



the sunday break

# TASTE TEST: CHICKEN WINGS

Ahead of Super Bowl 50 — between the Carolina Panthers and the Denver Broncos — an important local contest: Which Hampton Roads restaurant is king of the wing?

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## You might be rich

Well, rich might be overstating it, but if you have \$3,210 or more in net assets, you're doing better than half the world. **BUSINESS, PAGE 4**



BILL TIERNAN | THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

Ted Henifin, general manager of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District, was tired of watching treated water flow uselessly into rivers and the bay. Then the idea hit him.

## Virginia GOP asks state to cancel "loyalty oath"

Republican party cites "bad publicity" as cause for reversal

By Bill Bartel  
The Virginian-Pilot

State Republican Party leaders voted in Richmond on Saturday to ask the state to cancel a required party loyalty pledge in the March 1 GOP presidential primary.

Roger Miles, a GOP state central committee member, said shortly after the unanimous voice vote that the party leaders are halting their plans because of "bad publicity."

At the party's request, the State Board of Elections had been requiring all voters in the GOP primary to sign and print their name on a statement affirming "I am a Republican" before being allowed to cast a ballot.

A statement from the Republican Party of Virginia on Saturday afternoon criticized edits made to the pledge

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## Marketing agency RocketBike takes off in Portsmouth

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## ODU women's hoops heroes return to celebrate the school's 1,000th victory.

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## Relative speaks at candlelight vigil for the six relatives who died in Chesapeake murder-suicide.

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# Can your sinks and toilets fight sea-level rise?

### recycling water

A Hampton Roads Sanitation District plan to pump treated wastewater more than a thousand feet below into the region's aquifer could slow the sinking of land — known as subsidence — and help meet a federal mandate to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

### obstacles

Besides convincing residents that water going into the ground is clean enough to drink, there's the cost. Including design and construction, it is projected to be \$1 billion over 15 years.

**SINKING LAND** is part of the problem, as society guzzles groundwater. One solution is to pump treated wastewater back in.

By Dave Mayfield  
The Virginian-Pilot

**O**N A clear December morning, a roaring stream rushed from the Hampton Roads Sanitation District's Suffolk treatment plant. Hundreds of thousands of sinks, showers and toilets had fed the torrent, now headed for the James River.

Looking down at the cascade, Ted Henifin tried to recall when he got the idea that maybe, just maybe, all that water needn't go to waste.

"I remember sending an email to our planning guy,

saying, 'Can we figure out how to do this?'" said Henifin, HRSD's general manager.

That message a couple of years ago marked the humble beginning of what's shaping up as one of the boldest public works proposals in recent Virginia history.

What Henifin has in mind is turning the treated wastewater into something useful. He wants to make it so clean that you and I could safely drink it, and then he wants to inject it more than a thousand feet underground into

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Norfolk Treasurer Anthony Burfoot, who served on the City Council for more than a decade, has a trial set for May 3.

## On the field and in Norfolk council chambers, Burfoot came ready to strike hard

City treasurer accused of corruption gathered help from mentors to rise to political prominence

By Tim Eberly  
The Virginian-Pilot

### NORFOLK

Anthony Burfoot played with a fire in his belly on the football field at Norfolk's Lake Taylor High School. He laid stinging hits on opponents and didn't back down from a fight — even with his coach.

Burfoot traded his football pads for bow ties and snappy suits when he landed on the City Council in 2002, but he never lost that pugnacity — whether he was dealing with fellow council

members, the city administration or community members.

"He came in guns-a-blasting," Councilman Barclay Winn said. "He was not a wallflower."

News of Burfoot's indictment on political corruption charges this month saddened some who worked with the man who grew up in the poverty-stricken Berkley neighborhood, played football for Virginia State University and later linked up with political mentors who helped him pull off an upset to seize a

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