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Col. Brian Foley greets members of the Fort Meade Alliance during a farewell lunch honoring his time as the garrison commander of the army base. Foley will officially resign Aug. 4 and will be succeeded by Col. Thomas S. Rickard.

## Owner of deceased Chihuahua seeks jail time in case

Police charge neighbor with killing dog after doorstep dispute

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The owner of a Chihuahua killed Sunday in Linthicum has started an online petition calling for jail time for the woman charged in his death.

Jessica Miskimon, 28, has started an online petition using the hashtag #justiceforharley. As of Friday afternoon, nearly 1,640 people had signed the petition on the website [www.gopetition.com](http://www.gopetition.com).

The woman charged with killing Miskimon's 3-month-old male Chihuahua, neighbor Sabrina Anne Richards, 35, has been charged with four counts of animal cruelty, according to online court records.

If convicted, Richards faces a maximum sentence of three years of incarceration and up to a \$5,000 fine, according to court records.

A summons has been issued for Richards to appear in District Court in Glen Burnie on July 20. She was not formally arrested, police said.

Richards could not be reached at her home Thursday morning.

"We do not want her charges dropped to a misdemeanor or probation," the online petition reads. "We want her to serve jail time for her crime."

Miskimon said that she got Harley off a website ad several weeks ago.

She named the dog in homage to her deceased father who enjoyed riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles, she said.

"He was such a perfect puppy in every single way," she said when reached by phone Thursday. "He can never be replaced."

Police responded to Miskimon's home in the 400 block of Nancy Avenue around 8:35 p.m. after receiving a 911 call indicating that the dog had been kicked, according to court records.

When they arrived, they spoke with Miskimon and her boyfriend Seth Sura, See **CHIHUAHUA**, page A8

## Foley's Fort Meade legacy lauded

*'In a time of great growth and change, Col. Foley has worked tirelessly with the business community, the educational community, our non-profits throughout the county to strengthen and reshape the relationship between Anne Arundel County and Fort George G. Meade.'*

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When Col. Brian Foley took over as the garrison commander of Fort George G. Meade in 2013, there were several questions surrounding the country's third-largest Army base.

Inside the BWI Airport Marriott on Thursday, much of the talk is how in his three years as the defacto mayor of Fort Meade, the base has avoided funding and employment cuts that other outposts have faced. In 2013, the decrease in the military's presence overseas and across-the-board budget cuts that led the Pentagon to furlough civilian employees that summer loomed over Fort Meade and the military at large.

But Fort Meade's status as a key player in the country's cyber security initiative kept it relevant and solvent, according to several speakers at an event honoring his Aug. 4 departure from the post.

"The resources that are now being diverted (to) Fort Meade are more than in the past. In fact, it's only one of three Army installations in the United States ...

that received increased resources this past year," said Robert Leib, Anne Arundel County liaison for military installations and veterans. "And that's one heck of an accomplishment in this resource-restricted environment in which all of our services are having to work with."

Leib, who hit Foley with light-hearted jabs about Foley's many sayings in a David Letterman-esque "Top 10 Foleyisms" list, set the tone for the event.

Foley is set to become the new chief of the Strategic Initiatives Group under the Army's Office for the assistant chief of staff for installation management.

As he prepares to leave his position, which will be filled by Col. Thomas S. Rickard, a number of dignitaries from Anne Arundel and Howard counties honored Foley's contributions. His efforts to market the military campus as an asset to be cherished and respected in Maryland were lauded by local dignitaries.

"In none of the services are the people that assume commands like this ever really prepared for them. People don't See **FOLEY**, page A8

## County teachers, board at impasse

Step increases in the FY17 budget will be delayed until agreement reached

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The Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County and the county Board of Education will go into mediation to resolve their conflicts in contract negotiations, which include disagreements over a request for a cost of living raise for teachers, extra-instructional pay and a midyear step increase.

The school board voted Wednesday to approve its 2017 budget. The fiscal year starts July 1.

While school board members praised the budget as "generous," three employee

unions could not reach an agreement with the board on compensation.

The budget allocated about \$15 million for a step increase, or a salary increase based on experience, for eligible school employees. But some won't see that salary bump until their unions reach an agreement with the school board.

School officials said there's no guarantee employees of those unions will receive retroactive pay.

The director of the Secretaries and Assistants Association of Anne Arundel County, Brad Darjean, said he plans to ask the Public School Labor Relations Board to declare an impasse because of disagreements with the school board over salary and policy, such as job posting procedures, days off and job description.

Similarly, The Association of Educational Leaders, which represents principals and administrators, is at odds with the

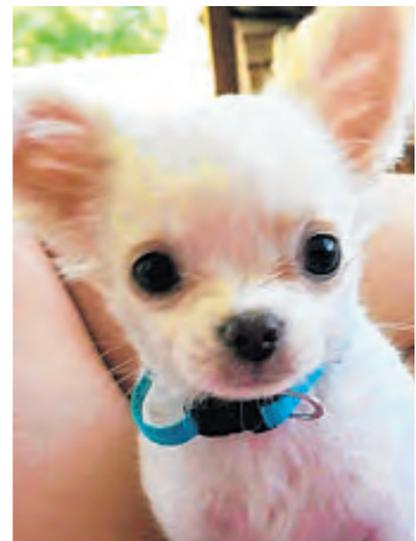
school board over salary, according to its executive director, Richard Kovelant. He said he plans to ask the Public School Labor Relations Board to declare an impasse.

One union, The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents custodians and maintenance staff, reached an agreement with the school board, and its eligible employees will receive a step increase July 1. Some employees who are not in a union will see a salary hike as well.

Bill Jones, the executive director of the teachers union, said he was bothered by the board's favorable remarks regarding the budget.

"It's only generous because our last ones were so bad," Jones said.

He said teachers deserve an additional step increase in the middle of the school See **TEACHERS**, page A10



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Harley, a 3-month-old male Chihuahua, was killed Sunday in Linthicum. Anne Arundel police have charged Sabrina Anne Richards, 35, in his death.

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### HOME OF THE WEEK

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