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Job interview leads   to theft charges

Landing a job is tough, especially when you get accused of stealing from the person interviewing you.

But that's what police said a Randallstown woman did during a job interview at a Gambrills assisted-living center Thursday.

Police charged Lisa R. Griffin, 40, with theft after she allegedly stole a ***cell phone***, a $100 bill and several bottles of pills from the desk and purse of Sandy Barley of Kris-Leigh Assisted Living.

According to police, Ms. Barley left Ms. Griffin in her office during the interview for 10 minutes shortly before 6 p.m. and returned to find Ms. Griffin behind her desk putting bottles of medication in her purse.

When confronted, Ms. Griffin apologized and gave back four bottles of pills, police said. Ms. Barley then realized a $100 bill was missing from her pocketbook. After Ms. Griffin denied taking it, Ms. Barley called police.

At the Southern District Station in Edgewater, officers strip-searched Ms. Griffn after a metal detector kept activating. Police said they recovered a Nokia ***cell phone*** and $127 hidden on her body.

Police gave Ms. Barley back the phone and a $100 bill. She declined to comment.

Investigators probe   fires in Hanover

County fire investigators are searching for the cause of two fires at a Hanover construction site near Arundel Mills mall over the weekend that caused $24,000 damage.

Firefighters responded to the first blaze about 3:35 a.m. Saturday at the Hillside Office Park near Dorsey and Wright roads in Hanover and found a 12-by-46-foot trailer on fire, said Capt. Lee Cornwell, a Fire Department spokesman.

By the time firefighters had the blaze under control about 35 minutes later, it was all but destroyed, he said.

At about about 3:11 a.m. Monday, crews were called back to the site and found another trailer at the site ablaze, Capt. Cornwell said.

It also was heavily damaged.

The trailers, owned by Allied Trailer Leasing in Savage, were part of the construction site for the new Corporate Express office supply and distribution center.

School board holds budget hearings

The Board of Education will hold two hearings later this month on the superintendent's proposed budget for fiscal 2004.

The first hearing is scheduled for Jan. 27 in the North County High School auditorium, 10 E. First Ave., Ferndale. The second is set for Jan. 29 at board headquarters, 2644 Riva Road.

Both hearings start at 7 p.m., with signup sheets available at 6 p.m.

The board must make any changes to the superintendent's recommendations by Feb. 19, then forward the proposed budget to the county for approval.

Health officials

to offer flu clinics

The county Department of Health has announced additional flu shot clinics to be held Jan. 7 and 9.

Adults and children may attend either of the clinics set for 4 to 7 p.m. Jan. 7 at the Health Services Building, 3 Harry S Truman Parkway in Annapolis, or from 4 to 7 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Glen Burnie Health Center, 416 A St. S.W. in Glen Burnie.

Vaccines also are available by appointment at:

The Health Services Building - 410-222-4896.

Glen Burnie Health Center - 410-222-6633.

Odenton Health Center - 410-222-6660.

Parole Health Center - 410-222-7247.

The shots are free, but a $10 donation is appreciated. Medicare Part B participants should bring their Medicare cards, which will cover the cost of donation.

Information about the flu or pneumococcal vaccines is available from the Immunization Services Program at 410-222-4896 or the Web site: [*www.aahealth.org*](http://www.aahealth.org).

West county delegates

offer scholarships

Members of the District 21 delegation soon will be accepting applications for the 2003 House of Delegates Scholarship program.

The scholarships will be awarded to deserving students who will attend Maryland colleges or an approved trade school and are permanent residents of District 21, which includes the Anne Arundel communities of Piney Orchard, Russett, Maryland City and parts of Jessup.

Scholarship awards are based on evaluation of a student's financial need, academic achievement and community involvement. The amount of the awards will vary according to the number of applicants, but each delegate awarded an average of $500 per student last year.

The delegates are assisted by scholarship committees that review applications and interview candidates.

Interested students may request an application by calling the delegates' Annapolis office at 410-841-3114 or 301-858-3114 after Jan. 9.

Teen board member

in national journal

As the only teen-age member of the Board of Education, Ashley Nathanson spends a lot of time with the local public.

But next month, the girl with the inquisitive expression and thick brown ringlets goes national with her first magazine cover.

Miss Nathanson's visage will greet 40,000 strangers nationwide when they pick up the January edition of American School Board Journal, a trade publication for school board members and administrators.

In a story headlined "The Student's Voice," the Arundel High School senior extols the virtues - and difficulties - of voting on board issues such as budgets, student discipline policies and personnel actions.

The six-page piece illustrates the long days Miss Nathanson spends in the classroom and on the dais, ending with her saying, "I always want to make sure the student's voice is heard."

Elected last spring, Miss Nathanson is believed to be the only student school board member in the country with full voting rights.

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