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In a suburban Virginia community, residents pay tribute to their unofficial mayor, a true neighbor. **B3**



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Police issue a plea for tips in the unsolved fatal shooting of 10-year-old Makiyah Wilson. **B4**



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Ronald V. Dellums was the first African American to chair the House Armed Services Committee. **B6**

## As D.C. touts star rating for schools, critics fear a further divide

BY PERRY STEIN

The highest-performing public schools in the District could soon boast they are city-approved, five-star campuses. And the lowest-performing schools could be stuck with just one or two stars.

The star system, expected to roll out in December, reflects a strategy to make school data more accessible to families and provide a uniform approach to

### The District prepares to roll out program aimed at aiding parent choices

assessing charter and traditional public schools.

Supporters of the plan say the five-star rankings will hold schools accountable while pro-

viding parents with a consistent and digestible way to measure hundreds of schools. But critics fear the ranking system's reliance on test scores will reserve the highest accolades for schools that educate the city's wealthiest students and give paltry ratings to schools that serve the District's most vulnerable children — even if students are improving academically and socially on those campuses.

"It's important to get this information into the hands of parents," said D.C. State Superintendent of Education Hanseul Kang, whose office is spearheading the efforts. "The reality is that the information that we are using for our star rankings, I think all of it, if not the vast majority of it, is currently publicly available, but it's scattered in different places."

The Obama administration's

2015 Every Student Succeeds Act mandated that states and the District develop uniform and easily accessible report cards for schools by the end of 2018. State governments have the flexibility to determine how they will assess schools, but the federal law says that some data, including standardized-test scores and graduation rates, must be a significant part of the measurements.

**SCHOOLS** CONTINUED ON **B5**

## Md. officer justified in shooting, probe finds

Prosecutors close case on encounter that left unarmed man dead

BY DAN MORSE

A Montgomery County police officer's actions were legally justified when he repeatedly and fatally shot an unarmed man who attacked him in a Silver Spring parking lot last month, according to prosecutors who reviewed the encounter.

"We have, unanimously, concluded that [the officer's] actions were justified under the circumstances," Howard County State's Attorney Dario J. Broccolino wrote in a brief letter, released Monday, stating that he was closing the case, which had been transferred to his jurisdiction.

The officer, Anand Badgujar, a two-year Montgomery County veteran, was driving his police car the afternoon of June 11 when he saw Robert Lawrence White, 41, walking in the area of Three Oaks Drive near Sligo Creek Parkway. The officer thought White was acting suspiciously, police officials have said, and got out of his car, followed White on foot and tried to talk to him.

The department has not said specifically what White was doing that drew the officer's attention.

Video recordings of the encounter were captured by body cameras worn by Badgujar and a second officer who came to his assistance. That footage, police said, is expected to be released this week after police commanders meet with White's family.

**SHOOTING** CONTINUED ON **B4**

## 2 scholars quit center at U-Va. over hiring

Appointment of former Trump aide Marc Short to think tank roils school

BY SUSAN SVRLUGA

Two leading historians resigned Monday from the University of Virginia's Miller Center to protest the appointment of a former Trump administration official to a senior fellowship.

The selection of Marc Short, who served as President Trump's legislative affairs director until earlier this month, has roiled the university, with a petition signed by more than 2,000 people demanding his appointment be revoked.

Last week, Short said it was ironic that professors at the university Thomas Jefferson founded were trying to silence debate, but his opponents saw it as a principled stand in favor of scholarship, democracy and civil discourse.

The professors who are stepping down, Melvyn P. Leffler and William I. Hitchcock, jointly announced their decision to leave the Miller Center, a non-partisan affiliate of U-Va. focused on studying the presidency and public policy.

Leffler is a history professor, former dean of U-Va.'s College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and a recipient of

**SCHOLARS** CONTINUED ON **B5**



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The windows aren't functional at Capitol Hill Books, which longtime owner Jim Toole recently sold. For how much? "You don't need to know that."

BY TEO ARMUS

Jim Toole says young people are killing the English language.

He has a list of banned phrases on the wall of the used bookstore where he presides on Capitol Hill: "Awesome." "Like." "Perfect." "Totally."

If a customer utters one of them, Toole is quick to scold. "You're causing me to have brain damage," he told one young woman, blowing a raspberry at her after she said "like" one too many times. "Go find a thesaurus."

But the former two-star Navy admiral also has a deep and abiding soft spot for the millennials who frequent Capitol Hill Books, even those he would describe as language-challenged. He's been known to give them jobs, loan them laptops and write them original epic poems on birthdays.

## Preserving 'chaotic glory' on Capitol Hill

Four buyers of curmudgeon's bookstore carry on his legacy — despite their infernal youth

"Fiction upstairs, nonfiction this level, with many exceptions," the 81-year-old barks at everyone who walks through the door, as if he is still navigating destroyer vessels up the Mekong Delta in Vietnam. "And you've got to take your backpack off. It knocks books off the shelves, and the old man here has a fit."

Toole has developed a cult following of sorts among some of the 20- and 30-some-things who come into the store to drink wine and eat cheese and de-sticker used books with him. When one of them, Matt Wixon, was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer, Toole was the first person he asked to speak at his funeral.

Earlier this month, Toole sold the store to Wixon and three of its other most committed fans, ending his 24-year stint as owner and manager.

**BOOKSTORE** CONTINUED ON **B2**

## Stewart adviser trashed majority-black cities

He disparaged Baltimore; another post lamented outcome of the Civil War

BY ANTONIO OLIVO

A controversial campaign consultant working for Virginia GOP Senate candidate Corey A. Stewart faced fresh scrutiny Monday after several social media posts showed him calling majority-black cities "s---holes," while at least one more post bemoaned the South's loss of the Civil War.

Rick Shaftan, who is advising Stewart in his bid to unseat Sen. Tim Kaine (D) in November, lashed out on Twitter earlier this year against the city of Baltimore for replacing a Confederate statue with a memorial to Harriet Tubman, a key figure in the abolitionist movement to end slavery.

"The word #S---hole is an appropriate one to describe this particular s---hole," Shaftan tweeted in January, above a link to an article about the Tubman memorial, repeating the derogatory term used by President Trump to describe Haiti and countries in Africa.

Previously, Shaftan — a veteran

adviser who worked in New Jersey before moving his base to North Carolina — similarly trashed New Orleans and Ferguson, Mo.

"The message out of Ferguson and Baltimore is a simple one: DON'T OPEN A BUSINESS IN A BLACK NEIGHBORHOOD!" Shaftan tweeted in 2015, following protests in those cities related to the deaths of young black men.

The social media posts, first highlighted Monday by the Daily Beast, are another headache for Stewart's campaign over ties to people who have promoted racist policies or messages.

In June, Stewart faced a backlash over a video made in January 2017 in which he appeared with Paul Nehlen, a self-described "pro-white" candidate running for Congress in Wisconsin, and called him "one of my personal heroes."

Last year, Stewart appeared at a news conference with "Unite the Right" rally organizer Jason Kessler a few days before the white nationalist protest in Charlottesville led to the death of a 32-year-old woman.

Stewart — who drew support from white nationalists while campaigning to preserve Confederate monuments in Virginia during last year's gubernatorial

**STEWART** CONTINUED ON **B2**

## Bigfoot a political joke? Not to his fans.



Petula Dvorak

Bigfoot? He's always been hot in Virginia.

Long before the full-frontal of that tall drink of hairy became social-media famous and part

of the midterm election fray, Virginians have been hunting Sasquatch.

"Virginia is a serious hotspot," said Daniel Benoit, who runs the East Coast Bigfoot Researchers Organization in the Shenandoah Valley.

If none of this sounds normal to you, that's okay. This is the new normal in American politics, and let me catch you up.

A contentious race to fill an empty House seat in Virginia's 5th Congressional District went nuclear over the weekend when the Democratic candidate, Leslie Cockburn, decided to out her opponent's odd interest in something called "Bigfoot erotica."

Republican Denver Riggleman was already under fire for being too cozy with folks from last year's deadly "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville. Given the surge of fringe candidates in Virginia and around the



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**Denver Riggleman, a Republican candidate for Congress in a district that stretches through central Virginia from the Washington suburbs to the North Carolina border, has been accused by his opponent of being "a devotee of Bigfoot erotica."**

country — with a record number of neo-Nazis, white supremacists and even a champion of pedophilia seeking votes — a guy into Bigfoot erotica didn't seem that far-fetched.

Riggleman, a former Air Force intelligence officer who

briefly ran for governor last year, deleted an author page that appeared to promote a self-published book, "The Mating Habits of Bigfoot and Why Women Want Him," and had a bunch of weird, pornographic Bigfoot drawings

**DVORAK** CONTINUED ON **B4**