuous era is expertly set up as a backdrop by Troy: the receding Vietnam War, the 1973 Yom Kippur War and the Helsinki Accords of 1975 of improved human rights. Also included is the thaw for the two super powers, along with Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger's détente policy, PLO leader Yassir Arafat toting his revolver in the UN and Uganda's dictator Idi Amin's menacing appearance in the UN.

The book's thorough research and meticulous notes are indicative of its high academic standards and do not detract from a compelling writing style, all the while weaving a great drama. Moynihan's insistence that "words matter" is amply proven.

*Dr. Israel Zoberman is the founding rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Va.*

*Moynihan's Moment (America's Fight Against Zionism as Racism) by Gil Troy. Oxford University Press. 2013. Pp.357. Hardcover. \$29.95. McGill College is located in Montreal, Canada.*

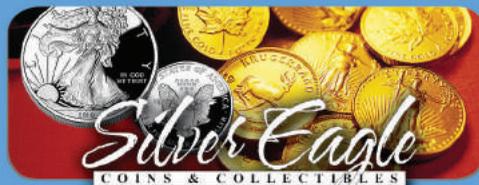
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# Lynnhaven Parish DAR gives “Good Citizen” awards to superb students

Lynnhaven Parish Chapter of the NSDAR rewards Kempsville, Green Run and Landstown high school seniors for their scholarly and citizenly achievements

By Kristina Deluise

Lynnhaven Parish Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently presented Good Citizen Awards to three Virginia Beach public school students.

DAR established a committee in 1934 to recognize and reward the qualities of good citizenship; this committee is open to all high school seniors enrolled in public or private schools accredited by their state board of education.

This program focuses on the qualities that make up a good DAR citizen: patriotism, dependability, leadership skills and the ability to provide a service through cooperation and responsibility.

In addition, they also have to write a fabulous essay with no prior knowledge of the topic. This year’s competition topic was, “Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It.”

Each student was specifically asked to focus on American rights and freedoms, writing about which one would they would choose to celebrate and why.

Kempsville High School’s Bailey Alexis Sabin wrote her essay on the 14th Amendment, specifically the due process clause which holds the states up to the Bill of Rights.

Green Run High School’s Rose Camille Bodden composed her essay on the 1st Amendment, specifically the right to petition the government for redress of grievances.

Landstown High School’s Abriel Cimone Armour was the contest winner and also chose to write about the 1st Amendment, specifically freedom of speech.

All three students received a DAR Good Citizen pin, certificate and wallet recognition card. The winning essay now advances to the District One



Three Virginia Beach high school students recently received Good Citizen Awards from the Lynnhaven Parish Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Chapter Chairman Darlene Nelson, at the podium, shares the moment with award winners, left to right: Kempsville High School’s Bailey Sabin, Green Run High School’s Rose Bodden and Landstown High School’s Abriel Cimone Armour.

DAR Good Citizen chairman to be considered for a \$500 scholarship.

These very talented young ladies were chosen by the Lynnhaven Parish’s Good Citizen Committee, headed by Chairman Darlene Nelson.

*Kristina Deluise is the Lynnhaven Parish Chapter historian.*

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# Cox High School wrestling team moves up in rank

The Cox High School Falcons win 40-37 against the previously undefeated Oscar Smith High School Tigers

By Erin Tonelson

Before a packed house, the Cox High School wrestling Falcons defeated the Oscar Smith High School Tigers, 40-37, in a recent home game. The Falcons were 8-1 when they took on the Oscar Smith High School Tigers, who were ranked second regionally and third statewide. As a result, the Falcons regained their tenth ranking regionally and the Tigers fell into third place regionally.

Cox students were asked to wear white clothing to the gym to show school spirit. This “white out” match was also alumni night, where many of the most elite, former state and national title-winning wrestlers were publically acknowledged for their dedication to the sport.

Cox Head Coach Collin Dozier, a four-time state champion alumnus, planned to turn the team back into prominent state contenders by beating the second-ranked Tigers and restoring the team’s winning legacy.

“No doubt this match with this undefeated team will be a dog fight,” Dozier said, before the meet. “Regardless of the outcome, I am confident Oscar Smith and the rest of Hampton Roads will realize that Cox wrestling is making a quick comeback.”



Cox High School wrestlers hold their first place award following the recently held Norfolk Academy Invitational. (Courtesy photos.)

Cox senior heavyweight Chris Haller was also looking forward to the opportunity that the match presented. “Our goal is to beat Oscar Smith and to get higher in the rankings, while also showing our dominance,” Haller said, before the meet.

*Erin Tolenson is employed by Virginia Beach City Public Schools.*



Cox High School junior Logan Watts pinning Oscar High School student Kwuan Crafton in a winning move.



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number of other relatives and neighborhood kids. We were one big happy family! As a youth I joined Boy Scouts, learned to camp and ran cross country and track in high school. I married in 1992 and moved to Chesapeake, Va., in 1999.

*Brief professional history:* I began by working odd jobs in local kitchens and restaurants. I joined Chubb Insurance in 1974 where I earned the title of underwriting officer. I held positions as a project analyst and call center claims supervisor and I retired after 40 years of service.

*Brief educational history:* I have a high school diploma and a Bachelor of Science degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, N.J.

*City and neighborhood:* I now live in Cape Charles, Va., on the Eastern Shore. I moved there from Chesapeake 18 months ago.

*Family members:* I have been married to my wife, Melody, for over 23 years. We met while both working at Chubb. We married in Jamaica and have two boys, each from a prior marriage. Nicholas, 34, works at a restaurant and lives in New Jersey, and Jason, 47, lives in Pennsylvania and works both in construction and as an electrician.

*Church and community:* I am affiliated with St. Andrews Church of Randolph, N.J., and am a member and supporter of Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore (CBES).

*Occupation and first real job:* Melody and I are now retired. She retired from USAA. As stated, I retired from Chubb Insurance, which was also my first real job. My father told me that office work was a clean job and that I should be careful not to lose it. He was a laborer all his life and wanted me to have a different career path. I'm happy to say that I heeded his words and am now living comfortably in retirement.

*Career goal in high school:* I wanted to become an astronaut and earn \$20,000 per year, which I thought would make me rich!

*Tidewater Coin Club:* It is a non-profit organization dedicated to the numismatic needs of collectors and tries to educate the community regarding the history of coinage in Hamptons Roads. Established in February, 1956, the club has met continuously since then. Regular club meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at the Norfolk VFW Lodge on Barteet Street, in the Military Circle area. Each meeting features door prizes, raffles, numismatic exhibits, refreshments and an educational program on some aspect of numismatics. Club president, Fran Ryan, is a Chesapeake resident, and our most recent past president, Chris Maniscalco, is a Sandbridge resident and also a licensed coin

dealer who specializes in foreign coins. Current membership is about 130 people and about half attend the monthly meetings. My role as a club officer is to help ensure its continued success and to coordinate the production of two coin shows per year, held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Our next show is scheduled for February 13 and 14 followed by our fall show on October 15 and 16.

*Best part of being a club member:* Meeting and talking with other collectors; there are varied interests among collectors and we share our specific passions through show-and-tell and educational programs. While my focus is on U.S. coins, others collect foreign coins, world paper money, U.S. fractional currency, Early American copper coins; others focus on coins of Ancient Greece, Rome and Byzantine empires.

*Other coin clubs in Hampton Roads:* I am only familiar with one other club in our area and that is the Peninsula Coin Club.

*Fantasy job:* I'm doing it. Retirement allows me to volunteer my services on the Eastern Shore, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, and other charities. I also get to spend more time with the Tidewater Coin Club and the Virginia Numismatic Association, where I am the treasurer.

*Personal hobbies:* In addition to coin collecting, I go jogging, hiking, crabbing, kayaking and skiing. We also have four dogs to keep us entertained!

*Favorite TV show:* Star Trek.

*Favorite movie:* Spartacus.

*Favorite actor:* Kirk Douglas.

*Favorite band:* The Beatles.

*Favorite season:* Summer.

*Comfort food:* Pizza.

*Favorite non-alcoholic beverage:* Orange juice.

*Favorite alcoholic beverage:* Brandy.

*Something people don't know about you:* I have hiked various 14,000-foot peaks in Colorado. I was much younger then.

*If you could change the world, what would you do first:* I would first feed the hungry, then work to provide education for all.

*What do you like best about Virginia Beach:* It's usually mild weather. The beach also offers most everything from a vibrant night life to restaurants, shops and concerts, to quiet beach getaways in the off-season, to serene kayaking and excellent fisheries. It's a great place to spend my retirement!

*John Kolos is a resident of Cape Charles, Va., a Tidewater Coin Club member, and a frequent visitor of Virginia Beach. Reach John Kolos and the Tidewater Coin Club at [john.kolos1790@gmail.com](mailto:john.kolos1790@gmail.com).*

## Tidewater Coin Club has 125 members, many of whom live in Virginia Beach

### *Membership breakdown*

Virginia Beach: 50 members - 40 percent of membership.

Norfolk: 20 members - 16 percent of membership.

Chesapeake 35 members - 28 percent of membership.

Other areas 20 members - 16 percent of membership.

“Coin-collecting is popular in Virginia Beach, due to the fact that the Tidewater Coin Club sponsors two coin shows each year at the Virginia Beach Convention Center,” said Tidewater Coin Club show coordinator John Kolos. “These shows are heavily promoted in local newspapers and numismatic trade publications. Also, there are dealers with store fronts in Virginia Beach, two of whom are also club members. Finally, there is a major auction house in Virginia Beach that promotes numismatic-themed auctions. All of these activities encourage people to look at their coins that family may have left them. By attending one of the shows, the public learns about the Tidewater Coin Club and many people have joined as a result.”



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## Speakers' Spotlight: Hillier Ignite Fitness Park public hearing

*Council can't decide, proposed fitness park at 40th Street fails on 5-5 tie*

*More than two dozen public speakers let City Council know just how they felt, and exactly what they thought, about plans to build a fitness park on public beach*

*Fresh photos and personal quotes from all 25 speakers attending the recent Virginia Beach City Council public hearing*

*Speakers' Spotlight compiled by Laura Bishop and Ana Padgett. Edited by Greg Goldfarb.*

The following on-the-record public speakers' comments were drawn from a standing-room only Virginia Beach City Council public hearing, held recently in Council Chamber at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center, 2425 Nimmo Parkway. Individual speakers are each allowed three minutes to address the council in-person, while also being broadcast live on the city's cable television channel, on how they feel about the issue at hand. Speakers representing groups are allowed 10 minutes. That night's public debate, on the proposed lease of city property, concerned local businessman Luke Hillier's desire to build what would have been known as Hillier Ignite Fitness Park, on the sand, next to the ocean on the 40th Street public beach. Although the controversial initiative received much public support at the hearing, opposition to the plan was equally strong, detractors calling attention to potential parking, crime, sanitary, aesthetic and quality of life concerns, among others. Many of the speakers against the project were nearby home and property owners. City Council deadlocked on the issue on a 5-5 vote, with one abstention, meaning the proposal did not receive enough votes for approval and failed. Here is some of what the speakers that night said about the planned ocean-side fitness park. Some speakers' quotes are excerpts from their full speeches and some have been edited for grammar, style and clarity for print publication. Each speaker's profile is based on self-disclosures made at the hearing.



# 25 speakers let city know how they felt and w



Richard Welton

## *“Unbelievable”*

**Richard Welton**, 65-year Virginia Beach resident, Galilee Episcopal Church member: “Lost about 30 percent of (church) parking due to the redevelopment of the Cavalier property; it’s unbelievable to me that you’re going to let anybody put something in there that’s going to increase the parking problems; we’re having to tow people out of a church parking lot, which is not a very nice thing to do and the people aren’t very happy with us because we don’t have enough parking for our parishioners. We have a 1,000-member congregation right there across the street, it’s growing by leaps and bounds and we’ve got one heck of a parking problem already.”



Becky Culpepper

## *“Against”*

**Becky Culpepper**, Oceans Condominiums resident, retired math teacher: “I’m one of four residents who phoned everybody in the Oceans, 100 percent, and of those we spoke to, 97 percent are against this project; it’s not usable by the general public; I’d have to have a personal trainer to go out and use that. Maybe the online stuff might (help), but you know I don’t have a smartphone. Only highly-skilled, I believe, and highly-trained people are going to be able to use this. It might be fun to watch them, but I wish it wasn’t on 40<sup>th</sup> Street.”



Herb Kline

## *“Opposed”*

**Herb Kline**, Oceans Condominiums president: “Most of the year, there’s virtually no parking on 40<sup>th</sup> Street; there are 12 spaces on 40<sup>th</sup> Street; and public restroom facilities just don’t exist. Add traffic from the Cavalier Hotel properties and associated developments to the usual congestion nightmare there and clearly fitness park access at 40<sup>th</sup> Street could not be made by land, but probably by sea. Oceans’ residents are resolutely opposed to the 40<sup>th</sup> Street park location. Many residents of contingent neighborhoods totally agree.”



Marnie Morgan

## *“Sad to hear”*

**Marnie Morgan**, Virginia House representative: “I have from The Los Angeles Times, the original Muscle Beach in Santa Monica has been removed by the city of Santa Monica due to difficulties in the day-to-day maintenance and the supervision of the original Muscle Beach site; so the success of California is not a success; perhaps Muscle Beach has exhibitionists, and exhibitionists come in many flavors. So, I call this to your attention briefly, I hope you hear and listen to it. We are sad to hear or think of the changes on 40<sup>th</sup> Street.”



James and Nora B

## *“Jungl*

**James and Nora B**, Oceans II Condominiums residents: “The concept is a good one, but the ordinances to protect the natural sites and nature are being asked tonight. Please don’t do that. Why put this thing on the beach? It’s in a park? There’s no reason. What I mean? When I see a park, I want to look at ‘jungle’ like that; I want to see the sand. I want to see the sand, and see that, and not the equipment.”



Lisa Sinibaldi

## *“Ruin my view”*

**Lisa Sinibaldi**, Oceans II Condominiums resident: “My dream has always been to live on the beach. I saved for most of my life to afford a small piece of paradise and I paid a premium price for the oceanfront property. I never in my wildest dreams thought someone could buy a piece of public beach and ruin my view with metal bars, ropes, and swings. Not only will this diminish my view, I’m afraid it will lessen my property value, as well.”



L.T. Caplan

## *“The money”*

**L.T. Caplan**, lifelong Virginia Beach resident, law practice owner: “I’ve spoken to many business owners. They would love to have this facility by them. They need the money. We talk about tourist money all the time; there are no businesses nearby except a 7-11. Why don’t we put this facility where the businesses can financially reap the rewards?”



James Caplan

## *“Downward”*

**James Caplan**, Oceans Condominiums resident: “We have an older generation at the Oceans. They don’t have children, very few children live in this area, but they have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in purchasing a unit and keeping up a unit and fixing the unit and this means very, very much to them. And the prices, I’ve talked to a realtor, the prices in the area have precipitated downward, because one of the things is, this thing that’s hanging over their heads. This is something the city needs to understand. All these people that live in this area are an asset to the city of Virginia Beach.”



Nancy Rodeo

## *“Obtrusive”*

**Nancy Rodeo**, Oceans II Condominiums resident: “It may be pleasant to have some young gentlemen out there working out every once in a while, but that’s not exactly what we had in mind when we bought it; if you’re sitting on the bench at the end of the boardwalk, having a normal conversation, I can hear you. I can hear every word you’re saying. And now you’re telling me that the solution to some of this is for this park to be open at dawn, which is about 5 to 5:15 a.m., in the summer time? That’s a little bit loud for us; it’s obtrusive, it’s disruptive, it comes in conflict with our ability to enjoy our property.”



George Tsarvaras

## *“17th Stre*

**George Tsarvaras**, Oceans II Condominiums resident: “The concept is a good one, but the proposed donation. I just don’t like that particular location is not a good location. There’s restrooms, there’s a playground, and it’s only going to be there for a short time. It won’t impact other people. We have Grommets Park on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. What a great location. What a great location!”

# What they thought of fitness park on the beach



Nora Bonner

*“The gym”*

Nora Bonner, Oceans II Con-  
“I know the cities have  
the viewshed of histor-  
and that’s what we’re  
protect our viewshed;  
the beach? Why not put  
other areas, you know  
go to the beach, I don’t  
the gym’ sets and things  
the beauty of the ocean  
to sit on my balcony  
look over ‘jungle gym’



Martha Thereault

*“Outrage”*

**Martha Thereault**, “There has been a huge groundswell of outrage and not just amongst those of us directly impacted. Speaking in opposition today is a clarion call for all Virginia Beach citizens who are, and have been, disenfranchised by the crony capitalism and shady deal-making by some in this city government. Recently, there has been much discovery through the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. It has been an appalling journey reading the emails of some city employees who’ve been assigned the task of making this thing come ‘hell or high water,’ without any planning, impact studies, nor even accurate dimensions of what this 11-piece ‘jungle gym’ will entail.”



J.E. ‘Jeb’ Britton, III

*“Last piece”*

**J.E. ‘Jeb’ Britton, III**, Ocean Hills Owners Association president, military veteran: “We really aren’t objecting to the park, we think it’s a wonderful idea. My son is into fitness and that sort of thing and he would use it. Our concern is that the beach itself is such a precious resource, that any time you make a decision to put a physical permanent structure on the beach you’re depriving someone of something; when you go there in the summertime, that’s the last piece of beach that you get sun after two in the afternoon, because of all the high-rises.”



Bob McKinley

*“Constant increase”*

**Bob McKinley**, Oceanfront Condomini-  
ums Association manager: “Already, in the time that I’ve been there, we’ve had a constant increase of people parking where they’re not supposed to be, ‘peeing’ in our bushes, ‘peeing’ in our garage; and with Virginia Beach becoming the fifteenth vacation destination in the country, I think this is something that should be exposed more to our tourists and our visitors.”



Pamela Hughes

*“Self-serving”*

**Pamela Hughes**, lifelong Virginia Beach resident: “It is more of a self-serving loca-  
tion, to serve one end of the beach but not the others. If you want to do something really good in the Virginia Beach fashion, put it somewhere where the people who come to visit it will also spend money; 17th Street area would be great.”



Tsarvaras

*“Street Park?”*

, Atlantic Avenue resi-  
great one, and frankly  
for the initiative and his  
just don’t think that this  
the best; 2<sup>nd</sup> Street has  
what’s in Santa Monica.  
ere’s plenty of parking  
be 70-feet by 100-feet,  
things going on; you  
down there. Or, as one  
said, how about 17<sup>th</sup>  
great location it would



Luke Hillier

*“Give back”*

**Luke Hillier**, longtime Virginia Beach resident, business owner: “I grew up here in Virginia Beach, I’ve raised a family here in Virginia Beach, still raising a family here, and I built a business here, matter-of-fact, more than one business here. I love this city, frankly I think it’s a great place to live, it’s been a great place for my family to thrive and this is a way I’d like to give back to the city; I think park is going to be an amazing place for everyone to use.”



Kathi Sedel

*“Would use”*

**Kathi Sedel**, 83<sup>rd</sup> Street resident, Virginia Beach City Public Schools employee: “First of all, I kind of want to say I think we need to separate what’s typical resort beach behavior from the kind of people that I see that are going to use this thing, namely, me. I’m the kind of person who would use this facility. I’m not an exhibitionist, I’m not a criminal, I live on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and this park location for me is perfect, where I could run; and I actually have a lot of neighbors and friends that actually would love something like this.”



Rob Nicholson

*“This fits”*

**Rob Nicholson**, Virginia Beach resident, business owner: “We’re one of the ‘Top 10’ fittest cities in America over and over and over. There are a lot of people a lot younger than me that are coming up, that work out a lot differently; things are different than it used to be. I just think this fits, it’s a great deal for us and I’d love see it there.”



Paul Kane

*“National level”*

**Paul Kane**, 40<sup>th</sup> Street resident: “I think every resort town has a parking issue; and I think it’ll just be fun for the city, it’s a fun place to work out; it’s going to bring a positive image on a national level.”

*More speakers’ photos and quotes on the next page!*

# Fitness park fails on 5-5 vote



Joe Lamontagne

*“Fittest city”*

**Joe Lamontagne**, lifelong Virginia Beach resident, business owner: “I don’t think we’re going to change the way people work out, but we’re definitely going to help the citizens of Virginia Beach become healthier. We were one of the ‘fittest cities,’ number nine, to be exact, in 2011. In 2013 we were named the ‘fittest city,’ and I know most of you know that because it’s on the Virginia Beach website. So, I think this will help us progress, as the culture of the city progresses. There’s a movement and you can’t deny it. If we’re named the ‘fittest city in the nation,’ we have the people here who really want something like this.”



Arthur “Brother” Rutter

*“Philanthropist”*

**Arthur “Brother” Rutter**, longtime Virginia Beach resident, attorney: “This isn’t about profit, it’s about passion. And it hurts me to see people not attack the project, but attack the philanthropist; because I know from sitting on so many nonprofit boards that, say, I’m on a museum board and we make it very difficult for someone to donate a work of art; we put restrictions on it. We question their motives, that piece of art goes to the VMFA; or the Mint in Charlotte or the Met in New York. It doesn’t stay here in the community.”



Christopher Naughton

*“Disenfranchised”*

**Christopher Naughton**, Oceans Condominiums resident, lawyer: “We’re concerned about crime, we’re concerned about the environment. There’s been no affirmative study dealing with section 408 of the United States Code dealing with environment and erosion; there’s been no crime studies so far and I think what concerns us most on this side of the aisle is that we don’t feel as if we’re being heard. We feel disenfranchised.”



Deb Pearson

*“Gateway”*

**Deb Pearson**, Oceans II Condominiums resident: “It occurs at a transition area often referred to as a residential gateway to the North End. There’s no, of course, like I said, parking facilities for it. In addition, we’d like to see what’s going to be happening with the Cavalier (Hotel). I mean that’s going to be a whole other development that we don’t know what kind of impact it’s going to have on our facility.”



Scott Taylor

*“Well-used”*

**Scott Taylor**, longtime Virginia Beach resident, Virginia General Assembly delegate: “I have used parks like these in many cities around the country, like Boston, and most recently in Tel Aviv, Israel, on the beach. They don’t have parking there, they don’t have bathroom facilities, but they’re well-used and well-appreciated; and I can tell you that the reason why I even know about this tonight was from a Facebook event which probably has close to 1,000 Virginia Beach residents on it who are in support of this.”



Russell Lyons

*“Satisfied”*

**Russell Lyons**, Coastal Hospitality Associates representative: “After some additional questions about the size and intended use of the project, we feel our hotel’s concerns have been adequately satisfied; and there’s no foreseen negative impact on our business operations or our customer base.”



Shawhin Soubra

*“Please don’t”*

**Shawhin Soubra**, 39<sup>th</sup> Street resident: “I’ve heard everybody, the only thing I’m curious (about), all these people that are wanting this there, do they live in that block? Because, I’ve been living on 39<sup>th</sup> and Atlantic since 1999, people can’t even find parking to come and visit. When the hurricane is coming, the Holiday Inn won’t let me park their parking lot, because I have an open parking space with my building; so, parking is one issue, the other thing is that whole block is residential, except the Holiday Inn; all I heard, people over-and-over are almost begging, ‘we live there, please don’t put this there.’”



Top photo: Virginia Beach City Council just prior to the recent public hearing on the Hillier Ignite Fitness Park. Left photo: The entire Virginia Beach City Council.

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Virginia Beach Sports Club hosts arena project director Andrea Kilmer on Tuesday, February 9; club's annual jamboree set for Monday, April 18



Andrea Kilmer

The Virginia Beach Sports Club will host Andrea Kilmer, project director for the soon-to-be-built Virginia Beach sports and entertainment arena, on Tuesday, February 9 at noon at the Atlantic Shores Retirement Community located off General Booth Boulevard near the Oceanfront. To make reservations call Harry Acker at 1-757-496-5862. Also, the club's 63rd annual jamboree is set for Monday, April 18 in the ballroom of the Virginia Beach Convention Center.



Virginia Beach Sports Club hosts arena project director Andrea Kilmer at its February 9 meeting.

## Public Notice

### **SUMMONS - Case No.: 2015 SC 001415**

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To the person(s) named above as Defendant(s): You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims Court: St. Croix County Courthouse, Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: (715) 386-4636, 1101 Carmichael Road, Hudson, WI 54016, on the following date and time: February 16, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure or property.

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## Recent Beach Passings

The following Virginia Beach residents recently passed:

**EROTEDO P. AQUINO, 87**

Born: October 6, 1928. Died: January 1, 2016. Birthplace: Philippines. Son of the late Esteban and Emerita Aquino.

**CALVERT EDWARDS, 64**

Born: September 13, 1951. Died: January 3, 2016. Birthplace: Canada. Service writer for Southside Harley Davidson.

**ADELBERT BROWN, 64**

Born: June 7, 1951. Died: January 15, 2016. Birthplace: Alabama. Native of Portsmouth, Va.

**AMY (POLOZZI) ALVAREZ, 38**

Born: December 5, 1977. Died: January 17, 2016. Birthplace: Puerto Rico. Amy is survived by three children her son, Isaias; her two daughters, Karess and Ciara; her mother Vilma Deshaies and grandmother Luz Machado.

(Information from Thomasson Funeral Services, Virginia Beach, Va.)

Virginia Beach obituaries are published for FREE in The Virginia Beach Sun.

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## What's next for the arena?

The recent approval of a series of critical documents with the city of Virginia Beach now puts building the city's new Oceanfront sports and entertainment arena in the court of Virginia Beach-based United States Management (USM) and its lender, the Export-Import Bank of China, to finalize the loan,

according to USM's website. USM is "very hopeful" that will be done in 2016, allowing the project to break ground perhaps as early as this fall. The lenders were advised of the deal's details as USM negotiated terms with the city and USM expects a favorable response.



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An original painting, "Azul," by Laura Bishop, 16x20, acrylic on canvas. (Courtesy photo.)

### Artist gets inspiration from visiting Virginia Beach

On a 16x20 canvas, Laura Bishop used acrylic paints to make this sea turtle 'pop' onto the canvas. The bright blue and green colors exemplify the animal's delightful traits and habitat where it dwells naturally. It was sold in 2013 to a patron at the restaurant where she then worked in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Bishop, a Norfolk resident, is a frequent visitor to Virginia Beach. "I love Virginia Beach," said Bishop. "I get great inspiration when I go the ocean." She has painted over 30 works over the last four years and has sold over two dozen to a variety of people. Her primary focus is on wild animals, and she likes to use acrylic paints for the bright colors and fast drying times that they provide. Bishop first picked up a pencil in 2003 and has taken numerous art classes over the years to perfect her style.

# City Government

Virginia Beach City Council names Dave Hansen named new Virginia Beach city manager; been with the city for 10 years; joined city in 2006 after 30-year U.S. Army career

Former Virginia Beach City Manager Dave Hansen has been promoted to Virginia Beach City Manager Dave Hansen.

A 10-year Virginia Beach city government veteran, his duties include overseeing all city departments, including Budget and Management Services, Communications and Information Technology, Finance, Public Utilities and Public Works. Answering directly to City Council members, Hansen serves at their pleasure, earns a \$250,000 a year salary and has a two-year contract.

“Dave has earned the respect of this City Council, business and civic leaders and employees,” Mayor Will Sessoms said. “He knows this community and he understands what we need to do to keep moving forward.”

Hansen joined the city of Virginia Beach in April 2006 after a 30-year military career. His assignments included deputy chief of staff for resource management with the Army’s Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, commanding officer and district engineer of the Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk District and director of public works for Fort Eustis and Fort Story.

Hansen has a master’s degree in strategic studies and logistics from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, a Master of Business Administration from the Florida Institute of Technology, and a bachelor’s degree in business administration and accounting from the University of Central Florida.

Hansen succeeds former City Manager James K. Spore, who retired Dec. 31 after 24 years in office.



City Manager Dave Hansen

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TAG America, Inc., selects Bayside Road for its first U.S. manufacturing facility

TAG America Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of TAG Chemicals GmbH, has selected a Virginia Beach facility as its first location in the United States. TAG America will produce water-based, non-toxic, specialty chemicals such as agent releasers for a variety of industries and industrial clients. TAG Chemicals GmbH is headquartered in Bischofsheim, Germany.

“We are excited to welcome TAG America Inc. to the growing international business community of Virginia Beach,” said Warren D. Harris, Director Virginia Beach Economic Development. “Small and medium sized European enterprises increasingly understand the strategic importance of having a U.S. facility for their long term success, and the commitment of this city, region and Commonwealth in working that market continues to produce results.”

TAG America Inc. conducted a real estate search across several East Coast states to host production, storage, sales and administration before selecting a 6,400 square-foot facility at 5721 Bayside Road. The offices of Harvey Lindsay Commercial Real Estate represented the landlord in the transaction.

“We dedicated a lot of time before selecting Virginia Beach for our newest international operation,” said Andreas Kemper, Managing Director for TAG Chemicals. “We believe the strategic location, the favorable business climate and the support we received make

Hampton Roads FPA names new officers and directors from Virginia Beach

The Financial Planning Association of Hampton Roads recently seated its newly-elected officers and board of directors. They serve one-year terms that began January 1, 2016.

**Officers:** Chairman, Lynnhaven resident Dan Neice; president, Bill Van Hoy; president-elect, Lynnhaven resident Christopher R. Roberts; treasurer, Hilltop resident Ginny Brown; and secretary, Lynnhaven resident Karen McNabb.

**Board of directors:** Chapter executive, Jan Dungan; business relations, Michael R. Barclift; career development, Lynnhaven resident William G. Miller; community outreach, Kempsville resident Jenieza Alston; membership director, Dam Neck resident Allison Dubreuil; and public relations, Alanton resident Paul D. Allen.

The Financial Planning Association (FPA) is the membership organization for the financial planning community. Its 24,000 members nationwide are dedicated to supporting the financial planning process in order to help people achieve their goals and dreams.

For more information visit the FPA of Hampton Roads website at <http://fpahamptonroads.com>.

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# Business

TAG Chemicals GmbH was founded in 2003 and operates facilities in Germany, South Africa, India and the Czech Republic

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Hampton Roads and Virginia Beach the best location for TAG America Inc.”

TAG Chemicals GmbH was founded in 2003 and operates facilities in Germany, South Africa, India and the Czech Republic. The company is ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001 certified with core competencies in research and development. The

Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, along with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, assisted the company during their decision making process.

“Having TAG America Inc. locate in Virginia Beach is one more example of the quality of this region’s Economic Development professionals,” said Rick Bagley, chairman of the board for the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance. “The city of Virginia Beach and HREDA staff, as well

as other staffs from around the region, work closely together in promoting Hampton Roads as the preferred location for companies from around the world. These firms contribute significantly to our overall economic environment and end up forming strong partnership opportunities with our existing domestic companies. It’s truly an exciting process to participate in.”

The company will initially hire six employees, with plans to expand as its North American customer base grows.

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