

“Get over it” – City’s political jam may turn out sweet

Political expert, Dr. Quentin Kidd, says biggest problem for local politicians is living in state of Virginia; do council members even understand the rules?

By Linda McNatt
Staff Writer

Quentin Kidd makes it very clear that he’s not a lawyer and doesn’t offer legal opinions about

the hot water in which two Virginia Beach politicians now find themselves.

But, from a political standpoint, the Christopher Newport Universi-

ty political science professor says it’s all very, very interesting.

“Ultimately, the issue could damage Virginia Beach voters and residents, cause them to have less

confidence in what their leaders are doing,” said Kidd, considered an expert in southern politics.



Dr. Quentin Kidd



Mayor Will Sessoms



Councilman John Uhrin

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Fallen officers honored with street signs

By MPO James C. Cason

Another street was recently dedicated in memory of a Virginia Beach fallen officer. The street,



“Rod Poceschi Way,” which runs directly off North Landing Road, is the entrance to

“The EnClave at Poceschi Princess Anne” sub-division. Poceschi, one of Virginia Beach’s Finest, was shot and killed in the line of duty on

June, 23, 2003, while conducting a traffic stop on Dam Neck Road. Steve Bishard, of Bishard Development, Virginia Beach, Va., and the Virginia Beach



Police Foundation have worked together to ensure Poceschi’s name is not forgotten in the annals of time. On Thursday, April 23,

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Julia Roberson posing in a swim suit in Norfolk.

SUNshine Guy

Enjoy their personal stories and more photos on Page 8



Ethan Baldwin

Artist Profile

Oceanfront’s Leonette Adler’s landscapes strive for the external beauty of nature

By Brian Murden

Leonette Adler, a well-known artist and longtime Virginia Beach resident, is no stranger to the Virginia Beach art scene. One of her oils won Best-in-Show in the Boardwalk Art Show and her works form a part of numerous public and private collections.

She received her early art training at New York’s Art Students League and Parsons School of Design, graduated from Hunter College, New York, N.Y., with a Bachelor of Arts degree and was awarded a scholarship to Yale University’s summer art program. In addition to actively working as an artist, Leonette taught studio art and art history for 34 years at Norfolk Academy, Norfolk, Va.

Leonette’s oil landscapes

capture the grandeur of the Shenandoah Valley and the simplicity of farm scenes in Pungo and Virginia’s Eastern Shore.

“Painting landscapes brings me the most joy,” she said. “By blending color and shapes, I strive to show the eternal,

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SUN Band Spotlight:

TWD

Tidewater Drive Band Well-known party band loves entertaining people

Questions answered by the band’s bass player, Scott Amone

Complete band name: Tidewater Drive Band (TWD).

Founding members: Jennifer Jones, Lenny Knox, Jay McCarty, Alan Vance and Scott Amone.

Date band officially formed: 2008.

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Scott Amone

In the **SUN**shine: Perry Thomasson, owner, P.G. Thomasson Funeral Services

By: Greg Goldfarb
Editor

He could have been a computer programmer, or a full-time real estate agent; instead, he chose a more personal profession.

"I enjoy dealing with the families and working for myself," said Perry Thomasson, an Aragona Village resident and owner of P.G. Thomasson Funeral Services. "It gives me an opportunity to see people from different walks of life."

Working from a stylish brick building

in the Lynnhaven area, resting almost unnoticed under a tall stand of green, leafy trees and surrounded by a finely manicured lawn, he's staying quite busy in the Resort City.

"There's more to it than people think," said Thomasson, who holds college degrees in mortuary science and funeral service sciences. "Normally, people just see the finished results."

A Louisa, Va., county native and a 1983 Bayside High School graduate, Thomasson is the son of Jesse Thomasson, a retired truck driver, who served in the U.S. Navy

for three years at the Little Creek Amphibious Base and Anna Thomasson a retired dietitian for the Virginia Beach school system. His family moved from Louisa to Norfolk's Wards Comer area in 1968 before moving to their Aragona Village home in 1969. Thomasson has an older brother, Jesse, who works in Charlotte, N.C., as a commercial cleaner; and a great uncle and retired mortician, John E. Thomasson, 91, also Louisa County.

At Bayside, Thomasson wrestled in the 145-pound weight group, played defensive end on the school's football team and ran

track, competing in the 440 yard dash, shot put and discus events. He studied business administration and computer programming at Tidewater Community College, before transferring to Virginia Wesleyan College, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration in 1989. While in college, he also worked for Humana, Inc., Humana Bayside Hospital, which is now Sentara, in environmental services.

But before Thomasson began his formal education, he was already receiving an in-house schooling on running a funeral home from his great uncle, who owned and operated a funeral home in Louisa, County, for most of his life.

"It was something that the county needed," said Thomasson, 50. "In a small town, you need people like that. He told me that if I didn't already have a career in mind, he said, 'why don't you do this?' I thought it would be a great thing to work for myself."

It took about a year, he said, working with his family elder, to familiarize himself



P. G. Thomasson

with the commercial and business side. He also learned body restoration and artistic touches, designed to help ease a grieving family's emotional pain.

"A lot of times you have to detach yourself from the professional part of the business, and be more compassionate," said Thomasson. "It's not always easy; it can

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Eddie Goenner, seen here after winning his match, wrestles with the Beach Boyz wrestling club and will be attending First Colonial High School next school year. (Photo by Joseph Rampale)



Aragona Village's Chris Edmonds kicks the ball into play at a recent bubble soccer game at Bayville Farms Park. (Photo by Joseph Rampale)



Robert Garcia, Vietnam veteran, U.S. Navy, pays his respect for the military at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial. (Photo by Joseph Rampale)

Thousands attend Wrestling National Duals at Virginia Beach Convention Center

The 2015 National High School Coaches Association Wrestling National Duals was held over Memorial Day Weekend at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, drawing thousands of spectators. This year's event featured over 5,000 wrestlers on 46 mats and provided an opportunity to determine the best club/state teams in the country for the elementary, middle school, and high school divisions. The National Wrestling Duals is one of the largest dual meet team events in the history of scholastic wrestling. Last year, 250 teams, with over 3,700 individual wrestlers representing 14 states competed in the competition dubbed as "The Battle at the Beach."

City asking developers for streets to name for officers; recently named streets are in Princess Anne

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three other streets were dedicated in memory of fallen officers in the "Estates at Munden Farms," located off Princess Anne Road just south of Sandbridge Road. Developers with projects that include new streets in Virginia Beach, who would like to participate in this street-naming initiative to recognize other fallen officers, are encouraged to contact the Virginia Beach Police Foundation at info@vbpf.org for information.

Master Police Officer James Cason is a member of the Virginia Beach Police Department.

Aragona Village's Chris Edmonds gets up at Bayville Farms Park for bubble soccer

Bayville Farms Parks Park was the site recently for some bubble soccer fun, organized by the Backyard Sports Club, a Hampton Roads-based co-ed adult sports league that hosts wiffleball, kickball, dodgeball, bubble soccer, women's flag football, co-ed flag football, Kanjam, cornhole and volleyball leagues. Among those participants enjoying themselves was Aragona Village resident Chris Edmonds. Games are held Thursday Nights at about 6:30 p.m., between the park's baseball fields, near the tennis courts. The city-owned park is located at 4132 First Court Road in the city's Bayside section.

City honors military on Veterans Day

The annual Tidewater Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony, sponsored by the Mayor's Veterans Committee, was held recently to honor and pay tribute to the men and women of the armed forces "who gave their all." The formal ceremony took place on Monday, May 25 from noon to 1 p.m., at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial. Free and open to the public, military personnel, their families and citizens participated. American flags, that the city provided, were placed around the memorial's base, where they remained for one week. The memorial is located along 19th Street, across from the Virginia Beach Convention Center. *For More Information contact Barbara Morrison, bmorrison@vbgov.com, 1.757.385.4075.*

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Tidewater Drive Band members and where they live: Elmo Sampson, Portsmouth; Audrey White, Hampton; Josiah Wilson, Portsmouth; Lenny Knox, Buckner Farms, Virginia Beach; Scott Woods, Ocean View, Norfolk; Dave Cowan, Hampton; Aye Jaye Paige, Portsmouth; Scott Amone, Chesapeake; Mike Jeffcoat, Gates County N.C.; Matt Marshburn, Oceanfront, Virginia Beach.

SUN Band Spotlight: TWD - Tidewater Drive Band

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in which each one lives; and names of their spouses and immediate family members: Elmo Sampson, lead vocalist, trumpet, flute, professional entertainer; Audrey

White, voice of TWD, dance choreographer; Josiah Wilson, lead vocalist, trombone, audience exciter; Lenny Knox, drummer/band leader, booking agent; Scott Woods, keyboardist and dancer ex-

traordinaire; Dave Cowan, guitarist and jokester of the band; Aye Jaye Paige, saxophone and low end vocals; Scott Amone, bass guitar, lead vocals, thump boogie; Mike Jeffcoat, sound engineer and controller of the 'suck button' so we make it a point to treat him right; Matt Marshburn, lighting technician and comedy assurance.

Describe the band's style of music: We call ourselves Tidewater's premiere party and dance show band, specializing in weddings and private events.

What are the band's top three most-requested songs: Any line dance song, up-town funk and "Happy Birthday."

What's your favorite song, band or entertainer (not your band): Styx, Earth Wind & Fire and Night Ranger.

How often a month does the band perform: We average six to eight performances monthly.

Where's the most unusual venue the band has played and why was it different: We performed at Cyberwocky for a private party. This location is a store for gamers to play and have fun. I was attempting to play "Madden Football" while singing 'Soul Man'!

What do you enjoy the most about playing music: Entertaining people and providing the utmost in enjoyment for audiences.

What do you least enjoy about playing music: Moving the equipment and performing in 100+ temperatures.

If you weren't playing music for a living, what type of work would you like to do: I'd own an ice cream truck; however, I most likely would eat all of the inventory.

Who are your greatest musical influences: Geddy Lee, from Rush; and Schroeder from "Charlie Brown."

What advice would you offer amateur musicians trying to become professionals: Set a personal goal to achieve by becoming an expert in that genre of music and work with musicians that share your goal; and have fun!

How do you hold your band together: Provide band members with great food, stroke their egos, and give each member their time to shine on stage.

Name a venue you'd like to play, but never have: TWD is seeking to perform at the Super Bowl halftime extravaganza. Still working on this one!

Have you played music in other coun-

tries and where: I've never performed out of the country, however I love going to Mexico and hearing their bands play American songs in Spanish.

What do you think is the greatest problem facing society and the world: Ensuring our children have shelter, food and love.

What's the best advice anyone has ever given you personally: On a musical stand point, outstanding vocals will separate your band above the typical musically-inclined bands.

If you could change the world, what would you do first: Provide affordable health care.

Any observations or comments not contained in this questionnaire about playing music or life: I've recently been told that music is medicine, so if folks come experience TWD and "stays away from the doctor," life is good!

Here is how to reach me and the band: Our website is www.twdband.com or call 757-333-1234.

Tidewater Drive Band can be booked through Southern Entertainment of Virginia at 757-431-0051. www.twdband.com.

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Dr. Quentin Kidd, Christopher Newport University Says:

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Two-term Virginia Beach Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr., is under investigation by an independent prosecutor for

his votes while on council that may have benefited his former employer, TowneBank, where Sessoms was an executive. Councilman John E. Uhrin, in his third term representing the Beach district, is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for a vote he cast in 2013, that could have benefited the realty company that employs his wife, Catherine Sassone. The realty company is connected to the developer

of the Cavalier Hotel and its adjoining residential properties.

Sessoms resigned from his position as president and CEO of the bank in December, taking an "early retirement." He will receive his salary of \$450,00 plus benefits for three years. At age 65, he will begin receiving \$215,014 retirement for 15 years.

Sessoms has said that he has done nothing wrong. Uhrin says that his vote in question,

which gave the Cavalier Hotel Renovation Project some \$18 million, came months before his wife was hired to sell property for the project. Both men are cooperating with authorities, according to local media outlets, The Virginian-Pilot and WAVY-TV10.

If either the mayor or the councilman made a mistake, it was by deciding to live in a state where politics is a high stakes game where a former

governor can be imprisoned for “illegal” behavior and cronyism may still stand strong. Former governor and Virginia Beach delegate, Bob McDonnell, was recently convicted of political corruption for selling his office for favors and faces prison time. He’s appealing the decision. McDonnell’s wife, Maureen, was also convicted of corruption and is also

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appealing. In addition to the McDonalds, numerous other local and state officials have run afoul of the law over recent decades.

These recent, well-publicized controversial situations, involving McDonald, Sessoms and Uhrin, are manifesting themselves in advance of the 2016 presidential election, in a state often seen as a battleground for votes for Democrats and Repub-

licans. The historically-rich state of Virginia is also considered the cradle of America's democracy.

"This has brought a lot of eyes looking at Virginia," said Kidd. "It gives the public more reason to scrutinize the politicians of the state. It gives more reason for public officials to be asking themselves, 'Am I doing anything for which my ethics will be questioned?' Virginia Beach is just a part of the story. There are all kinds of questions."

Did either of these local politicians do anything illegal? That's something that Kidd said he can't answer, as he and the public await results from investigators, which could take months, he said.

"The voters and the residents of the city could get over it, or the city could just recover," said Kidd. "It will all depend on whether or not any criminality is found."

It all boils down to a matter of

trust, Kidd said. If the community decides to trust the politicians again, forgive and give them another chance and the benefit of the doubt, the situation could correct itself.

"If the investigations reveal that neither of the men did anything wrong, legally wrong, both men could end up a better mayor and a better councilman because of the investigation," he said. "If anything results in criminal charges, well, it would be much

harder for either of them to pivot from that."

Dr. Quentin Kidd is vice provost and director of Christopher Newport University's Judy Ford Wason Center for Public Policy, Newport News, Va., and holds the following degrees: Ph.D., Texas Tech University; MA, University of Arkansas; and BA, University of Arkansas.

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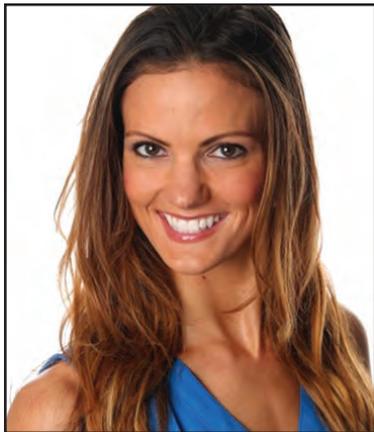
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SUNshine Girl

Julia Roberson teaches fourth grade, enjoys modeling



Julia Roberson teaches at Linkhorn Park Elementary School.

A fourth grade language arts teacher at Linkhorn Park Elementary School, Julia Roberson grew up in King George, Va., where she discovered her athleticism. She earned an athletic scholarship and played volleyball at Wilmington University, New Castle, Del., graduating in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in education. She earned her Master's Degree in curriculum development and instruction in 2011 at Averett University, Danville, Va. Julia lives off Norfolk Avenue at the Oceanfront, continues to play beach volleyball and enjoys modeling.



Julia Roberson stays active, playing volleyball.

SUNshine Guy

Ethan Baldwin, 11, attends VB United Methodist Church

A seventh-grader at Kemps Landing/Old Donation Magnet School, chances are when you first see Ethan Baldwin, he will have a bright smile on his face. His outgoing personality and ability to always look at the positive things in life make this 11-year-old someone you would want for a friend. In school, he has made Principal's List for the entire year by achieving all A's on his report card and he was a member of the Kemps Landing Mathcounts Team, a middle school mathematics competition team. The son of Dam Neck area residents Christopher and Bridgette Baldwin, Ethan was recently elected as an SCA Executive Council member and this summer will attend a three-day leadership workshop for middle school students. He enjoys helping others and volunteers as a junior "Student to Student" mentor who welcomes incoming students to their new school. Outside of school, Ethan plays soccer for VA Rush Ad-

vanced and was chosen to be one of the team captains. He also ran his third Shamrock 8K this year and is a member of Virginia Beach United Methodist Church. He loves anything computer related and after teaching himself how to code in his spare time, he has become interested in software engineering as a potential career.

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Ethan Baldwin plays soccer with VA Rush Advanced.

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The Virginia Beach Sports Club held its 62nd annual jamboree recently at the Virginia Beach Convention Center's ballroom, where 11 student scholarships, worth \$27,500, were presented to 11 student athletes. National Football League legend Ed Beard presented Larry Bowman the club's "Sportsman of the Year" award. Bowman has coached girls' basketball and girls softball, officiated both for 45 years, both in private school and public school programs. He won state titles, at Salem High School and First Colonial High School, in girls' basketball.

Twenty-two students and three coaches also received awards, including Edie Magula and Chris Scott, who both received "Coach of the Year" awards for having championship teams this past fall. Fletcher Bryant, club president in 1964, introduced Beard and also recognized Allen Richter, a former Boston Red Sox player. Outstanding "Student Athletes of the Year" were Natalie Ebrero and Jason Lewis, both of Ocean Lakes High School. Claudy and Tom Barnes are the club's co-presidents. Claudy presented the awards.



Natalie Ebrero, Ocean Lakes High School, was named the club's "Female Athlete of the Year."



Jason Lewis, Ocean Lakes High School, was named the club's "Male Athlete of the Year."



Volleyball coach Edie Magula, First Colonial High School, was named the club's "Female Coach of the Year."



Football coach, Chris Scott, Ocean Lakes High School, was named the club's "Male Coach of the Year."



NFL Hall of Famer Ed Beard presented Larry Bowman, on right, the club's "Sportsman of the Year."

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In the **SUN**shine: Perry G. Thomasson

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be very emotional for the families. It takes dealing with people and putting yourself in their shoes. It's something we all have to deal with eventually."

Before opening his current business on Oct. 31, 2013, located off Virginia Beach Boulevard at 230 North Lynnhaven Road, Thomasson owned and operated his first funeral home for 10 years on Bonney Road. But he took ill and sold the business. In the interim, he worked as a real estate agent and still does that line of work.

Many Virginia Beach residents preplan funeral services, he said, which can run from \$7,000 to \$10,000. Thomasson said he handles two to three funerals a month and takes great satisfaction, he said, helping families through difficult times. The process also emotionally affects him.

"The hardest part is dealing with their

grief," he said, "and trying to maintain a business sense."

Thomasson is assisted by Kempsville resident John Childers, who is the company's vice president; and his wife, Donna, secretary and treasurer. With plans to perhaps open a sister Chesapeake location in years to come, near Great Bridge or Greenbrier, the Lynnhaven location offers a chapel, viewing room, embalming facilities, selection room and lobby. Although the work is challenging, Thomasson stays positive, learning and growing each year.

"I enjoy dealing with the families and working for myself," said Thomasson. "I enjoy having control of my own time and how I do things."

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Artist Profile: Leonette Adler

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yet changing beauty of nature."

She and her husband, Beryl, a long-time attorney with the Virginia Beach-headquartered law firm, Pender and Coward, have made the Virginia beach Oceanfront area their home for the past 32 years. Their daughter, Anne, is a permanent resident

at the Oceanfront, their other daughter, Stephanie, summers at the oceanfront, and their third daughter, Dana, while residing in Norfolk, is a frequent oceanfront visitor.

Leonette's oil paintings are currently on display and for sale at the Beach Gallery, 313 Laskin Road at the Oceanfront.



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