SO, THE AP KNOWS 2012’S WINNERS?
CARE TO SHARE ANY STOCK PICKS?

EFL Virginians believe that anyone besides George Allen and Tim Kaine would make a strong con-
petition to the Virginia’s major-party candi-
dates in the 2012 U.S. Senate race.

66, the fact that state me-
dia organizations involved, just the presump-
tive Republican and Democratic nominees to a Dec. 7 debate should be fine.

Wrong – on so many levels. The Virginia Capitol Cor-
respondents Association and Virginia Associated Press Managing Editors, with an as-

sent of The Associated Press, are now in the unenvi-
urable position of making news about news.

They have only themselves to blame.

Officials then compounded the problem by saying little about the controversy. When first questioned by The Pi-
lot’s Bill Barter, they issued a short statement saying they needed to have “criteria” for the debate – which, in effect, limited the participants.

You heard that right. Jour-

nalis, who go around ask-
ing prying questions of publi-

c (Full disclosure: The Pilot is a member of the API and correspondents group but wasn’t involved in the plans.)

The organizations ag-

mized the debate should still re-

think their decision.

For the past decade, AP Day has been held each De-

cember at the state Capitol. This year, AP Day is set for Thursday.

“We cover the Virginia and West Virginia, told me by email Thursday: “We cover our political issues, as well, but the timing is dictated by the legislative calendar.”

We’re gathering our guests. Similar forums have been held.

Organizers hope the speak-

ers make news, but they must

know that most voters won’t care.

For more, see CHESLEY PAGE 5

By Jane Burton

The traffic-clogged choke point where Military Highway, Princess Anne Road and Northampton Boul-

dard collide will soon get a $113 million makeover thanks to a recent in-
fusion of state money.

The area, called the Lampland traffic inter-

section, will be rebuilt and ex-

panded, with much of Military High-

way realigned and extended.

More than 50,000 cars and trucks a day traverse Military Highway at Lampland. On weekends, traffic is gen-

erally backed up several half miles to the exit and to the entrance to the Norfolk Commerce Park.

The project will expand Military Highway from four lanes to six north of Lansdale to eight lanes.

Four lanes to north of Lampland to Robin Hood Road at the entrance to the Norfolk Commerce Park.

Designing the project will take at least two years, with two to three years of construction to follow.

Mayor Paul Fraim has called Lampl-

land “an intersection that has failed.”

For more, see INTERSECTION, BACK PAGE

By By Scott Harper

THERE WERE NO DEAD bod-
dx, no serious injuries, no brown-

water, no significant damage to

the Chesapeake Bay.

But scientists warned that major high-waves flowing
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A water investigator for the ODU research lab at the Fay Slover, an ODU research vessel.

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