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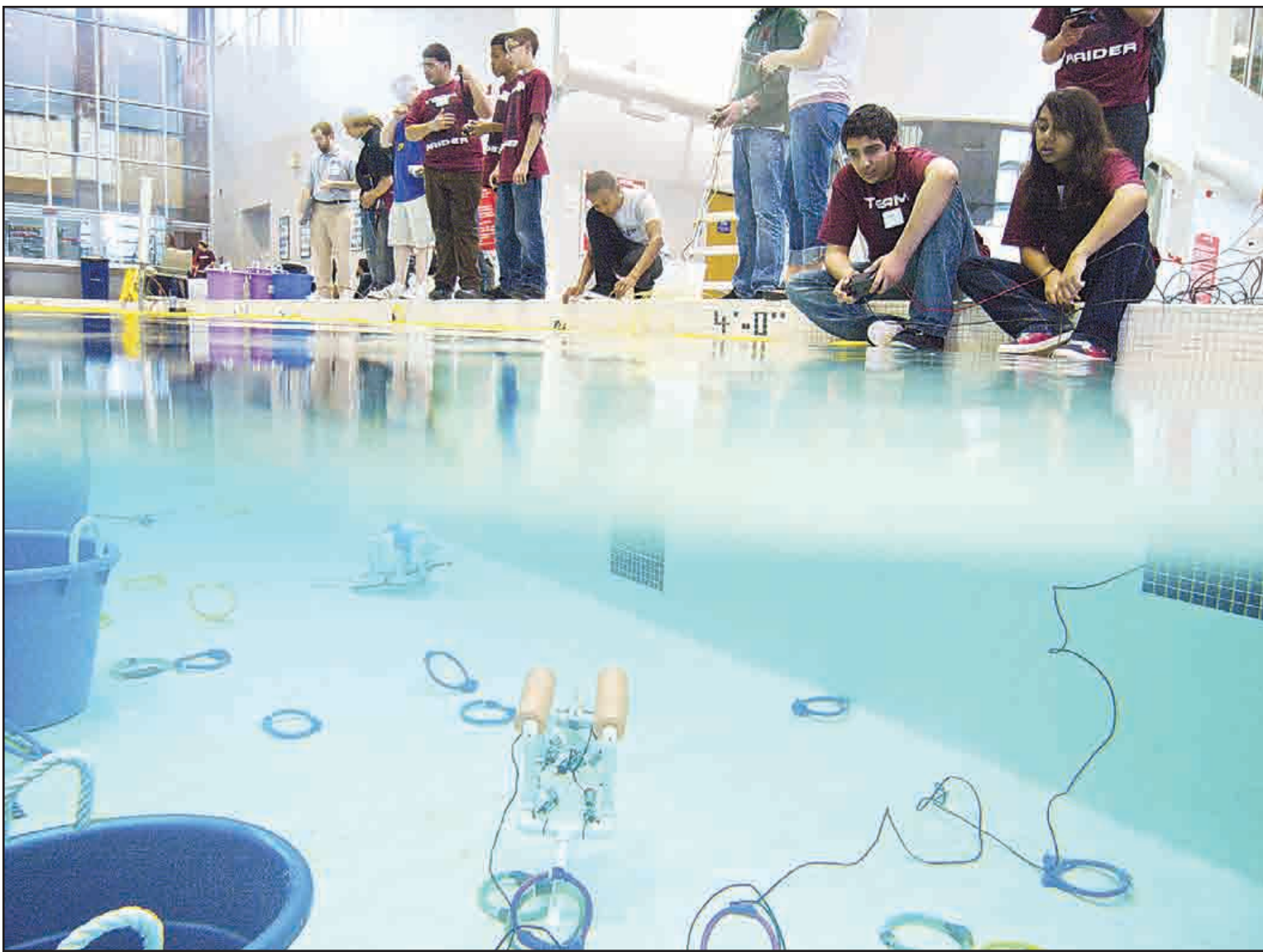
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UNDER WATER: Stonewall Jackson teams pilot their underwater robots through a recovery course at the annual all-county SeaPerch Underwater Robotics competition.

Underwater robotics

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Battlefield and Stonewall Jackson teams came out on top last week in the annual all-county SeaPerch Underwater Robotics competition.

The contest, which was held March 25-26

at the Freedom Center in Manassas, featured a series of underwater games and contests.

Students built remotely-operated vehicles, also called ROVs, capable of maneuvering and retrieving objects on the bottom of the Freedom Center swimming pool.

More than 500 students from the county's

10 high schools competed in the two-day event with a winning team announced each day.

Battlefield High School won on March 25 with a team made up of Paul Warlitzer, Bryant Davila, Brittany

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Trailers will increase at PW schools

But \$1.05B budget means fewer layoffs

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The \$1.05 billion budget approved by the Prince William County School Board last week did not include the draconian layoffs initially planned, but it does mean up to 216 teaching and administrative positions will be eliminated during the next fiscal year.

School Board Chairman Milt Johns said on Sunday that the number of layoffs will far lower than that because some employees just retire, move or quit at the end of every school year.

"We're hopeful the number is going to be a lot lower than 200," he said.

Compounding the issue is that fewer school employees have voluntarily left their posts during the last year due to the economy, according to Johns.

The fiscal year 2011 projections already include teachers and staff coming aboard at Patriot High School and T. Clay Woods Elementary School near Vint Hill Road and Nokesville Road. Both schools will open in the fall.

"Obviously, we will have to hire some new teachers and administrators for those schools, but it's not like there's a huge jump just because we're opening those schools," said Johns.

For every 25 students entering the school system, the county hires one new teacher. About 3,574 new students are expected to enroll in Prince William public schools next year at a cost of \$34.4 million.

That amount will be offset because school employees won't get cost-of-living raises during the next fiscal year, saving \$37.4 million.

With overcrowding the dominate issue on the western end of the county, a deal of sorts had to be struck with eastern-end School Board members whose districts have problems of their own. Eastern Prince William schools struggle with funding for English as a Second Language (ESOL) programs and for programs that help low-income students.

In the end, the School Board "restored" money for

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Park Authority weighs three options for Silver Lake

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The Park Authority is considering three options for what to do next with the Silver Lake Park in Haymarket.

Park officials could either keep the park as it is, add some minor amenities or significantly increase the number of features.

All development proposals fall within the Park Authority's definition of passive recreational use. At a public hearing last Wednesday, residents voiced their opinions about what they thought the county's newest park should offer.

At the hearing, equestrian and scuba enthusiasts spoke out in favor of Plan C. That option would add three fishing

piers to the lake, a floating pier to the 9-acre quarry, a launching site for non-motorized boats, an overnight equestrian camping area, a primitive camping area, pavilions, a community garden center and equestrian trailer parking.

Nokesville Horse Society members involved themselves in several aspects of the park's planning and still are

interested in more equestrian-friendly changes to the park.

"We were happy to put Plan A into place last fall," said NHS president and Haymarket resident Scott Helberg, referring to the plan that would keep Silver Lake as it is.

Bristow resident Henry Johnson, president of the Adventure Scuba

Company in Chantilly asked for platforms to be built 15 to 20 feet underwater at the quarry for divers.

"I think this would be a good opportunity for all the divers in the area and there are a lot of divers in Prince William County," he said.

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Bobcats triumph on the road

The Battlefield Bobcats are having a great spring break in Florida. See **Sports**, Page A6.

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Haymarket mayor to run unopposed

Eight declare for Town Council

Editor's note: This is the first part in a multi-part series profiling candidates for Haymarket Town Council.

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While talks are already in full swing about national elections this fall, Town of Haymarket residents have more immediate choices to make.

All six members of the Town Council, the mayor and two former council members have all registered to run in the May 4 election.

Once again, Mayor Pamela Stutz is running

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Courtesy Photo/MS Society

WALK: The Manassas MS Walk will be held on April 10.

MS Walk set for April 10

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With two more weeks to go before the annual multiple sclerosis walk in Manassas, Jamey and Ryan Bocompani of Bristow have already raised about \$6,000 to fund MS research.

Their fundraising efforts are even more impressive when you consider that their combined age is only 16.

Jamey Bocompani is about to turn 10 years old. He and his 7-year-old Ryan are part of the team J&R Rockers, one of scores of teams that will

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LETTERS

Catholic group thanks Connolly for healthcare vote

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Prince William Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11th).

We write to thank you for your courageous vote for healthcare reform in our nation.

In a hard-fought campaign for the bill, truth and civility sometimes suffered. We are grateful for your willingness to step beyond the fray and to

vote to extend healthcare to 32 million people in the United States while not changing existing law on federal funding of abortion.

We affirm your courage and willingness to act for the needs of those who live without access to healthcare.

We were heartened by the many faith voices who weighed in on this important issue, even though we did not all end up

with the same position on the bill itself. This vigorous dialogue demonstrated our shared core value for the sanctity of life.

As we move on to the other issues of our time, we believe that Abraham Lincoln's words express our fervent prayer:

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive

to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for (those) who shall have borne the battle and for (the) widow and (the) orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Sister Simone Campbell, Network National Catholic Social Justice Lobby

COMMUNITY

Child abuse prevention group honors county official Taylor

At a time when prevention programs across the region continue to face budget cuts, SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) of Northern Virginia and the Allies in Prevention Coalition are making it a priority to recognize the often unsung heroes who make sacrifices to protect the community's children and support their families.

SCAN hosted the eighth annual Allies in Prevention Awards Luncheon on March 25. The event honors five individuals from across Northern Virginia who go above and beyond in their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect and support the children and families of the community. It

also marks the launch of the annual Northern Virginia Child Abuse Prevention Campaign in April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This year's honoree from Prince William is Kay Taylor, chief of services for the Department of Social Services Adult and Child Protection Division in Prince William County.

For 18 years, Taylor has been committed to child protection and abuse prevention as a social worker in Prince William.

She recently took over as chief of services for the Adult and Child Protection Division, implementing change and providing positive leadership even

as the economy continues to stretch the department's resources. More than a decade ago, community feedback resulted in the creation of a prevention team and Taylor was charged with the team's creation, including collaboration with the community and schools.

This team continues to provide valuable prevention services to at-risk families. When the death of 13-year-old Alexis Glover seriously impacted the department staff, Taylor was "a source of strength, courage and leadership when other advocates needed it most," according to SCAN officials.

She was also a driving force in the department's re-engineer-



Kay Taylor

ing of its service delivery system, serving on several design teams and ultimately assisting with implementation of new innovative processes. She also works on the Prince William Child Protection Partnership.

Taylor has been married for 36 years and has two children and three grandchildren.

TEACHER SERVICE AWARDS

The Prince William school system recently recognized teachers for 20 and more years of service. Those from western Prince William schools are:

30 years

Paty Brizzi and Linda Hall of Stonewall Jackson High; Robert Henninger and Terry Mauler of Marsteller Middle; Lynn Kerr of Victory Elementary; Gary Minor of PACE West; Deborah

Murschell and Nancy Thaeta of Tyler Elementary; and Stephan Prifti of Brentsville District High.

25 Years

Stephen Bianco and Barbara Kenney of Bull Run Middle; Laura Muller of Nokesville Elementary; Charles Reedy of Brentsville District High; Frances Shaffer of Tyler Elementary; Brenda

Stringfellow of Cedar Point Elementary; and Rosemary Wolfe of Bristow Run Elementary.

20 years

Warren Army, Michael Beyer, Judy Dietrich and Carol Livengood of Marsteller Middle; Susan Blaise of Bull Run Middle; Vicki Burns and Katherine Thiele of Battlefield High; Linda Clark and Rachel Meyers of Nokesville

Elementary; Elizabeth Crayne, Rosemary Garrett and Michael Salmons of Stonewall Jackson High; Timothy Keenan of Gainesville Middle; Karen Moneyhun and Jacqueline Wilkerson of Mullen Elementary; Mary Ann Segovia of Bristow Run Elementary; Carol Stoneback of Mountain View Elementary; and Elizabeth Vigil of Glenkirk Elementary.

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