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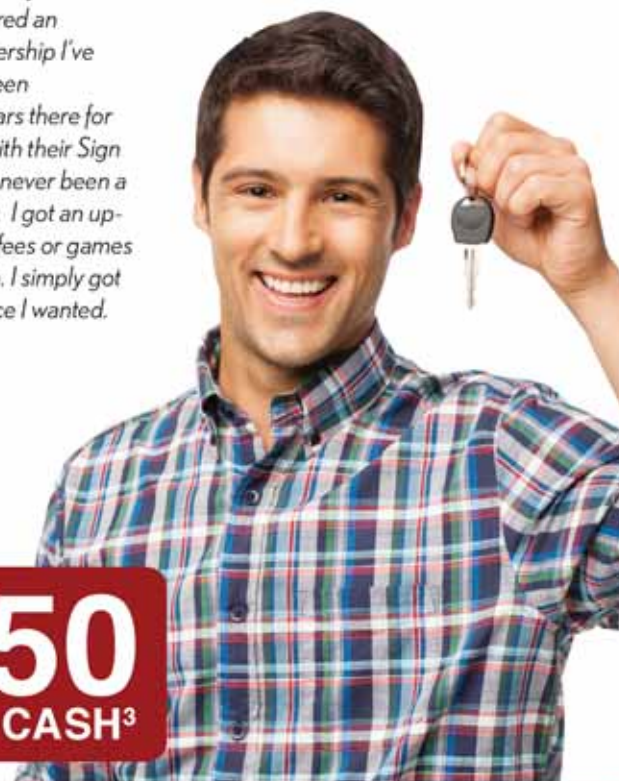
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Establishment Wins Democratic Primary

State senators beat out first-time candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney general.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Two first-time candidates had a hard time beating back the establishment this week, as two state senators won the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor and attorney general Tuesday night. State Sen. Ralph Northam (D-6) of Norfolk will be the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor to go against Republican candidate E.W. Jackson. And state Sen. Mark Herring (D-33) of Loudoun County will be the Democratic candidate for attorney general against Republican state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26).

"The fact that they were already elected state officials in a low-turnout election gave them name recognition and gave them a base that served their interests," said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). "If you had doubled the turnout, those assets would not have been as prominent."

The turnout was very low, with only 140,000 voters participating. That gave an edge to the sitting state senators, both of whom had the backing of Senate Minority Leader Dick Saslaw. Across Virginia, party insiders dominated the precincts. That made it difficult for the two first-time candidates to break through. Aneesh Chopra of Arlington, a former chief technology officer for President Barack Obama, was running for lieutenant governor. And Justin Fairfax of Fairfax County, a former federal prosecutor, was running for attorney general.

"We are going to have this monochromatic slate again and I'm really disgusted," said Honorah Price, Democratic precinct captain of Park Lane in Arlington. "I don't really think it's so much a victory for the establishment as it is a victory for people who don't really understand what it takes to win in Virginia."

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY offered a stark contrast to the Republican nominating contest, which was originally supposed to be decided in a statewide primary. Last year, Tea Party supporters of Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli seized control of the executive committee and changed the rules. Instead of selecting the state of candidates in an election, party leaders decided to use a convention. That led moderate Republican Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling to drop out of the race, leaving Cuccinelli unopposed. On the Democratic side, nobody stepped forward to run against former Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe.



ABOUT 140,000 voters participated in Tuesday's election.

Election Returns

Candidates for Lieutenant Governor	Votes	Percent
Ralph Northam	76,463	54 percent
Aneesh Chopra	64,408	46 percent
Candidates for Attorney General	Votes	Percent
Mark Herring	71,037	52 percent
Justin Fairfax	66,547	48 percent

"There's no question that the 2013 Democrat ticket will be among the most liberal in Virginia history," said Dave Rexrode, campaign manager for Cuccinelli in a written statement Tuesday night. "If elected, all three candidates will seek to advance ideologically driven, Washington, D.C. policies that will only exacerbate the uncertainty felt by so many job creators across the commonwealth."

Watching the results filter in at Cafe Asia in Rosslyn, many Democrats who fought for Chopra and Fairfax were deeply disappointed. Even though they vowed to work for the slate of Democratic candidates in the fall, they also felt a sense of loss that the ticket could not have been more liberal. Campaign staffers and volunteers said a ticket with Chopra and Fairfax would have added a sense of diversity because Chopra has Indian roots and Fairfax is an African American.

"I'm optimistic that candidate like Aneesh and Justin can continue to be successful in the future with the lessons learned," said Dave Stroup, who served as digital director for the Chopra campaign. "These weren't complete blowouts, so it shows that people are open to new ideas."

THE RACE lieutenant governor is usually a sleeper — an afterthought to the gubernatorial race and a stepping stone for candidates trying to make their way to the top of the ticket. Not this year. Because the state Senate is tied between 20 Democrats and 20 Republicans, the winner of the race for lieutenant

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Team Green Beret Foundation, from left: Gino Elsea, Dave Johnson, Andrew Schaaf and David Viens.

Burke, Clifton Team in Race Across America

Team Green Beret Foundation set to raise funds for wounded or ill Army Special Forces Warriors.

BY OLIVIA OVERMAN
THE CONNECTION

Setting off from Oceanside, Calif. on Saturday, June 15, three Burke residents and one Clifton man will take part in the world's toughest bicycle race in the hope of raising awareness and much needed funds for the Green Beret Foundation. With the finish line in Annapolis, Md. the team will cycle three thousand miles over a period of six days. "Looking at our capabilities and being respectful to the organization and our sponsors, we think six days is a good time," said David Viens, a team member. "This gives us an average of 20 miles per hour," he said.

The Green Beret Special Forces fight across the world in places like Afghanistan and Iraq, and a lot of them come back wounded or scarred by their mission. Team members David Viens, Gino Elsea, Dave Johnson and Andrew Schaaf are well aware of what these men and women face in their lives as they have all served in the military.

The team will ride around the clock, but will do so in shifts, with each team member covering about 750 miles each day. They will race against 15 other four-member teams. None of the team members have competed in the race before, but all are seasoned cyclists, said Viens. They also have a professional trainer, Susan Hefler,

who also successfully trained the solo winner of the 2012 Race Across America.

"All funding raised by the team will go directly to The Green Beret Foundation and so directly to the soldiers," said Viens. "None of the proceeds are used for the team." The funds provide financial support, resources and other care-giving assistance, while also helping the children of those killed in action with scholarships. Run by just three full time employees who have all been impacted, in some way or another, by loss or injury, the foundation is a national organization.

"We have already raised \$40,000," said Viens, "but we are hoping to at least double that."

Sponsorship is an important element for the team, with iRobot being their primary sponsor. While the public will know iRobot for their cleaning robots, they also do a lot of work in the defense sector, creating unmanned ground vehicles that are used during military operations. "A lot of soldiers are alive today because of iRobot," said Viens. Other sponsors of the team include Spokes etc., a locally owned bike store that has provided the team with bikes and bike parts.

Once the race gets underway, each rider can be tracked by live satellite on every part of the race. Just go to the teams website at <http://www.teamgbf.com/team-gbf/>, and while you are there, make sure to make a donation.

Local Schools Win Seven Cappie Awards

Robinson captures five, including Best Musical.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Not only did Robinson Secondary win five of the eight Cappies awards for which it was nominated, but it took home the prize for Best Musical for its production of “Hairspray.” It was honored Sunday night, June 9, at the 14th annual Cappies Gala at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Robinson also won starry statuettes for Song, Male Vocalist, Supporting Actress in a Musical, and Marketing & Publicity. Lake Braddock Secondary received Lighting and Sound honors for its play, “Rashomon.” The Best Play award went to Madison for “Lend Me a Tenor.”

Robinson Secondary

“Hairspray” Assistant Director Lauren Rainford attributed Robinson’s Best Musical victory to “the love and support of the cast and ensemble. We had a real connec-

tion and it showed. We worked so hard, and this is so well-deserved by every single person in the show who put all their time and effort into it.” Rainford also gave a big thank-you to Robinson Theater Director Chip Rome “for all he does; he’s so inspiring.”

Agreeing, cast member Anna Bard said, “We couldn’t have done this without his love and support. I’d hoped we’d win, but couldn’t imagine it. Then when they said [the Best Musical was] ‘Hairspray,’ it was a shock to the system. But it’s so incredible; I’m so honored.”

Rome, who was backstage all night directing the Cappies Gala, was also delighted with his school’s achievements. “It’s a terribly exciting night and it’s nice to win a bunch of awards,” he said. “I’m very, very proud of the cast and crew and the professionalism they bring to our productions.”



Best Musical: “Hairspray,” Robinson Secondary School, (from left): Anna Barr, Hannah Sikora, Lauren Rainford.

team of both adults and kids.”

Junior Katie Rogers won the trophy for Supporting Actress in a Musical for her portrayal of the character, Penny. “It was a play with a great message about loving yourself, and I got to perfect the skill of awkward dancing,” she said. “It’s amazing to win a Cappie. Everyone was determined to convince me I was going to win, but I didn’t expect it and didn’t want to jinx it. I feel like the supporting actress helps the others in the cast and all the work paid off.”

Michael Lamar—who played his character, Motormouth Maybelle, in drag—took

home two Cappies for Male Vocalist and Song. He also sang his award-winning number, “I Know Where I’ve Been,” in full makeup and costume at Sunday night’s gala. So he didn’t exactly look like himself when he received his statuette for Male Vocalist. “The first award I’ve won, and I’m dressed as a woman,” said Lamar. “It’s really weird.”

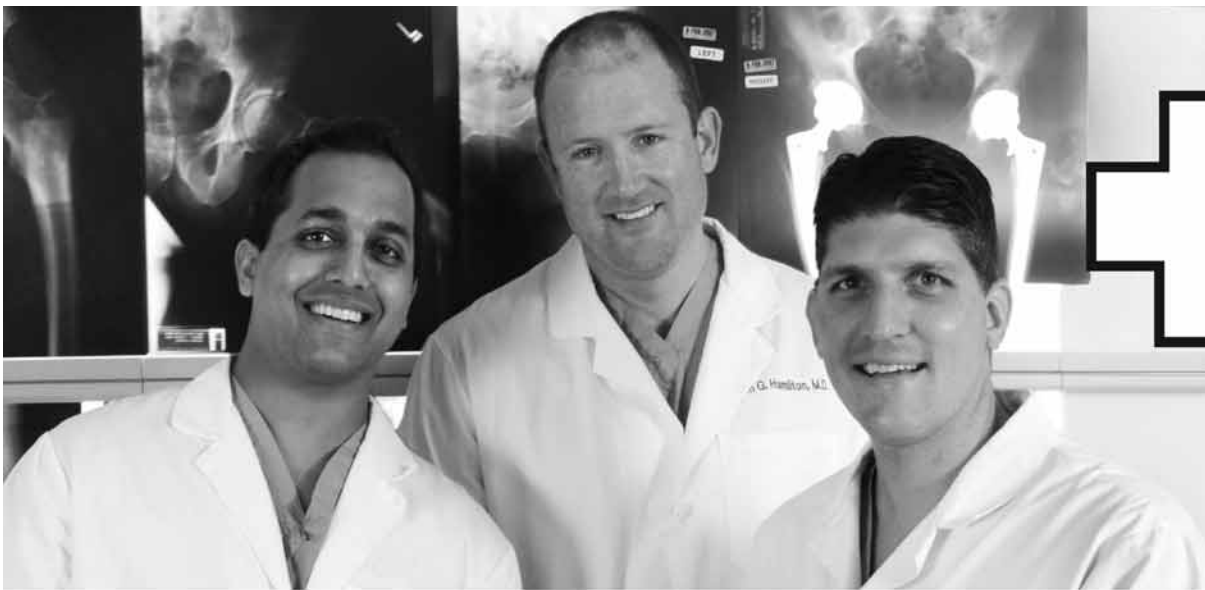
He dedicated his performance to his grandparents who, he said, “are in heaven together finally.” Afterward, Lamar was still shaking because of his Cappie award. “It hasn’t sunk in, yet,” he said. “This is exciting and awesome; it’s fun to see that all my hard work for my teachers paid off.”

Regarding the Song honor, he thanked Rome plus Robinson’s costume and makeup crew “because I wouldn’t have been a ‘woman’ without them. It was fun performing at the Kennedy Center and getting a standing ovation. This is something I can take to Emerson with me when I major in musical theater there.”

Students Sarah Irving, Sean Cooper and Brennan Laskas were also happy to win the Marketing & Publicity award. “It’s incredible; it feels pretty great,” said Irving. “I made a lot of original designs, garments and objects for this [category].”

Cooper said other schools made one video

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State Senators Win Primary

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ant governor may end up holding the balance of power. Democrats feel energized because they are running against a Republican who has compared Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and called gays sexually “twisted.”

“Tea Party candidate E.W. Jackson has proven that his extreme views and rhetoric would divide Virginians and prevent bipartisan progress,” said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. “Our Democratic nominee, Ralph Northam, will work tirelessly to bring mainstream values and a bipartisan approach to the office of the lieutenant governor.”

The campaign for lieutenant governor threatens to overshadow the race for governor because Jackson has been such a lightning rod. In a fiery speech to the Republican convention, Jackson declared that he would stand up for traditional marriage and strongly oppose abortion. Since he has secured the spot on the ticket, however, Jackson’s public statements have become more muted. After Tuesday night’s election, Jackson attacked Northam and the Democrats for wanting to campaign on “divisive social issues.” Jackson also sought to blast the Democrats for allowing public participation in the process of selecting candidates.

“After a historically low turnout at an expense of millions to Virginia’s taxpayers, Democrats have selected Ralph Northam as their nominee for lieutenant governor,” Jackson said in a written statement Wednesday morning. “Northam’s selection is just another part of the most liberal ticket in Virginia history.”

THE CAMPAIGN for attorney general is expected to be a more difficult fight for Democrats, who have not been able to file a successful campaign for that office since 1985. That’s when Del. Mary Sue Terry (D-13) of Patrick County was able to score a victory against Republican candidate W.R. O’Brien, a former University of Richmond football star who represented Virginia Beach in the House of Delegates. For the last six election cycles, Republicans have dominated the campaign for attorney general. That includes the current governor, who is a former attorney general as well as the current attorney general, who is running for governor.

“The GOP candidate for attorney general, Mark Obenshain, may not give fiery, rhetorical speeches like you hear from Rev. Jackson, but he’s just as dangerous,” said Herring in a written statement after securing a victory Tuesday night. “That’s not the Virginia we want. We are sick of the abuse of authority and this fall we will end it.”

Democrats have already indicated that they are want to focus their campaign for attorney general on the same social issues that have dominated the race for lieutenant governor. Last week, Democrats organized a conference call to draw attention to a bill Obenshain introduced in the General Assembly that would have required women who have a miscarriage without a doctor present to report it to police within 24 hours or face jail time.

“Frankly, the extremism — real extremism — of Republican ticket is such that a lot of swing voters and moderate Republicans are going to peel off,” said Connolly.

Cappie Awards

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each to publicize their shows; he made 17. And, he added, “The speed with which Sarah worked inspired me.”

“We won because we’re an amazing, three-man band,” said Laskas. “Sarah has flawless designs and creative roots, and Sean is a technical savant when it comes to video. I’m the muscle; I spread out the posters throughout Fairfax and hung them every place possible.”

Lake Braddock

Lake Braddock won two Cappies for technical achievement in “Rashomon.” Andie Powers received a trophy for Lighting, and her crew chief, junior Ava Chafin, accepted on her behalf.

“It’s such an amazing experience because, at Lake Braddock, we worked so hard on tech,” said Chafin. “And to have it recognized is a true honor.”

Senior Megan Seibel was “ecstatic” to win the Cappie for Sound. “I had a lot of sound effects running throughout the scenes, so I think that was different from other plays,” she explained. “I’m just really surprised and thrilled about winning, and I feel blessed to be part of this program.”

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Measure of Being Poor in Virginia

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

I have always maintained that the poor in Northern Virginia are worse off than others living in less affluent parts of the state because the cost of living is higher in this region. The difference can be most clearly seen in the cost of housing; and there have been many notable efforts on the part of local governments to increase the stock of workforce, affordable housing. The traffic coming into Northern Virginia from the west and south is made up largely of people who cannot afford housing in the area.

Oddly, the official poverty measure that has been used to calculate the official poverty rate has been a one-size-fits-all statistic that does not account for regional differences in the cost of living. That situation is about to change with the introduction of the Virginia Poverty Measure (VPM) by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia (www.coopercenter.org). These are the professionals who maintain all the demographics of Virginia's population and who produce official population estimates upon which many pro-

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grams are funded and decisions are made. Their work follows that done in other states and by other agencies seeking to get a more accurate measure of poverty.

The Virginia Poverty Measure takes into account regional differences in the cost of living, updated consumer patterns, government programs that affect family income, taxes and credits, and health care costs. While the formula to arrive at a realistic number that reflects poverty-level living conditions is more complex, it is also likely to be more realistic as to actual experiences of individuals.

Those interested in the details of the calculations are encouraged to review the full report "The Virginia Poverty Measure: An Alternative Poverty Measure for the Commonwealth" at http://www.coopercenter.org/sites/default/files/publications/VirginiaPovertyMeasure_May2013.pdf.

The introduction of the VPM brings some significant changes to our understanding of poverty. Under the Virginia Poverty Measure, Northern Virginia counties and cities with some of the highest median incomes in the nation are shown to have a significantly greater extent of economic deprivation than what offi-

cial poverty statistics suggest. The inside the beltway official poverty rate goes from 7.4 percent to 12.3 percent under the VPM. Fairfax goes from 6.4 percent to 9.7 percent. In contrast, Southwest Virginia goes from an official rate of 21 percent to 16 percent. The main explanation for the change is taking into account differences in cost of living and the existence of programs to relieve poverty. Calculation of the new rate found that fewer children are in poverty, dropping from 15.6 percent to 13 percent. Under the Virginia Poverty Measure, more Virginians are in "near poverty" and fewer are in "deep poverty."

To the degree that the new methodology creates a better understanding of the existence of poverty, it will be a challenging task for policy makers to incorporate this information into budget and program decisions. Presumably there could be a shift of resources among the regions of the state, and such changes can create winners and losers. The new numbers should be a wake-up call to wealthy Northern Virginians that there are more in need among us than we had previously thought to be the case. The new method of measuring poverty is an important new tool for policymakers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nomination Process Illustrates Differences

To the Editor:

There is a big difference in how the Republicans and Democrats choose their candidates for statewide office. Democrats are conducting an open primary for lieutenant governor and attorney general. The Democrats offer a chance to participate in the political process. I think we at least owe them a look.

Republicans held a convention where decisions were made by a

small number of activists producing outcomes which don't reflect the interests of the broader Republican party. Such decisions have become a widespread practice of the GOP in Virginia. For example, efforts led by a small number of right wing activists in the Virginia General Assembly to suppress voter turnout, limit women's health care choices, or advance the agenda of the NRA do not reflect the priorities of most Virginians.

Yet without a primary process to provide an opportunity to openly discuss issues, the few Republicans in the Northern Virginia delegation have been amazingly quiet. These Republicans can not hide for long.

In selecting E.W. Jackson as its nominee for lieutenant governor, the conservative activists at the GOP convention moved their state ticket to the extreme right. It will be interesting to see what members of the Northern Virginia Re-

publican delegation to Richmond have to say about the radical positions taken by Jackson. Will GOP Delegates Comstock, Ramadan, and Hugo disavow Jackson's extreme statements about Planned Parenthood, gay rights, and President Obama? Will they fall in line with the extremists in their party, ignoring the mainstream preferences of their constituents? Or will they go into hiding?

Michael Rodriguez
Falls Church



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Paying Respect to Fallen Soldiers

Around 25 scouts from Troop 976 Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Vienna and their families visited the Arlington National Cemetery on May 25 to pay their respects to the soldiers who have given their lives over the years for the United States' liberty and security. The scouts laid over 6,300 roses throughout various sections of the cemetery, including graves of recent fallen from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The roses that decorated the graves were shipped from Ecuador just for this occasion, as stated by one scout, Nicholas Zaso, who was interviewed by the Ecuadorian Embassy Press.

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The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Lake Braddock High School and received her fine arts degree from Virginia Tech University in 2005. She is currently working as a senior graphic designer with Pelton and Crane in Charlotte, N.C. In her spare time, she was

a member of NBA Washington Wizards Dance Team before moving to Charlotte and presently, is an NFL cheerleader for the Carolina Panthers.

The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Wilton High School in Wilton, Conn. He received his degree in kinesiology from James Madison University in 2005. After working as game operations manager for the Washington Wizards, he moved to Charlotte, N.C. and joined NBA Charlotte Bobcats as director of event presentation.


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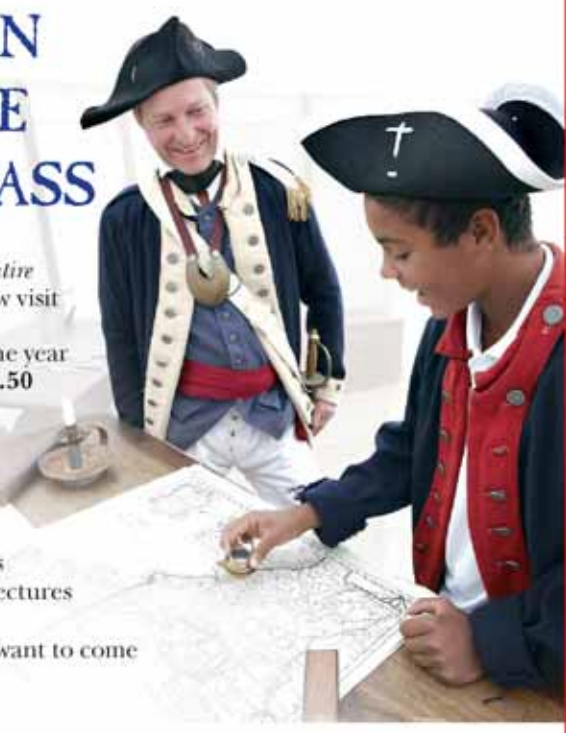
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HomeLifeStyle

Designing a Colorful World

Local interior design experts offer suggestions for choosing paint colors for one's home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Choosing paint for one's home can be a daunting task. Colors often look different on paint chips and fan decks than they do on interior walls. What are some of the secrets to making the right choices? Local interior designers offer suggestions.

Jean P. Freeman, professor of interior design at Marymount University, says considering a room's lighting is a good starting point. "What is the lighting in the room, sunlight from the exterior [and] overhead lighting?" she asks. "The amount of light would assist in determining how dark or light the walls could be. To brighten the room obviously lighter colors are preferred; but to add excitement bright colors with enough light would be a great choice."

Before painting an entire room, look at the paint samples in a variety of lighting conditions, advises Hope Hassell, specialty designer at Sun Design in Burke. "Natural light has a tendency to wash out colors that otherwise look good in artificial light," she said. "Always look at the paint sample throughout the day so you can see what it looks like in morning sun versus afternoon sun versus at night when there is no natural light in the space."

Artificial light also impacts the way paint looks in a room. "Fluorescent light can make a cream or beige paint take on a yellow hue," said Hassell. "Other colors that are in the space are also a huge factor when selecting a paint. Colors can often enhance and affect the paint around them. Make sure to apply small areas of paint near the different colors in the room, whether it is the trim around the door or the wood stain of the floor or cabinetry."

Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda encourages homeowners to consider the mood that they'd like to create in a room when selecting paint. "It's important to figure out the overall feel of the space, such as warm or cool," she said. "What kind of energy do you want to get out of a space? For example, family rooms often have a lot of energy and therefore, people tend to use brighter colors. In the living room, consider a softer palette for a retreat-type setting. Deciding on a room's energy and tone are good starting points."

Susan Hergenrather, assistant professor of interior design at Marymount University agrees that paint colors help create a room's mood. "Think about the different mood of a red room versus a blue room," she said. "Most people have a palette that they are instinctively drawn to, for example violet and yellow green. Look at the colors you already have in your home and build your palettes around the things that you love whether it is your favorite sofa or your mother's antique carpet."

Hergenrather also suggests simplicity. "Always use a color scheme. For example, complimentary colors work well for almost everyone," she said. "Pick up a color wheel and use it. Too many colors make an in-



PHOTO BY ANGIE DECKINGER

Interior designer Marika Meyer believes homeowners should decide on the energy and tone they want to create in a room before choosing a paint color. Meyer selected soft hues to create a warm feel in this McLean library.

terior too complex. Keep it simple. Also remember there are many colors in a space, not just the paint colors. Don't forget to consider the color of the floor as one of the colors in the room."

Test before buying is another suggestion that Hergenrather offers. "Always site test colors. Manufacturers have sample pots for this purpose," she said. "Put the colors on your walls in several different places and live with them for a few days before making the final decision."

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT TRENDS in paint colors? "For interiors, I'm using a lot of grays," said Meyer. "Previously, for more than a decade, beiges were popular, but now gray tones are in. Taupes are also popular right now in terms of paint colors."

Hassel said, "We are experiencing that people are starting to be more adventurous with bright colors that make a statement. Whether it is painting one wall a peacock green for an accent in a living room or painting the front door a flame orange, bright, saturated colors are being used on the inside and outside of homes."

Freeman said that intensity in color is popular now. "Bright colors with flare or pastels that seem to represent ice cream colors are all part of the current trends," she said. "Neither should be dull, but both should be more intense. Pick up the colors of your favorite piece of upholstery and see the types being played, one against the other. Opposites do attract in colors and everyday life."

For those with historic homes who want to recreate the hues of a forgone era, designers say that many manufacturers now have palettes that replicate historic colors. "I particularly like Farrow and Ball but they are expensive," said Hergenrather. "However, with paint, as with anything, you get what you pay for. If red is a favorite of yours use a high quality paint such as Benjamin Moore Aura ... great stuff that really covers."

Attractive Access

Front elevation universal design solution is both functional and architecturally appropriate.

BY JOHN BYRD

In many respects, well-executed universal design speaks to the hope that a better world is not only possible, but within our grasp. Certainly the intention is to include people with challenged mobility. And it follows that a good universal design solution can be an enhancement not just for one person, but for everyone.

"The thinking in our culture has really evolved on this issue," said accessibility design specialist Russ Glickman. "It is much more common today to find a special needs mobility solution so perfectly rationalized that the improvement extends beyond how the house works to how it looks."

Of course, as a practical matter, finding a skilled change-agent who gets the vision can be difficult. Just ask Grace Cassidy.

The Cassidy family has occupied a two-level brick ranch near Lake Accotink for 15 years. Son Chris, who is now a graduate student at American University, was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy when he was not quite 3 years old, and shortly thereafter the family moved to the pretty ranch on a corner lot with a sloping hill. A second child was born. Life went on, hampered only by occasional struggles in moving Chris' scooter as he got older. Gradually, Chris's natural drive to independence became a factor. To help him get from the front of the house to sidewalk, for instance, the family deployed a fold-out ramp, which they re-folded and removed at the end of the day.

As Chris became more accustomed to going places, the Cassidys stepped up their search for ways to appropriately retrofit the house itself.

"Finding someone who understood our range of requirements turned out to be a real problem," Cassidy said. "The contractors we discussed our needs with either



The Cassidy family has occupied the ranch on a corner lot for 15 years; owing to site challenges, most of the contractors they originally approached with their access requirements declined the assignment.

didn't know what they were doing, or just turned us down outright. That's when I recognized that the kind of solution wanted was still considered pretty specialized."

Enter Russ Glickman, president of Glickman Design Build. What is particularly "specialized" about services provided by the veteran remodeler is that he's learned much of his craft by care-giving for his own son, Michael, who was born with cerebral palsy, and is also a college student living at home with his parents.

"I have been designing and remodeling homes for over 30 years," Glickman said. "About 15 years ago I really immersed myself in mastering about a dozen special-needs building technologies. It's an evolving discipline that includes some very particular applications."

Glickman's search eventually led to certifications in Aging in Place (CAPS), Environmental Access (CEAC) and Green Building (GACP). For Cassidy, though, the important difference was that Glickman came forward with ideas.

"Russ showed us how we could re-design the home's front elevation so that it would not only help Chris, but also create an outdoor family place and enhance our curb appeal. That intrigued all of us," Grace Cassidy said. "I began to see that there wasn't any reason why a universal design solution has to look like it was created for handicapped needs."

That said, the most evident difficulties were inherent to the site itself. The plan called for a pathway in which Chris Cassidy could easily get from the front door to a

waiting school bus at the foot of the driveway one level below. Since the existing downward path consisted of a series of staircases and walk-ways built along a rapidly-deteriorating brick retaining wall, the feasibility issues seemed daunting.

"Of course, there was an obvious site preparation component," Glickman said. "We had to cultivate the grade so that the scooter can negotiate it without difficulty. This entailed a certain amount of earth-moving and re-compaction, which we secured with a two-part retaining wall system that now figures into the new landscaping plan."

The newly paved side walkway extends some 90 feet from the front door to the driveway, never rising faster than one inch per foot.

The space-constricted former front porch has been replaced by an L-shaped veranda that wraps the home's northwest corner as it segues to the new outdoor grilling deck.

Surrounded by mature trees and recently completed landscaping, the new outdoor space is elegant and private.

To assure traction and durability, Glickman specified Fiberon decking. For atmosphere, the railing caps are fitted with Azek night lighting — which creates a pretty effect on a warm night when the family gathers for a cook-out.

"But the greatest pleasure for me is how well this works for Chris," Grace said. "When I see him heading off for school, or coming up the hill on his own, it's the complete fulfillment of everything we'd hoped for."

Details

Russ Glickman periodically offers workshops of accessible living and Aging-In-Place topics. Visit www.GlickmanDesignBuild.com or call 301-444-4663.



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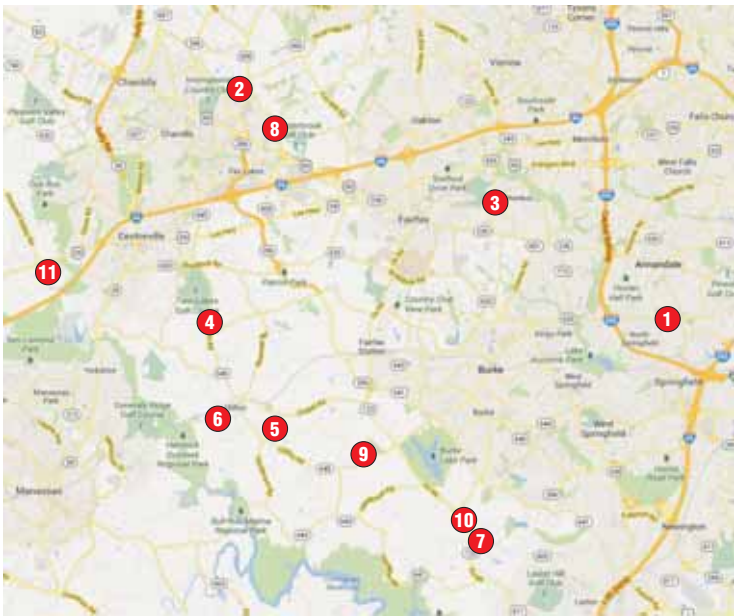
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SPORTS



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Lake Braddock senior Nick McIntyre pitches against Great Bridge in the state semifinals on June 8.

Junior pitcher Colby Wallmow is one of several Bruins who saw significant playing time who will return for the 2014 season.

Lake Braddock Baseball Falls in State Semifinals

Bruins surrender 8 runs to Great Bridge in 5th inning.

The Lake Braddock baseball team was nine outs from returning to the AAA state championship game after senior catcher Garrett Driscoll broke a scoreless tie with a two-run homer in the bottom of the fourth.

Great Bridge's response in the top of the fifth left the Bruins nine outs from the end of their season.

Great Bridge sent 14 batters to the plate in the fifth inning and scored eight runs, propelling the Wildcats to an 8-3 victory over Lake Braddock on June 8 in the state semifinals at Westfield High School.

After Driscoll's home run, Ryan Henderson added an RBI sac fly, giving Lake Braddock a 3-0 lead after four innings. But everything fell apart for the Bruins in the fifth, when the first nine Great Bridge batters, and 11 of the first 12, reached base.

Great Bridge lost to Hanover 2-1 in the state championship game the following day.

Lake Braddock, led by head coach Jody Rutherford, overcame an abundance of early-season injuries to finish the season with a 23-5 record and a Northern Region championship. The Bruins, who won the 2012 state title, went



Lake Braddock senior Garrett Driscoll hit a two-run home run against Great Bridge in the AAA state baseball semifinals on June 8 at Westfield High School.

13-1 against Patriot District foes during the regular season and reached the district championship game, where they lost to South County.

Lake Braddock will graduate several key players, including Driscoll, pitcher Thomas Rogers, center fielder Alex Gransback, third baseman Alex Lewis and pitcher Nick

McIntyre.

The Bruins will return multiple athletes who saw significant playing time, including junior shortstop Jack Owens, junior pitcher/infielder Joe Darcy, junior pitcher Colby Wallmow and the sophomore trio of Matt Supko, Nick Neville and Evan Eschenburg.

—JON ROETMAN

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

A's Draft West Springfield Grad Wahl

Ole Miss pitcher and 2010 West Springfield High School graduate Bobby Wahl was selected by the Oakland Athletics in the fifth round, No. 161 overall, of the 2013 MLB draft, held June 6-8.

Wahl helped lead West Springfield to the 2010 AAA state baseball championship. He was selected in the 39th round of the 2010 MLB draft by the Cleveland Indians.

South County Wins Girls' Track State Title

Led by Felicia Majors, South County won the 2013 girls' AAA state track and field championship.

South County finished with a score of 50, followed by runner-up Western Branch (37) and third-place teams Osbourn Park (28) and Great Bridge (28). Lake Braddock finished eighth (22) and West Springfield was 13th (19).

Majors won the 400-meter dash individual title with a time of 53.65 seconds. She took second in the 200 meters (24.54), pole vault (11 feet, 9 inches) and long jump (19-4 1/2), third in the triple jump (38-8) and fourth in the 100-meter dash (12.04).

The West Springfield girls' 4x800-meter relay team of Caroline Alcorta, Reagan Bustamante, Katie Kennedy and Maddie Wittich won a state title with a time of 9:06.07.

Robinson's Macey Schweikert won the 1600-meter individual title with a time of 4:51.15. Lake Braddock's Hannah Christen placed third (5:01.13). Christen also finished third in the 3200 meters (10:53.37). Edison's Nicie Grier-Spratley took third in the high jump (5-6) and Lake Braddock's Rachael Fasana placed third in the pole vault (11-3).

In boys' action, Edison's Louis Colson took second in the 3200 (9:12.14) and Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck finished third (9:16.46).



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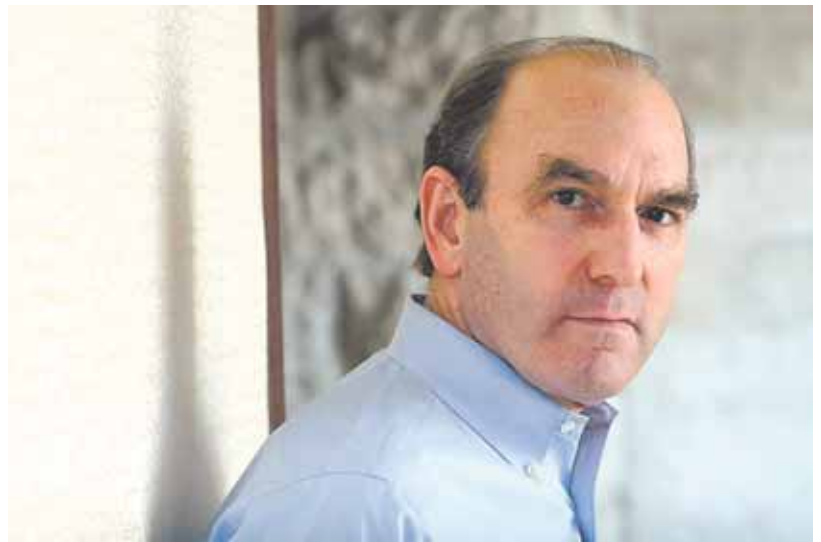
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FRIDAY/JUNE 28

The Hot Seats. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. The Hot Seats specialize in unearthing and inventing traditional music and twisting it into new styles. www.thehotseats.net.

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Folsom Prisoners. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Folsom Prisoners is a full time classic country and honky-tonk band. www.folsomprisoners.com.

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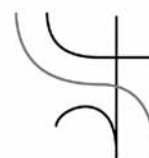
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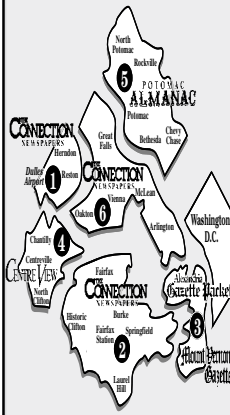
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Public comment period: June 13, 2013 to July 15, 2013

Permit name: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT Name, address and permit number: Colchester Utilities, Incorporated P. O. Box 379, Dunkirk, Maryland 20754, VA0029416

Name and address of facility: Colchester Utilities, Inc. WWTP 10609 Greene Drive, Lorton, VA 22079

Project description: Colchester Utilities, Inc. has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the private Colchester Utilities, Inc. WWTP. The applicant proposes to treat sewage wastewaters from residential areas at a rate of 0.080 million gallons per day into a water body. The sludge will be disposed by hauling it to Noman M. Cole, Jr. Pollution Control Plant (VA0025364) for incineration. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage wastewaters into Massey Creek in Fairfax County in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: pH, cBOD5, TSS, Ammonia as N, Dissolved Oxygen, E. coli, Chlorine, and Total Phosphorus.

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Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information: The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ-Northern Regional Office by appointment, or may request electronic copies of the draft permit and fact sheet.

Name: Joan C. Crowther

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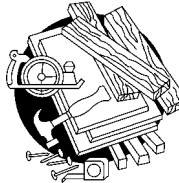
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